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GREEN UH HERO BARBARA DUARTE

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University of Houston has been diligently utilizing all of its resources in efforts to promote and encourage the campus wide sustainability initiatives. There have been commuter fairs, recycling bins placed all around campus, recyclemania, etc. The UH community has embraced the concepts as a whole including Barbara Duarte who is a faithful carpooler and Cougar Line rider.

Barbara and her husband have been carpooling together for over 20 years. They carpool to the University and she rides the Tan Line from PGH to Schlumberger where she works. She enjoys carpooling everyday because she says that she gets to spend more time with her husband.

“It is convenient for us and results in less wear and tear on our vehicles. We spend less on gas and it’s environmentally friendly.” said Barbara Duarte, Project Director, Finance.

There are always advantages and disadvantages to any situation but in this case, that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. With the economy being unstable and prices fluctuating everyday the average American is trying to do all they can to save money. What better way to cut the cost of one on going bill then to carpool. She says that it takes some time to get used to it, but can be done without too much inconvenience. She would recommend others to carpool and ride the Cougar line because she finds it to be very efficient.

“I would encourage everyone to try out the Cougar line. It is easy to use, is on a timely fifteen minute cycle, and in most cases delivers you closer to your destination than you could park your car.” said Barbara Duarte.

For information on Green UH visit www.uh.edu/green or follow the Green UH blog at <http://greenuh.blogspot.com/>.



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