**WEEKLY PICKS**

**BOOK**

*Dead Man Walking*
By Sr. Helen Prejean

"Much better than the movie."
— Mike Rogerson '02

**MOVIE**

*The Great Escape*
Directed by John Sturges (1963)

"Thrilling and funny - an awesome adventure."
— Tim O’Coin '02

**MUSIC**

*Live*

"Good heavy hard-rock metal."
— Mike Iannuzzi '04

**WEBSITE**

Elite Fitness
http://www.elitefitness.com

"The most controversial fitness site on the Internet."
— Nate Cardoza '04

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**Seven Days...**

**Friday, October 5th**
Dave Brockie Experience at Lucky Dog, Worcester
The Fleshtones at Ralph’s, Worcester
"Metallium" at The Paladinum, Worcester
Goldfinger and Reel Big Fish at the Webster Theatre, Hartford
Ryan Adams at the Paradise Rock Club, Boston

**Saturday, October 6th**
Dropkick Murphys, Pete, Sack of it All, From Zero, Days of the New and Tiger Army at The Palladium, Worcester
Johnnie Johnson at Johnny D’s, Somerville
The Silos at the Kendall Cafe, Cambridge
American Hi-Fi and Phantom Planet at Paradise Rock Club, Boston
Jenny Reynolds at the Nameless Coffeehouse, Cambridge

**Sunday, October 7th**
Sister Carol at Bill’s Bar, Boston
Sha Na Na at SS Horizon’s Edge, Lynn
Beulah at the Middle East Club, Cambridge

**Monday, October 8th**
The Waterboys and Tom McRae at the Avalon, Boston

**Tuesday, October 9th**
Willy Porter at WPI, Worcester
Amor Belkhoum Duo and Handsome Family at the Middle East Club, Cambridge

**Wednesday, October 10th**
Luciano at Clark University, Worcester
Megadeth and Endo at the Webster Theatre, Hartford
Llama and O.A.R. at The Roxy, Boston

**Thursday, October 11th**
The Patiokings at The Attic, Newton

"Songs 4 Worship" at The Centrum, Worcester

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**A Metal-head’s dream**

‘Rock Star’ succeeds with strong performances, dynamic soundtrack

Mark Wahlberg as the new lead singer of Steel Dragon in “Rock Star”

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"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

That’s the question every young person has been asked since he or she was a little kid. Some know what they want to be; most don’t.

What if the next question was, “What would you do if you became a rock star?”

It’s a safe bet that 9 out 10 people would say, “Hell yeah!” Who wouldn’t want to be a rock star? I know I want to be one. The life is amazing. And after seeing the film Rock Star, my view hasn’t changed. For an avid movie-goer and music-listener, Rock Star did everything but disappoint. “You want to be a rock star, huh?” Well, if you can’t make it in the music business, I seriously suggest seeing this movie. It might not compensate for the massive amounts of beer and tang, but it’s definitely worth viewing.

Sitting down in the theater, I was pretty apted. Mark Wahlberg is one of my favorite actors, being that I am a huge “Boogie Nights”/”PT Anderson” fan. Mr. Dirk Diggler, like the rest of his new movie, did not disappoint. Wahlberg has tremendous talent and his presence onscreen is just as big. Although the jury is still out on whether or not he actually sang the songs in the movie (is it coincidence that he sounds like the lead singer of the Verve Pipe and there just happens to be a Verve Pipe song on the soundtrack?), he was still excellent as young rocker Chris Cole. I couldn’t picture anyone else becoming the lead singer of one of music’s best rock bands, Steel Dragon. And let me tell you, this was one good rock band. I love all types of music, especially a good band like Guns N Roses. If Steel Dragon was a real band, I would most certainly be a fan of theirs. The music in the film is amazing. As soon as I got back to my room, I ordered the soundtrack.

What do you want to be when you grow up? What if Chris Cole is you? What if you decided that you would be the next Axl Rose? That is only 50% true. That part of the story is great, but it’s the little extras that put the film over the top. Jennifer Aniston gives a strong supporting performance as Chris’ girlfriend Emily. She’s the manager of Chris’ cover band, and she sticks with him through his adventures with Steel Dragon. She gives the movie its human side. Emily and Chris are certainly in love, but the rock business was beginning to take its toll on the couple. Chris was swept into the tornado of sex, drugs, and booze, and it was only a matter of time before the two drifted apart. But, fear not. Chris was a good guy before he became a rock star. He had no problems realizing what direction he wanted his life to take.

I saw “Rock Star” the night it came out, September 7. Until then, I hadn’t seen a good movie in a long time. With the exception of “Maiden,” it had been months since I’d enjoyed a movie. “Rock Star” changed that. It’s an extremely well-made movie with strong acting from its two biggest stars. The story is captivating as it is cool, and the music is just plain phenomenal. I loved this movie. Go see it now. It might be too late. If you read this and choose not to see it, shame on you. You’re missing out on a fun yet clever movie.

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**‘Shear Madness’ puzzles brains and tickles funny bones**

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actor/actresses opens the second act. It will make you feel quite distinguished at the end of sheet “Shear Madness.” You will have played an important part in solving the murder mystery!

Besides being tear-wippingly hilarious, “Shear Madness” is a theatrical work that anyone, whether it may be a sophisticated critic to a college student, can enjoy attending. At thirty-four dollars a ticket, you should see “Shear Madness” over a vacation. This play is also perfect for your parents, friends and relatives to view. Playing at the Charles Playhouse, “Shear Madness” is on stage Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at eight p.m. On Saturday, the play begins at sixty p.m., and nine thirty p.m., while on Sunday, the times are three p.m. and twenty seventy p.m. “Shear Madness” is a play well worth seeing; however, don’t forget to stop at Border’s for dinner!

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