



The paparazzi

# The Paparazzi and Princess Diana

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Mel Gibson might be getting a divorce. The Queen of England might step down. Madonna is sick and dying.

All these statements are lies, but they drew you in to read this article. Tabloids do the same thing, as do talk shows. They capture us with an appealing headline that sparks our curiosity.

With the death of Princess Diana the press is being questioned the world over. The right to privacy has become a pressing issue. Celebrities have argued that their privacies are being disregarded. "But both are equally to blame," says Richard Steer, a student in London, "the celebrities because they encourage positive advertising but are upset when it turns on them. . . the press, because they are basically soulless and manipulative."

Initially the paparazzi were blamed for Princess Diana's death. Later it was known that the driver of the car had been drunk. But the paparazzi had hounded Diana since her marriage to Prince Charles. They were a constant source of stress to her, as they are

to many other celebrities.

The paparazzi aren't the typical journalists. They are photographers and journalists who are known to act almost like bounty hunters. The "bounty" is the price placed on the most revealing picture, the most bizarre—usually private—story.

"Paparazzi are a bad thing," says Steven Lark, another London student, "they only annoy celebrities who are lucky enough not to have to struggle with life's prob-

lems such as working constantly for cash or worry where the next meal is coming from."

The fact is that we buy these papers, we watch those talk shows, we want to hear this gossip. The consumer has to accept some of the responsibility.

Tom Cruise called up CNN hours after Diana's death. In his call, he blamed the rise of the paparazzi with money: "You look at the kind of money that is generated for the newspapers and for these paparazzi—that's why the paparazzi are so persistent."

It all comes down to us. If we want this gossip, the paparazzi are

going to thrive. The bounties are going to rise. But if we don't buy that magazine, if we turn off that Geraldo episode, and if we enjoy the celebrities without immersing ourselves in their personal lives we defeat the paparazzi.

Guilford College loves to use the word "boycott." Boycotts do make a huge difference as they cut off a company's supply of business. An effective boycott of supermarket tabloids and paparaz- esque talk shows would stop the paparazzi. The money would no longer be there. The bounty hunters would vanish.



## "Candle in the Wind"

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Goodbye England's rose;  
may you ever grow in our hearts.  
You were the grace that placed itself  
where lives were torn apart.  
You called out to our country,  
and you whispered to those in pain.

Now you belong to heaven,  
and the stars spell out your name.  
And it seems to me you lived your  
life

like a candle in the wind;  
never fading with the sunset  
when the rain set in.  
And your footsteps will always fall  
here,  
along England's greenest hills;  
your candle's burned out long before  
your legend ever will.  
Loveliness we've lost;  
these empty days without your smile.  
This torch we'll always carry

for our nation's golden child.  
Even though we try,  
the truth brings us to tears;  
all our words cannot express  
the joy you brought us through the  
years.  
Chorus  
Goodbye England's rose,  
from a country lost without your  
soul,  
who'll miss the wings of your  
compassion  
more than you'll ever know.  
Chorus

## Calcutta, India

Mother Teresa died last Friday of cardiac arrest in her religious order's headquarters in eastern India. She was 87. A spokeswoman for the Missionaries of Charity said the Roman Catholic nun had died at 9:30 p.m. (local time). Known as the "Saint of the Gutters," she became an international byword for devotion to the poor, destitute and dying during nearly 50 years of work. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for bringing hope and dignity to millions of unwanted people. Mother Teresa had suffered

from poor health in recent years. She said her divine call to work among the poor had come in 1946. — (Reuter)

## College News

A former Louisiana State University fraternity pledge, hospitalized after binge drinking at the same party that left his best friend dead, Tuesday sued the university, the fraternity and the bar that let him drink. Donald Hunt Jr., 19, of Mandeville, La., was hospitalized for five days after the party for alcohol poisoning, his attorney,

Frances Strayham, said. His friend, Benjamin Wynne, 20, of Covington, Louisiana, died from alcohol poisoning after the fraternity party. — (Reuter)

One of the first female cadets to enter Virginia Military Institute was suspended from the school for two semesters for hitting an upperclassman, officials said Tuesday. Details of the incident, including the woman cadet's name, were not released. Women were admitted to VMI for the first time in August, ending 158 years of male-only education at the state-supported school. — (Reuter)

What began as a random sweep for illegal drugs, weapons or other contraband at a Southern University residence hall became a challenge to the constitutionality of the entire dorm-search procedure. Patrick N. Devers, the student at the center of the legal battle, is claiming Southern University is essentially asking him and every other student to sign away their Fourth Amendment rights as part of the residential housing rental terms. All students are required to sign the document before checking into the dormitories each semester. — (Reuter)

## Fast Facts