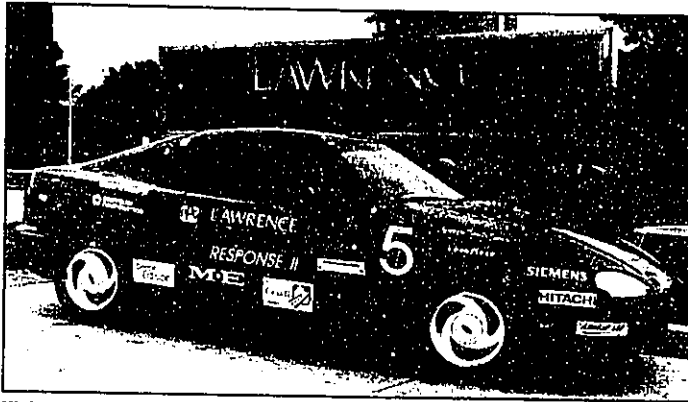


Lawrence Tech's 'Hyades' competes in car-of-the future challenge

Lawrence Technological University's "Hyades" is the university's entry into the North American FutureCar Challenge, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the United States Council for Automotive Research (USCAR), a consortium formed by General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

Competing against 12 top engineering schools from across the U.S. and Canada in June, "Hyades" took second place overall and won these coveted awards: Best Application of Advanced Technology, Best Application of Advanced Materials, and Best Engineering Design.

FutureCar's goal is to develop passenger sedans capable of achieving up to 80 miles per gallon (mpg) with reduced exhaust emissions. Lawrence Tech's car, based on a 1996 Ford Taurus, is a hybrid electric vehicle combining a small diesel engine and electric



High-tech car: Lawrence Tech's future car entry is a joint effort by Ford, General Motors and Chrysler.

motor, linked by a sophisticated microprocessor. Chassis, body panels, and other mechanical components have been modified to reduce weight, improve aerodynamics, and reduce emissions. In the first year of the two-

year competition, Lawrence Tech's "Hyades" has already achieved 65 mpg.

Vice President Al Gore calls FutureCar the "most ambitious student project to date."

Huntington Woods features mini cruise for kids

Huntington Woods will be offering a Mini Dream Cruise for children. The cruise will take place at the Huntington Woods site at the NBD Bank from noon to 6 p.m. Kids will be riding on tricycles and Big Wheels on a makeshift Woodward Avenue.

Kids will be able to stop at the Wigwam, Ted's Drive-In, Big Boy and other familiar places along the famous Woodward Avenue. This event is guaranteed to draw a huge crowd. There will be a minimal charge for this fun mini-cruise.

The city will also be providing slot cars for miniature car racing buffs. Races start at 2 p.m. and run until 5 p.m. The slot cars will be reminiscent of the '50s and kids (and adults) of all ages will be able to race them on an electric, self-contained race track.

Other events include a giant slide, car bingo, hot lips contest.

In concert they will have: The Reflections, The Boys, B&R, The Satin Dolls and the Oakland County Traveling Music Show.

They will also provide a variety of food booths and T-shirts and trinkets will be for sale at the site.

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