

Gade: hints for rape defense



UNL Campus Security Chief Gale Gade . . . use physical and psychological weapons to combat rapists.

The best way to prevent rape is to avoid rapists. To do this, stay away from high-crime areas. Don't walk alone, especially at night. At night walk close to the curb on well-lighted streets, according to Gail Gade, chief of Campus Security.

Take a self-defense course to learn how to protect yourself. Carry mace, a hatpin or other potential weapons with you. If attacked, use anything available as a weapon. Attackers are vulnerable, especially to well-placed kicks to the groin, he said.

Scream and kick, but it's better to be raped than to be killed. Authorities admit many attackers are armed and others are encouraged if the victim fights back, he added.

Gade said campus policemen will escort women from their cars to dormitories late at night, if the women would call Campus Security and tell them where she parks and when she will arrive.

If you can, try to talk the attacker out of raping you. Tell him you're having your period. Tell him anything. Whatever happens, try to maintain your cool, Gade said.

A girl, who was assaulted by a 6-foot-3, 200-pound man, said her only defense was psychological. She said she screamed and cried hysterically until he released her. She was molested, but not raped, Gade said.

Petty rape— sex of subtlety

While some men use force to achieve sexual satisfaction, others use more subtle means.

The man who feigns affections to seduce his date, or stops on a lonely road and tells his date to "put out or get out," is guilty of what some feminists have called petty rape.

"Petty rape is not forcible rape. It is not criminal," according to Key Felton, president of the Student YWCA advisory board. "Petty rape is when a fellow uses a gal for sexual purposes . . . as sort of a payment for the night's entertainment."

Feminists, especially Germaine Greer, have named this category of rape, Felton said.

She said petty rape is seduction without affection. She said men enter into competitions, "where fellas see how many girls they can make."

Honesty would eliminate petty rape, she said. Even if the sexual relationship is only a fun thing, both should know it, . . . she said.

"When men come to know women as human beings and when women come to know men as human beings, petty rape will stop," Felton said.

In a January 1973, *Playboy* article titled, "Seduction is a Four-Letter Word" Germaine Greer expressed much the same statement. She said:

"If women are to free themselves from the necessity of deploying their sexuality as a commodity, then men will have to level in their dealings with them, and that is all we ask. There is still room for excitement, uncertainty, even antagonism in the development of sexual friendship, but if you do not like us, cannot listen to our part of the conversation, if we are only meat to you, then leave us alone."



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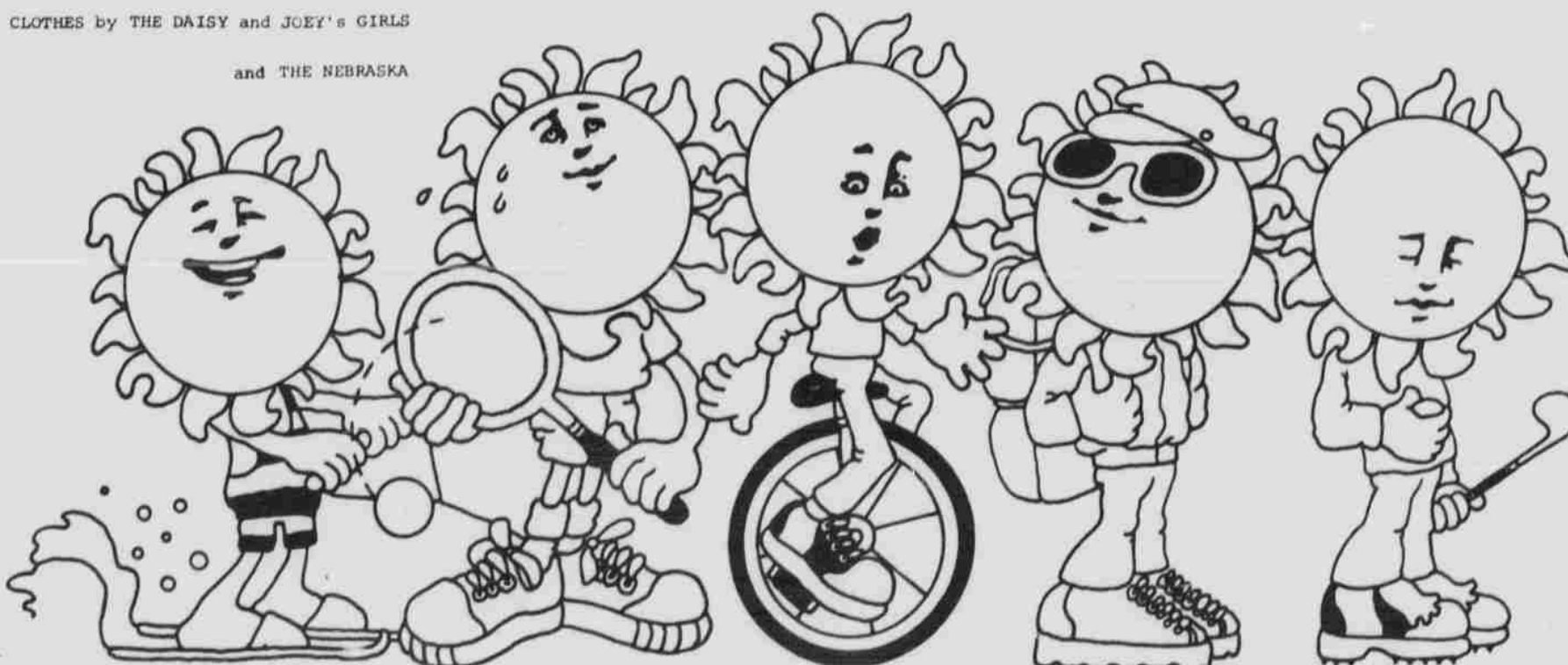
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