BICYCLE COMMUTING RACKS UP BIG MILES FOR PAIR OF UC FACULTY

What can educators and students do to cutback on greenhouse gases emitted and reduce American dependence on foreign oil? One answer, suggested by the Dayton and Cincinnati Cycle Clubs, is bicycle commuting.

The results of the annual Commuter Challenge between the clubs were recently announced and for the 12th year the Dayton club won. However, two UC faculty members, Associate Professor of Applied Sciences George Marketos and Professor of Environmental Health Glenn Talaska, made major contributions to the efforts of the Cincinnati group.

Marketos commuted an astounding 5,050 miles to finish first locally, while Talaska’s 3,808 commuting miles gave him second place among Cincinnati participants. In addition to rides to work, which both did almost daily last year, any use where the bike replaces the car can be counted.

This year marked a milestone for the Dayton-Cincinnati Competition, as the combined reported miles exceeded 1,000,000. This means that over 67,000 gallons of gas were not used and that over 1.1 million pounds of carbon dioxide were not emitted, due to the efforts of the combined participants.

The Cincinnati Cycle Club is the oldest and largest cycling club in Ohio. The CCC will be conducting training classes in April, May and June to prepare cyclists to share the road. If you are interested in joining, visit the club's Web site at http://www.cincinnaticycleclub.org/ or contact Glenn Talaska at 558-0518.

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