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Car Pool Initiative Good Way to Save Gas, Sanity



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The car pool initiative started at UPEI in September has many benefits, says organizer Renee Harper.

"I do car pool to and from school with my roommates," says Harper. "The advantages are that you don't have to drive everyday (and not having to deal with PEI drivers everyday is rewarding enough in itself), you reduce the amount of money you spend on gas, and you are doing something positive for the environment."

The car pool chart in the Student Union building has been taken down, but for those who were looking for it Harper says the initiative will have a website up and running in the coming weeks—so be on the look-out for more details.

The Political Studies graduate, who is currently taking some Environmental Studies courses, says UPEI is an excellent venue for a car pool initiative to be formed due to the number of people who have to drive varying distances to come here; skyrocketing fuel costs also played a

part, added Harper.

"This project was developed because of the demand from the campus community members (both faculty and students) who were looking for a way to help alleviate high travel costs. UPEI is essentially a commuter school, which means many people are travelling in from rural areas to attend the institution. This is not only expensive, but single-occupied vehicles are also a large contributor to Green House Gas (GHG) emissions (especially on this campus)."

Harper, who is applying for a Masters in Environmental Studies next year, believes the efforts in organizing the car pool initiative are appreciated by people who want to save gas money and conserve the environment.

"I think the car pool is appreciated by individuals who are ecologically concerned, and by those who want to reduce their costs of traveling to and from the university."

Currently, the car pool initiative has about a dozen people signed up.

Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE) PEI Students Attend International Conference

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Five U.P.E.I students were lucky to attend the Students in Fair Enterprise (SIFE) World Cup, on October 5th through 7th at the MTCC, in Toronto Ontario.

The U.P.E.I students competed in May 2005 at the Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship National Exposition, where 51 SIFE teams throughout Canada competed to represent Canada at the international level. Sir Wilfred Laurier University was so lucky to receive the honor of representing Canada at the SIFE world cup in October. However, ACE-PEI students were lucky to be invited to the conference as spectators.

More than 1,000 people attended the competition; which included a Cultural Fair, where each team from around the world created a display for their country. This allowed the ACE-PEI team to sample various delicacies from around the world, including Vegi-mite from Australia, Snocones from Canada, Fresh Cashews from Brazil, and even tequila flavored candy from Mexico. This event was definitely a highlight of the weekend.

SIFE is a global non-profit organization that mobilizes university students to create economic opportunity for others while discovering their own potential. SIFE students form teams on their university campuses and develop outreach projects that teach entrepreneurship, market economics, business ethics and finance in their communities. At the 2005 SIFE World Cup, the top 45 SIFE teams in the world presented the results of their outreach projects to determine which

teams made the most impact on their communities.

From the initial 45 teams it was narrowed down to 4 finalist teams, which included: Zimbabwe—University of Zimbabwe (a PEI favorite!), United States—Drury University, France—ESSEC Business School Paris (also a PEI favorite), Nigeria—Kaduna Polytechnic. These teams were truly outstanding. For example, the team from Zimbabwe created workshops for villagers to teach them different methods in mushroom cultivation, which resulted in the creation of many jobs which provided a sustainable income for many families within the village. The Team from Essec University in France, worked with the Dalit communities in India, creating a French bakery where the oppressed Dalit community members were taught how to bake croissants and the like, as well as a clothing line entitled KIP (Knowledge is Power) which was used as a tool for making the population aware of the party's oppression.

In the end the team from Zimbabwe was crowned SIFE world champions, an honor that they undoubtedly deserved.

The competition was followed by a GALA evening at a local establishment where the teams from around the world had a chance to network and exchange stories of their team's successes.

The SIFE World Cup was a weekend that the ACE-PEI team will not soon forget.

If you are interested in joining Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship—PEI please visit www.acepei.ca or colin.macdonald@acepei.ca

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UPEI Hotline: A recorded message, by 7:00 am if possible, on the UPEI Hotline with updates as necessary throughout the day at 894-2882

UPEI Web site: An urgent notice, in red, at the top of the news and events bar of the UPEI website, www.upei.ca