Cycling

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models — the younger folks teaching the older folks," he said.

Niles is no stranger when it comes to advocating bicycle riding on campus. The Tandem Taxi Program, which began spring term 1997, is also his brainchild. That transportation service for University students is the "only program of its kind in the world," he said. By the beginning of fall term 1999, he hopes to have another transportation service implemented on campus. Called Pedi Cab, this tricycle with a cart will provide transportation for those who can't ride a bike.

Niles' involvement with transportation stems from his belief that it shapes lives. He also thinks Eugene could be a lot more proactive with its involvement in promoting choices. He admits that the new TransPlan, devised by the Lane Council of Governments in May 1999, has some great goals, but he believes it is lacking ways to implement them.

> *"My interest is encouraging bicycles and walking."*
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> **David Niles**
> UO bike coordinator

The city is building more roads because "it conceded that the public is not ready to make changes," Niles said.

Though this may ease congestion in the short run, it will have no long-term effects, he conceded.

Niles said four percent of trips made in Eugene are on bicycles, bus rides constitute less than 2 percent and cars make up more than 86 percent.

"We are in serious danger of degrading the environment and quality of life by our transportation choices," Niles said. "It's up to us to decide what kind of world to live in."

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