

Campus provides host of traps for bicyclists

Clinic will outline pitfalls, offer hints for safe biking

One of the toughest parts about traveling the straight and narrow is that too many other people do it too — and when half of those people are on bicycles the problem becomes even worse.

According to Michael Jones, a University student who nearly became a bike casualty last February, there are too many of those "straight and narrow" places on campus for bikers to be unwary in their traveling. For that reason, he is coordinating a bike safety clinic scheduled for Tuesday.

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Jones, a senior in community health, says his concern with the campus' bicycle safety problems led him to organize the clinic, which will include discussions by special guest speakers about bicycle touring, racing and maintenance as well as sessions on safety problems and tips. Jones says he hopes the clinic will build awareness among campus bikers.

"There's a lot of real safety problems on this campus," says Jones. "Especially when bikes and pedestrians are both trying to get somewhere at the same time. Some bikers just don't seem to realize how easy it would be for someone to step out in front of them. They need to start thinking more in terms of riding speeds."

Jones pinpoints the EMU breezeway and the Lawrence Hall tunnel as the prime danger spots for campus bikers, but such hazards as poorly placed curve cuts, blind corners and sharp curves also will be discussed at the clinic.

"The University has decided the bike safety problem is a student problem rather than a transportation one," says Jones. He says that is one of the main reasons he took the initiative to organize the clinic.

Jones is no stranger to the hazards of bicycling. As a student

who frequently bikes to campus, he has had his share of close calls, including one major accident on Valentine's Day in which his bike was totaled. Jones can also cite a list of impressive bicycle safety statistics:

- Bicycles are the single most hazardous product sold in the country, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Claiming nearly 58 per cent of all bike sales, ten-speed bicycles also claim most of the accidents. According to the CPSC, ten-speeds are involved in an average of .42 accidents per person per year.

- Last year there were some 460,000 bicycle accidents in the United States which required hospitalization of the rider. Five thousand of those accidents were in Oregon alone. (The Bicycle Manufacturer's Association of America estimates there are 2.25 million bikes in the state).

- Of all bike accidents, 52 per cent occur in the summer months.

- Most bike accidents are caused by the failure of the bike rider to observe traffic rules. Of those accidents, 46 per cent are caused by the biker's failure to obey a stop sign, 27 per cent result from the biker's use of the wrong lane, 12 per cent involved a faulty lane change signal by the biker and 6 per cent were caused by the biker's failure to use lights at night.

Included with the safety information during the clinic will be a slide presentation from the Eugene Cycle Club about bicycle racing and a talk from Diane Bishop, bike coordinator for the city, who will distribute bike route information. Bicycle touring information also will be available and Spoke Folks, a local touring organization is tentatively scheduled to give a slide presentation. Employees from Willamette Valley Cycle Works and Stu's Bike Shop will give free bike maintenance check ups.

Events will last from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be held at the corner of University Street and 13th Avenue and in the EMU. Jones says exact times and locations will be posted Tuesday in the F.M.U.

Failure to appear in court loses license for cyclists

SALEM (AP) — You can lose your driver's license if you don't appear in court on a citation for improper operation of a bicycle, Atty. Gen. Jim Redden said last week.

Furthermore Redden said in an opinion for the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division, you can have your license suspended indefinitely for failure to appear in court for illegal hitchhiking.

Hitchhiking is legal in Oregon, but the hitchhiker must stay on the

shoulder or sidewalk.

If a person is directed to appear in court on a traffic infraction and fails to do so, the Motor Vehicles Division can suspend the license indefinitely. When the person appears, he or she can regain the license.

The opinion noted illegal hitchhiking, jaywalking and illegal operation of a bicycle are traffic infractions.

The opinion said the City of Eugene has six cases pending where a bicycle rider failed to show up in court, and two cases where a hitchhiker failed to appear.

A license to drive a motor vehicle must be suspended, the opinion noted, when the Motor Vehicles Division receives a notice from the court that the defendant failed to appear for a hearing on a traffic infraction.

Turner resigns

University Registrar Leslie Turner announced his plans to resign Thursday.

