



# Student Newsletter

Vancouver Island University - Cowichan Campus Student Newsletter, Issue #188, June 3, 2011

## IMPORTANT DATES

### University/Career/Technical

- June 20—Aug 5: Summer Session second session
- July 1: Canada Day, campus closed
- July 15: Last day to withdraw without academic penalty (“F” grade”) and last day to change from credit to audit status

### Career and Academic Preparation

- June 10: Last day for penalty-free withdrawal from CAP classes
- June 20: Classes cancelled
- June 21: First day of classes at new campus
- June 27: Registration begins for new and returning students for the fall term.
- July 1: Canada Day, campus closed

## COWICHAN CAMPUS

### Move to New Campus

Here is a message from the principal of Cowichan Campus, Maria Lauridsen:

*The time has finally come to prepare to say goodbye to our campus at 222 Cowichan Way. While many of us are looking forward to moving into a brand new environmentally friendly building, it is not without nostalgia that we will say farewell to the campus that has housed us since 1987. We will be operating from our new campus at 2011 University Way (just northwest of the Island Savings Centre) as of Monday, June 20. **Please note that CAP/ABE classes are cancelled on Monday June 20** so that your instructors have an opportunity to settle into their new instructional space in preparation for welcoming you on Tuesday June 21.*

*Having said that, if you would like to come to the new campus on Monday June 20 to just have a look around, feel free to do so. This is your campus, so make yourselves at home! We will have muffins and coffee/tea at 9:30 am on that day, and you are more than welcome to join us.*



## HCA Program Info Session

If you are interested in a career as a Health Care Assistant, or know someone who is, please attend the Information session to learn about the program, job opportunities for grads, and how to get started on the application process. Questions are welcome and will be answered by the



instructor, Anne Woods. The date and time is Tuesday, June 21, 6 - 8 pm., room 260, at the new VIU Cowichan campus. Check the VIU Events webpage to verify date, time, and place.

## Student Services Extended Hours

In addition to our regular hours, please note extended advising hours for May and June. We will be able to help students with course planning and Web Registration during this peak time.

- Appointments: 9 am – 6:30 pm, June 6, 7, 8, 9
- Office hours on those dates: 8:30 am – 7:00 pm

## Green Contest

Congratulations go to students in the Employability Skills Program—winners of the VIU Mini Green Games. The project taken on by the class included monitoring graffiti on campus and collecting garbage that should have been put in the garbage can or the recycling bin. In just four weeks, the group took 63 images of graffiti and collected 46.7 pounds of garbage on the campus grounds! They also picked up a whole container of glass and some bottles and plastic for recycling. Good job! Let’s hope that this project makes everyone more aware of how important it is to keep our environment clean and litter free.



### Green Facts

Before you throw away that glass bottle, think about this: It takes one million years for a glass bottle to decompose! It takes 450 years for a plastic bottle to decompose, and up to 200 years for an aluminum can. Wow...

### Reading Marathon

Congratulations to students at the Reading and Writing Centre for reaching and passing their reading marathon goal of reading 10,000 pages. Last Thursday, May 26th, the students celebrated by having a lasagne, Caesar salad, and



*R & W Centre students*

garlic bread lunch catered by Shelly in the Cafeteria. Students have been very dedicated to this project since October and will continue towards their next goal of reading 15,000 pages by the end of this term.

*Joanna Lord*

Teacher Reading and Writing Centre

### Learning Centre

- **Learning Skills:** Upcoming workshop topics include *Making Notes*, *Reading Skills*, and *Exam Prep*. All workshops are on Tuesdays from 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm, and you are welcome to bring your lunch. For one-on-one support with Arleigh Trail, sign up in the red column of the daily schedule posted outside the door.
- **Assessment Preparation:** Shawn Bates is available from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, Monday to Thursday. Sign up in the yellow column of the daily schedule posted outside the door or just

drop in. If the time frame does not work for you, sign up in the red column to see Arleigh. There is a small fee for this service.

- **Personal Profile Workshops:** Get input and feedback on your Personal Profile. Workshops are scheduled every Wednesday at 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm in the Learning Centre.
- **Volunteer Tutors:** To enquire about the availability of a tutor, please talk to Arleigh Trail in Office 111A, across from Reception, or in the Learning Centre.

### Lost and Found Items

Reception has several lost and found items on hand.

- Jackets (men's & women's)
- Keys
- Glasses
- Sun glasses
- Jewelry
- Scarves
- Cell Phone
- Binder
- Bible

Please stop by and claim your item before we move to the new campus this month.

Thank you,  
*Trudy*  
Campus Reception

### Financial Aid

If you need a student loan for classes that start after August 1st, you can now apply online at [www.studentaidbc.ca](http://www.studentaidbc.ca)

Upgrading students can apply for ABESAP after they register on June 27 and before classes start in September.

Please return any ABESAP textbooks at the end of this semester to Student Services as the Bookstore is closed. Students who do not return the textbooks will be charged a replacement fee.



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