

get involved with running it, paying for staff and there's potential for loss in return."

Hann would have welcomed RAW if the Barn had been big enough, but there are a lot of people to deal with to put events on outside of the Barn.

Hann also did not think it was worth the financial risk.

"I wasn't sure how well that would go over with the student population," says Hann. "I didn't feel it would be a success."

Shannon Dumaresque, the President of Marion Hall, disagrees.

Dumaresque thinks such a wrestling event would have been successful. Students in Marion watch wrestling whenever it is on television and attend every sporting event.

Real Action Wrestling has performed twice this month in the Charlottetown Civic Center to a full house. □

Advisory committee to improve UPEI Health Centre

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Healthier students for a healthier UPEI

An advisory committee was recently formed to examine the utilization and possible improvements to be made to the UPEI health centre. This unofficial committee, set up by nursing students and faculty, which have representatives from a variety of on-campus groups, hope to raise student awareness of the centre.

"We are working on issues that affect the health centre and affect students," says Trish Daley, student, committee member, and women centre representative. "We are looking at who the health centre should be for, what the purpose of our committee is."

"Its purpose is to make sure that the health centre is a place that all students feel equally welcome to attend,"

says Joelene Gregory, student, committee member, and second women's centre representative. "We want to make sure that students know what services are available to them."

Services will also be revised as to see which ones are being used the most or the least. Certain services may have to be improved, brought in or eliminated.

Committee members are trying to form a diverse advisory group which will cover all the aspects of the health centre and its clientele, trying to appeal to mature and part-time students, faculty, staff, and off-island students.

"The health centre is really for people who are from away, who don't have family doctors [here]. So that is the main focus in place," Daley says.

An obvious female bias has been observed in

the centre's clients. 70% of people who use the service are women.

"There were a lot of concerns about that [majority of female clients]. One was of course that we need more female doctors, which is hard in PEI, but also the concern of why aren't guys using the health centre when it's there."

With 68% of UPEI's population being female, Daley points out that there

lies ahead, and Daley admits that the committee has no power over the university's decisions in regards to the operation of the Health Centre.

"The simple fact of the matter is that we are an advisory committee that is not official," says Daley. "We are not a committee that has been set up by the university, it has been set up by nursing students and the nursing faculty, as literally

an advisory committee. That is not to say that our con-

cerns and our recommendations are not going to be taken seriously, but that we really have not control and no power. The only power will come from students' input."

Gregory believes that the advisory committee will still provide a positive direction to the health centre. "We feel we will improve the health

centre by better representing the needs of fellow students by allowing students to voice their concerns and bring awareness to their special needs."

Students' sparse use of the Health Centre may simply result from a healthy student population.

"I hardly ever go to the health centre," says Jim Steven, Bernadine RLA. "I think I've been there only a couple of times in my 3 years [at UPEI]. "I'm never seriously ill or sick enough to consider going. [But] I think that it's nice to have."

"I honestly believe that if we lose our health centre, we are going to lose a lot of students, and we are going to lose a very valuable resource, Daley says. "I think that if we are not careful, that may happen. Too often there is a concern with cutting costs and not realising the long term benefits. I think that it's very valuable." □

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