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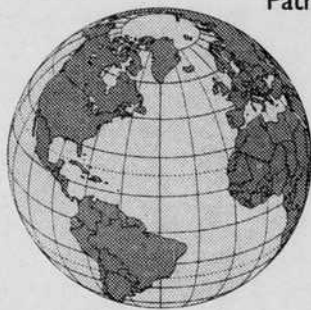
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Life's not safe

The only way people can really be sure their guns will be used safely is to keep them locked up? What kind of logic is that? How does one use something safely if they have no access? If one pursues that kind of logic, then the only way an automobile can be used safely is to have it locked up. The only way an airplane can be used safely is to have it grounded. Honestly, how do you people come up with these comments? Is that what your profs teach you to think? If something is inaccessible, it's safe? Correct me if I'm wrong, but life is not safe.

Moreover, regarding the Louisiana law allowing citizens to shoot carjackers, why the hell not? The carjacker isn't concerned with your safety. Why should you be concerned with his safety? It's not that the carjacker is taking your property by force, but that he has violated your person by threatening your life. That is grounds for using deadly force.

And if one shoots after the carjacking, great. Scenario: Billy Bob carjacks an older woman's car at gunpoint. As Billy Bob drives off, the woman

pulls out her Smith & Wesson 44 Mag Auto-Mag and shoots at the fleeing car with Billy Bob at the wheel. The bullets blow out the rear window. Billy Bob is surprised. As the windshield shatters in front of his face, Billy Bob thinks to himself "Maybe I ought not do this again." Two weeks later, Billy Bob carjacks another car. This time the older woman, seeing that her life is being threatened, pulls out her Glock 9mm and puts a hole between Billy Bob's eyes. I guarantee Billy Bob will not be carjacking any more. Other carjackers, reading of Billy Bob's demise in the obits, may have second thoughts. If enough bad guys die, that could be a good deterrent.

One thing else. Bad guys aren't afraid of getting shot by police. Police have guidelines of when to shoot. Bad guys ARE afraid of getting shot by a citizen. Why? Because, many people will shoot first and ask questions later.

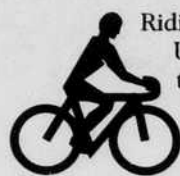
So, if the Louisiana law is something you fear, don't go to Louisiana. If the citizenry use that law, and carjackings drop, great. And if a bunch of criminals die in the process, oh well. The herd needed thinning anyway.

Kimberley Witchey
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Sidewalk Etiquette

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Riding a bicycle to and from the University campus is a great way to travel. We encourage its use, but we all need to keep in mind the equipment, rules, and regulations to make bicycle riding fun and safe.

Equipment

Make sure the bicycle you are operating is in good working order and adjusted properly.

- Make sure the bicycle you are riding is equipped with brakes adequate to skid on clean dry pavement.
- Starting one-half hour after sunset a headlight must be visible 500 feet ahead and a red reflector visible 600 feet to the rear. Those who fail to display the light and reflector are subject to citation and fine.
- Protect your life, wear a helmet.

Bicycle Licensing

All faculty, staff and students who operate, store or park bicycles on the University of Oregon campus must register their bicycles with the University of Oregon Office of Public Safety. Unregistered bicycles are subject to citation and fine.



Bicycle Parking

Bicycles shall be parked, stored or left outdoors on the University campus only in areas specifically designated by the presence of bike racks or other devices for the parking of bicycles. However, bicycles may be stored, parked or left in any area or room which has been assigned to the registered bicycle owner, e.g., office, residence hall, or student family living quarters.

Bicycles may be cited and fined or impounded if:

- Trees, handrails, hallways, parking meters or signs are used as a bike rack.

- Parked or stored in such a way that a safety hazard is created.
- Bicycle is blocking a walkway.



Bicycle Use on Campus

In addition to the state laws and city ordinances governing the operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles, the University of Oregon has its own set of rules and regulations that must be followed for your safety and the safety of others.

Bicycles involved in a collision are required to render aid as appropriate, call the UO Office of Public Safety, and remain at the scene until released by an officer.

Those who fail to observe the following rules are subject to citation and fine.

- Bicycle riders must proceed cautiously at all times, and are not to exceed the posted speed of 15 miles per hour.
- Walk your bicycle on sidewalks.
- Riding a bicycle on sidewalks, walkways and landscape is prohibited, except on designated bike paths.
- Bicycle riders must yield right of way to pedestrians and disabled persons at all times.
- Bicycle riders shall use the designated bike lane when classes are in session.



Roller Skates and Skateboards

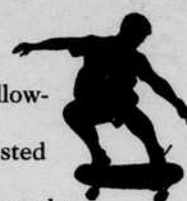
Skating across the University campus can be a fun and easy way to get from class to class. Remember, you share the campus with many others. Roller skate or skateboard cautiously. Here are a few facts to keep



in mind as you skate across campus.

Skaters who fail to observe the following can be cited.

- A helmet and pads are suggested for safety, but not required.
- Use of roller skates or skateboards within University buildings is prohibited.
- Acrobatics or other stunts are prohibited.
- Users of roller skates and skateboards must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- All skaters and skateboard users must obey all campus stop, yield, and dismount signs.
- Skateboarding or rollerblading is prohibited on sidewalks.



Citation Schedule

Bicycle, Roller-skate and Skateboard Fees

- Failure to obey "Dismount and Walk" sign \$10.00
- Blocking Violations (traffic, ramps, entrance/exit) \$10.00
- Prohibited Parking (no bicycle parking sign, yellow zones, landscape area, library area) \$5.00
- Unauthorized storage \$5.00
- Impound Fee \$5.00
- Failure to register bicycle \$10.00
- Failure to yield to a pedestrian \$15.00
- Skating in a building or structure \$20.00
- Acrobatic or stunt skating \$20.00

If you have any questions stop by the
Office of Public Safety
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or call 346-5444

Any University public safety officer or other person specifically authorized by the Director of Public Safety may impound any parked, stored or abandoned bicycle causing a safety hazard or cite any bicycle rider who violates University bicycle rules.

University public safety officers or other personnel authorized to remove and impound bicycles shall not be liable to the owner of the securing device.

University of Oregon Bicycle Regulations