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raped on Feb. 14 just like on any other day of the year," she says.

Linda wants the "Heal Your Heart" program to reach the silent 90 percent who don't report their rapes.

"I'm asking anyone who has been raped and has not reported it to do so," she says. "It doesn't matter if it was two days or two months ago."

If the case numbers are more realistic, Linda says, the police will "have to change the way they treat the crime."

Sgt. Chuck Tilby of the Eugene Police Department supports the program's goals. He stresses the importance of reporting a rape and says even if the case is old, often identifying

an individual from a past crime can help with a current case.

Tilby also recommends that women report their rapes even if they decide not to prosecute.

"We will support her decision, whatever is decided," he says.

Both Ormsbee and Tilby say there are still many myths shrouding rape that contribute to the low number of reports.

Tilby says police officers also must deal with a lot of the myths in their own attitudes about rape.

"One of the traditional myths was that rape victims are battered," Tilby says. This is usually not the case.

Another myth is that rapes are

committed by strangers. Only 25 to 40 percent of rape victims are assaulted by strangers as in Linda's case. The majority of rapes are committed by an acquaintance, often a date of the victim.

College campuses present special problems. Although statistics show that 25 percent of all college women will be rape or attempted rape victims, the report record is consistently low. The University is no exception.

"The on-campus reporting rate is even lower than in a normal community," Tilby says.

Since her rape, Linda has become dedicated to changing the way society views and

handles rape.

Linda says the newspaper account following her attack described her only as a 43-year-old south Eugene woman. "I was like every other rape victim," she says. "I was nameless, faceless and forgettable."

But Linda chose to make her ordeal public. She and another woman, Margie Roberts, discussed their rapes and the aftermath in a Register-Guard feature. By choice, their pictures and names accompanied the article.

With the publicity she gained from the article, Linda has been asked to give talks to different rape awareness groups in town,

and she plans to lead a summer retreat for women who have been raped. She also is taking television classes and plans to air a monthly rape-awareness program on Cable Access this summer.

Linda's life is still not back to normal, and she doesn't know if it ever will be. Her boyfriend of many years now lives in California. She still has flashbacks of her rape, and she still searches every male face looking for the face of her attacker.

But she is a survivor, and this is the focus of her program.

"I want women to know that there's a way to win. You don't have to feel powerless, but you can do something to change it."

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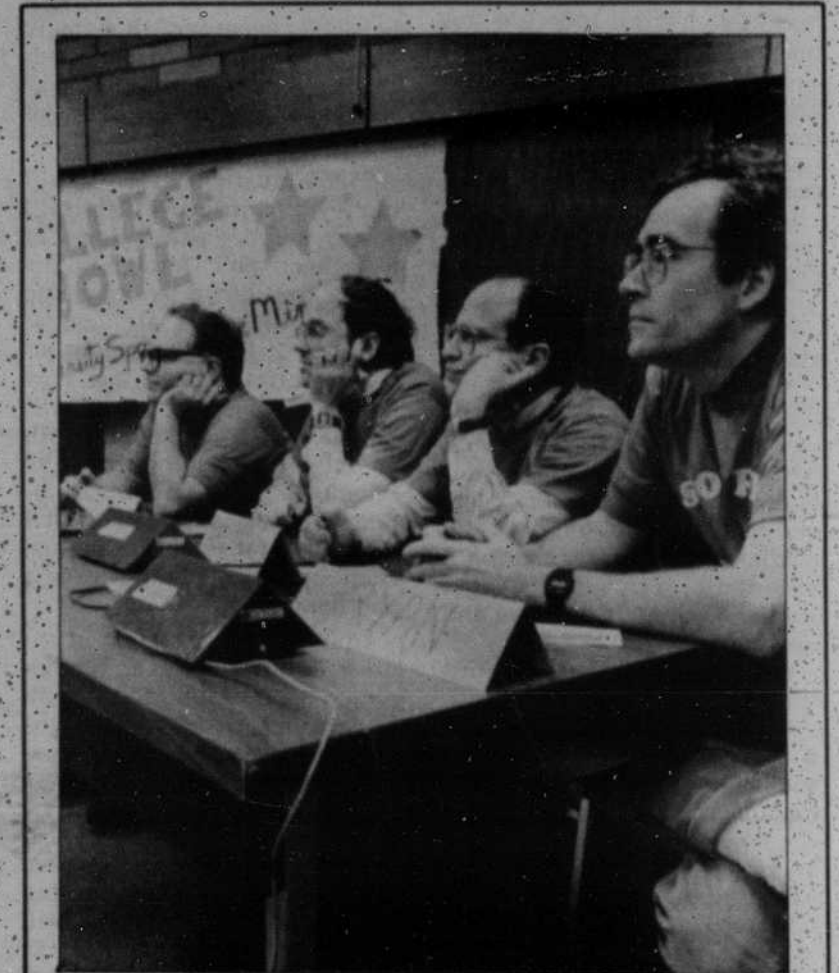
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