Rape prevention a never-ending battle

THE ATTACK occurred in the early morning hours as she slept soundly, in her own bed.

The man crept into her bedroom wielding a knife, slashed at englishciothes and raped her while bolding the knife to her throat. He was never caught.

I'm sure to this day, my friend and former roommate recalls the moment with horror. It is probably still her worst nightinare. But she has carried on with her life — career, marriage, family and all.

My concern is that we've been allowed to forget her, and people like her who have been brutally attacked. We forget that it could be any one of

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87 percent bolieved marital rape is all right,
 9 65 percent of boys and 47 per-cent of girls said it is acceptable for a man to force a woman to have sex if they have been dating more than six months,

half of those surveyed said a woman who walks alone at night and dresses seductively it asking to be raped, and
 sumailer percentages said it would be all right for a man to rape a woman if she was not a virgin.

Although not elentille, this survey certainly gives the Rhode Island program a reason for being. It must teach these young people that rape is a violent crime and one of power, not of passion. And despite its violence, it is different from most crimes because of its sexual nature.

MY PRIEND could have been one of these naive students. She came to

college as a young woman who knew little about the world, who had been somewhat uhelitered, and that is where her rapes occurred. It was a time when rapes and attacks were rampant on college campuses. It seemed she traveled the most diffi-

seemed she traveled the most diffi-cult route in experiencing every-thing, from dorm living to her at-tack.

Even though her naivete some-times placed her in situations where trouble could have occurred, her at-tack happened when she was safe at home, and was committed by some-one ahe had never met.

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Thank goodness for rape crisis programs that offer community edu-

calion and services — and help for victims. They should be a model for both parents and our school systems, which should take the reins and reinforce some of these same issues. If schools don't offer health and sex education classes, they should start.

Our young people must know the difference between a kiss and a knife-whelling attacker. They must learn that attacks of any kind are not acceptable for them or anyone else. They must be made aware, especially in light of recent rapes and attacks throughout our area in the nast year.

Drug dealers winning battle of the suburbs

THE SUBURBAN parking lot was full of cars, neatled together in the early fall chill. Stadowy figures, hunched over in attempts to ward off the unexpected cold, walked between the cars.

They were security guards, armed with night sitches to combat what the alghts now bring to our communities.

ties.
Their presence didn't make me feel better or worse. Just disappoint-

ed. "A friend's brother was shot in this parking lot a while ago," noted my movie theater pariner as we walked to his car.

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"He and his wife were sitting in the car, and some guy came up and shot him. Just shot him."

I looked around, realizing that any of the several people in that parking lot could have just as easily been victimized. Security cops don't stop crazed criminals from committing senseless acts.

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Police officials will tell you that most violent crimes today are committed by drug-crazed criminals.
Besides, violence happens too quickly for a guy or two with a billy club to do anything. Armed with guas, they do little better. But certainly not good enough.

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Steve **Barnaby**

"The bullet paralyzed him on one side. He's a doctor, and he'll never be able to practice again," said my friend as we drove away.

Although the parking lot was especially well-lik, the night seemed unusually dark. My attitude, I'm sure.

EARLIER THAT DAY newspa-pers had recorded a series of shoot-ings and violent acts that victimized theater goers throughout metro De-troit. Sure one of the incidents was in Detroit.

troit. Sure one or an ambient of pears.

Unfortunately, that hasn't surprised us for a number of years. Another shooting was in Southfield. And again, unfortunately, we are becoming less surprised by that.

The list goes on — Dearborn,

Harper Woods, Ann Arbor. All good communities, full of good people, all victims of a society that at times teeters on anarchy. None of us should be smug. It could be your neighborhood next

could be your neighborhood next week.

Some mistakenly blame the RunDMC movie "Tougher than Leather," for fostering the violence at varfous movie houses. But a movie that
the reason for violence. It's just an
excuste God forbid that we use it as
an excust to pardon our obligation to
take our society back from the criminals.

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A publicist for the movie put it straight when saying, "I'm afraid these incidents say more about Detroit than they do about Run-DMC and their movie and their movi

MADD merits my thanks

TONIGHT I will be at a Southfield restaurant to accept an award for this newspaper from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving. We don't de-

Against Druink Driving. We don't deserve it.

I am not speaking out of humility.
Our paper is being recognized because we do a number of things the MADD group likes, such as running public service advertisements and writing touching stories about the annual candletight vigil in memory of viciting of traffic accidents caused by draking drivers.

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about MADD, we would find some other topic.

That's why receiving recognition for doing our job is sometimes awkward. But I will happly be there because the sight is to honor MADD's appreciation for area police officers who fight the battle against drunk drivers. Also it's the least I can do for the MADD people who are really the ones deserving of an award.

MADD has always been one of my favortieg groups. Some people think MADD is single-minded, too persis-



people every two years. The result is a small group of volunteers trying to promote some live-saving sobriety into our social habits.

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MADD IS most noted for persuading legislators to pass tough drank withing laws and for monitoring courtrooms to see that judges pass some times that is true. More power to MADD.

IN SEPARATE accidents, two people close to my family were killed. The drivers at fault had been drinking. I suspect others in the room tonight will have similar stories. Sadly, the death of a loved one is often the motivating factor for joining MAD:

But I suspect I could be in any room and be near people who have more and the like. They are serious probine defined in the motivating factor for joining MAD:

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Think about it. Some 50,000 Americans were killed in Vietnam. The result was a divided country, student riots and a president forced out of office. Drinking drivers kill 50,000

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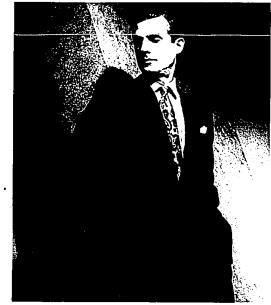


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