

Indecent Proposal -- what's love got to do with it?

For the past two weeks the hottest question around has been "Would you sleep with a stranger for \$1 million?" The movie that has sparked this burning question is director Adrian Lyne's new release *Indecent Proposal*.

Indecent Proposal is the story of a very happily married couple, David (Woody Harrelson) and Diana (Demi Moore) Murphy, and what happens when slick businessman John Gage (Robert Redford) offers them \$1 million for a night with Diana. The question at first seems insulting to the couple. After a night of restless sleep and the rationalization that if they accept they can finish the dream home they came to Las Vegas to salvage, it becomes almost a business deal to the couple.

"After all," Diana says, "it's just my body, not my heart." Unfortunately it is Diana's body that turns the marriage sour. After vowing to never discuss what happened, David becomes so jealous he demands to know what went on. Diana refuses to tell him, and David leaves the marriage, almost pushing Diana back into the arms of Gage.

After a few weeks of moping, David finally gets his professional life back together, and Diana gets wined and dined by the dapper Gage. The final thirty minutes of the film bring about an expected ending, but it's just sappy enough to work and to pull a few tears



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from your eyes.

Indecent Proposal would have worked a little bit better had it not followed in the footsteps of two other movies where there was a swap-your-woman-for-cash theme (*Honeymoon in Vegas* and *Mad Dog and Glory*). There were also a few inconsistencies that could have been remedied. When the couple finds out their property has been sold, why don't they go out and buy a new plot of land — they have \$1 million! And why would Diana go back to Gage? The man ruins her marriage and steals her property. I guess he was really good.

As a matter of fact, Redford was good. He may be getting a little long in the tooth, but he still has his beautiful golden boy looks and plays the part of a confident purveyor of fine goods to a tee. Moore's performance wasn't spectacular, but she definitely has the body for the sex

scenes. Harrelson did himself a great service by accepting this role. He's gone from country bumpkin in *Doc Hollywood* to a slick hustler in *White Men Can't Jump* and now plays a heartbroken husband in *Indecent Proposal* — a role that continues to add to his range. Hopefully, he'll continue his movie career now that *Cheers* is going off the air this year.

Some of the best lines, though, come from bit players. The Murphys' lawyer is hysterical delivering lines like, "I know I could have gotten \$2 million for her — I couldn't get \$500 for my girlfriend." Another notable funny line comes from a man in a crowd at the blackjack table where Gage has procured David's wife for good luck. As she walks away with Gage, the man asks David, "You think she'll come back?"

The camera work, for those of you who like the technical aspects, is incredible. One scene in particular that got my attention is when David and Diana are watching the marble go around the roulette wheel on their final money-losing bet. As the wheel spins around, the camera spins around with the marble, giving the viewer a revolving effect. Also, for those of you concerned with the sex scenes (especially those of you on first dates), they are not very up-close. If anything, they are tastefully real.

If you haven't made it out to the

theatre to check this one out yet, I say get out there now and see it. *Indecent Proposal* is not spectacular, but it is good. If you're in a relationship you think is stable and you're one of this people who say no to the \$1 million question, you need to go see it. It will make you think long and hard about whether or not everyone has a price. Like the Murphys' lawyer says while trying to soothe David about his decision, "Hey, for \$1 million, I would have slept with him."

Since this is the last *Herald* until next semester, I won't be able to help any of you who look to me for advice about the movies over the summer, but I do want to recommend two films I think are going to be blockbusters if nothing else. Check out *The Firm*, a courtroom drama based on the novel by best-selling author John Grisham. *The Firm* will star Tom Cruise, and if you've read the book, you know this will be one intense film. Also try to check out *Jurassic Park*, another movie based on a best-selling book, this time by Michael Creighton. The movie is being touted as this summer's box office smash and is already being heavily merchandised. *Jurassic Park* is about a theme park constructed by scientists who have learned how to reproduce the long-extinct dinosaur. I hope you have a great summer, and I hope to see you next year.

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down, 6) Academic dishonesty. Guilty verdict. Penalty: eight page paper, one semester probation, 7) Academic dishonesty. Guilty verdict. Penalty: (student already on probation) 2 1/2 semester suspension, 8) Misuse or damage to personal property on institutional premise. Guilty verdict. Penalty: restitution, ten hours of community service, 9) Misuse or damage to personal property on institutional premise. Guilty verdict. Penalty: ten hours of community service, 10) Disorderly conduct. Guilty verdict. Penalty: verbal apology, one semester warning, 11) Disorderly conduct. Guilty verdict. Penalty: verbal apology, \$5 fine, one semester probation, 12-14) Male visitation - major infrac-

tions. Guilty verdicts. Penalties: fifty hours of community service, one semester reprimand. Cases 15-18 are pending.

The Honor Council has also changed the mandatory appearance for exiting a locked door after closing hours to an automatic penalty. If a student exits a locked door after closing hours, she is to turn herself in to her RA or RD, at which point she will be issued three call-downs and given a \$15 fine to be paid to accounting. The student has the right to make a final appeal of this decision to the Honor Council.

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