

Sidewalks not for biking, says committee

By Melissa Martin
Of the Emerald

Campus Planning Committee officials are deliberating on what could be the final word for campus cyclists — no more riding on the sidewalks.

After a recent transportation subcommittee decision, committee officials say they will work with public safety officers to enforce the existing law and solve the safety concern in the easiest way, says Charles Rusch, committee chair.

Responding to about a dozen letters from faculty, staff and students reporting near-bicycle/pedestrian collisions, the committee first considered revamping the present system by painting arrows on the sidewalks and constructing new pathways, Rusch says.

But because of lack of funding and the complexity of the project, Rusch says they will enforce existing laws that rule bicyclists cannot ride on the sidewalks.

At least 10 bicycle-related accidents happen on campus every week, says campus security's Marge Bigelow.

"There's almost no compliance with the rule," Rusch says. "It's going to be an uphill campaign. Right now, people just ignore it."

The planning committee will help fund campus security as they ticket bikers riding on the sidewalks, especially between classes, Rusch says.

"If we could get people using bicycles more like they use cars,

I think we'd be in better shape," Rusch says.

One letter the committee received included a professor's concern with transportation safety on campus.

"I remember times not so many years ago when walking on campus was a relaxed experience," wrote Edward Price, geography professor.

"After a number of close shaves, however, I have learned never to stroll on the campus without thinking about bicycles, never to cross a walk, to pass another pedestrian, look at a plant in bloom, or make a left turn without looking back to see what may be coming.

"Walking on campus is simply not the pleasure it used to be."

If they are not traveling faster than walking speed, bicycles can ride on sidewalks in the city, except between Sixth and 11th avenues and Charnelton and High streets, says Diane Bishop, Eugene bicycle coordinator.

But bikers must stay off the campus sidewalks.

"I'm envisioning a sign that says 'Bicycles: street — yes, sidewalk — no,'" says Larry Smith, also on the transportation subcommittee.

But committee members are sympathetic to the bikers' position, Rusch says.

"I'm an avid bicyclist," he says.

Rusch says before serving on the committee he used to ride his bike up to the architecture school. Rusch now says he has a new mind-set about biking



Photo by Michael Clapp

The bike-riding ban on campus sidewalks is going to be more strictly enforced due to biker-pedestrian accidents.

routes.

"I've been experimenting myself and finding out just how hard it is to get around the campus on roads and parking lots," Rusch says. "I have to change my thinking about what's my route."

The planning committee lists the following as the most dangerous spots on campus:

•EMU Breezeway, where Rusch says he witnessed a serious head-on collision two years ago.

•Lawrence Breezeway, where

visibility is severely limited around a 90 degree turn.

•Northwest corner of Science Main, where the committee recommends putting up a convex mirror as well as installing caution and congestion signs.

•Walkway from 13th Avenue and University Street to Lawrence, where the committee recommends bicyclists use the Friendly Hall driveway and that a new path be constructed from the driveway to the bicycling parking area close to Lawrence.

•A narrow pathway between

the music school and the library, where visibility is limited near the corner of the cemetery. The committee recommends widening the curve, painting a yellow centerline and installing warning signs.

•Gerlinger North, where a "walk your bike" signs now exist. The committee recommends constructing a new bikeway.

•The 13th Avenue and University Street bottleneck, especially when classes change and cars are another variable for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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MEETINGS

POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENT UNION journal committee meets Monday at 5 p.m. Check EMU schedule for room number.

STATE SENATOR MARGIE HENDRIKSEN will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Lane Unemployment Project, Monday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at 1236 Kincaid. The topic of her address will be the Jobs Training Partnership Act and what it will mean for Oregon's jobless. The public is urged to attend.

LECTURES

"HUNGARIAN FOLK ART" is the title of a slide-lecture to be given by Judith Magyar today from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Russian and East European Studies Center.

PLEISTOCENE FAUNA OF INDIA: NEW EVIDENCE AND INTERPRETATIONS is the title of an illustrated lecture by Dr. G.L. Badam today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 368 Condon.

"THE CAUSE AND CONTROL OF RAIN, TORNADOS AND PLATE TECTONICS" is the title of a lecture to be given by Mr. Peterson, Monday, May 7, at 7 p.m. Call 726-8775 (evenings) for location.

