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student would pay approximately \$15.00 a year. It should be noted that the CFS membership fee would also include the cost of an International Student Identification Card (ISIC), assessed as a value of \$10.00. The ISIC card can be purchased by non-members for \$16.00. In this case the committee found that CASA held a considerable advantage in cost.

With these five criteria considered, the committee has decided to recommend that the UPEI SU should pursue membership with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. To progress towards this end, the committee further recommends that research be conducted by the VP Executive through out the summer in regards to this possibility, that information regarding national representation be presented to students during the first two weeks of school on the fall, and that this issue be decided by Referendum in the 2007 Fall General Election. As per the Elections and Referenda By-Law, the question for this referendum shall be voted on by the 2007-08 UPEI SU Council prior to the election.

I, Jeremy Hogan, seconded by _____ would like to make a motion to recommend that the UPEI SU conduct a referendum in the 2007 Fall General Election asking whether or not members of the UPEI SU are in favour of joining the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

Big Brothers Big Sisters PEI is looking for volunteers

Martha MacIntyre

Reporter

If you think you might have a few extra hours a week to spare, what better way to spend those hours than making a difference in a child's life.

Big Brothers Big Sisters PEI have been creating friendships on PEI since 1975. Currently there are at least 50 young children waiting to get matched up.

Yvonne Cartner Executive Director for BBBSPEI says a few hours a week can make a difference in a child's life.

"Usually the new friends get together for 2-4 hours a week, it is amazing the difference in a young child's personality."

Big Brothers Big Sisters PEI offer 3 different volunteer programs. In-school mentoring is when a child and a new friend are matched up in a school setting. This gives anyone the chance to feel like a kid again! You are able to be in a school setting, while playing a board game, or shooting some hoops with your

new friend. In-School mentoring only requires one hour each week of volunteering.

Couples for kids give the opportunity for a couple to volunteer together. A couple is able to spend time together, while knowing that they are making a huge difference in a young child's life. Cartner said it is amazing how closer a couple becomes when they volunteer.

Kids 'N' Kops operates in the summer for once a week. The Charlottetown Police department volunteers to mentor a group of children the many aspects of police work. Kids 'N' Kops works to promote trust between Law Enforcement and children.

Cartner said volunteers are asked to make a commitment of a couple of years.

"Most people are asked to remain volunteering for usually at least 2 and a half years. However, many matches remain close friends for years to come," she said.

Becoming a big brother or big sister

is easy. Volunteers are matched with a child who has similar interests, so both of you will have fun doing stuff that you both already enjoy. If you want to volunteer Big Brothers Big Sisters PEI will find a place for you.

They also have yearly fundraising. Bowl for kids sake, and the Big Brothers Big Sisters yearly cottage draw (I am sure most people have seen their cottage every year by empire theatres!)

Cartner said the summertime is when many new friendships are needed most.

"Since school will be out I encourage many university students to volunteer," she said. "A couple of hours a week can really make a difference in a young child's life."

If you are interested in volunteering, you can fill out a volunteer application form at www.bigbrothersbig-sisterspei.com or phone (569-5437) or toll free

1-877-411-3729 for more information!

Wouldn't it be great to be a kid again?

Become a Big Brother or Sister today!

Quick Facts from Big Brothers Big Sisters

Thinking about becoming a Big? Consider the benefits children in the programs gain:

- 91% feel better about themselves.
- 65% have improved self-confidence.
- 67% have a better sense of right and wrong.
- 76% show improved school grades.
- 80% have a better school attendance record.
- 82% develop better relationships with their teacher.
- 90% get along better with other kids