



Student Newsletter

Vancouver Island University - Cowichan Campus Student Newsletter, Issue #183, February 14, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

UNIVERSITY/CAREER/TECHNICAL

- Feb. 21-25: Study days—no classes
- Feb. 28: Last day for penalty-free withdrawal or change from credit to audit (or vice versa)
- Feb. 28: Last day for penalty-free withdrawal from full-year courses
- Feb. 28: Last day for overdue tuition to avoid withdrawal
- Feb 28: Application deadline for B.Ed, B.Sc in Nursing, CYC
- Mar. 1: Students owing fees will be withdrawn from all spring semester courses
- Mar. 15: Last day to apply for Student Aid BC
Mar. 31: Application deadline for University and Career/Technical & Trades/Vocational programs beginning Sept. 2011

CAREER AND ACADEMIC PREPARATION

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COWICHAN CAMPUS

CONDOLENCES FOR MAVIS WYSE

It is with great sadness that we at VIU mourn the loss of our highly respected Elder-In-Residence, Mavis Wyse. The time Mavis spent with us was greatly appreciated both in and out of the classroom. Her teachings will live on within us.

Mavis passed away unexpectedly on February 4, 2011. She is survived by her father Bill Seward, brothers William and Glen, son Paul and daughter-in-law Ange, along with granddaughters Brianna and Julianne and many nieces and nephews.

Anyone who would like to offer cards of condolences to the family may drop them off at Student Services.

CAP TRIMESTER 3

Please note that there have been some changes to the timetable. Math 041 has been moved from Block A to Block C, and Block B now has ENGL 047 instead of ENGL 047/067. You can pick up an updated copy at Student Services or Registration to plan your courses for next term.

PERSONAL PROFILE WORKSHOPS

Wednesdays at 12:30-1:00 and 6:00-6:30 in the Learning Centre:

- February 16, 23
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION WORKSHOP

Bring your questions about academic styles such as MLA and APA, and together we will explore what is involved in writing an academic paper. This free

workshop is in the Learning Centre on Tuesday, February 15 at 12-1. Bring your lunch!

WHEN TO SEE A BA DEGREE ADVISOR

Bachelor of Arts (all of the Majors and Minors)

- Students are encouraged to meet with their BA Upper Level Advisor upon completion of 24 credits to complete a Record of Degree Program (RDP) to declare their Major/Minors.
- Please note VIU GPS helps you look at options but is not an official declaration of your Major/Minors. You need to meet with your degree advisor to accomplish this.

Lynda Patterson, BA Degree Advisor will be available to see students at Cowichan Campus on Tuesday, Mar 15. Book appointments at Student Services.

CHILD AND YOUTH CARE PROGRAM (CYC)

Interested in making a difference to your community? The Child & Youth Care First Nations program is now accepting applications for the two-year diploma program at this campus. Spots are filling fast, so please get your application in ASAP.

To learn more about CYC programs at VIU, visit our website at <http://vie.ca/hhs/cyc/sycfndip.asp> or contact Manjeet Uppal at 250.746-3564.

You can go online to read the CYC e-zine at <http://www.viu.ca/hhs/cyc/CYCE-Zinemain.asp>

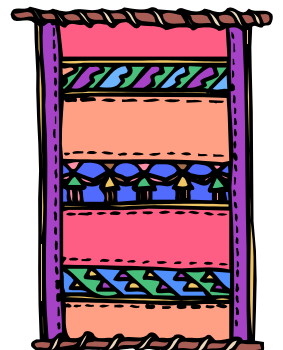
CAMPUS BOOKSTORE

We are more than just textbooks! We also carry art supplies, stationery, giftware and clothing. Also, we have a great selection of artist "how to" books to get you inspired to try something new.

Remember that Reading Break is February 21-25 and during that time our hours will be 10 am to 2 pm.

NEW ART ON CAMPUS

Be sure to check out the new wall hanging in Building Two. It was made by work op student Liz Tiffin and is a lovely tribute to the Cowichan river. We will take the hanging with us to the new campus.



