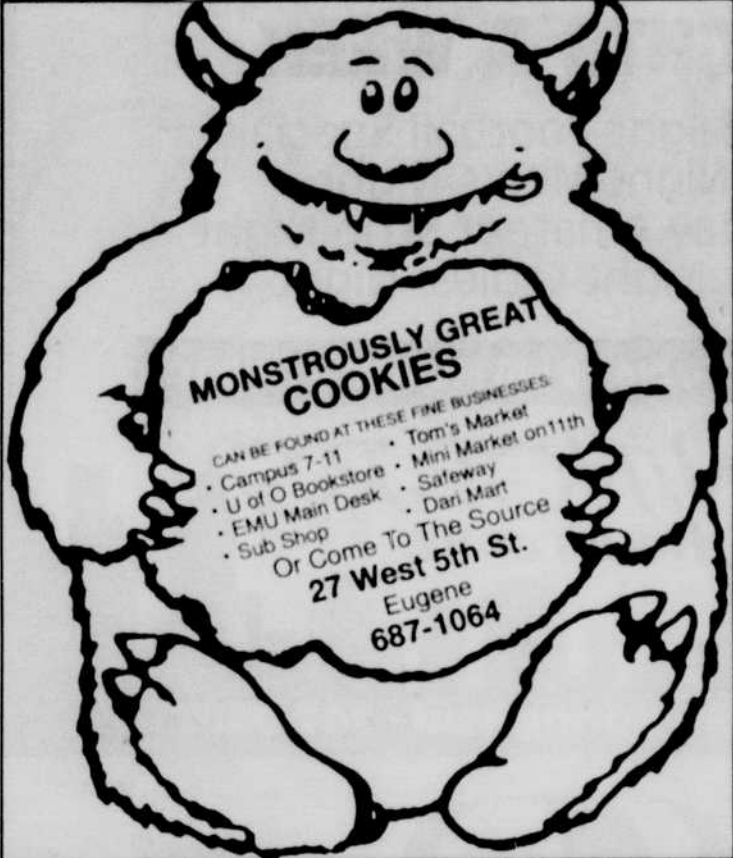


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## Pedal your way to a bicycle valet

By Meg Dedolph  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Bicycle valet parking. Pedal up to an exclusive restaurant in your tux, hop off of the trusty Schwinn and hand it over to a teen-ager with two-tone hair who takes your bike ... for a hefty tip.

Not quite. "What we're doing is providing a service for events — safe and secure bike parking for event goers," said Jan VanderTuin from the Center for Appropriate Transport, a Eugene bicycle advocacy group.

"We're looking for ways to inspire people to want to ride," he said. "Most of the events in the city are in the summer, the weather's nice, why not?"

For a suggested donation of 50 cents, CAT volunteers park bicycles in specially designed racks surrounded by snow fencing.

The parked bikes and accompanying backpacks and helmets are watched by the volunteers, making locks unnecessary. To retrieve a bicycle, the rider simply presents the numbered ticket he or she received when the bike was first parked.

The service is essentially free to both bicyclists and event sponsors, VanderTuin said, though CAT is relying on money from donations to fund bicycle advocacy projects.

"We're banking on money coming in there," VanderTuin said.

Allan Hesch, a CAT volunteer, said although the public



Eugene volunteer Loudon Lyons, 11, helps riders with parking their bikes during the Springfield Filbert Festival.

response has been enthusiastic, donations are still low.

"Basically, the reaction is 'Hey, way cool!'" Hesch said. "It's positive. I think people sometimes wonder what we're doing. We've learned any time you use the word 'free,' people think you're selling something."

Aura Solomon, who recruits volunteers to staff the parking service, said reactions to the service have been mixed.

"Some people took to it right away, and some people wanted to lock their bike to our rack. It's people who have the really rinky-dinky bikes who keep asking if they can lock them, and other people come up with an \$800 Cannondale, and just leave

it."

The racks used for the service hold 290 bikes, fit on one trailer and were designed and built through donations and volunteer labor.

VanderTuin said the racks are designed to accommodate a variety of bike sizes and tire widths and have already been used at this summer's Art & the Vineyard festival, where more than 2,000 bicyclists used the service.

"We'll be at the Eugene Celebration," VanderTuin said, "and we were supposed to do the Grateful Dead show, but they didn't get it together soon

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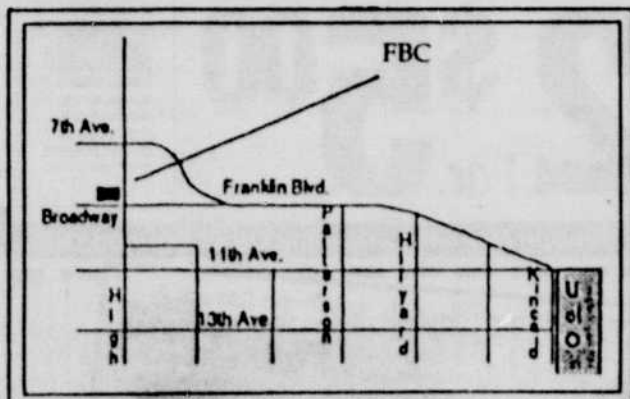
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