

Bicycles in tune with springtime

By Margaret Stafford

Bikes, like bodies, need spring conditioning before they can perform their best. Now is the best time to tune bicycles, according to spokesmen for three Lincoln bicycle companies.

"It is a good idea right after bikes have been in storage all winter," said Mary Hill of Lincoln Schwinn Cyclery. "Safety checks and general rejuvenating are necessary."

A good tune-up, according to the spokesmen, should include an air check of both tires, lubricating or replacing cables, checking hubs, cleaning the chain and cluster, and checking and tightening brakes.

Steve Lauer, of Dietrich Cyclery, said some work, such as lubricating the chain, can be done by the bike's owner. His store shows books and gives tools to people who want to do their own work. But, bearing and wheel work

should be left to professionals, he added.

"It depends on how deep you want to go," Lauer said. "Some people tear their bikes apart every year and others just do a little oiling."

Cost for bike tuning ranges from \$10 to \$15. At Mr. Bike the labor charge is \$10, according to manager Ken Stevens. Lauer said his shop charges \$15. Mrs. Hill said her company charges \$12. The cost of parts at all the stores is additional.

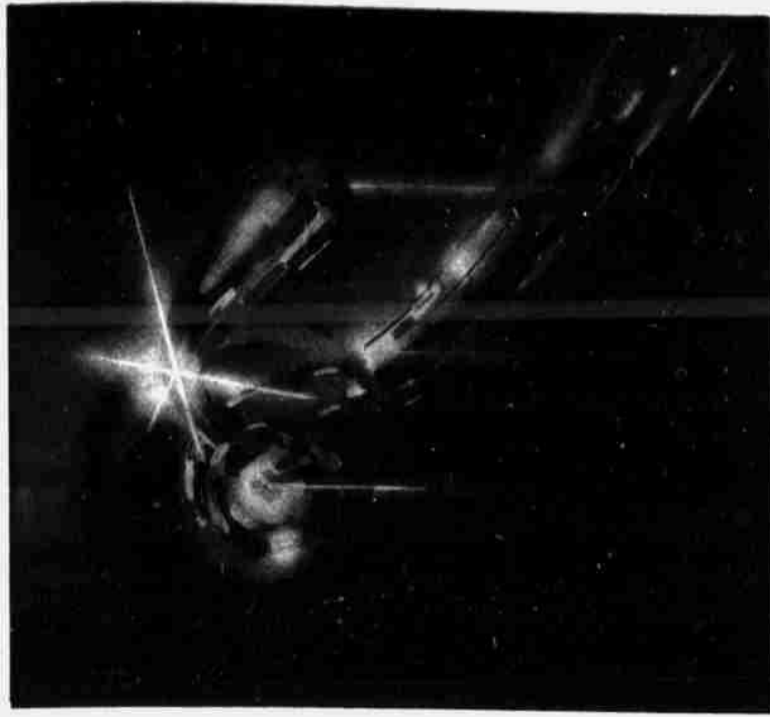
The three managers agreed that students should know about their bicycles to avoid buying unnecessary parts. But Stevens added, there are few problems with unnecessary sales.

"Most of us will take care of unhappy customers right away," Stevens claimed. "Here we try to do the best for our customers, and I think all the shops in Lincoln do."

Hill and Lauer said their shops check the bike in front of the customer and give an estimate of the cost immediately. Hill said the owner can ask for the old parts and explanations as to why they were changed.

Anyone who has their bike tuned within the next two weeks may have to wait for five days for their bike to be finished. All the managers said they presently are backlogged with bikes.

"But the best way to know you are getting a good job is to go to a shop that is busy," Lauer said. "They wouldn't be busy if they weren't good."



Look ma, no hands—against bike laws

Bicycle riding is not as simple as jumping on and riding away. There are laws the cyclist must be aware of. The following laws are paraphrased from the Lincoln Municipal Code.

A cyclist first must register the bicycle with the Lincoln Police. The registration sticker costs a dollar and must be displayed in plain sight on the bicycle.

Bicyclists are expected to follow all traffic regulations they would observe when driving a car.

The bicycle should be equipped with a light that can be seen from 500 feet. The light must be turned on a half-hour after sunset until a half-hour before sunrise. Reflectors, at least 2 inches wide, are required on the pedals and back of the bike.

Bicycle riders should carefully read signs. Bicycle riding is prohibited on 52 Lincoln streets (mostly highways).

Bikers must ride on the right side of the road, in

single file. There should be only one person on a bike. Riding a bike with no hands also is against the law.

A bike should be parked within four feet of the curb, except where specific parking areas are marked. They should not obstruct traffic or pedestrians, and any attachment to a fire hydrant is unlawful.

Anyone selling a bike should return the registration within five days and the new owner must re-register.

Penalties for breaking any of these laws could be impoundment of the bike for a period not exceeding six months.

All city laws pertaining to bikers are enforced on the university campus. Students whose bikes are impounded by the University Police may get their bike by paying a \$5 fine.

Salaries top priority for budget—faculty

By Cindy Coglianese

Faculty Senate members voted Tuesday to recommend that the NU Board of Regents reaffirm faculty salaries as a top priority in distribution of funds at UNL.

The senate also recommended that the regents consider using cash funds to bring salaries up to their proposed 9 percent increase instead of the Nebraska Legislature's cut to 6.5 percent.

Dr. James Lake, senate president, said that a senate executive committee will seek other resources to bring the salaries up to the full 9 percent increase.

"With the cash funds that have recently come to life, I don't see why those cash funds can't be used for a single university priority," Lake said.

Lake reported that cash funds from the University Health Center may be a possibility for the added faculty salary increase.

"The Board of Regents minutes showed the medical center cash funds for 1977-78 are \$3.4 million more than the previous estimate," Lake said. Next year health center profits are expected to reach \$4.5 million.

Donald Haack, chairman of the Faculty Salary Study Committee reported from the second study of UNL faculty that salaries have improved very little when compared with other AAU land grant colleges. The only area of improvement was that of assistant professors. The report recommended that the regents carefully consider faculty salaries.

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The Nebraska Union Board has in concept endorsed several proposed modifications in Union services, and is requesting student input before any further action. Proposed changes include relocating the barbershop and leasing its previous space; remodeling & leasing the small TV Lounge; additions of services such as a deli, plant, film, candy and ice cream shops; and remodeling the North Desk. Blueprints and drawings can be viewed in the Main Lounge.

A third Open Hearing will be held during the Nebraska Union Board meeting on Wednesday April 12 in the Union. Room number will be posted.

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