

Walking home all alone? 'Borrow-a-Beast'

Escort service helps to prevent rape

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The 1979-80 school year is underway. Unfortunately, attacks on women around campus have also begun.

Concern for the safety of University women has sparked interest in existing escort services, such as those offered by fraternities. It has also given birth to new ones, such as Borrow-a-Beast.

Borrow-a-Beast is the name for the Bean East dorm complex escort service (hence the name Bean East: Beast).

This service, and others like it, is offered to women who live in the general campus area, whether in dormitories, sororities, apartments or co-ops. Women who must travel during the evening to and from classes, or anywhere on campus, can call on an escort volunteer to see them safely to their destination.

The escort idea on this campus seems to have originated among the fraternities. Campus Security had received several calls a week from women who needed to be escorted to or from their homes. But its policy is to provide accompaniment

only in special cases where there is cause for fear — when there have been specific threats against a woman, or when suspicious looking character are lurking about.

After learning about the problem, the Intrafraternity Council "began looking for things to do," says council president Mike Kehoe.

When the escort idea arose at a meeting, IFC members unanimously agreed to try it. Since winter, 1978, fraternity houses have taken turns being "on call."

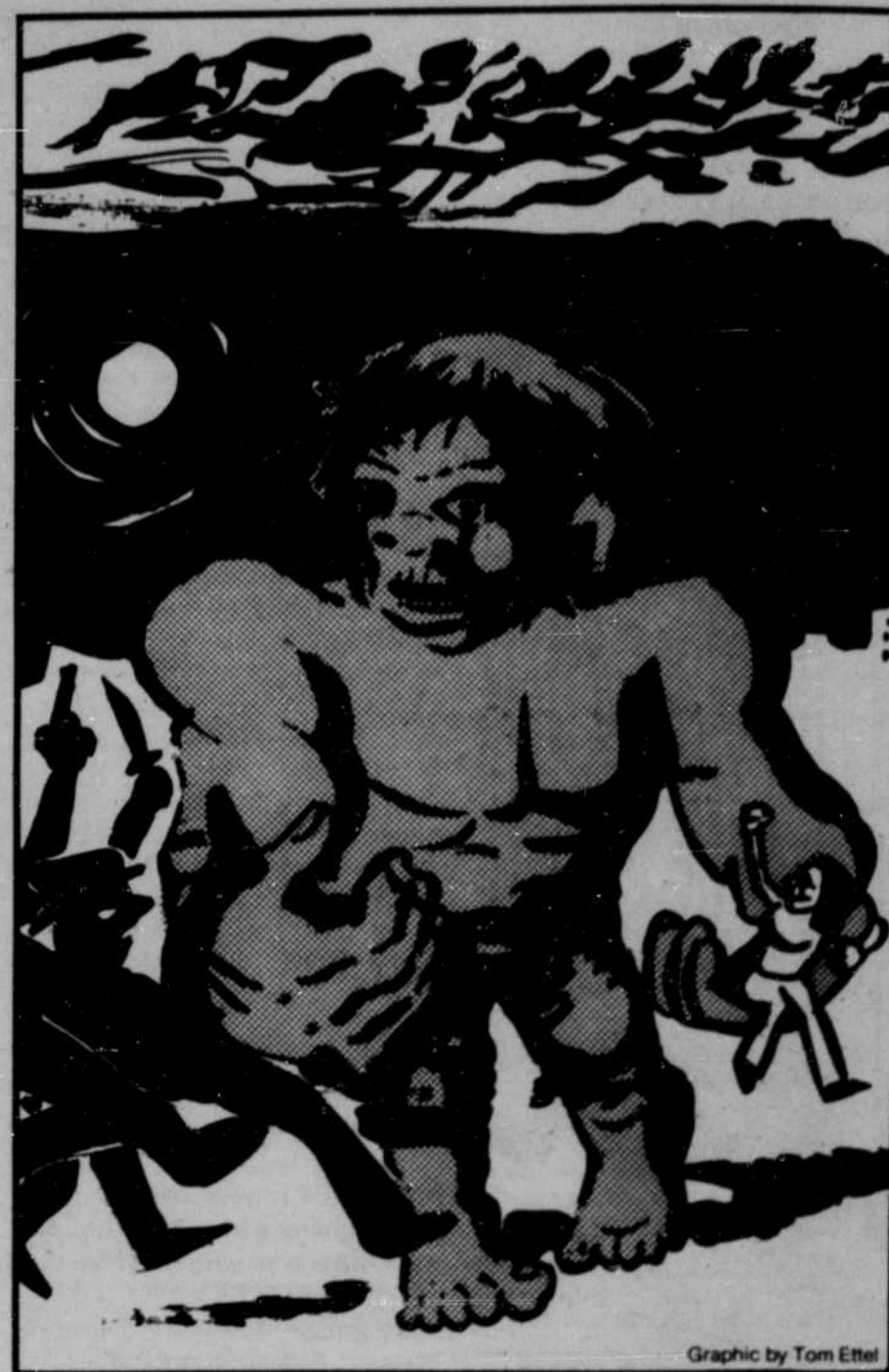
A member of the Lane Inter-agency Rape Team commends the frat members' intentions, but adds that such programs only "touch the surface" of the problem. Women need to be aware of how to lessen the chance of being confronted as well as what to do when attacked, she says, adding that women don't have to "lock themselves indoors."

To lessen the chance of confrontation, women should stick to well-lighted streets, avoid taking shortcuts and travel in pairs, says a Rape Team member. The University's Tel-Info service tape No. 730 tells "How to Prevent Rape and Sexual Assaults."

A rape prevention worker says that 50 percent of rapes and assaults are committed by an acquaintance of the victim, or persons the victim on sight. And she worries about a lack of screening for the escort services, too.

Escort services are not a new idea. In covering the aftermath of an Oregon State University woman's murder in 1972, The Oregonian reported that anyone who had to venture out after dark on the OSU campus called on male escorts.

The idea of women having to depend on men for protection bothered one rape prevention worker, who advocated education to defend oneself. Workshops are always available, she



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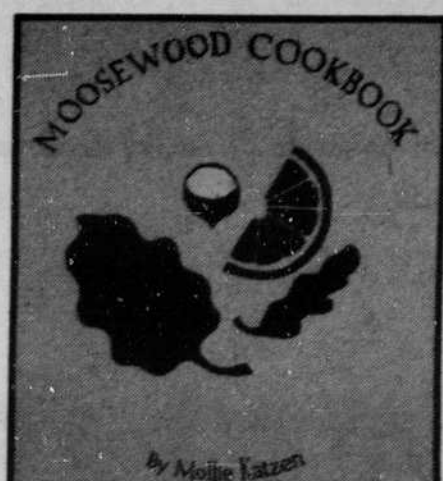
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