

According To MADD

# Drunk Drivers Cost Society \$24 Billion Each Year

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"THEY'RE MADD, AND THEY THINK YOU SHOULD BE TOO!"

The following statistics about drunk drivers are life taking. You should be aware of what they are, because one day you might be included in them.

Drunk drivers cause more deaths, injuries and destruction than murderers, muggers, robbers, rapists and thieves. Over the past decade, 250,000 Americans have died because of drunken driving - an average of 25,000 Americans a year, or 70 a day. This is more than five times the number of U.S. combat deaths in Vietnam. Drunk drivers cost society \$24 billion each year in court time, rehabilitation, lost earnings and other expenses.

MADD's (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) is the VOICE of the VICTIM. It is dedicated to bringing victims' rights and the issues of drunk driving into the public eye and keeping them there.

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers began as Candy Lightner's crusade for personal justice when her daughter, Cari, was struck and killed by a hit-and-run drunk driver on May 3, 1980. At one time MADD consisted of Candy and a few friends working out of her home. Today, it is a movement of victims and concerned men and women with more than 95 chapters in more than 30 states.

Mrs. Lucy Dickens, program chairman of the Charlotte Chapter of MADD, became a member at the first meeting held May, 1982. There are eight active members, four who attend according to the schedules and 75 who give monetary contributions. Their meetings being at 8 p.m. on the Third Tuesday of each month in the Youth Lounge at St. John's Baptist Church. Mrs. Carolyn Williams, president, has one son; Paul Alwine, vice president, has two children and is a grandfather and



Lucy Dickens is shown with her six and one-half year-old daughter, Rachel.

Mrs. Carol York, secretary-treasurer, has two sons. Ironically, none of the members of the Charlotte Chapter of MADD have lost any children to drunk drivers.

"I got involved with MADD because I wanted to live to be a mother. I almost didn't live to get married," began Dickens.

The mother of six and one-half year-old Rachel recalls the terrible incident which took place in January, 1981. "My boy friend, Hank (now husband), another man and I were involved in a car accident caused by a drunk driver. The drunk driver crossed five lanes to hit my car head on and I slammed on my brakes. I wondered what it would be like to be dead. His car was drivable, but mine cost me almost \$4,000 worth of damage. I told him, 'You could have killed us!' He said, 'Shut up! It happens all the time.'"

According to Dickens, the police let him drive away from the scene knowing that he was intoxicated, because he only lived three blocks away. She was 30 miles away from home

and had to get there the best way she could. The police also gave the drunk driver, who had no car insurance, tickets for failure to control speed and failure to avoid an accident.

The full-time mother laughs about the unbelievable act of the police and adds, "I feel fortunate that I wasn't injured. I only received scrapes and bruises on my legs and a bump on the head from the sun visor. Some people are crippled or maimed for life." She married Hank nine months after the car accident.

When Dickens was a kindergarten teacher in Texas in 1979 she attended a funeral with four caskets. One casket contained the body of her student who, along with three members of her family, were killed in a car accident caused by a drunk driver. The student left behind, her father and two brothers. Two of the three boys were killed in the car which contained the drunk driver.

On the weekend of Halloween, 1982, Rose Little, driver, and her passenger

were intoxicated. Little got on the Brookshire Freeway, near Outlet Square Mall, going west bound on east bound side. She sideswiped one car and hit another one head on. The passenger of Little's car died, and several others were injured. Dickens mentioned that Judge Griffin gave Little, a \$100 fine, convicted her of manslaughter and told her not to drive in North Carolina while intoxicated.

All of the above incidents bring about the purpose and goals of MADD in Charlotte. "We are not against drinking, but we want to try to get the drunk driver off the road and change people's attitudes about driving after drinking. We want to see the laws tighten up against drunk drivers and try to be a preventive force against them. The fines the judges give to drunk drivers in

Mecklenburg County are ridiculous," is the consensus of MADD members.

Dickens is pleased to say that during the Christmas weekend, the fatality rate was the lowest since the early 1940's, and Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) has been established at East Mecklenburg High School, Independence High School and Albemarle Road Junior High School.

Mrs. Lucy Dickens pointed out, "A lot of people who are interested in MADD haven't gotten involved. We need your help to spread the word against drunk drivers and monitor in courts to see how our laws aren't or are working for the victims."

To become involved, all you have to do is write Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, P. O. Box 230045, Charlotte, N.C. 28222 or call 568-4325.

