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As a result of a recent court decision, all skaters in Eugene — including Douglas Scranton — are limited to sidewalks and bike paths.

## Skater advocates rights for rollers

When Douglas Scranton tired of jogging a few years ago, roller-skating seemed the perfect exercise replacement.

Since 1979, Scranton, a land surveyor, has skated the 14 miles to and from work.

But one day, he was cited by a policeman for unlawful use of a roadway and was slapped with a \$14 fine in municipal traffic court.

He appealed the decision, but lost his case in the circuit court of appeals two weeks ago.

Scranton says he's thought about appealing again, "but it's just too expensive."

Instead, he is organizing a meeting August 24 in hopes of forming a club to promote skater's rights, safety, fitness and outdoor racing.

He says he hopes the club will encourage more people to view skating as a viable means of transportation. That way, he says, "We can try to get legislative support" for skaters and their rights.

He says current traffic laws, which skaters must adhere to, are not specific enough.

"Skaters are in no man's land," he says.

He says he's particularly interested in maintaining the use of bike paths for roller skaters.

"Skating doesn't cost any gas, and you're not polluting at all," he says. "I like the idea of being independent."

Scranton says he's hoping enough people attend the meeting to organize outdoor racing.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the south meeting room of Harris Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

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## IBM awards \$25,000 grant to psychology department

The University's Department of Psychology has received an unexpected \$25,000 boost to its research funding from International Business Machines Corp.

The unsolicited grant, designed to give the department increased flexibility in supporting scientific ventures, is to be used to begin new research efforts.

One of just 40 departments in the nation to receive such an award this year, the University was recognized for its "outstanding competence in human factors research," according to Lewis Branscomb, IBM vice president and chief scientist.

The University's research has included projects examining how visual information is changed into verbal information, how memory works, and what effects noise has on people's behavior and health.

According to department head Robyn Dawes, no decision has been made concerning use of the IBM money. However, he is "looking forward to some very good ideas" from psychology faculty members when they reconvene in September for the 1981-82 school year.

The IBM award, renewable for an additional two years, is part of a program the company

initiated last year because of its concern about the many restrictions applied to research funding. The only "string" attached to IBM's check is that the money be used for "initiation of new research," and not for support of ongoing projects.

## University names 400 to deans' list

Nearly 400 undergraduates have been named to the spring term dean's list for their respective college or school at the University.

Of these, 71 students who earned spots on the dean's list for each of the three regular terms during the 1980-81 school year have been designated Deans' Scholars.

The deans' lists consist of the top 5 percent of eligible undergraduates in each participating college or school according to their scholastic achievement for each term.

Students named to the list must be in good academic standing and must have completed 15 or more credits in residence for the term. Of these, at least 12 hours must be graded, with a minimum grade point index of 3.75.

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