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David Roth, an employee at Paul's Way of Life Bicycles, keeps this cycle in shape with a tune-up. Paul's bike shop is one of several near campus, including Blue Heron.

Greasing the wheels to keep bicycles fit

■ Bicycle safety and maintenance should be top priority for cycling commuters wishing to protect their investments

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Biking is an excellent way to get around Eugene quickly, cheaply and environmentally sanely. Even better, when riding the bus, passengers can take their bikes on the bus for free, everywhere the bus goes.

Several bike shops in town sell used bikes as well as new ones, starting at about \$90 for a commuting bike, said Louis Orsini of the Blue Heron Bicycle Shop on 13th Avenue. If you go this route, however, there are facts you should know.

For starters, bicycles are vehicles, and are subject to the same rules of the road as other vehicles. Additionally, the University has rules for biking on campus. Bicyclists can be fined for violating these rules, according to the fines printed in their brochure on bicycle safety, available in the EMU and at the Office of Public Safety.

One thing to note is that — unlike in town — riding on sidewalks is not allowed on campus, and bicycles must be walked where posted. The speed limit on campus is 15 miles per hour.

For those who own a bike, there are some precautions that can help you hang onto it beyond the initial trip to the bookstore.

Register the bike with the Office

of Public Safety. This greatly enhances the chances of retrieving the bike should it be stolen. Always lock your bike, regardless of how quick your stop will be, warns the Department of Public Safety. Lock the bike in a lighted, well-travelled area.

To start, a good U-lock used correctly keeps thieves away. As a minimum, Orsini reminds students to lock both the frame and the rear wheel onto a sturdy rack. Better yet, have a cable lock as well, and lock the wheels onto the frame with that, he said. A Kryptonite U-lock, which he recommends, runs from \$25 and up.

When Bicycle Magazine tested locks in a recent issue, they broke almost all of the cheaper Taiwanese U-locks within three minutes, Orsini said.

"The only lock they didn't break was the Kryptonite 'New York,'" he said.

As far as preventative maintenance goes, everyone should know how to change tires and keep the chain and drive train in good condition, REI employee Matt Simonds said. Other than fixing a flat, knowing how to change and adjust brake pads, lube and adjust the drive train, and when to change

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emphasize non-alcoholic fun during Recruitment Week, and throughout the year there are dances, charity events, sports events and skiing retreats, among other outings.

Once a potential member has gone through the week of Recruitment activities, there is a mutual selection process of choosing a house. Each pledge lists his or her top choices and then each house chooses its top pledges. The process is anonymous.

Pope said the selection process is to help ensure that the new members are happy in their chosen homes.

"Greek life is, most importantly, a great way to meet new people," he said.

Alison Peabody said, "I loved it when I went through rush, but I like it even better now. When else am I going to have the chance to live with 60 other girls? It's like a family—there's always someone to talk to. There's always a moment of fun and entertainment in the day. I wouldn't have it any other way."

The sororities hold their Recruitment Week from Sept. 28 through Oct. 3, and the fraternities have theirs from Sept. 20 through Sept. 24.

For more information about Recruitment Week and Greek Life, students can contact the Greek Life Office in the EMU or check out the Greek Life Web site at www.greek-life.uoregon.edu.



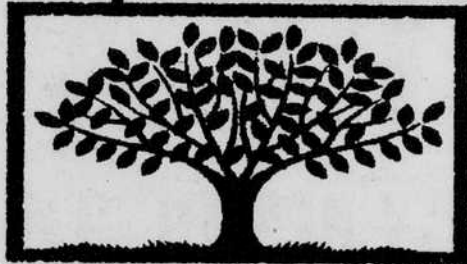
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