His resignation will be effective July 15. He plans to return to the East Coast, where he has held similar administrative posts at the universities of New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

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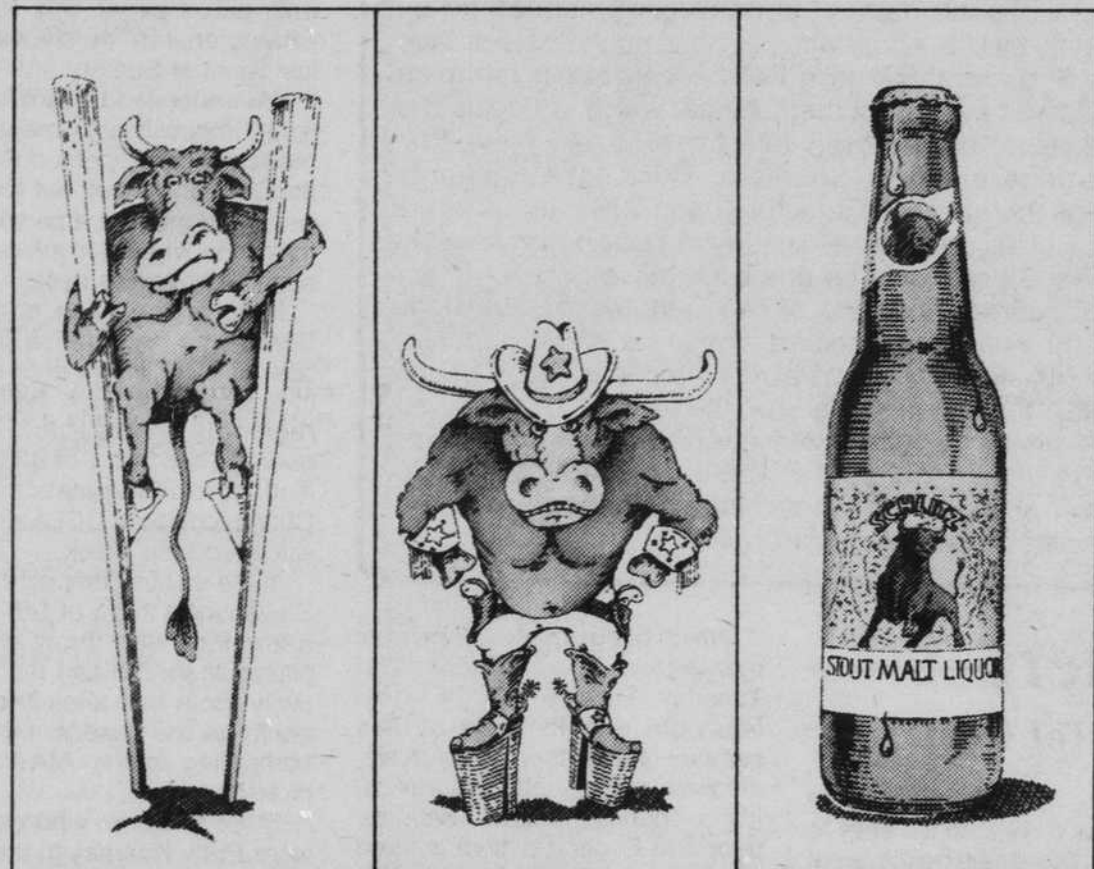


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Unaware of riding speeds, bikers often don't realize the potential danger of pedestrians, says Michael Jones, a community health senior who will be presenting a bike safety clinic to bikers on Tuesday.

Along with safety information, the clinic will offer a slide presentation on racing and touring and free maintenance checkups.

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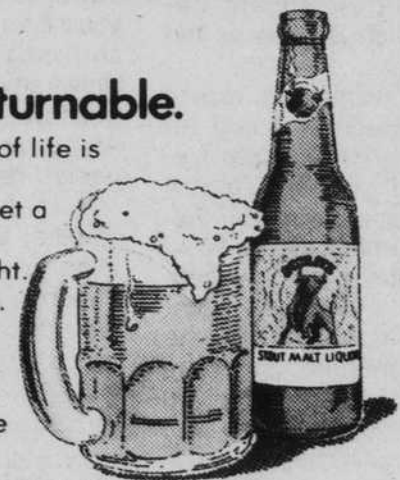
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