INTERVIEWS

SENIORS OR JUNIORS registered in the College of Business who are seriously considering a career in **BANKING** are encouraged to apply for an observational internship this summer at First Interstate Bank. Credit is

available. Cover letter and resume due in 244 Hendricks by noon Tuesday, May 15.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS with tuition reimbursement for Liberal Arts majors are now available in the areas of Personnel, Public Relations, Parks and Recreation, Computer Science, and Research. More information is available in Career Planning and Placement.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE HALF DAY ON THE JOB PROGRAM is being sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity Thursday, May 10. This annual program offers business students an opportunity to be matched with the field of their choice and receive hands-on experience with applied management and operations. The students will spend the morning at the host business with a representative. The program will end at the Eugene Hilton with a luncheon banquet and a keynote speaker. Thirteen field choices are offered students and applications, available at the College of Business main office, are due today.

PRE-MEDS: Application Workshops scheduled in 341 Gilbert Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8 at 6 p.m. See there.

SINGAPOREAN STUDENTS: All singaporean students are recognized members of the SSA and are cordially invited to the potluck dinner on May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at South Eugene High School. Invite your host families along too. For further information, please refer to the SSA newsletter or contact any SSA committee members.

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TABLE AND SPEAKER AT VOTER REGISTRATION/DUMP REAGAN RALLY have to call James Britt at 342-3024 or John Fike at 485-9129 by Friday at 5 p.m.

VOLUNTEER ENTERTAINERS WANTED for New Games Festival in Salem on Sunday, May 20. Jugglers, musicians, mimes, dancers, and other artists are being sought for their abilities in the arts. The festival is mainly for children, but adults will also be present. If interested call Dan Crunican at 343-7384 between 4 and 5 p.m.

EXHIBIT OF "FLUID WATERCOLORS" by J. Krogh Colwell, will be on display upstairs in the Eugene Public Library May 4 through May 31. The artist will be at the exhibit to answer questions May 4 and May 31 at 11:00 a.m.

ATTN: POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS On Monday, May 7, there will be an Internship workshop at 3:30 p.m. in 905 PLC. Any students interested in participating in an internship, either in Salem or Washington, D.C. during the next 2 years should plan on attending. Sponsored by Political Science Peer Advisors. Call Rusty Sheets at x4875 or 343-5474 for additional information.

"THE PREDICAMENT OF THE PROSPEROUS" is the month-long focus for Sabbath Eve, the Presbyterian student group, who will meet at the Koinonia Center to car-pool to Tom's for soup/study/and sharing. Call Tom at 484-1707 for more information.

THE BISHOP IS COMING! On Saturday, May 5, Rt. Rev. Matthew P. Bigliardi will celebrate in A Celebration of our Ministry to the University of Oregon and Lane Community College. Join all the Episcopalians in Eugene

for the service at 5 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Parish (13th and Pearl). Those needing a ride can meet at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid, at 4:30 p.m. A light supper will follow the service. For more information, contact the Rev. Linda Harrell at 484-1707 or 484-0374.

MERLIN CONCERT POSTPONED until May 6 at 8 p.m. Due to a midwestern snowstorm which left the Argentinian folkloric group Merlin stranded, the Merlin Concert will be postponed to May 6 at 8 p.m. at the same location. Tickets purchased in advance can be refunded at the Council for Human Rights in Latin America, 1236 Kincaid. For more information, call Deborah or Glen Gibbons at 484-5867.

ASUO WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM: Women and Religion, 9 a.m., Forum
Community Role Models, 10 a.m., 101 EMU
Women in Transition, 11 a.m., 101 EMU
Gilm: La Operacion, 11 a.m., Forum
Noon Gig: Dance performance, noon, Courtyard
Women in Color, 1 p.m., 108 EMU
Poetry Workshop — Alta Jerry, 1 p.m., Forum
Women of the Middle East, 2 p.m., Forum
Self Help Health and Artificial Insemination, 2:30 p.m., 108 EMU

Bridging the Gap: Lesbians and non-Lesbians, 3:30 p.m., 101 EMU
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