

## Students victims of bike thieves

Bike rip-offs on campus mean easy money. They can also carry a jail sentence or a heavy fine for larceny, according to University police Sgt. Walter Dunn.

Dunn has been in charge of recording bike thefts on campus for a couple of years now and he has seen over 150 bicycles come and go.

"Since July of '78, there have been 77 incidents of theft or attempted theft," Dunn reported. There were 83 recorded for the same amount of time the previous year.

"That means \$10,252.95 worth of bicycles has been stolen," Dunn said.

Nineteen bicycles have been recovered, according to Dunn.

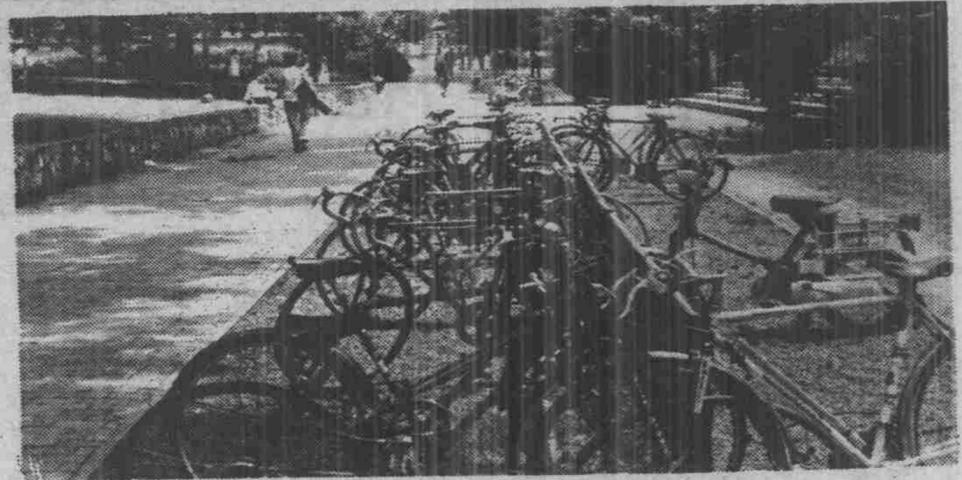
He still has four or five bikes at the station now that haven't been claimed by owners, but that University police found and identified as stolen.

Some thefts can be avoided, Dunn said. He suggested using a key lock instead of a combination and always threading heavy cable or steel bar through both tires and the frame.

"Students are easy prey," Dunn said. "On campus there's the best selection, so someone can just look for the best bike they can steal the easiest."

"The only hope in reducing the number of thefts on campus is for students to keep an eye out and let us know about it when it's happening," Dunn said.

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Locked bikes are less susceptible to theft

## Cycling class to be offered

The Carrboro Recreation Department and the Bike Safety Program are sponsoring an adult cycling class to instruct people how to ride a bike safely in traffic.

The course runs from June 12 through July 10. It will normally meet on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. at the recreation department. The last two sessions will be held at alternate times for the convenience of participants.

The July 3 class will consist of a two-hour bicycle repair and maintenance workshop.

The only requirement for this course is possession of a bicycle in operating condition. Bicycles should be brought to every class meeting and participants are expected to attend all sessions.

The class is intended for adult beginner cyclists.

Registration starts on May 25 at the recreation department. Fee for the course is \$5. As the class will be limited to a maximum of 10 participants, registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

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