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them, said Chris Lambert, Rape Crisis Network's community education coordinator. Men are taught to be strong, powerful and aggressive, to express anger, to protect women, and to take the lead and assert themselves, she said.

Men need to accept that rape is a male-initiated violent act perpetuated by society's traditional definitions of male and female behavior, she said. "It is important to realize that it is men's responsibility to combat sexual violence; it's their job. Therefore, it's important for men to be humble and sensitive about their participation," she said.

Rob Tarver, a Eugene businessman and co-coordinator of the group, said it's often difficult for men to communicate because society has programmed them to be aggressive and dominant.

Men trade off contact and sharing for dominance, and often have a lack of trust, love and caring, he said. They also may be lonely, he said, adding that women don't always realize that men are jealous of the strong bonds of friendship women often form.

Men need to acquire more traditional female roles such as caring and displaying emotion, he said, and women need to acquire more traditional male qualities such as assertiveness.

According to Lambert, it is helpful for men to work side by side with women to stop rape "because men are often reluctant to believe that they or their friends could have dominated women sexually."

"They provide a necessary role model for other men," she said. "When they admit that they have at some time committed marital rape or pressured their partner into having sex, it's very powerful."

Also, for rape and other violence against women to end, society must stop endorsing violence, Lambert said. For example, violence against women

is glorified in advertisements and movies, she said.

In a 1986 article in Nurturing News, George Marx, the

uncertainties about male/female dynamics, socialization in a rape culture and sexism.

The group will help with the

**'It's difficult to talk about the issue of rape with other guys, but when you talk one-on-one with them, they usually accept that they are responsible for preventing rape.'**

— Jim Mours

founder of the Men's Anti-Rape Resource Center based in Wisconsin, said. "Working to end rape isn't easy, but it is very important. Part of the work requires us to become new men, who are loving, caring and accepting people."

"I hear a lot of criticism of the pro-feminist men's movement from other men...that we are wimps cowing to radical lesbians."

"We have to take responsibility for ourselves and build our own strengths in a variety of ways," he said.

There are currently between 100 and 200 anti-violence groups for men nationwide. The Eugene-based Men Against Rape is a part of this national coalition.

The group was founded in February 1985 and received funding from the ASUO for the first time this year. The group is open to both men and women, and includes University students and community members. Both Tarver and Perry have received training in rape crisis counseling.

Men Against Rape meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the EMU. The room number is posted on the EMU daily events board. Its office is in Suite 1, EMU.

Part of the meeting is spent discussing business matters, and part is spent exploring current relevant issues. Members often discuss their feelings and

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for the university," he said.

The vice rector and student leaders described UES as the only free zone in El Salvador, Loving said.

In 1977, the university had 26,000 students enrolled. Now it has 32,000. And UES officials are demanding that the government properly fund the university. Its budget is written into, and guaranteed by, the Salvadoran constitution.

The UES is receiving money for faculty and university workers' salaries, but it is not receiving any money for rebuilding the University or for basic supplies.

"The rector said right now they need \$25 million just to get back to where they were just

before the intervention," MacDonald said.

"The future of the country has been damaged directly by the government withholding the university's budget," Loving said.

"What we know, and as a delegation what we were able to perceive — and it is very clear in talking to the various groups we did meet with — is that the university is a sort of a thorn in the side of the government," MacDonald said.

"The rector and the vice rector directly came out and said we, as U.S. delegates, have to remember the U.S. is financing their repression," Loving said. "They are almost risking their lives by saying that."

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