

Survey monitors biker's attitudes

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How courteous and safety-conscious are you when pedaling that flashy ten-speed bicycle across campus? Two University health students, when surveying a cross-section of the campus biking set, found that a majority of bikers fail to obey traffic signs and signals yet the riders will yield right of way to pedestrians.

"We hope to reach more people and make them more aware of bicycling rules," said Barbara Doll. The seven question survey was conducted outside the EMU by Doll and Mary Sheffer as a project for their accident prevention class.

The increasing number of bicycle-pedestrian accidents on campus and the lack of sufficient citations in the city of Eugene were cited by Doll as two of the current problems of bicyclers. One of the survey's solutions, favored by 58 per cent of those polled, suggested the installation of designated bikeways on

campus. Doll also recommended alteration of one's regular city route during high peak motor traffic hours.

The survey-takers were quite emphatic in discussing the positioning and usage of bike racks on campus. "Bike racks are placed out of the way so they are not used," said Dole as she gestured toward empty racks near Men's PE and the EMU addition. "Those that are right outside doorways are generally full," she said. 92 per cent of the 165 bike riders surveyed said they would use bike racks if they were available in appropriate locations. The covered terrace outside the EMU Fishbowl is one area Doll indicated that a bicycle rack is needed.

Although 150 citations were given to Eugene bicyclists by city police last year, the need for greater safety and enforcement is necessary, the two say. Doll stressed the responsibility of the individual and reminds bikers that "they are considered a motor vehicle and must abide by many of the same rules as automobiles."

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and Energy. It would be possible for the committee to send the bill back to the floor, but that does not appear likely. When asked if he considered the bill dead, Rep. Ted Kulongosky, D-Eugene replied "Yes".

So far at least the next two years the protection of the banks of the Willamette hinges on the effectiveness of the 1973 legislation.

Under the terms of that law, the state has the right to condemn for city easements only and can do that only within a corridor of 150 feet from the low water mark on both banks of the river. The state does have the power to condemn land for state parks within five sites specifically spelled out in 1973 legislation.

The plan also gives the the right to buy from a willing seller within that 150 foot corridor. But the law does not require landowners to notify the state before they sell the land or intensify the use of it. Nor does it give the state the right of first refusal.

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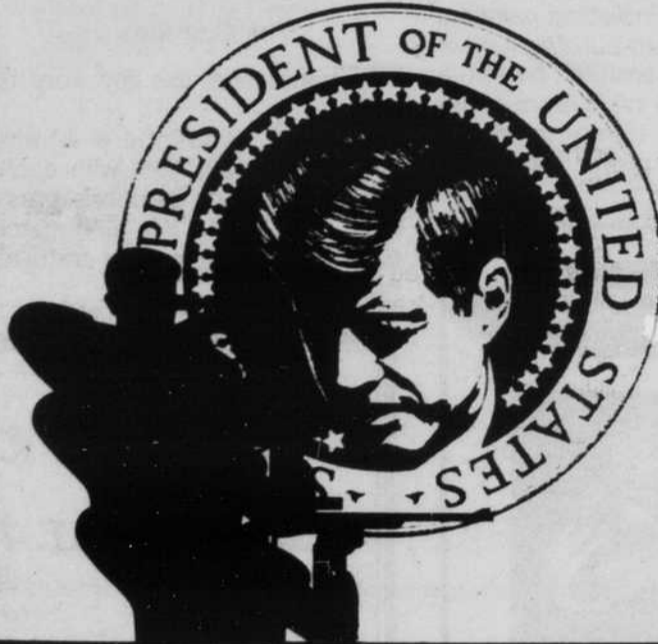
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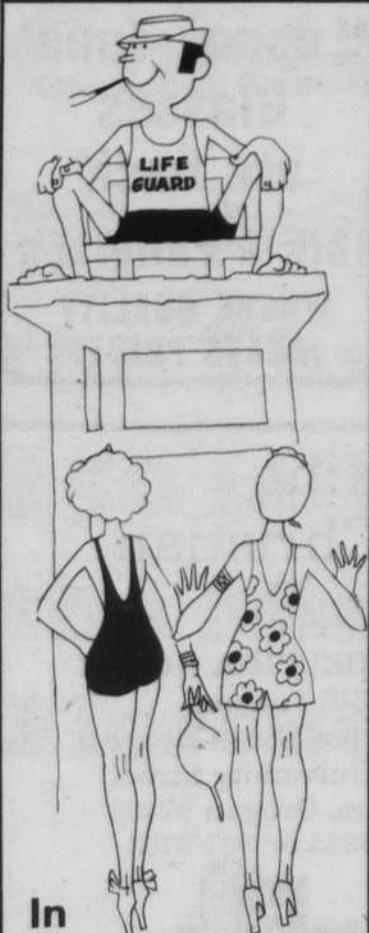
In the three-year period which followed the murder of President Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald, eighteen material witnesses died—six by gunfire, three in motor accidents, two by suicide, one from a cut throat, one from a karate chop to the neck, three from heart attacks, and two from natural causes.

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