

Dining Hall Offering Expanded Food Service

The Wanda Wyatt Dining Program is now available to the UPEI/AVC campus community from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.) and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (weekends/holidays). Meal Plan programs are available at the Wanda Wyatt Dining Hall food service location using your UPEI Campus Card. The retail access dollars can be used at both the AVC Cafe and the Courtyard Cafe in the W.A. Murphy Student Centre. In order to access your meal plan, you must first have the plan activated by visiting the Department of Residence, Food and Conference Services (RFCS) with your UPEI Campus Card. For information on purchasing your meal plan please contact Jonathan Oliver at RFCS – Bernardine Hall at 566-0570 or e-mail joliver@upei.ca

Safe Talk

There is a new program that the Student Union is starting up. It's called Safe Talk. The concept is rather simple, the Student Union will fundraise and purchase walkie-talkies. These walkie-talkies will be available for UPEI students to sign out when they are travelling alone on campus. Security will be on the other walkie-talkie so they can have direct contact with security at all times. The Safe Talk program is to give anyone who might be walking alone the comfort of knowing that someone is close by. Student Safety is a National concern and something that is being dealt with by many schools across the country. The Safe Talk program will be starting up shortly, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact SU Executive VP Mark O'Halloran at 566-0648 or suexecvp@upei.ca.

Energy Awareness Campaign Kicks Off At UPEI

The chair of the UPEI Energy Awareness Campaign is elated by the results of the program launch which took place at the Student Centre last Wednesday.

Anna Sawicki said she was impressed by the number of people who turned out to speak about the importance of energy awareness and environmental sustainability. She was even more pleased students, staff and faculty at UPEI took the chance to be enlightened about the issues which are gaining more attention due to depleting resources and ever-rising fuel costs.

"I do think that the launch went well but more than that, we had a lot of the campus community come through the Student Centre concourse and stop at several booths. Many of those people who set up booths commented on the fact it was good to see lots of people stopping by."

Sawicki said the main issue in this initiative was to spread awareness to the campus community about different things that can be done to conserve energy in university operations and limit the costs of utilities. The university spent a total of \$3 million last year on heat and electricity bills. She added the main areas she wanted to draw attention

Writing Place at the Right Times

The Writing Centre has extended their hours in order to help out students in a pinch. The revamped hours are Sunday through Thursday, 3-7 p.m. in the Pit (by the Math Help Centre) and Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Centre Room 122. To make an appointment call 628-4320 or try drop in. Students should bring their assignment sheets with them.

to were water usage and electricity.

Greg Clayton, director of facilities management for the university, said this advice is information that can be used by students, staff and faculty to conserve energy and cap utility costs at home.

"If you change habits at one location, you will be more likely to use it some where else," he said.

Clayton explained performing small tasks like turning off unused lights,

car pooling, checking

vehicle tire pressure and installing efficient lights can drastically reduce energy use and costs; even more so when everyone participates.

Sawicki echoed his comments, stating this initiative will require the efforts of all students, staff and faculty.

"It's quite a large undertaking. To be done right, we have to involve everyone, It has to be a team effort. Ultimately, the success of the campaign will depend on the number of people who participate in reducing energy consumption levels and contribute to a healthier environment - students, staff, faculty and visitors to the university."

People who would like to participate in this effort can start by filling out a survey online. Sawicki said the feedback from the 15-minute surveys will help shape activities planned by the committee. And yes, survey respondents can win energy-efficient prizes.

"The committee wants to build on the responses we get from submitted surveys and develop a detailed program of activities throughout

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Reporter



the next year," she said.

The goal of the campaign is to reduce energy use by eight per cent over the next year. Clayton said the maintenance department is setting a good example by only installing retro-fit lighting into the new additions and expansions on campus. The new residence will also be heated and cooled using geothermal technology (ground water) which is better for the environment and less costly. Clayton said this approach is win-win for anyone who participates in such an undertaking.

"We're trying to look at all the new areas to make UPEI a greener, more efficient campus," he explained. "You're saving money plus you're saving the environment."

Speakers at the Energy Awareness Program launch included Minister Jamie Ballem, who holds the environment, energy and forestry portfolio as well as Maritime Electric Vice President of Operations Jim Gaudet. UPEI President Wade MacLauchlan imparted a few words as well Anna Sawicki.

For more information about energy awareness or to fill out the survey, go to www.upei.ca/energyawareness.

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