

# Bicyclists have one week until penalties commence

DPS will distribute citations in amounts up to \$25 in efforts to ensure safety for pedestrians on campus

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After two weeks of issuing warnings to bicyclists who violate Oregon's bike rules, Department of Public Safety officer Lt. Herb Horner said during a Public Safety Advisory Group meeting Thursday that his department will give offenders one more week to comply before it begins issuing citations.

Bicyclists who don't dismount on sidewalks or yield to pedestrians during school hours may receive citations of up to \$25. DPS has posted sandwich signs near campus and positioned officers to hand out information on proper bike procedures in recent attempts to stem the problem, Horner said.

A PSAG committee on bicycle- and skateboard-rule enforcement convened last year, but didn't report its findings to the full board before the end of the year, DPS Interim Director Tom Hicks said. He added that DPS

decided to go ahead with enforcing citations without a committee report, causing discussion among board members at the meeting about the best way to handle bike problems.

ASUO President Adam Petkun said the bike situation should be reviewed. "It's hard to understand why we went forward without hearing from the subcommittee," he said.

Director of Legal Services Ilona Koleszar agreed, saying additional warning signs are needed to spread the word to new students, international students and visitors to campus.

"If we expect that these policies will be successful in preventing collisions with bicycles, we have to follow through all the way," she said.

She added that the citation process shouldn't occur until a committee has reviewed the procedures.

Horner said DPS has exhausted its options and needs citations to increase

public safety after receiving several complaints this year because riders consciously disregard posted signs.

"We've done everything we think is reasonable to get the word out," he said.

Horner added that once citations are issued, word will quickly spread about the laws.

"People do not adhere to warnings — a citation they don't forget," he said. "It's unfortunate, but sometimes that's what it takes to change the behavior."

EMU Director Dusty Miller said bicycle traffic is a serious problem, especially around the EMU breezeway and the intersection of East 13th Avenue and University Street. Miller said some people travel through the breezeway going 15 to 20 mph and will eventually injure someone.

"It's not a question of if it happens, it's a question of when it happens," Miller said.

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## Liberties: Feldkamp says act equates

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for American citizens," he said on his Web site. "We are a constitutional republic and the rule of law must always be upheld."

### Congressional race

Peter DeFazio, the Democratic incumbent for the Fourth Congressional District, was one of 66 representatives to vote against the Patriot Act. In addition, he was involved in several failed attempts to repeal certain provisions of the Patriot Act.

"Attorney General Ashcroft thinks we need to shred the Constitution and Bill of Rights to safeguard the American public from terrorists," said DeFazio in a news release. "I

couldn't disagree more. Secret, warrant-less searches through library and bookstore records put our constitutional freedoms at risk. We won't win the war on terrorism by putting our civil liberties at risk."

Republican challenger Jim Feldkamp, a former FBI agent, has personal experience using the Patriot Act provisions in the hunt for international terrorists.

"It just raised the level of the law to catch up to the level of technology the criminals use," he said. Feldkamp added that the Patriot Act still provides for "strong judicial oversight" in the investigation of terrorists.

Feldkamp referenced a specific instance when he was investigating a

suspect with connections to Hamas who was funneling large amounts of money to fund terrorist activities.

"Because of the Patriot Act, I was able to ask the Treasury Department for help," he said.

The Treasury Department sent out a mass e-mail to financial institutions across the world to find out with which banks the suspect had an account.

When the Treasury Department reported that the suspect had more than 80 bank accounts, Feldkamp said he still had to go to a judge and get a separate subpoena for each individual bank account in order to pull the records.

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