

New commuting habits could ease parking hassles

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Students and faculty could do a lot to solve the University's current traffic congestion and parking problems, said Rand Stamm, University parking program coordinator.

"They could walk, take the bus or carpool," he said. "They may have to commit more time to their commutes, but they should also realize that the extra time can be used in effective ways."

Stamm said that with limited space at the University and the huge cost of new parking construction, the best approach is to promote alternative means of transportation.

"There are also environmental concerns and governmental regulations that are going to force cars off the road," he said.

The shift from driving to riding a bike or bus will involve a basic change in the way Americans think of transportation, he said. Stamm went to school in Amsterdam for two years and the Dutch had a very different concept of travel, he said.

"I had to ride my bicycle all the way across town to get to school. But it was just something you did. No one really considered any other option."

He said the parking program



Only 3,000 parking spaces exist for 20,000 people working or studying at the University. Parking garages help alleviate some of the congestion in downtown Eugene, but none exist very close to the campus.

is working hard to increase bicycle ridership to and from the University.

"We set up the shelters," he said, "so bikes can keep dry, and we have been installing those wavy, rounded bike racks that work better with U-locks."

Despite efforts to get more

people on bicycles, the University has issued more parking permits so far this year than any year before.

According to Stamm, the University usually sells about 2,400 permit stickers from Oct. 1 through September. "This year we have already sold that

many," he said. Because close to 20,000 people work or study at the University and there are only 3,000 parking spaces, the stickers have been nicknamed "hunting permits."

The fall permit prices were \$60 for students and \$108 for faculty. The price will drop to

\$30 for students and \$54 for faculty in spring term.

Stamm said the increase in permits may be partially caused by a larger student population.

"The increase in students does not really account for this big of a jump, though," he said.

He said he hopes the University will set an example by using more bicycles in its maintenance and patrol efforts.

"I was even going to see if bicycles could be used in some of the local mail routes," he said.

The University public safety department is currently using one "recumbent tricycle" for patrol and one for maintenance.

The "recumbent tricycle" is a hybrid bike constructed by Jan VanderTuin, a bicycle engineer from Human Powered Machines, a bicycle shop in Eugene. It sits low to the ground and the "driver" sits upright.

The "recumbent tricycles" are easy to ride and can hold large storage compartments, making them practical for maintenance projects.

Stamm said parking is a constant problem at the University. Faculty and students both complain about the lack of parking near campus.

"I spend about 95 percent of my job fielding complaints about parking," he said.

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Film puts Forest Service in hot seat

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In an emotional presentation of what they call a "dirty, secret war" on the forests, two conservationists premiered a documentary in Willamette Hall Tuesday night about a Forest Service plan to log an area of old-growth forest near Eugene.

The film, titled *Born in Fire: Warner Creek and the Politics of Salvage Logging*, accuses the U.S. Forest Service of logging off protected old-growth forest under the guise that logging would prevent forest fires, disease and insect infestation.

The film focuses on a plot of ancient forest one hour east of Eugene known as Warner Creek. The area was torched by arsonists in 1991 and is the second largest and second most costly fire in the history of the Willamette National Forest.

Tim Ingalsbee and Catia Juliana, co-directors of the Cascade Fire Ecology Education Project and sponsors of the film, said the Forest Service seeks to auction off Warner Creek as a "salvage timber sale."

Ingalsbee and Juliana claim the sale violates environmental law under Option 9, President Clinton's logging plan for the Northwest. And they contend Warner Creek is a perfect environment to witness "a miracle of nature," or the regeneration of trees and wildlife after a fire.

The issue will ignite in Eugene's U.S. District Court on Feb. 13 when the Sierra Club and Oregon Natural Resources Council will battle the Forest Service over Warner Creek in what Ingalsbee calls

a "precedent-setting" lawsuit.

At stake, he said, is the Forest Service's right to log off federally protected old-growth.

"If they get away with Warner Creek," Ingalsbee said, "the bank vault is open and nothing will be safe."

In an emotional appeal, Ingalsbee accused the Forest Service of lighting perimeter fires to contain raging infernos, and in the process, deliberately increasing the amount of timber that will be harvested when the area is auctioned off as a salvage sale.

"They're not marking timber sales with blue ribbon, but with torches," he said.

"We need to stop the war of arsonists, and the war of the Forest Service, and the war of the timber industry," he said. "And it is a war, a dirty, secret war. The taxpayers pay the bills and they have no knowledge of what goes on. The prime casualty is the forests."

Forest Service officials were unavailable for comment.

Ingalsbee's attack on the Forest Service's present methods for fighting fires spawns from personal experience, he said. He spent eight years fighting blazes in the forests of the western United States.

But his problem with the Forest Service doesn't mean he advocates allowing millions of acres of forest land to burn. He says most naturally caused fires don't rage out of control.

"The majority of fires are caused by lightning and burn for less than an acre," he said.

Science institute challenges teachers

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A prestigious science program at the University to help improve teaching skills among high school and community college educators has instructors from throughout the Northwest vying for a place in the program.

The Oregon Summer Outreach in Science Institute is a two-week summer program offered by three University science departments that aims to help teachers keep students competitive in science and math. Program organizers said they will challenge teachers so they can better challenge their students.

"The institute is a wonderful learning opportunity for science teachers," institute organizer

David Sokoloff said. "It will introduce them to interactive learning strategies, involve them in the design and adaptation of interactive learning materials, help teachers develop curricular activities and expose them to new areas of research in their disciplines."

The University will conduct the institute, which has programs in biology, chemistry and physics, in mid-July. Only eight teachers in each discipline will be invited, limiting the institute to 24 instructors.

This will be the third of four annual summer science institutes held at the University under a grant from the renowned Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The University received one of the 42

grants awarded competitively to U.S. colleges and universities in 1992.

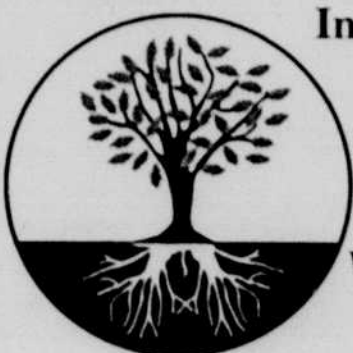
Sokoloff, who is also the associate head of the University's physics department, said the summer institute utilizes computer-based tools and promotes curriculum collaboration between universities and high schools.

The program will introduce teachers to innovative teaching techniques that are changing the way students learn science, Sokoloff said. New approaches to science teaching, such as micro-computer-based learning, give students a more active learning experience.

"Lecture is the most passive way of learning," Sokoloff said.

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