

Museum displays history Lincoln houses skating relics

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Barbara Sorenson, director of The National Museum of Roller Skating, shows a four-wheel still skate used in the 1950s.

A relic of the rolling past can be discovered right in Lincoln -- the National Museum of Roller Skating. Located at 7700 A St., it houses the world's largest collection of roller skates and roller skating memorabilia. The only roller skating museum in existence, it is a non-profit organization.

Consisting of about 20 display cases, the museum is basically a one-room tour. One can walk through this maze of displays and follow a time line of roller skating history.

"Roller skating popularity goes in cycles but we always go back to it," said Barbara Sorenson, director and curator of the museum. "Right now it is on an upswing."

Sorenson said the museum averages about 20 to 30 visitors a week, depending on the season.

The museum, founded in 1980, opened in Lincoln because of the city's central location and roller skating facilities at Pershing Auditorium. Although it was created by five roller skating associations, the museum is separate from them.

According to Sorenson, the different associations represent about 40 million skaters, both recreational and competitive.

The museum traces the technological evolution of the roller skate and the history of its athletes, person-

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7:30 Talent Show Sponsored by UPC Walpurgisnacht Committee. At the Centennial room at the City Union. Doors open at 7:00.

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