## Winn-Dixie Reports Sales Increase

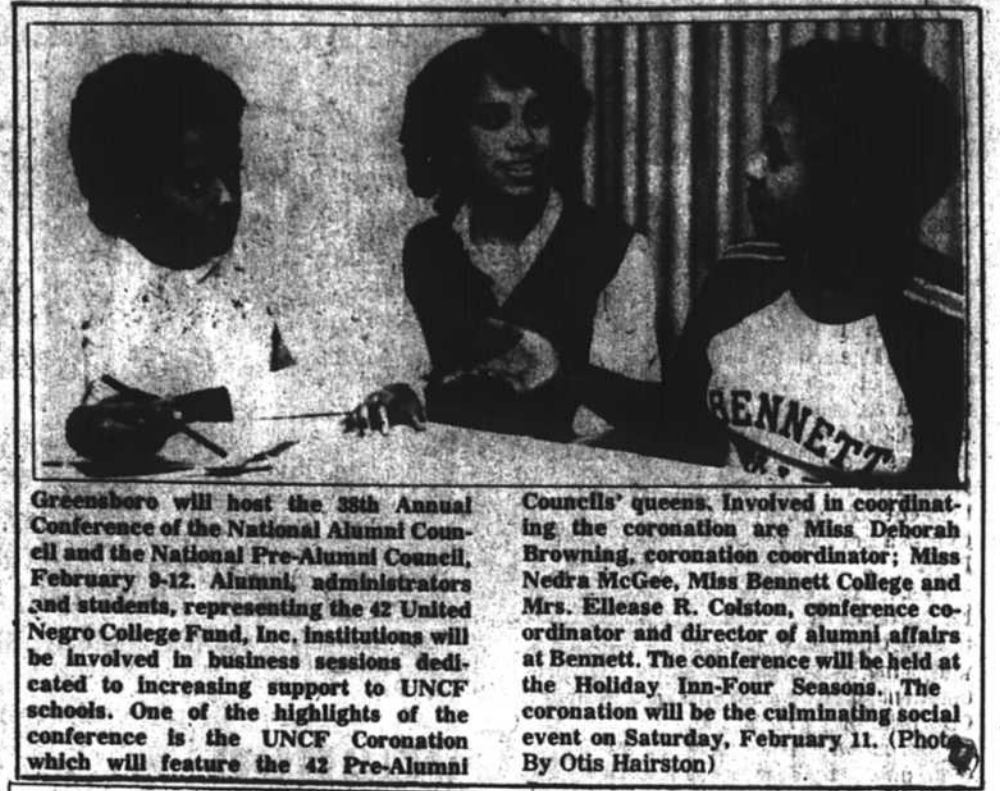
Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., reported sales for the 16 weeks ending January 11, 1984, of \$2,204,293,000, as compared with \$2,154,903,000 for the comparable period ended January 12, 1983, an increase of 2.3 percent.

For the 28 weeks ending January 11, the sales total was \$3,852,269,000, compared with \$3,737,727,000, an increase of 3.1 percent.

Earnings after taxes for the 16 week period were \$35,014,000, or .86 per share, compared with \$32,955,000, or .79 per share last year. Cumulative current year earnings amounted to \$54,413,000, or 1.32 per share, compared with \$53,

638,000 or 1.30 per share last year. Per share amounts are adjusted for the five for three stock split in October, 1983.

Winn-Dixie opened 30 new stores and closed 16 older stores since June 29, 1983, having 1,224 units in operation on January 11, 1984, compared with 1,220 last year.



Greensboro will host the 38th Annual Conference of the National Alumni Council and the National Pre-Alumni Council, February 9-12. Alumni administrators and students, representing the 42 United Negro College Fund, Inc. institutions will be involved in business sessions dedicated to increasing support to UNCF schools. One of the highlights of the conference is the UNCF Coronation which will feature the 42 Pre-Alumni Councils' queens. Involved in coordinating the coronation are Miss Deborah Browning, coronation coordinator; Miss Nedra McGee, Miss Bennett College and Mrs. Ellease R. Colston, conference coordinator and director of alumni affairs at Bennett. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn-Four Seasons. The coronation will be the culminating social event on Saturday, February 11. (Photo by Otis Hairston)

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195-15	79.72	\$8.88
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P205/75R-15	86.96	\$6.78
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195-15	\$2.00	\$7.88
165/70-13	78.00	\$7.88
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