Administration rule puts skids on skaters

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A conference of young Calvinists housed on the University campus this summer became the innocent catalysts of a proposed rule banning roller skates and skateboards from the buildings of the University.

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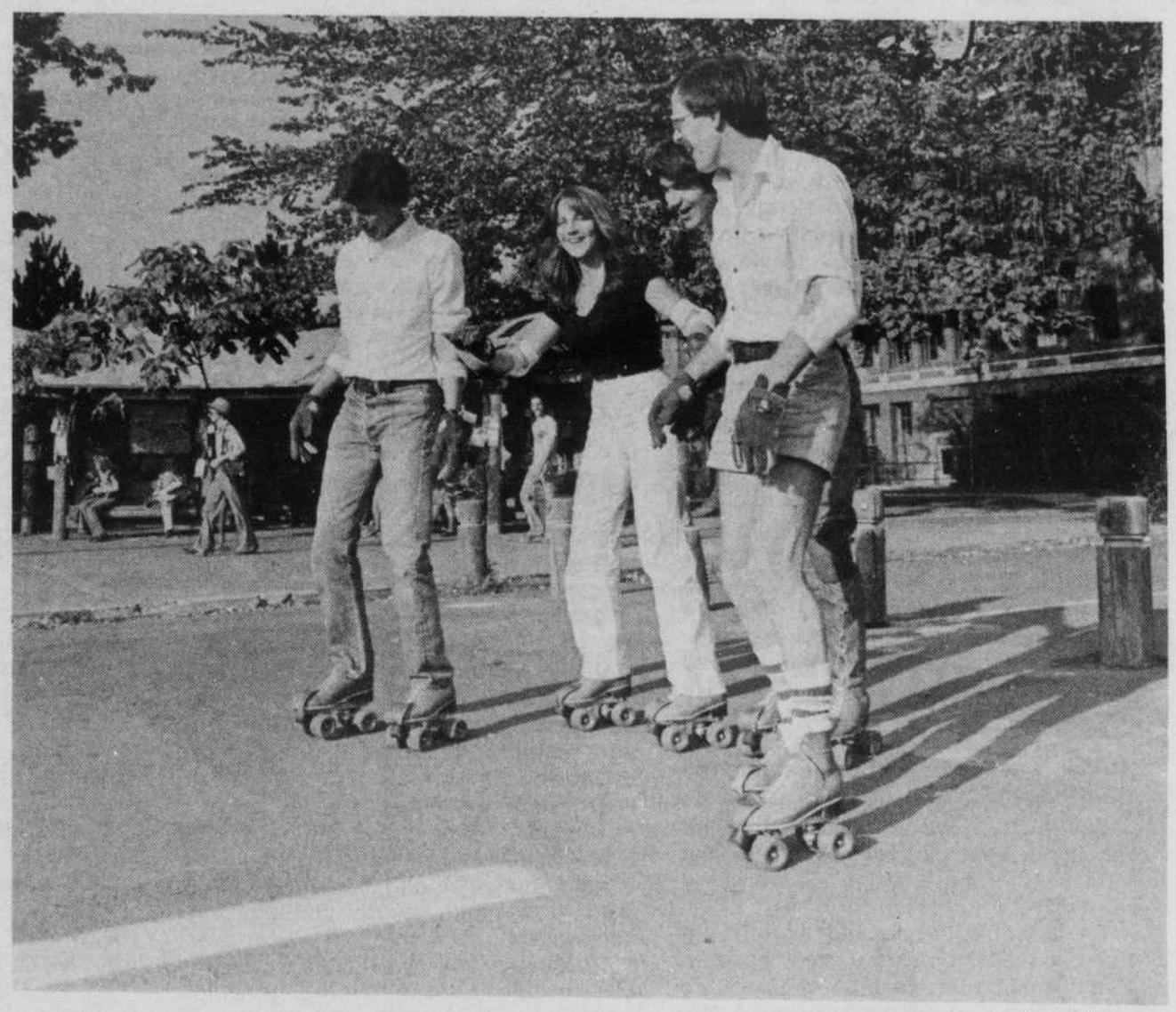
Dr. Jim Jackson, the director of the Student Health Center, says two weeks ago the center had seven roller skating injuries in one day, including two fractures. He says he thinks the rule is a good idea, but adds that he



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While wheels will continue to roll down University streets and sidewalks, student won't be able to take their skates inside campus buildings. The rollerskating ban isn't final yet, and will receive a public hearing if 10 or more people request one by Oct. 31.

Rollerskates can be used as a legitimate means of transportation if safety precautions are taken.

Muriel Jackson, a representative from the Presidents' office, says a University official expressed concern to her over the Calvinists rollerskating in the buildings of the University.

Jackson drafted the rule and had it reviewed by an attorney and several campus directors, including Adell McMillan of the EMU and Oakley Glenn of the Public Safety Office. The rule is in effect now and will receive a public hearing only if the University receives a request, in writing , from 10 or more people before Oct. 31.

On that date, the rule will either be adopted permanently or put on hold until objections are reviewed, Jackson says.

Exceptions to the rule may be made for University sponsored and supervised programs upon the receipt of written approval from the Director of Public Safety.

"Suppose ASUO were to sponsor some type of roller derby, for example."Jackson says. "We might allow for a possibility of that kind — if the wouldn't support an all campus ban such as the one adopted by the Univeristy of California at Berkeley this fall. He says that roller skates can be used as a legitimate means of transportation if proper safety precautions and decent equipment are used.

Jackson compares the degree of hazard involved in rollerskating to that of downhill skiing. He says he has received almost no skateboard injuries.

Building managers, deans, department heads, directors and campus security officers are authorized tc supervise the administration of this policy. The rule instructs them to tell offenders to remove their rollerskates or leave the premises.

Persons wishing to review the rule may do so during the regular business hours at the Office of Public Safety, the Office of the Dean of Students, or the Catalogue Information Service in the University library.

Objections or comments should be directed to Don Brooks, the Assistant Director of the Office of Public Safety.

Police seek local rapist after knifepoint assault

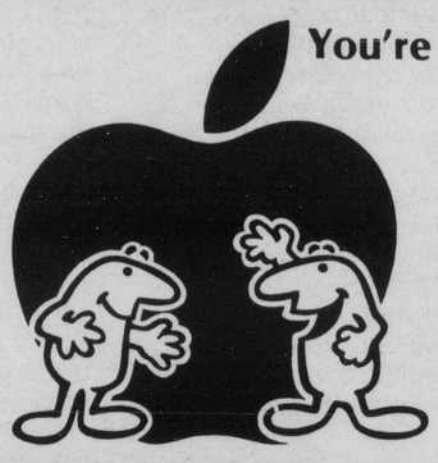
Eugene police said Tuesday they still have no suspect in the rape of a 23-year-old woman which took place Saturday night on the 1400 block of Ferry Street in Eugene.

The woman told officers she was walking on the sidewalk shortly before 8 p.m. when a red-haired man with a pony tail grabbed her from behind, dragged her into some bushes and raped her at knifepoint.

Police said she said the man put a knife to her throat and threatened to harm her if she resisted. He took her about 20 feet into the bushes, forced her to partially disrobe, raped her and left.

The assailant was described as white, about 25 years old, 6 feet tall, 185 pounds, wearing a light blue T-shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone who has information about this man is asked to call Eugene Police at 687-5131.



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