

Schroeder was apprehended. Police suspect Schroeder of committing a large number of the rapes reported in the neighborhood.

But Maclean credits much of the 91 percent decrease between 1978 and last year to "the process of people putting in locks and the publicity of people locking up their houses."

Based on a book titled, "Are You A Target," the west University neighborhood's self-defense classes "really get into the philosophy of rape," Maclean says. Women attending the classes learn to break evident patterns that rapists follow.

"Almost all rapists will test someone," Maclean explains. "The testing could be an hour to several days, a month. Our goal is basically to teach women how not to be victims. And that's more than just physical defense."

The classes involve "a lot of psychology, a lot of information they need to get, a lot of myths they need to have dispelled."

"Instead of having your first reaction be fear, have it be anger. That's a learned thing."

"Women have a hesitancy to yell and scream and shout," Maclean says. So classes practice yelling to break down those inhibitions.

"The advanced class is more physical and less theory. All the target points are learned and how to go for them. All human beings, no matter how big or small, have definite vulnerable spots," Maclean says.

It also gives instruction on dealing with what do do if the attacker has a weapon. But how far an individual goes into combat instruction is a personal decision, she

adds.

To respond to an individual in trouble, WUN has initiated a Safehouse program.

"This program utilizes neighborhood households as designated 'safe' houses that are prepared to render short-term emergency assistance to victims or those in fear of crime," according to a Safehouse newsletter.

A yellow Safehouse sign is hung in the window of designated houses. Thirty-five such signs hang in the Whiteaker neighborhood, where reported rapes have dropped by 40 percent since the 1980 implementation of a Safehouse program there.

Safehouse participants are trained by the Rape Crisis Network. The program originated as a rape prevention effort. But "safe" houses are prepared to render short-term emergency assistance to anyone victimized by or in fear of crime, says Edelka Shawn, Safehouse staffperson. A Safehouse member has the choice to either let someone in or just make a phone call, Shawn says.

The visibility of the program also acts as a deterrent to property crimes such as vandalism and burglary, Safehouse literature claims.

Maclean expects Safehouse to begin in the University neighborhood during November.

To further anti-crime visibility and awareness, the west University neighborhood is also participating in the formation of a city-wide neighborhood watch organization.

Whether police will be able to implement it is questionable because of recent personnel reductions in the COP team, Maclean says. Those reductions came



as a result of cuts in this year's city budget.

But the cuts haven't dampened the enthusiasm of COP team officer April Norman, who believes that trained neighborhood volunteers could conduct home security checks as part of the program, leaving the two-officer COP team (which once numbered five

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and Urban Development, and Local Government committees.

A professor of economics at the University, Grove has served as an economist at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C.

He has served on the Lane Subarea Advisory Council, and believes his 20 years of experience with economic issues can help bring a stable economy to Oregon.

• Larry Hill, a Springfield millworker, hopes his experience on the Board of Directors of the Lane Economic Foundation, as legislative intern for the 1982 Special Session, and involvement in labor groups will aid him in his election bid for Vern Meyer's seat as 42nd District state representative.

Meyer, a general insurance agent, has had other government experience—as mayor and city councilman of Springfield, and chairman of the Lane Council of Governments.

• Republican Larry Campbell, the current 43rd District State Representative, is also district manager for Pacific Northwest Bell.

Democrat Sharon Murphy, a homemaker who has experience on the staff of the 1979

and 1981 legislative session, is opposing Campbell. She graduated from the University in 1979 in Community Service and Public Affairs, and did graduate work in public affairs at the University.

• Democrat Peggy Jolin, incumbent in the District 44 House seat, has served on the Business and Consumer Affairs, Elections and Reapportionment, and Aging and Minority Affairs committees.

She is stressing her support of small businesses, and disapproval of new taxes and LCDC in her re-election bid.

Laura Stine, a founding member in the 1980 formation of the Oregon Citizens Party, is opposing her.

She is the owner of Burley Design Cooperative, and has experience as a management consultant and instructor at the University and LCC.

• Current Public Instruction Superintendent Verne Duncan faces the superintendent of Salem Public Schools, Bill Kendrick, in a non-partisan race for the state superintendent position.

• Wallace Carson is unopposed in his bid for Judge of the Supreme Court, Position 6.

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