

## Scent of a Woman -- a heart-warming story of friendship

The title may sound like a catchy jingle for feminine deodorant, but *Scent of a Woman* is far from a fast-paced, trendy, hyped-up commercial. *Scent of a Woman* is a delightful, emotional and intense story about a blind man who, one Thanksgiving weekend, decides to live life to the fullest before taking his life. Do not let this serious subject matter scare you, however. *Scent of a Woman* is a feel-good movie which will leave you laughing more than crying.

Al Pacino, most famous for his role in the *Godfather* trilogy, plays a retired Army lieutenant colonel who became blind from a grenade explosion. He is a moody, angry-at-the-world, ex-military man — barking orders at anyone who tries to help him. Chris O'Donnell plays as young prep school student hired to take care of Pacino over Thanksgiving weekend. Pacino instantly does not like him, and O'Donnell is immediately intimidated

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by the gruff demeanor of his charge. The beginnings of a beautiful relationship!

Pacino makes plans to go to New York to live life to the absolute fullest — rooming at the Waldorf-Astoria, dining in the famous Oak Room, driving a flashy, red Ferrari (yes, Pacino drives!) and dancing a sensual tango with a beautiful brunette, and O'Donnell is along for the ride.

While Pacino spends his weekend planning to blow his head off, O'Donnell has problems of his own

to contemplate—whether or not to snitch on fellow classmates who vandalized the head master's car. A Harvard scholarship is at stake.

In the end, Pacino teaches O'Donnell how to live life completely and to stand up and be a man, and O'Donnell teaches Pacino simply how to live.

*Scent of a Woman* has nothing to do with a woman, which is my only complaint. It is a story about relationships, but in this case, a relationship between an angry man and an innocent boy. The relationship between these two men results in substantial changes for both of them.

*Scent of a Woman* is a heart-warming, tear-jerking, feel good movie. Pacino's star shines brightly and convincingly (a sure thing for an Oscar nomination), and O'Donnell does an excellent job as the movie, prep student. (girls will surely develop crushes). See this movie, enjoy life, and feel warm all over.

### CULTURE NOTES

**Fletcher School of the Performing Arts:** Nicholas Kitchen, Violin. Friday, Jan. 22, 8 p.m. Carswell Concert Hall

**Fletcher School of the Performing Arts:** Nicholas Kitchen and Kids. Saturday, Jan. 23, 8 p.m. Carswell Concert Hall

**Fletcher School of the Performing Arts:** Nicholas Kitchen, Violin. Sunday, Jan. 24, 3 p.m. Carswell Concert Hall

**Erik Dyke, Faculty Bass Recital.** Sunday, Jan. 31, 3 p.m. Carswell Concert Hall

**Natalie Crocker, Guest Piano Recital.** Saturday, Feb. 6, 5 p.m. Carswell Concert Hall

## Easy Money



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Michelle Williams, sophomore, uses the Automated Teller Machine, which was installed in Cate Center last week. The ATM is available for use during the hours Cate Center is open.

## Male visitation discussed by student organizations

In response to student concerns about the lack of social activities at Meredith during weekends, Senate, Student Life and Residence Hall Board are considering a recommendation for a temporary open house policy.

This temporary open house policy will allow visitors and will encourage campus-wide activities for a trial basis on the third Sunday of each month from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning in September 1993, the policy is designed to increase involvement in the Meredith community on weekends by promoting a positive social atmosphere for students. Because it is temporary, this policy also allows the campus an opportunity to experience and evaluate the idea of open house.

Senate will vote on the recommendations for a temporary open house on Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m. Senators will talk to students this week to gauge opinion and to hear ideas about open house. If you have any opinions or suggestions concerning open house or would like to see the proposal, contact your class senators immediately.

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