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## Wheel chair ramps

by the  
University  
Police

The University has recently installed several new wheel chair ramps. Unfortunately, instead of solving problems for the students confined to wheel chairs, the ramps have precipitated some new ones.

Most of the new ramps are in the vicinity of the UMC. Because of their ironwork railings, the ramps are very attractive to bicyclists who do not like the new bike racks for locking up their bicycles.

Many cyclists seem to be totally unaware of the purpose of these ramps. There have been numerous bikes located in such a manner as to completely obstruct the ramps. Many other bikes have been locked to the outside of the ramps.

It is pretty obvious that bikes locked on the ramps make it impossible for wheel chairs to pass. But even when bikes are locked to the outside of the ramps, a substan-

tial hazard is still created.

When bikes are locked on the outside of the ramps, very often parts of the bicycle, especially the handlebars, protrude into the path of the wheel chairs. Any obstruction extending into the path of a wheel chair poses a substantial hazard. The curved handlebars of a bicycle are particularly dangerous.

A wheel chair moving down a ramp could easily get caught on the handlebar. This could possibly cause a disabled person to be flipped out of the wheel chair. At the very least, it would be most difficult for the person to get disentangled from the handlebar.

University Parking and Traffic Regulations prohibit bicycles from obstructing wheel chair ramps and further provide that improperly parked bikes may be ticketed and impounded. The University police

will be routinely checking all wheel chair ramps on campus. Appropriate action will be taken whenever improperly parked bicycles are found.

Part of the problem with bicycles may be due to the fact that many cyclists do not like the new bike racks. The fact is, the new racks make it easier to lock a bike more securely with a shorter chain. The secret is to utilize the crossbar welded to the handlebar hooks.

The chain should be dropped down through the rectangular opening formed by the crossbar and the two handlebar hooks. The chain should then be passed through the FRAME of the bike, and if possible, the front wheel. Very seldom have rear wheels been stolen from bicycles parked on campus.

The locks should be positioned so that it is as high off the ground as possible. And before locking, the chain should be pulled taut. This makes the lock and chain much less susceptible to bolt cutters because it prevents a bike thief from being able to position them for easier cutting.

There is ample rack space for bikes, especially around the UMC. Proper use of the new racks will provide better security for the

bicycles and leave the wheel chair ramps for the wheel chairs.

There is another problem related to wheel chair ramps. Some dog owners have been tethering their pets to the ramp railings.

The Boulder municipal leash ordinance provides that dogs may not be left tethered anywhere except on the premises of the dog's owner or keeper. The University police will continue to enforce this ordinance everywhere on University property.

Any disabled student having a problem concerning wheel chair ramps or parking should contact J. Dennis Allen, UMC 326, X8245. Police problems may also be referred directly to the department at X6666 or 449-6333.

## UMAS demonstration today

There will be a demonstration Friday at noon in the Fountain area in support of two former UMAS students charged with bombing the Fort Lupton police station in March, 1971. The defendants, Anselmo Peralta and Raymond Roybal, will go on trial later this month. Both defendants and Corky Gonzales will speak at the rally.

## perspective...

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"The consumer?"

"Right on, baby. That White American big businessman ain' about to willingly or morally do anything to cut down his huge profit margin. He makes enough profit that he could do it if he wanted to but he ain' gonna do it because of his capitalistic greed, baby, greed."

"Be straight with me man. Are you a Black socialist?"

"Naw...Not yet. But I've been thinkin' about it...I sure been thinkin' about it."

"Shoot! Ju ain' been here that long. And besides that, if you did a

little readin' of certain books about the history of ancient Africa or the history of the people who were here in this country before the White man came, you'd come to a different conclusion."

"Maybe so, maybe so. Oh, before I forget, what do you think about the devaluation of the dollar? Accordin' to what I heard, it's a good thing."

"Well you can believe that mess if you want to but what it really means is that ju and me is gonna be coughin' up more dollars for less goods and services that are foreign connected."

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