

# UPEI STUDENT UNION NEWSLETTER



## SU President's Message

I can hardly believe it is that time of year. The first 3 months have been extremely interesting. We have been making lots of progress internally as far as making our day to day operations more efficient. We have been doing tons of lobbying on the political front for our campaign against high tuition and student debt issues. In October we met with Jeff Hertz, the Minister of Education. We asked him to work towards legislating a tuition freeze, for the Island Prize award to be extended to all UPEI students, and made suggestions for improvements in the CSLP and the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. At the CFS Conference in Ottawa on Nov. 21- 25, Caolan Moore (VPCC), Mark Gaudet (National Executive Member for CFS & Council's BOG) and myself, got to visit Parliament Hill. We stopped into Michael Martin's office for a chat (made a point about the importance of Post-secondary Education) and then we headed off to Prime Minister Jean Chretien's office and had another great discussion.

Now that we have all gotten our feet wet, we are expecting some major waves for next semester. There is a wonderful team working here at the Student Union, as well as all the students that so graciously donate their valuable time to help us out. I'd like to take this chance to extend the warmest thanks to all of them. I can honestly feel some momentum building on campus and that is thanks to everyone!

Good luck with exams, have a splendid Holiday and I'll see you all next semester!

-Cynthia Dennis

## Student Council Meeting Dates

The following is a schedule of Student Union Council meetings. All students are invited to drop in and see what Council is dealing with.

January 13, 27  
February 10, 24  
March 10, 24  
April 7

All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in Kelley Building, Room 210. If you would like any further information please feel free to contact Cynthia Dennis at 566-0398.

## Health Plan Information

The 2001 - 2002 Medical cards are available to be picked up at the Student Union office. If you've incurred an expense during the period the pay direct system was inactive claim forms can be picked up at the Student Union office and submitted for reimbursement.

If you have any questions regarding your coverage Benefit Plan Booklets and claim forms can be downloaded at [www.upeisu.com](http://www.upeisu.com) or you can contact the Health Plan Administrator, Cara Hedefine, at 566-0530.

## Panther Lounge Events

In the month of December watch for the following upcoming events:

December 15: End of Semester Pub  
December 31: Last New Year's Eve at the Barn EVER!

Ticket prices and band information will be advertised around campus and on the Student Union website.

Movie Pubs are every Friday afternoon in the Panther Lounge. Free popcorn and great prices! If you have a movie suggestion give us a call, we'd love to hear from you!

Trivia with "Big Daddy Cool" (Lorne Acorn) is held every Wednesday. Be sure to drop in for a chance to win some great prizes!

For further information regarding the Panther Lounge please contact the VP Campus Affairs, Chris Power at 566-0670.

## SU Celebrations

The Student Union would like to extend congratulations to Cara Hedefine on her recent engagement to Jeff Squires.

## Opt-out Cheque Reminder

Please pick up your health plan rebate at the Student Union office if you haven't done so already. Those cheques that aren't picked up before the Christmas break will be sent back to the Accounting Office and credited to your student account prior to the start of second semester.

## 2001 Nexus Yearbook

If you graduated from UPEI in the spring of 2001 or placed a pre-paid order your yearbook can be picked up at the Student Union office. You can purchase a yearbook for \$10.00 at the Student Union office, the Bookstore, or the Yearbook office located in the basement of Main Building.

The 2001-2002 Yearbook is looking for volunteers. For more information please contact Christine at 566-0708 or e-mail [yearbook@upeiu.ca](mailto:yearbook@upeiu.ca)

## ISIC

International Student Identity Cards are issued at the Student Union office. They are free to all full-time UPEI students. Your student ID and passport sized photo required to make the card. If you have any questions call the Student Union at 566-0530.

## UPEI SU Website

Our new website is up and running. Chris Power, you did an excellent job! It is a very informative website about the Student Union organization. You can find out what events are happening at the Barn, view the health plan coverage, or download a claim form. Take a peak and be sure to pass on your feedback. We'd love to hear from you.  
[www.upeisu.com](http://www.upeisu.com)

## SU VP Campaigns and Communications' Message

Time sure flies when your having fun, and we've been having a lot of fun this year. My term is over in four months, and I'm just starting to feel settled in!

This semester I've been running around talking to MPs and MLAs, making sure that they are up to date on student issues. Our big campaign for this year is on lowering tuition fees and increasing accessibility to post-secondary education. This semester I've organized two major campaigns around those issues. Also, I've been working with many wonderful people on many different issues. Two awareness weeks to watch for are Aids Awareness week in the last week of November, and Violence Against Women Awareness in the first week of December. Next semester I will continue with the tuition campaign, and try to fill the calendar with lots of other fun and important things.

I encourage all of you to get involved this year and I hope to see you around campus. If you have any questions or concerns, or are just looking for someone to talk to, feel free to drop by my office in the Barn, or get in touch with me via phone or email. Take time to relax and enjoy the holiday season.

-Caolan Moore

## UPEI Student Union Office Hours

Monday to Friday  
9 AM - 4 PM

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the UPEI Student Union Newsletter, please call Cara at 566-0530 or e-mail [studentu@upeiu.ca](mailto:studentu@upeiu.ca).