

↪ IMPORTANT INFO ↩

University Programs:

Summer Session:

Continuing Students
(includes current adult
upgrading students):

- Apply now for a registration date - see Registration Services for details

CAAP (Upgrading):

- March 18 – CAAP Registration for returning students for Trimester III
- March 22 – Karen Stant from Financial Aid will be here to discuss ABESAP funding for new CAAP students
- March 25 - CAAP Registration for new students for Trimester III
- March 28 - Last day of Term II classes
- March 29 - College closed for Good Friday



Happy Easter!!

College Closed
Friday, March 29
and Monday, April 1

Important Dates

- ✓ March 7: **Information Session for Human Services Programs**
Room 206, Building 2, 7:30 pm.
Come and find out about programs for Child and Youth Care, Child and Youth Care First Nations, Community Support Worker, Special Education Assistant, Human Services Diploma
- ✓ March 14: **First Nations University-College for a Day**
Welcome to up to 400 visitors to Cowichan Campus and the Qu'wut sun Cultural & Conference Centre who will come to explore what Malaspina has to offer on this campus. It is an exciting day full of events. Anyone wishing to attend needs to register - see Credit Programs for forms.
- ✓ March 28: **Free Clothing Event!**
Room 144, 10 am-3 pm
Time to do your Spring cleaning! Donations can be given to Yvonne Connelly, First Nations Student Support, in the Student Services office.

International Women's Day

March 8 is a day to remember and honour women, their gifts and their work. The day will be celebrated in the Cowichan Valley with a Potluck dinner and an evening of great entertainment sponsored by the Spirit of Women. The event takes place on

Friday, March 8, at St. John's Church Hall at the corner of Jubilee and First Ave. Socializing begins at 5:30 pm with the Blessing on the Meal at 6:30 pm.

Free childcare is available as long as you register in advance by phoning Spirit of Women at 746-6022. If you want to enjoy the full evening of entertainment, bring a sleeping bag for your child. There will be a children's video at 9 pm.

The evening of entertainment includes speakers Jill Harris, Annette De Roux and Jane Marsden. The Raging Grannies will be there and Sharon Oakwood of 'Virgo Rising' will sing. The first part ends with Circle Dancing. The second part begins at 9 pm with a selection of "Vagina Monologues" by local actors. The finale will be Pnina Benyamini leading the group in belly dancing. Come and enjoy a fine evening!

Embracing Diversity

Students of First Nations ancestry from across Canada are gathered on Cowichan Campus. We would like to celebrate your band of origin on a map of Canada located on the white board in the main foyer. We would be pleased to have you share this information. Add your name and band to the list. Any First Nations Students from the United States are also asked to add their names to the list.

Anyone connected with the community of

Cowichan Campus - find your place of origin on the large world map in the foyer of Building One. Place your sticker on the map. Share in the fun of discovering the amazing diversity we share on this campus.

Inspiration

From Yvonne Connelly, First Nations Support, "The medicine wheel teaches us that we have four aspects to our nature: the physical, the mental, the emotional, and the spiritual. Each of these aspects must be equally developed in a healthy, well-balanced individual through the development and use of volition (i.e. will)."

from *The Sacred Tree*

Need Help with Taxes?

Relax! Dave is a trained and experienced Income Tax Volunteer. He will be in the cafeteria on Fridays from 10 am-12 between March 15 and April 26. Bring all your tax papers and your Income Tax form with you. If you don't have a form, pick one up at the Post Office. Dave will help you with difficulties and answer your concerns. Meet him below the white board in the cafeteria.

Book Launch

On Monday, March 4, "More Like a Camp-Out" by Monica Dick was launched at the Reading and Writing Centre on Jubilee Street. Monica read from her book, and other students read some of their writing. Visitors to

Our World at a Glance...

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following:

There would be ~

57 Asians

21 Europeans

14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south

8 Africans

52 would be female

48 would be male

70 would be non-white

30 would be white

70 would be non-Christian

30 would be Christian

89 would be heterosexual

11 would be homosexual

6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all

6 would be from the United States

80 would live in standard housing

70 would be unable to read

50 would suffer from malnutrition

1 would be near death

1 would be near birth

1 would have a college education

1 would own a computer



Thursday, March 21

International Day
for the Elimination of Racism

the launch were delighted with the way that students welcomed them and explained the Centre.

Students take real pride in their learning environment and love sharing that information with others. They made and served refreshments.

Monica's book is for sale for \$7. It is the story of a walk Monica took with a group of kids "to wear off some energy" that ended up a near disaster. You could even ask Monica to autograph your copy when you see her on the main campus!

Kate Nonesuch, instructor, says: "We like to publish student work because it provides an audience for the writing, and with an audience, students write more, work harder on revising and polishing, and gain an understanding of how a book is made. Our first book, *Why Did It Happen to Me?* has Canadian, American and British distributors." The book is launched and marketed by Steve Noble, who is working with students running a business at the Centre called Window of Knowledge/Books and Graphic Arts.

Congratulations to Monica Dick, published author, and to all the students at the Centre for their continuing work! Congratulations also to the instructors and helpers who have the vision to make such publications happen!

Walk for Youth

The sexual exploitation of children and youth is a serious problem that has devastating consequences, both for young people and the community. Although the average age of recruitment into the sex trade is 13-14, children as young as 10 years of age are being targeted, groomed and recruited for

sexual exploitation.

Nanaimo and many other communities across BC are participating in a province-wide "Prevention of Sexually Exploited Youth Week" between March 10 and 17. As part of this awareness campaign, the Nanaimo Community Action Team will be distributing fuchsia coloured ribbons and posters to raise awareness and sensitize the public to this important issue.

You can show your support by wearing a fuchsia ribbon and taking part in a WALK FOR YOUTH on Sunday, March 17, at noon. Gather at the park on Selby and Milford in Nanaimo. Appropriate signs are welcome. Fruit & water will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.