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avoid because they get a lot of traffic and have no safe area for bikers to ride in.

"(The map) is a good way to learn how to commute in the safest and most enjoyable way," he said.

Pompel stressed that it is important for all cyclists to remember to obey traffic rules and ride in a responsible manner.

"Those people who don't obey traffic rules can ruin it for everybody," he said.

For recreational riders the area offers many paths and short-distance loops that are not too physically demanding.

There are paved bike paths that run along both sides of the Willamette River. Riders can begin a six-mile loop by starting at the Autzen Footbridge and heading west to the Greenway Bike Bridge, crossing the river and then heading back east to the Autzen bridge. This is favored by many cyclists because it is one continuous loop and crosses no roads. The bike

paths also extend well beyond the bridges in either direction for those who are seeking longer rides.

For other long rides Pompel suggested a loop around the McKenzie River. Take Coburg Road to McKenzie View, which runs along the North Side of the river. Then turn right on Hill Road until you come to Camp Creek Road which will take you into Springfield. Pompel said the loop is on low traffic roads and is a very nice ride.

"It has a lot of flat areas and some rolling hills," he said. "Camp Creek Road is a long country-like ride."

For a ride with some more serious hills cyclists can take Fox Hollow Road off of East Amazon Drive. Fox Hollow meets Willamette Street and will bring you back into town. Pompel says it is a nice loop but there is not much shoulder and the roads get a lot of traffic. He suggested that route for more experienced bike hand-

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rience on the resume," she said.

Since January, 30 high school and University students have been placed in city departments. McCoy added that students are especially needed during the summer months when school is out of session.

"Interns have always been a tremendous help, and have had a definite role in the department," said Vicki Stewart from the city's intergovernmental relations department. Stewart said interns have worked on projects for the Commission on the Rights of Women, as well as on the Martin Luther King celebration.

There are also active neighborhood organizations, open to tenants and property owners. West University, South University and Fairmont neighborhood associations are adjacent to the University.

Christine Donahue, city neighborhood li-

aison, said the West University organization had the most involvement from students. Neighborhood organizations advise the planning division and city council on issues such as land use, public safety, transportation and local quality of life, Donahue said.

Students were involved with neighborhood groups in negotiations over the Alder Street parking garage proposed by the University, she said.

"Alder Street was one of the few examples of University students involved with a neighborhood group," Donahue said.

Those students who prefer to speak with their votes may register to vote in upcoming city elections at the county elections office at 135 E. Sixth St. However, out-of-state students should be careful if they are receiving financial aid from their home state, said Judy Collette, elections office assistant. Those students should request absentee ballots from their hometowns if they still want to vote.



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