

CAMPUS

Night of Girlie Music a huge success

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Reporter

This past Friday, March 9th, local female artists joined together in celebration of International Women's Day. A Night of Girlie Music showcased local talent as the songstresses sang some of their own original songs as well as some well known covers. UPEI students and organizers, Andie Bulman and Diana Love initiated the concert as a fundraiser for Prince Edward Island's Rape and Sexual Assault Crisis Centre. Bulman says, "We chose the centre because their funds were drastically cut by the Harper federal government and because the money that they receive now, does not even begin to cover their overhead." The unique fundraiser, held in the new residence building, hosted about seventy people who came out to enjoy the original show. "The night was not just about raising the money though, it was also an opportunity to showcase the talents of some fantastic female artists." The evening showcased some of PEI's finest talent. Performers included Katie McGarry, Laura Pineau, Shannon Lawson, Whitney Rose, Diana Love and the all

female band, the Barncats.

McGarry, who has recently performed at the Guild as well as the Office, began the night with an original composition called Two Songs. The audience quickly quieted to listen to McGarry's sweet lyrics and melodic voice. A first year Arts student at UPEI, McGarry has only recently begun performing in public. "I've been singing in my bedroom for nine years and in front of people for only one year." McGarry became involved with the fundraiser when Love heard her sing at Thursday's open mike night at the Wave.

The tranquil atmosphere punctuated with familiar covers created a memorable evening for all those who attended. "It was great to see people come out," says Bulman, "UPEI had sometimes been accused of being an apathetic campus in regards to social causes and it was great to see students at the event." The success of the evening has left event organizers Bulman and Love feeling confident and pleased. "We raised \$340.00 and are considering making the event, A Night Of Girly Music an annual event"

UPEI Continues battle with CFS (continued...)

...when the university became a member of the federation in 1984, a referendum was carried out and two-thirds had to vote in favour of joining the federation, as outlined by John MacDougall, who was then a federation official.

Results show only 182 out of 322 were in favour of joining the federation, which is 57 per cent of the vote.

Beyond that, no motion was ever made in council to accept the results of the referendum and no contracts were signed between the two parties, revealed the report.

Since then, the student union has severed all ties with CFS, justifying they were never contractually obligated to them, but the federation has yet to back

down.

Gallant couldn't comment on the current situation, saying only it is an ongoing legal issue.

In any case, council member Faiz Ahmed thinks UPEI should have national representation of some kind, be it with the CFS or another body, such as the Canadian Alliance of Student's Association, or CASA.

"National representation allows student unions to have another avenue to express their opinions and allows them to turn to a third party. It gives them a stronger voice."

Gallant agreed, saying having a body that lobbies for a specific goal would definitely be positive for the university.

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