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Proposal would improve bicycle rules, policies

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Better placement and lighting of bicycle parking are just a few of the possible additions to the University if a new bike improvements plan is adopted.

A University bicycle-user committee has drafted a proposal offering recommendations and guidelines for future additions to campus bicycle facilities.

According to the proposal's introduction, the plan would establish "a framework of policies, circulation routes, parking facilities, educational information, and enforcement guidelines to encourage use of bicycles and to make the campus as safe as possible for the whole University community."

One recommendation calls for the addition of more bicycle parking near bike paths. Frank Tepfer, a University plan-

ning associate who helped draft the plan, said that bicycle parking in dismount areas encourages cyclists to ignore no-bicycling signs. The new plan tries "to locate parking in places where people would be riding anyway," he said.

Another section of the plan would provide lighting for all bicycle parking areas. Tepfer said the user-committee added the recommendation to "help increase safety" of cyclists. The proposal also explains that lighting could discourage thieves.

A key component of the plan asks that the University provide more signs that would clearly identify bike routes and dismount areas, as well as assist riders with directions and orientation. In addition, the plan promotes advisory signs, such as "Sidewalk Bikes Yield" and signs including maps at major campus

entrances.

Other recommendations include the creation of new bike routes on 13th Avenue from Kincaid to University streets and on University Street from 13th to 15th avenues. Moreover, the committee would like the University to make more brochures and maps available to the campus community.

The University approved a similar bicycle plan in the early 1980s, but it was never implemented due to a lack of funding. However, money should not be a problem for proponents of the current proposal. The University has \$400,000 from parking fees specifically available for bicycle improvements, Tepfer said.

Tepfer said the University should spend a little less than half of the total funds on covered bicycle parking while \$60,000 would be slated for uncovered parking and \$75,000 would be used for

bike paths, lanes and signs. The rest would be allocated for miscellaneous expenses, he said.

If implemented, the plan should enhance cyclist-pedestrian relations, said committee member Kay Coots. She added the committee spoke with students, representatives from the Office of University Planning and the Office of Public Safety for suggestions on improvements.

"There were a lot of people looking at problems, trying to come up with solutions," Coots said.

If the Office of University Planning decides to recommend the proposal, the plan will be turned over to the office of Dan Williams, vice president for administration, for final approval. University Planning will review the 10-page document at 8:30 this morning in EMU Cedar Room A. The meeting is open to the public.



Go long

Oregon sophomore Kelly Blair threw 142-8 during Thursday's heptathlon competition at the NCAA Track & Field Championships. Blair took second place in the javelin and sixth overall in the seven-part, two-day event. For related stories, see pages 5-7.

Photo by Mark Ylen

Committee considers disabled student bill

The Education Committee in the Oregon House approved a message that would urge the U.S. Congress to "resist reduction" of federal student financial aid.



After reviewing Senate Joint Memorial 3 on Wednesday, the House panel passed the measure, sending it to an eventual full vote in the House. SJM 3 was requested by the Oregon Student Lobby in response to proposed cuts in federal student aid programs by the Bush Administration.

The message, which was unanimously approved in the Oregon Senate last month, would oppose the proposed reduction of the Perkins Loan (NDSL) Program and the elimination of the State Student Incentive Grant Program.

"When combined with the proposed 40 percent increase in tuition next year, the results could be devastating for many Oregon students," said OSU Director Lynn Pinckney.

The House is expected to vote on the measure next week.

A state House committee will consider a bill today that would promote greater access for dis-

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Memorial service to be held

The Romance Languages department will hold a memorial service for Professor Emmanuel Hatzantonis in Gerlinger Lounge Monday, June 3, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Hatzantonis was a professor of Italian at the University from 1955 until his death May 1. The service is open to everyone on campus, and Hatzantonis' family has been invited.

Richard Desroches, a Ro-

mance Languages professor and "personal friend of (Hatzantonis) for 32 years," said the service will consist of music and testimonials from students and faculty.

"This will be more in celebration of his life than a memorial about his death," Desroches said. "This won't be a solemn service."

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Sports

(AP) — Magic Johnson and Vlade Divac each hit a pair of clutch free throws in the last two minutes and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Portland Trail Blazers 91-90 Thursday night to move into the NBA Finals against the Chicago Bulls.

The Lakers won the Western Conference series 4-2 with the hard-fought clinching victory over Portland.

Briefly

(AP) — A student who claimed a flier posted during the Persian Gulf War was a political comment, not a hate crime, has been cleared of misconduct charges by the University.

Kristin Casady, 21, drew a flier she labeled "The Dream Date." It depicted a Patriot missile in the shape of a vibrator.

She also helped produce

a second flier labeled "The Dream Girl" that depicted the image of a nude woman drawn on a punching bag described as "the ultimate in Valentine's gifts for your sweetie in the desert."

Casady said she intended her fliers as a feminist satire of hatred for women in the military.

The University also said it will review the procedures used in investigating the fliers and submit a written apology to campus lesbians.

Three lesbian students were investigated but not charged in connection with the fliers.

The fliers surfaced a few weeks after two other fliers appeared on campus showing a bull's eye superimposed over the face of a Hispanic man and a black woman. The earlier fliers were denounced by student leaders and by University President Myles Brand as hate literature.

Casady was accused of

violating the Student Conduct Code after an intensive investigation into all four fliers by the university's office of public safety, but no suspects were identified in connection with the two bull's eye fliers.

Casady was charged with dishonesty for wrongfully indicating that the fliers were sponsored by the College Republicans. She also was charged with unauthorized use of campus property for posting the fliers.