**Winter Break – Residences Closed**

Friday, Dec 9 at noon ~ Friday, Jan 6 at 10am

Plan your holiday now so you are not caught unaware! The campus residential facilities, including the Cowell apartments and residence halls will be closed for Winter Break. Residents may request to stay December 9 through 11 by filing a contract extension request at [http://housing.ucsc.edu/quarter-breaks/index.html](http://housing.ucsc.edu/quarter-breaks/index.html). See pg. 2 for key dates.

**Mail Call**
For more info: cowellmr@ucsc.edu

Don’t forget to check your mailbox before you leave and pick up any packages. All packages must be picked up by December 7th or they will be returned to sender. If you are not returning in January, avoid a $15.00 charge by turning in your mailbox key, and don’t forget to email us your forwarding info!

### Provost Faye Crosby read the poem below at the Talent Showcase College Night, 11/15.

**Mignonne, allons voir si la rose**

*Pierre de Ronsard (1524-1585)*

> Mignonne, allons voir si la rose
> Qui ce matin avait desclosé
> Sa robe de pourpre au Soleil,
> A point perdu ceste vesprière
> Les plis de sa robe pourpré,
> Et son teint a vôtre pareil.

> Darling, let’s go see if the rose
> which this morning opened
> her crimson dress to the sun,
> has this evening
> lost any of the petals
> of her purple dress,
> and her complexion like yours.

> Las! voyez comme en peu d’espace,
> Mignonne, elle a dessus la place
> Las! las ses beautez laissé cheoir!
> O vrayment marastre Nature,
> Puis qu’une telle fleur ne dure
> Que du matin jusques au soir!

> Oh dear! See how quickly,
> darling, she has declined
> Oh dear! her beauty is disintegrating
> What a cruel step-mother is nature,
> that such a beautiful flower lasts
> only from morning to evening!

> Donc, si vous me croyez, mignonne,
> Tandis que votre âge fleuronne
> En sa plus verte nouvelleté,
> Cueiliez, cueiliez vostre jeunesse:
> Comme a ceste fleur la vieillissement
> Fera ternir vostre beauté.

(So, if you follow my thought, darling,
Now while your youth flowers
in all its freshness,
gather gather your youth:
Because, as it did for this flower, old age
will tarnish your beauty.

(Inc short, Ronsard wants to convince his young cutie
to make hay while the sun shines.)

### Important Reminders

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**Handout**

**The Pursuit of Truth in the Company of Friends**

December 2011

Cowell College Programs, Rm. 9 (Student Life Office), (831)459-2255
also online at cowell.ucsc.edu
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### The Senate Minute

For more info: Chelsea, cmanlapj@ucsc.edu

Cowell Senate will be working closely with Cowell Provost Faye Crosby to put together a Commencement Committee that will help select the commencement speakers for 2013. If you are interested in joining this committee please email Chelsea. If you have an idea for a good keynote speaker (this year we have Jonathan Franzen!) please contact Faye Crosby at fjcrosby@ucsc.edu.

### Tea Club

Tuesday, Dec 6; 9pm; Apartment Community Room

For more info: Elly, ewestby@ucsc.edu

With all that finals stress building up, a cup of tea sure sounds nice! Come take a break with fellow tea aficionados and meet new friends.

### Jog Club

Next meeting TBA at the start of Winter Quarter

For more info: Michael, mkanning@ucsc.edu

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### Book Club

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 10; 8pm

For more info: Katie, klinger@ucsc.edu

We will be reading Franz Kafka’s Metamorphosis over winter break, and winter quarter we will meet the first Tuesday at 8 in the Senior Commons and will be reading House of Leaves.

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### Public Speaking Club

Next meeting TBA at the start of Winter Quarter

For more info: Sam, sbruns@ucsc.edu

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### SCOC Website and Open Positions

For more info: Rahul, rkalra@ucsc.edu

Website: www.scoc.studentunionassembly.org

Interested in gaining leadership experience with the possibility of being paid? Create an account at the website above and explore opportunities with SCOC. I highly recommend this if you are interested in leadership or not! The opportunities available expose you to macro level issues facing current college students. Moreover, you get a chance to represent Cowell College along with student voice in bureaucratic atmosphere. If you have any more questions, please feel free to email Rahul at the address above.

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### Need Funds for a Cool Project?

Deadline: Wednesday, January 18

For more info: Jaden, jadense@ucsc.edu

Cowell College offers funds of up to $500 to support undergraduate student projects. Both individual and collective efforts are encouraged. Stop by the Provost Office in COWL 117 to pick up an application packet. Apply now!

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### Dizikes Art Cases

On Display now - Friday, December 9

For more info: Pam, pahong@ucsc.edu

Artists Amanda Hopkins and Luis Couto Jr. explore the dimensionality of art through various and unexpected mediums. Interested in displaying your artwork next quarter? Email Pam for more information.

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### Want to be a 2012-2013 Resident Assistant (RA)?

**Attend an Info Session. Choose from 3 Options:**
- **Tuesday**, January 17th, 12pm Fireside Lounge
- **Wednesday**, January 18th, 7pm Senior Commons 225
- **Thursday**, January 19th, 7pm Senior Commons 225

**Interviews:** Saturday, February TBD*

For more info contact: Siobhan Byrne, sbyrne@ucsc.edu

Being an RA is much more that enforcing campus and housing policies. RAs make your residential living experience safe, informative, fun, and entertaining. This is a great leadership opportunity to add to your resume because it provides you with so many transferable skills. If you think you’ve got what it takes, come to one of the Mandatory info sessions listed above. Sessions are the ONLY place where you can pick up an application, so don’t miss out!

*Group Process Date: If you are selected to interview for the RA position, you will need to attend the RA Group Interview Process, Saturday, February TBD, 2012. Also, be on the look out for the Diversity Workshop offered to Cowell students. RA candidates are highly encouraged to attend!

**Cowell T-shirts!**

$13 cash or check; Available in the Student Life Office

Need to do some holiday shopping? Pop into the Student Life Office to purchase a Cowell T-shirt for a friend or family member. They come in white or light blue and there’s even a women’s style cut.

**Special Cowell Winter Quarter Course, 2012**

Intro to the History, Theory, and Practice of Rhetoric

Tuesday and Thursdays, 12-1:45pm

For more info or a copy of the syllabus: Carol, freeman@ucsc.edu

This course is designed for anyone who is interested in how language is used to form and evaluate opinions and make decisions, whether in the process of persuading others or oneself how to think and act. Written assignments include three comments on the reading, two essays, and a take-home final exam.

**Other Winter Classes at Cowell**

Check out these winter Cowell classes on your Student Portal:
- Cowell 12: Public Speaking
- Cowell 70B: Elements of Printing
- Cowell 138B: Life Development

**“A Year With Frog and Toad”**

Based on the beloved “Frog and Toad” books by Arnold Lobel, A Year With Frog and Toad follows the story of two great friends as they journey through four antic-filled seasons.

Complete with a jazzy score and live band, this Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical is for the whole family.


**UCSC Open Art Studios**

Friday, December 2; 12-4pm; UCSC Art Department Studios

Come and see some of the fantastic talent here at UCSC! Students will have selections of the work they’ve completed including drawing/painting, sculpture, printmedia, intermedia, computer art, and photography. Free and open to the public.