

## History

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would include attempting to find properties and sites that relate to "blue collar history" and minorities.

Ken Guzowski, a staff member for the Planning Commission who works with historical preservation, said previously, historical registers had only listed the "biggest and the best" and largely ignored historic buildings that were not as visibly important. He said this was especially true in Eugene because the city had been founded by the working class, and there are few historic buildings that represent this part of the community. Guzowski used farmers as

an example of one of these groups and said there could be a "house, barn or chicken coops" listed as historic landmarks to represent them.

There are 107 historic sites in Eugene, 87 of which are also listed on the National Register of historic properties. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list for historic buildings in the country. Buildings are deemed historic if they are associated with a historic figure, played a historic role, are architecturally unique or could yield archeological artifacts.

One building in Eugene that does not necessarily meet these criteria but is still historic is the Mims House at 330 High St., which was the first house in Eugene owned by African Americans

after laws prohibiting minorities the right to own a house were repealed. Guzowski said there are other buildings like this in the city, and the board is working to ensure they receive the attention they deserve.

Shawna Adams-Jacobs, a University student working for a masters degree in historical preservation and community and regional planning, said attempting to provide "inclusive preservation" is difficult because of the varying view points throughout history. By deeming some sites historic for certain reasons, Adams-Jacobs said some stereotypes could actually be reinforced. She used the example of a building being listed as a historic landmark because it housed a business owned by a

woman. This building could be viewed as historic, she said, because of what the woman did or only because it was a woman who owned a business.

"In a sense, it could be presented in a way that suggested her significance is from being a woman in the man-sphere," she said.

Despite the difficulties in attempting to equally distribute landmarks for every group, Adams-Jacobs said it was an important discussion and one that needed to take place.

Scott Bogle, who is also pursuing a masters degree in both historical preservation and community management, said a trend to list the landmarks of other groups has been picking up momentum for several years.

"For the past two or three decades, there has been an increased focus on protecting resources that are important but not as prominent," he said.

Bogle stressed that groups need to let their cities know what sites are historic to them because many native peoples have spiritual sites that hold great meaning but don't have a specific building on it. And as the State Department of Land Conservation and Development no longer requires cities to keep an inventory of historic sites, Bogle said many smaller cities don't realize the historical significance of many sites.

"Folks from different groups need to get involved and identify what sites are important to them," he said.

## Tandem Taxi

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shifts and can call for help in case of an emergency.

Niles, who is resigning because he feels the service and transportation in general are not a perfect fit for an OPS-run program, said the program accommodates about 20 passengers on an average school day but might be abandoned after he leaves his position on June 16.

He said OPS has not yet determined whether it will continue the program.

OPS director Tom Fitzpatrick said OPS is currently working on a plan to re-evaluate the program over the summer.

Fitzpatrick said the service might stop for some time during

the summer while OPS looks at how many passengers have been using the service and whether demand is sufficient to continue the program next year.

OPS parking and transportation manager Rand Stamm said the service has wound down in past summers because the campus population diminishes. Stamm said OPS will use some time during the summer to look at such criteria as ridership and the value the service has provided to campus over the past couple of years before making any decisions.

"At this point, we haven't made any concrete decision," Stamm said.

Sophomore psychology major Chris Stein said he has never used Tandem Taxi himself, but sometimes sees tandems providing rides to passengers at night time.

The first time Stein saw a Tandem Taxi, he was surprised, he said.

"I was like 'wow, a bike taxi,'" he said.

Tandem Taxi has kept a log listing its passengers during the past few months. Stamm said the log will help evaluate ridership by providing some concrete numbers.

Niles said Tandem Taxi operates with four bikes, three of which are not owned by the University but borrowed from Bike Friday, a local bicycle manufacturer. He said it is unclear whether the bicycle shop will continue to provide the three loaned tandems after he leaves. The program employs about 10 students who mostly work night shifts.

"It's really not an OPS program," Niles said. "The fit that I

had with them was not good."

The decision to add the Tandem Taxi program to OPS came after Niles approached the University with his idea about such a service in 1996. Niles said after a number of programs showed no interest in operating the service, the administration decided that Tandem Taxi would become a part of OPS.

Niles criticized the placement of Tandem Taxi under OPS because, he said, for OPS, transportation is not a priority but, rather, is among many areas it is responsible for.

Niles said that the service might be able to advocate for alternative modes of transportation more effectively if it were operated by a program that worked toward such ideas.

"I see the University to be an incredible model for potential transportation," he said.

Niles said beyond the concrete service of getting passengers to their destinations safely and free of cost, the program also has a symbolic purpose.

He said he believes that if people see such alternative modes of transportation as bicycles and tandems around campus and the community, those modes of transportation will become more acceptable.

"One thing that [the service] does is it presents an image, which is important," he said. "The Tandem Taxi was one way of infiltrating the established images that surround us on a daily basis."

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# Do you know what to do if a friend has "passed out" from drinking too much alcohol?



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**Stay safe!**

### Symptoms of Alcohol Poisoning:

- Semiconsciousness/unconsciousness (the person cannot be awakened)
- Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin
- Slow, shallow, or infrequent breathing (ten seconds or more between breaths)
- Vomiting while sleeping or unconscious

### What You Should Do:

- Get help! Call 911 (or 6-6666 if you are on campus)
- Stay with the person (be sure to keep him/her alert)
- Turn the person on his/her side (to keep him/her from choking on vomit)
- Remember ... "Better safe than sorry." (a trip to the emergency room could save his or her life)

### What You Should NOT Do:

- Never allow the person to drive
- Never exercise the person excessively
- Never give the person food, liquid, or drugs
- Never give the person a shower (the shock of cold/heat could lead to unconsciousness)

The above information is a guide. Each person's response to alcohol will vary based on individual tolerance for alcohol, food intake, fatigue, and other factors. In addition, blood alcohol content (BAC) continues to rise even after a person stops drinking.

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