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Take Back the Night: In search of security and equality

According to the National Coalition Against Violence, acts of domestic violence in American homes occur every 15 seconds. Six million women are beaten each year by their husbands and boyfriends. The Vermont Crime Information Center reports that someone is raped every 2.9 days in Vermont. For every sexual assault on record, five others go unreported. Federal statistics show that one out of four women will be raped in her lifetime.

Take Back the Night is a protest against these all too common violations of basic human rights. Dozens of colleges and universities have sponsored such protests during the last two decades. The significance of the event, held for the first time in Middlebury on Wednesday night, lies in its symbolic unity of women and men against violence.

A number of posters advertising Middlebury's Take Back the Night march were defaced or removed. These actions are an unfortunate example of the unthinking hostility toward gender issues that is so deeply imbedded in our community.

In major cities, it is impossible to ignore the issue of personal safety. The papers and the evening news provide daily doses of alarm at the dangers of urban life. In contrast, Middlebury seems idyllic—isolated and safe. But our community is not immune to violence. Three attacks on women have been reported on campus this year. It is certain that other attacks and instances of sexual assault among students, faculty and staff have gone unreported.

In view of national statistics and the biological differences between men and women with regard to strength and size, a woman's concern for her personal safety can hardly be dismissed as paranoia, even at Middlebury. But violence against women at Middlebury and elsewhere goes beyond sexual assault. It is revealed through sexist jokes, pornography, and other forms of emotional or verbal abuse directed at women. In order to completely eliminate violence against women, every individual needs to become aware of these more subtle manifestations as well.

Attendance at Middlebury's Take Back the Night was impressive. More than two hundred students and townspeople participated in this remarkable event.

Another Take Back the Night rally and march will be held Saturday, April 28. It will begin on the steps of the Burlington City Hall on Church Street at 6:00 p.m. If you missed the march on Wednesday, show your support for putting an end to violence against women: attend the rally in Burlington.

As conscientious members of society, we have a mutual obligation to uphold the responsibility of ensuring safety, security and equality for everyone.

OPINIONS

The NFL draft: big cash and the young athlete

By Ray Gallagher

I see nothing wrong with the drafting of juniors, red-shirt or otherwise, into the NFL. More bothersome is the hypocrisy that is displayed by members of that organization, some of the less academic minded college officials and coaches, and finally, those members of the press that have ordained themselves saviors of the college game. I am, of course, referring to those who point a finger at the NFL's large salaries, blaming them for the college rank's inability to retain a large number of its premier players. Interestingly enough the finger pointing does not stop there—it doesn't take long for the pointers to turn on one another.

What is the big deal with these younger athletes receiving the big money anyway? While I may agree that in many cases youth is indeed wasted on the young, I maintain that wealth is squandered on the old. If you were throwing a twenty million dollar party in Morocco why the hell would you invite Liz Taylor and Michael Jackson? I am not sure if \$20 million is enough to keep Liz in birthday cake, and Mike doesn't need to go to Africa—he's already got a damn safari at his Encino pad. Perhaps Junior Seau and Jeff George can put their cash to better uses.

equal with that of pro baseball and basketball. I've omitted hockey because everyone knows that it's fixed, just like pro wrestling.

College football can save itself. With the market value of some scholarships—tuition, room, board, books, etc.—to schools such as Stanford, Duke, Northwestern, Notre Dame, USC, and others surpassing \$100,000, these schools should be entitled to obtain some contractual obligations from the legal adults that they sign to a letter of intent. For instance, if a junior decides to go pro, he should have to pay, say 1-2 years of the scholarship he received back to the school. Considering his being picked in the 12th round of the draft, I doubt that West Virginia's Major "Violation" Harris would have foregone his final year of eligibility had he entered that university on the above pretenses.

Now I know that not all schools would agree to this, but many schools ignore the rules that are in place right now. What college football needs is a few exemplary programs, and some (such as Sports Illustrated's Rick "Doomsday" Telander) would say the sport has always wanted them. But I guess until this happens we will have to listen to men like the professor from that

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I concur with Auburn's sophomore All-America guard Ed King when on the subject of undergraduate eligibility he says, "If he's mentally and physically ready, let him go, he can always go back to school." The fact remains that it is the individual's constitutional right to not only make the decision to go pro, but as regards to why he is in college in the first place. Unfortunately, there is very little more that many of these programs seem to be offering the division I college football player.

I do not agree that this "open" draft somehow "rights some of the wrongs perpetrated by the exploitive nature of college athletics." The system by which young men enter the ranks of professional football has simply slipped down to where it is

distinguished research institution, UNLV, who maintains that "college football is no longer a vehicle for self-betterment, but a tool for mass entertainment." Obviously this guy never took the pens out of his pocket long enough to go and find out for himself.

Yet until something *does* happen, the world will not be a worse place if underclassmen go pro. The world has enough scholarship-fulfilling people such as Pitt's Marc Spindler, who recently enlightened the world with a testimonial—on national t.v.—to his four odd years at that institution. After seeing his hopes of being a first round choice drop down into the third round, Spindler said, "Some teams are gonna pay for this."

Attention writers: Next fall, the Campus opinions section will need columnists and contributors. If your mind overflows with originality and insight concerning national or campus issues, or if you are possessed of a vision unbeknownst to the rest of society, hit the keys and submit!

Last Chance: Next week's issue will be the last Campus until September. So submit your parting letters or articles to the office in Hepburn by Tuesday. Contributions may be sent through campus mail to Drawer 30.

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