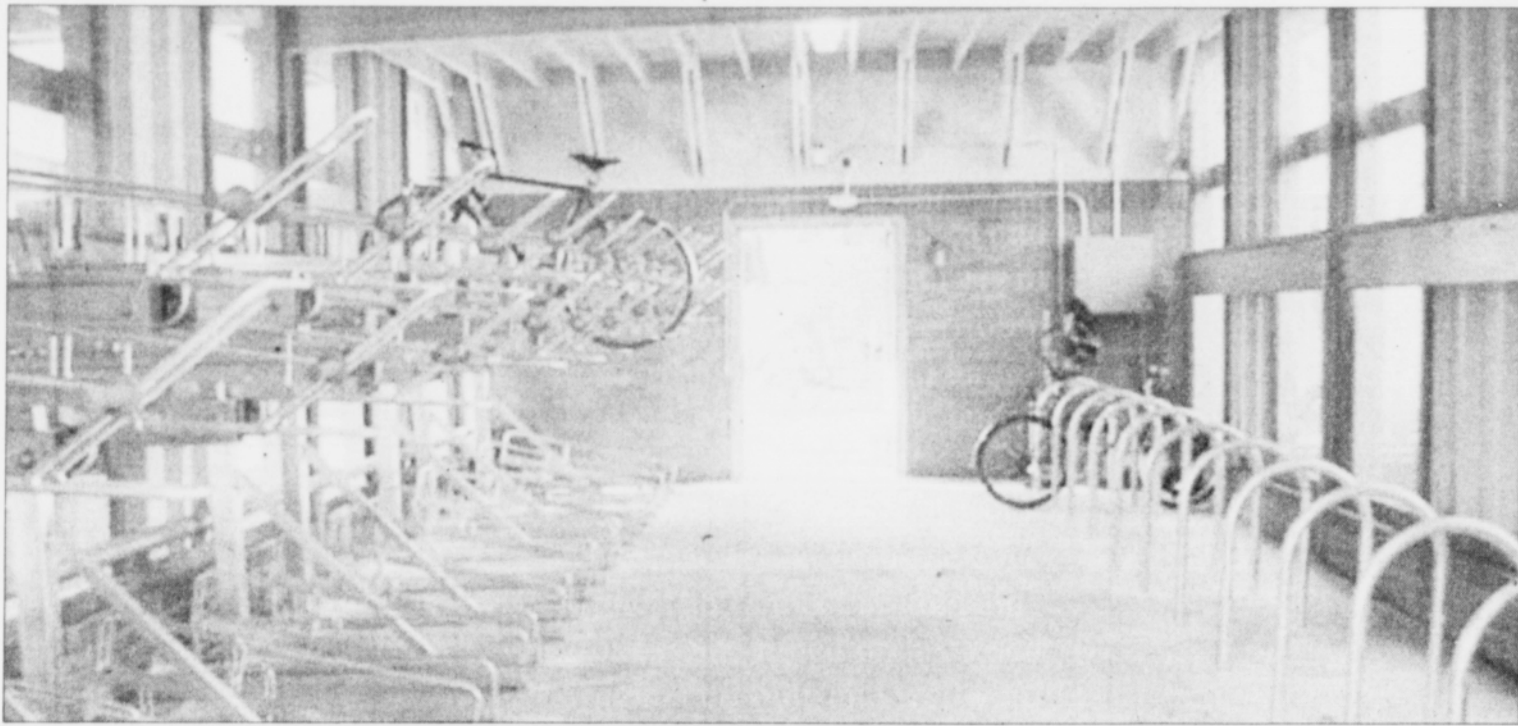


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A garage just for bikes is the newest transportation link for students at Portland State University.

Garage Just for Bikes

Representatives from the City of Portland, TriMet, and Metro recently gathered to open a new bike garage on the Portland State University campus and to tour the new facility.

Currently 75 percent of PSU faculty, staff, and students use transportation that doesn't rely

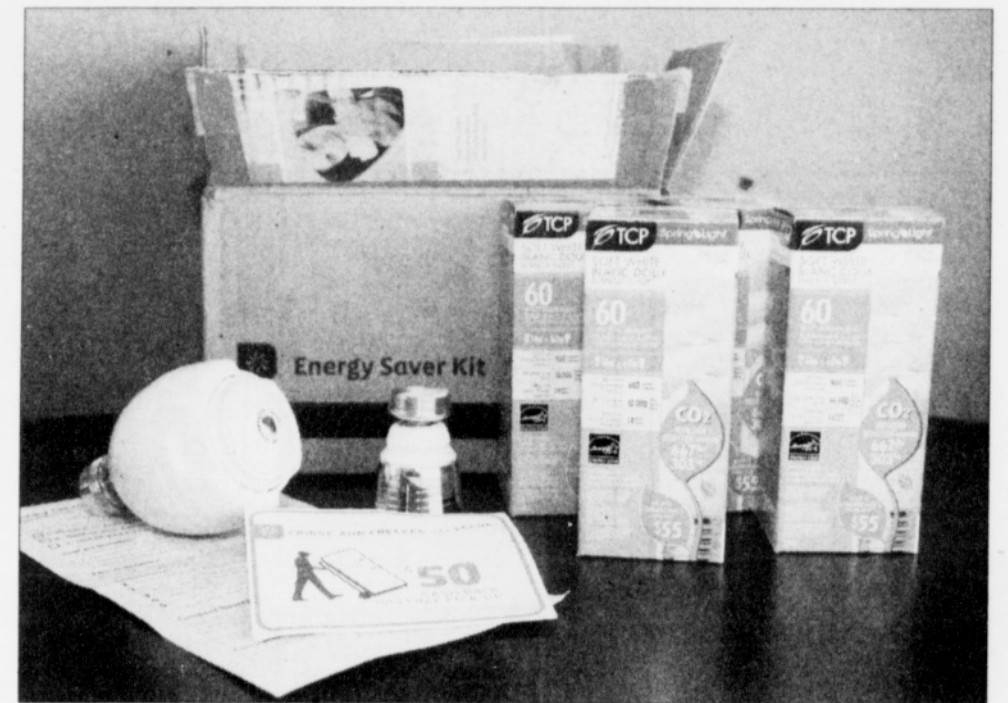
on single-use automobiles to get to campus with bicycling the most rapidly growing mode of student transportation.

The city provided \$200,000 in funds to help build the bike garage as part of its commitment to alternative transportation and its partnership with PSU.

The new bicycle garage utilizes "double decker" parking in order to maximize space and includes an eco-roof.

PSU now has over 2,000 bike parking spaces on campus and plans to continue to add more transportation alternatives to meet demand.

Trim Energy Use around the Home



Energy Trust of Oregon offers energy-saving freebies to help utility customers cut energy costs during the fall and winter high-use months ahead.

Making changes to save energy at home is easier than ever. In fact, it can even be free.

Energy Trust of Oregon is of-

fering four ways utility customers across the state can trim their energy costs during a time when bills can rise due to cooler weather and shorter days.

From free Energy Saver Kits to a one-hour Home Energy Review, the products and services are all easy things for both homeowners and renters to try. And while simple, can make a big impact.

"There are many no-cost and low-cost energy improvements that can help make a difference right away," said Marshall Johnson, residential sector manager, Energy Trust. "These are things everyone can check off their list to help reduce energy costs before winter weather sets in."

Customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, and NW Natural can take advantage of this fall's free energy savers. Visit energytrust.org to review the choices, obtain a free energy kit or request an item or service. Customers can also review low-cost and no-cost tips for ways to further lower their energy bills.

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