

Looking Good '91



Photo by Sean Poston

Tom Everson, a mechanic at Second Nature Bicycles, models a coated nylon rain suit made by Jackson & Gibbens in Eugene. The jacket sells for \$39.95, the pants, \$24.95.

Rain fashion fit for a duck

The early winter has students prematurely donning rain jackets and carrying umbrellas. For new students to the area or those looking to update their winter wardrobes, there are many places to buy jackets, pants and other accessories, whether you bike or walk to class.

For students who walk, the umbrella is one choice — or should we say necessity. University junior James McCafferty uses an umbrella instead of a hooded jacket, "because it's easier," he said. "You can put it in your bag if they say it's going to rain."

But not everybody wants to carry an umbrella, especially if they're riding a bike or need the warmth of a hooded jacket. For those who feel this way, there are plenty of other options. Many of the local bike stores carry rain wear suited for cyclists.

Pedal Power Bicycles, 877 E. 13th Ave., features rain gear by Sierra Designs. This line includes jackets and pants that roll up into their own little carrying sacks so they're easy to travel with.

Second Nature Bicycles, 446 E. 13th Ave., carries nylon-coated fabrics that are waterproof, yet versatile, including products by local companies such as The Burley Design Co-Op, Inc., 4080 Steward Rd.

There is also a Neoprene (wet suit material) boot that runs about \$32. With a zipper in the

back, this boot can be easily slipped over shoes or sneakers, and the fabric guarantees a snug fit. The Burley boot runs about \$28 and also slips on over shoes or sneakers, but with a looser fit.

Brother Jonathan's, 1290 Oak St., carries a 100-percent waterproof ibex line by Columbia, consisting of nylon that is coated with a special plastic. Costing \$49.95 for both the jacket and pants, this set is reasonable for students.

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For waterproof fabric that breathes, they also offer jackets by Sierra Designs for \$179.95. Rene Kane, of the Burley Design Co-Op, Inc., says they use two different fabrics — "all of it made in Eugene."

For cyclists, there is a "safety yellow"-colored jacket. "We've taken a waterproof fabric and vented it so it has flow-through ventilation," Kane said. This jacket runs \$85.

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