

Bike hut

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simple targets. Second, cables, often used as the primary locking device, are easy to cut. Third, attaching the lock to only the wheel and not the frame can result in you being left with only a wheel.

Another problem is bicycle vandalism, Niles said. This occurs most commonly in the form of seat theft. Many bikes have quick release seats for easy adjustment, but this also facilitates theft. Niles suggests locking your seat with a cable lock, or simply replacing the quick release mechanism with a nut and bolt.

At the resource center Niles can demonstrate proper locking techniques and recommend effective locks and where to buy them. But locking your bike is only the beginning.

"We want to be a resource for questions about riding safety or how to get somewhere. We really want people to feel comfortable in getting the information they need so they feel safe," Niles said.

A variety of city bike maps and Lane Transit District information is available at the resource center. There's even a LTD bike rack so you can learn how to put your bike on a bus before having to do it under pressure.

"A lot of students don't know that they can ride the bus for free," Niles said.

If you need to make a few minor repairs or adjustments, the resource center can help you out with those too. Tools are available to tighten racks, install lock holders or inflate tires.

The resource center offers attended bike parking for people who have forgotten their lock or

Transportation Resource Center Hours

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in front of Gilbert Hall.

Additional hours may be added next week.

Students can receive instruction in securing locks, registering bikes and other safety information.

haven't yet purchased one.

Expensive bikes can also be parked there for those who don't feel comfortable leaving their investment unattended. This free service will only be available as long as the resource center is open, but Niles would like to see it become a permanent campus fixture.

There is an alternative for those who don't feel that locking their bike outside is safe enough. A bicycle cage located under the Onyx Bridge provides secure storage for bike commuters. Access to the cage is by personalized codes. The cost is \$20 a year.

On display at the resource center is a new addition to the Tandem Taxi service, which has been giving students rides since spring of 1997. The bright yellow Pedicab is reminiscent of a high-tech rickshaw.

Injured or disabled students can get rides around the campus community as well as to and from the Greyhound and Amtrak stations in downtown Eugene. The Pedicab will have an awning to protect passengers from rain, Niles said.

The service works on a first-come, first-serve basis. The telephone number is 346-TAXI.

More information about bicycle safety and commuting is also available on-line at safetyweb.uoregon.edu.

Community brief

Nobel Prize-winning laureate to speak in Portland

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, an Argentine Nobel Peace Prize laureate and human rights advocate, will speak about his campaign for economic justice in Latin America and the world at the First Methodist Church at Southwest 18th Avenue and Jefferson Street

in Portland. He will speak at 7 p.m. Sunday and noon and 7 p.m. Monday.

Oregon religious and political leaders will respond and discuss local implications of the issues. Pérez Esquivel is a key figure in the Jubilee 2000 campaign, a worldwide effort to cancel the debts of impoverished countries. His talk was scheduled to follow hearings in Washington, D.C. of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund to discuss a

debt cancellation initiative.

He is appearing as part of the ongoing series of the Collins lectures sponsored by the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

The event costs \$10 per lecture for the general public and \$20 for the noon luncheon speech or \$35 for all three. For students, the cost is \$5 per lecture and \$10 for the luncheon.

For more information, call Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon at (503) 221-1054.

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