

University of Prince Edward Island Student Union

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SU President's Message

On behalf of all students, I would like to extend a welcome to all students studying at UPEI this year. I hope you all had a great summer and are now ready to make the most out of your university experience. With the opening of the new Student Centre, 2002/2003 will be unlike any school year in recent memory. Over the past few weeks, the building has truly been the hub of campus. I encourage all of you to explore all of the great services provided to you in this facility, and to get involved in the many clubs and societies which will become regular users of this much needed addition to campus.

The Student Union serves as the official voice of the student body. We are here to ensure that student concerns are well represented to administration, government, and various other areas that are of interest to students. This is your school and we are here to serve you, and if you have a question or concern you would like addressed please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Remember, your time here at UPEI is not just so you can receive a diploma or degree. It is an experience unlike any you will ever encounter. Get involved, and make the most out of your university experience. The Student Union is behind you every step of the way. I anticipate 2002/2003 to be a year which will be remembered at UPEI, full of unprecedented spirit and pride on campus.

Best of luck this year,

Chris Power
SU President
566-0398

Executive Vice President's Message

This year will be like no other year before! Students of UPEI will be a part of an incredible change. This change has been led by the opening of the new Student Centre and the demolition of the Barn. This year is definitely already exciting and busy! Many students have participated in the early events of the UPEI 2002-2003 school year. The successful week of NSO showed new students how fun UPEI is.

Be sure to watch for the following events I have planned. UPEI SU is hosting the first annual Terry Fox Relay which includes biking, running, and canoeing. This event will take place on Sept. 28th at 11:00 AM beginning at the Student Center. This 5 leg relay has 5 divisions: Solo, duo, mixed, junior, and faculty. This event is a sure way to have some fun both during the relay and after at the social in The Wave!!! REGISTRATION STARTS NOW!!!!

Also, this year we started a Safe Walk program. This allows the students to volunteer in pairs to walk other students home who feel nervous or just prefer walking in company for a precautionary measure. Watch for more information on this in the upcoming month.

Remember that we work for you, therefore your issues are our issues. WELCOME TO UPEI ...HAVE A GREAT YEAR!!!!

Krista Gallant
SU Executive Vice President
566-0648

Watch for **Student Union Hiring** in October. Available jobs will be advertised on-line, in the Cadre and on signs around campus. Applications can be picked up at the Student Union office, Student Centre 2nd floor south.

VP Finance's Message

I would like to begin by welcoming all students back for another year. Hopefully, this year will be fulfilling both from an academic standpoint and from an extra-curricular standpoint. Personally speaking, this year will be my last at UPEI, and it is my goal to spend my final making a positive contribution to student life – I hope you will consider doing the same.

As the Vice-President Finance, my role in the Student Union is to ensure that the funds of the students are accounted for and that the resources of which we are entrusted with are used wisely. This process is one of continuous improvement. We will always be looking for ways to maximize the benefits that we provide students through our many services, while minimizing the cost on the everyday student.

There are always a number of issues that face an incoming executive. This holds exceptionally true this year. The grand opening of the new Student Centre this fall marks the culmination of a longstanding challenge to build a true home for the Student Union and for students. But this also marks the beginning of new challenges – How can the building be best used by students? What sorts of activities and events should be held? How can we best meet the needs of increasingly diverse student population? These questions do not have simple answers, and we need your help and input as we go forward.

My door is always open. I also encourage each of you to get in contact with me – by email, phone, or in person – to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. It is my belief that it is through discussion and debate that we are able to build consensus and clarity, just as it is my belief that an open communication process is a better communication process.

Paul Murphy
SU VP Finance 566-0648

VP Activities' Message

My term as VP Activities is underway and there are numerous of exciting events to fill you all in on. The Wave, our new campus bar, is now up and running thanks to the hard work of Kirk Dingwell (SU Operations Manager) and many others. It is an environment where students can unwind and let loose like never before! Our weekly line-up includes "Tuesday Night Trailer Park Boys", a theme night, with specials on chicken fingers and rum & cokes, in lieu of a hit television series featured on Showcase. Wednesday night is Trivia with "Big Daddy Cool", complimented by the acoustic sounds of local and student talent. Thursday night we offer 25 cent wings from 8-10 and then dance away with our dance club which also runs wild on Friday night. Saturday, check out great live bands and enjoy more of our dance club. A full pub food menu is now offered at The Wave during evening hours so come in and enjoy great food at great prices. FallFest will take place on Oct 4 & 5. The events will include a hockey game, two soccer games, a huge breakfast, a performance by Lennie Gallant, and a major party in celebration of Alexander Keith's birthday. To this point, the Student Union has seen a remarkable increase in enthusiasm amongst the student body. We sold an unprecedented 953 tickets for the Back To School Pub and it was by far the craziest event ever witnessed on our campus soil. Treble Charger will be playing on September 25th so be sure to get your tickets while you can for this Main Event. I urge all students to continue to get involved in University activities throughout the year. Join clubs and societies and make friendships that will be sure to last a lifetime.

Best of luck in all of your studies, and have fun this year!
Matt McCarville
SU VP Activities
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Office Hours**

**Monday to Friday
9 AM to 4 PM**