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way men learn that objectifying women is the role they are supposed to play."

Increasing awareness about social attitudes will help eliminate many date rapes, but it probably won't help prevent the stranger rape situations, said Eugene police officer Mike Cline.

"Whenever you have women out alone and messed-up, bushyhaired strangers running after them, you are going to have rapes," Cline said, adding that women can help alleviate the problem by being aware of their surroundings.

"You have to pay attention to what's happening around you, so you don't end up alone in some guy's apartment ... or alone on some deserted, dark path," Cline said.

In addition, women can help themselves if they are prepared in assertiveness training and self-defense. Cline said.

"In some cases some ladies haven't defended themselves, and I'm not going to secondguess them because I'm not there in the situation," he said. "But some rapes, especially date rapes, could be prevented if women took some self-defense measures."

Using Common Sense

Public safety officer and task

group member Suzie Hunter said many safety measures are just common sense.

"For example, there is a lighting problem in some areas on campus, but if it's too dark to walk in an area safely, don't walk there," she said.

Although rapes have occurred in the dorms. Hunter said the housing office has safe lock-up methods.

"The problem in the dorms is the students are really famous for propping doors for their buddies to come in after lockup," she said. "Again, it's common sense because the doors are locked for a reason."

But students don't like to become inconvenienced. Hunter said. "Students don't like to be told 'don't walk here' or 'keep the doors locked' because it slows them down." she said. "But sometimes common sense requires a little extra time."

Bailey said he is reluctant to place the security issue on the women's shoulders. "I don't want to put that on women because it's kind of like blaming them for something they didn't have anything to do with." he said. "I mean, you don't want to be attacked. Period."

Wilson said the task force

will use both increased education and improved security to create a more rape-free environment on campus. She said the group is planning to start brainstorming this week about what their next step after CARE Week should be.

"One thing we are definitely planning on doing is look at the University's policies ... to make sure there's nothing that supports a rape culture." she said.

"We are also looking at what kind of training staff has in the helping offices like academic advising and the health center to handle problems with sensitivity." Wilson said, adding that the task group would like to have all the campus staff trained to increase awareness and prevent rape.

"Ideally, the best way to educate people about this is in very small groups with very high trust levels with guided discussion." she said. "We feel like if we can educate some students and all the staff, these small groups are more likely to occur.

"We know this is a whole societal problem." she added. "But we just want to take our little piece of it on campus ... and make this a lesser problem in this part of society."

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The rally also included two musical groups. Vogelsang & Camelio and Majik. The lyrics of their songs were related to to the whole "Take Back the Night" theme.

"Fight back in large numbers. We won't take it anymore. Together we can make a safe home." Majik sang.

Judy Vogelsang, from Vogelsang & Camelio, sang a song entitled "No Means No." which deals with the issues of rape and other abuse against women.

"We can show the empowerment side that women have in terms of rape being stopped by women themselves," Vogelsang said.

"The main reason for the rally/march is because a lot of women are taking to the street." said Kate Davis, guest singer and a rape counselor.

"The stakes are really high. It's about women becoming stronger and getting angry, moving out of fear and getting into power," she said.

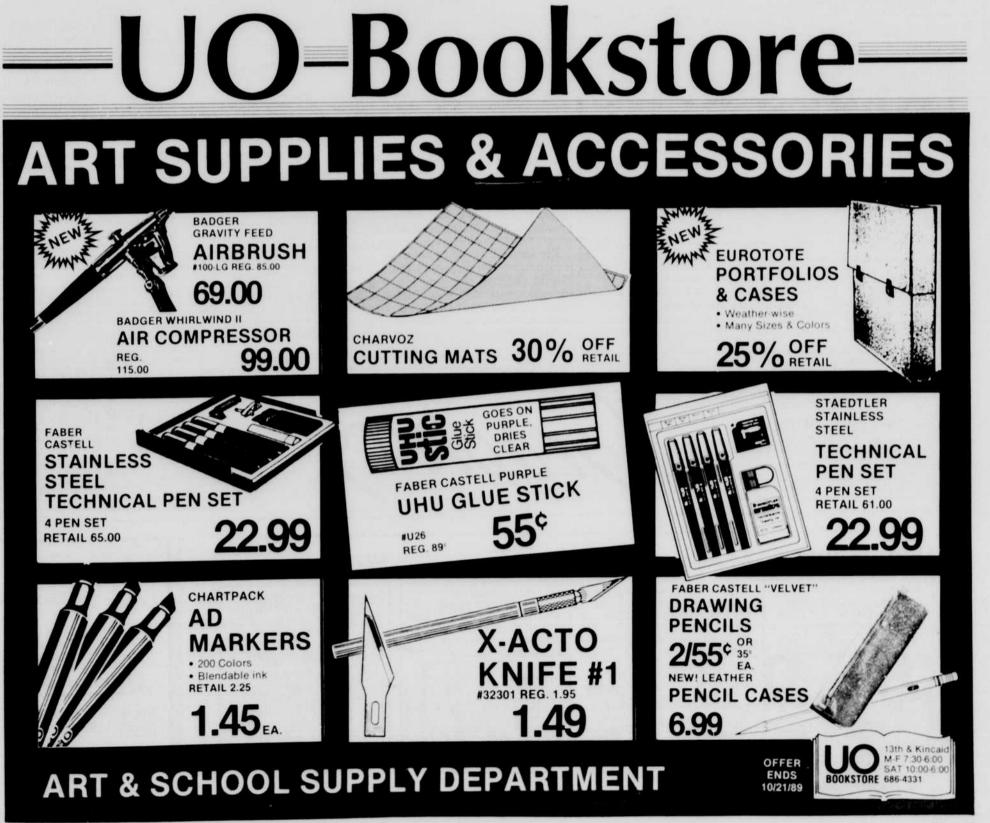
The rally was followed by a march from the EMU Courtyard to downtown Eugene. People were carrying signs reading, "Hey women, it's our right to be safe day or night" and "Join together free our lives, we will not be victimized." Those that weren't carrying signs had candles in their hands and were chanting along with the rest.

Men were not allowed to march with the women, but showed their support by standing on the sidewalk. A Saferide van was available for women with children or people with disabilities for the march back to the EMU.

Tiana Tozer, a student participating in the rally, said she was marching to show her support.

"This is a very important problem and it's about time we feel safe on our campus." Tozer said. "The rally is about uniting to stop something that affects all women because we're all potential victims."

There will be another rally winter term and a women's gathering at the end of the academic year.



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