

ON CAMPUS

Campus Food Drive Successful: But Support Needs to Continue



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The organizers of the UPEI Food Drive would like to thank all contributors for the success of the campus food drive which yielded nearly two pick-up truckloads of food, but ongoing support is still needed.

In mid-September UPEI faculty, staff and students were encouraged to contribute to the Charlottetown Food Bank due to a dramatic increase in the number of families being turned away as a result of fewer supplies, explained Jennifer Taylor, an associate professor and chair of Family and Nutritional Sciences.

"Forty per cent of the food bank clients are children, and it is clearly unacceptable that people are being turned away because of a lack of food," she stated.

Donation boxes were placed in each of the campus buildings during the week-long food drive. Donors were urged to give baby food, children's lunch items, muffin mixes, pasta and sauce, breakfast cereal and hearty soups due to the urgent need for supplies.

The food drive was a combined effort between Taylor, Katie McInnis in the Accounting Department and various UPEI faculty and students, and of course the food bank.

"We had Mike MacDonald, Manager of the Charlottetown Food Bank, come with his truck, and we filled

the back of the truck. Also, Dr Vianne Timmons had half a truck load donated by Directors of Institutes, Centres, etc which she oversees. And the Family & Nutritional Sciences student society also organized a collection during their pub crawl with engineering students (on September 23)," she said.

"Katie (McInnis from Accounting), Father Charlie (from the Chaplaincy Centre) and I would like to extend a big THANKS to the campus community, who came through for us. We also would like to remind everyone that this need is, unfortunately, ongoing, and regular donors are needed."

Suzanne Hajto, from the Family and Nutritional Sciences Society said FANS has always been an active supporter of the food bank and will continue to be now and in the future. She echoed Taylor's comments regarding the ongoing need of donations to the Charlottetown Food Bank.

"FANS have been long-time supporters of the Food bank and last year we fundraised to give a large cash donation. Next Thursday we are having our first, highly anticipated potluck of the year, and we always ask for a \$1-2 cover charge that is donated to the Food Bank."

For more information regarding this potluck, e-mail shajto@upe.ca.



Jennifer Taylor

UPEI Societies



Pete Grandy
Reporter

When asked "What does your society do for you?", business student Jeff Junkyard Doherty replied "Don't talk to me you fat, miserable prick." Taking Junkyard's advice, I walked away without another word. Do students know what their society does for them? Maybe there's a society out there that they have yet to discover. I have interviewed a few society leaders on campus, asking them what their goals were for this year. I apologize for those societies who did not make the list.

-Political Science Society: They plan to do amazing things and have lots of fun. These amazing things consist of creating awareness, hosting speakers and debates, movie nights, pub crawls, and give the voice back to the students.

-Math Society: World domination is at the top of their list. Other goals include beating the Engineers at kick-ball, destroying Marcus Brookshaw, and turning the math society into the dance society? Memberships are \$10, bring your own leotard.

-UPEI Rainbow Alliance Society: They hold a weekly meeting and plan to educate, socialize, fund-raise, host speakers, and have movie nights.

-History Society: They have a pub crawl planned of the 28th of October and another one in second semester. They also plan to have students vs. professors trivia night, pot lucks, and an upcoming pumpkin carving contest

around Halloween.

-Environmental Society: Initiate environment in the school element. Rally against the use of Styrofoam in the cafeterias. They have weekly meetings, fund-raise and attempting to make the society sustainable.

-Biology Society: As they have gone unnoticed in the past year, so they have some big plans which involve movie nights, barbeques, sell stuff, plant trees around campus, Dooley's pool night, trivia and pub crawls.

-Business Society: They plan to have a mini luncheon in November and their main luncheon in March at the Delta Charlottetown. In their first pub crawl they raised \$812 for the Hurricane Katrina relief fund. There will be free coffee for members during mid-terms. They are still accepting members.

-Family and Nutritional Sciences Society-They plan to have a lot of potlucks, a grub crawl, a Hallowe'en sleep-over including a snackluck, and hosting a pancake breakfast for a needy family at Christmas.

-Engineering Society: Join and you'll understand.

Now that you know what's out there, play your part in demolishing student apathy and get involved, it will pay off in the end. God forbid you have a good time at university.