## A violent society backdrops crime in 'Rape of Love'

Louise Snider is on vacation. The following review is by guest critic Tom Panzenhagen.

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Amityille Horror II, for instance, audiences are treated to the execution-style slaying of a little girl. Sho's blown away by a shot-gun blast. Fair enough.

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IN "RAPE OF LOVE," four buddles get a little boozed up. They oke and crack wise, strut their male egos and massage same, as soozed-up buddles are wont to do. Then they chase a skirt, in the ernacelup of the breed. After all, boys will be boys. But it doesn't track the distribution of the breed.

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The sport of the chase turns into the humilitation of a human being. The skirt is chased, caught, abducted, beaten and raped, And all how while the theorem of the stop the stop that the stop

impression on viewers' minds.

BELLON AVOIDS the obvious and focuses instead on the atmosphere in which the rape was perpetrated, then examines the reactions of those affected by the crime.

The director takes us into elementary school classrooms and presents the handlwork of children who were asked to paint pictures of their parents. Each picture recreates a world dominated by males, who work for a living, while Mom stays home and vacuums or does the dishes. Little boys are told to take their vaccination shots like men, which means they should be brave and stole rutais not associated with, or stressed for, little girls.

It's against this backdrop that the rape occurs—not in terms of a cause-and-effect relationship but as an outgrowth of the environment; a next illogical step, as it were.

Belion makes you realize that the rapists were reared in this same environment and instilled with this same small regard for women. No, such tack of consideration did not lead increably to rape but it did desensitize the men to the engoing dehumanization of women, but as films such as "Amityville Horror II" desensitize thingoers to violence.

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#### what's at the movies

AMITYVILLE II: THE POSSESSION (R). Another family experiences the horrors of that demonle Long Island bouse, but this version proceeds with a strange and serious shift in tone and produces a very different effect than the initial movie.

ANNIE (PG). The successful Broadway musical is expanded and brought to the screen by director John Huston, with talented Alleen Quinn as An-nie and Albert Finney and Carol Burnett.

THE CHOSEN (PG). Dramatization of Chaim Potok's novel about father-son relationships, the in-terlocking lives of two teenage friends and the faith that divides and unites them.

CLASS OF 1984 (R). Set in future, with all the situa-tions taken from documented real-life occur-rences in American schools. Stars Perry King. Merrie Lynn Ross, Roddy McDowall and Timo-thy Van Patten.

DIVA (R), New-wave film from France is a come-dy, a thriller and a romance. Written by Jean-Jacques Belneix, directed by Philippe Russelot.

THE EDUCATION OF SONNY CARSON (R). Film about the early life of a ghetto kid and his growth to manhood.

E.T. THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL (PG). Steven Spielberg's best film yet, and probably the best film of the year, develops story of an allen being stranded on earth and befriended by a young

INCHON (PG). Laurence Olivier in what amounts to an embarrassing caricature of Gen. Douglas MacArthur is only one of the many failings of this movie about the Korean war.

### **OU** offers Ibsen play

"A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen will be presented by the Oakland University School of Performing Arts and the Department of Theatre and Dance beginning Friday at the Studio Theatre in Varner Hall on campus near Roches-

ter.

The classic tale of a woman's struggle with dependence and domination will be presented three successive weekends through Nov. 7. Performances are Friday-Sunday and Oct. 29-31, Nov. 4-7. For information and reservations call 377-2000 during regular mandata waters hours.

Kim Werkman of Rochester, senior theater major, will play the pivotal role of Nora Helmer. Christopher Howe of Rochester, senior lieater major, will be seen as Nora's self-righteous hus-band, Torvald.

for theater major, will play Nora's old schoolmate, Kristine, and Harry Carl-son of Birmingham, junior general studies major, will be seen as a family friend, Dr. Rank.

OTHERS IN the cast include Stephen Antony Lucci of Sterling Heights, soph-omore theater major, as a man whose blackmailing threats break down the doil house, and Mimi Malfroid of War-ren, senior theater major, as the Halmary Juste.

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Gail Rickabus of Rochester, sealor communication arts major, completes the cast.

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The drama is being directed by Adeline Hirschfeld-Medalla, OU associate professor of theater, and the setting will be designed by James A. Hatfield, assistant professor of theater.



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