CARPOOL TO NANAIMO

If you have an email address, you can sign up for carpooling to the Nanaimo Campus. To find out more, just Google *VIU Rideshare*.

TAX HELP FOR STUDENTS

As usual, two volunteers will help students fill out their income tax returns, from the beginning of March until mid-April. Watch for posters! Remember to bring all your paperwork and that the volunteers will coach you through the process, but they will not be doing e-filing.

OTHER INFO**STUDENT JOBS**

LYNX Aboriginal Student Career and Employment Program for students and grads:

www.aboringallynx.ca

Student jobs at North Cowichan:

<http://www.northcowichan.bc.ca/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=275>

CANADA LEARNING BOND

Do you have a child born after 2003 and want to start saving for education? If you receive family allowance, the federal government offers tax-free money for your child's education savings account, called an RESP. To find out more about getting started, go to a Service Canada office, phone 1-800-622-6232, or visit the website.

http://www.smartsaver.org/pdf/CLB_Eng_08_lo-res.pdf

**SAFE HARBOUR WORKSHOP**

Safe Harbour is about creating opportunities to celebrate our differences by creating safer, more welcoming communities that support diversity and reject discrimination.

Interested? You are invited to attend a free workshop at the Cowichan Branch Library Multipurpose Room, 2687 James Street. The workshops are offered on Monday, March 14 from 10:30-12 noon and 6:00-7:30 pm. Coffee, tea, and snacks provided.

Please RSVP Zoë Nash, Cowichan Valley Safe Harbour Coordinator at 250-748-3112

safeharbour.cis@telus.net

Respect for All – Pass It On!

FINANCIAL AID

- VIU Entrance Scholarship & Award application is now available to complete on-line at www.viu.ca/financialaid/applications.asp. Deadline: **March 31, 2011**.

Submit completed applications to Student Services.

STUDENT VOICE

Work Op Student Mistia Merkley will be writing here about events of interest to students.

VIU MINI GREEN GAMES

BC Green Games is a province-wide competition for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12, designed to motivate action, enable sharing, and reward and celebrate the green efforts of schools in BC.

Go Green! Since our school does not fit into the guidelines for the BC Green Games, we have decided to have our own VIU Mini Green Games. The prizes will be VIU Bookstore gift certificates.



Any "green" project will be considered. Working as a team or on your own:

- design a creative solution to an environmental challenge on campus
 - document your actions that help solve the challenge
- Submissions can be dropped off at Student Services or emailed to Arleigh.Trail@viu.ca by March 31. *Have fun!*

VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Mistia attended the first Assembly of First Nations Virtual Summit on Post Secondary Education, hosted by VIU, and here is her report:

On January 27, 2011, Vancouver Island University's (VIU) Chancellor and Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, along with students from VIU and across the country, participated in the first-ever Assembly of First Nations Virtual Summit on Post-Secondary Education. The Virtual Summit was held at Nanaimo VIU campus, where 110 people were in attendance and approximately 450 online viewers participated from locations like Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec; this also included other universities, colleges, and Indigenous institutes of higher learning.



At this Summit, we discussed issues and heard recommendations enhancing opportunities for student success. Prior to the Virtual Summit, the AFN pre-posted questions for First Nations students to consider:

- What do you require to successfully complete your post-secondary education?
- What is your greatest challenge in accessing post-secondary education?
- What is in place to help your success? What is taking place at your post-secondary institute to assist you? What is in place at your community?
- What are your challenges and opportunities in accessing funding?
- Connecting to communities is often cited as being important to First Nations learners. What are the ways in which you maintain this connection?
- What will make things better for you?

Some concerns were raised were around issues in post-secondary educational funding, childcare, affordable housing, and acknowledging First Nation disabilities. The discussion will inform the Assembly of First Nation's work on post-secondary education, with the overall goal of increasing First Nation Post-Secondary Education graduation rates.

To view part of this Virtual Summit, visit www.viu.ca/afn-psesummit.



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