Scorsese scores with "Goodfellas"

by Kevin Newhart

In 1973, a film named "Mean Streets" was released. It teamed two up-and-coming talents in the movie industry; namely, director Matrin Scorsese and actor Robert DeNiro. The film gained critical acclaim and gave Scorsese and DeNiro the recognition they deserved.

But "Mean Streets" was not the end of this director-actor conjunction. They would go on to make four more films together, including "Taxi Driver" in 1976 and "Raging Bull" in 1980, two of the most influential films of our time.

Now, Scorsese and DeNiro have come together once again to bring us "Goodfellas," the true story of a young Irish/Italian boy named Henry Hill who was "adopted" by the neighborhood



Mafia and who became one of their own. Henry, when grown up, is played by Ray Liotta in his most brilliant performance to date. The role appears to have been written with him Liotta mind.

Henry was hired to run errands by Paul Cicero (Paul Sorvino), the head of the Mafia. Once "on the inside," Henry met Tommy DeVito, played by Joe Pesci; and Jimmy Conway, played by DeNiro. Pesci provides most of the comic relief, portraying a tense and (continued on page 8)

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The interview generally goes well at first. I introduce myself, inform them that I'm a Penn State student (Pre-law major), a good worker, and that I have a great deal of experience in such a position. Call me crazy, but at this point I'm feeling pretty confident. Suddenly, the dreaded question comes...

"Are you planning on going home for Christmas?"

Okay. Let me get this perfectly straight. I am definitely qualified for the position. I am available when they need me. But on top of that, they want me to stay here (ALONE) in Hazleton while my family sits on the living room floor on Christmas morning sadly staring at my unopened gifts...all of this in return for minimum wage and outrageous taxes taken out?! Yeah, right.

So now I'm getting wiser (maybe I'm a little slow) and I have devised a step-by-step plan for a job search:

- 1. Fill out the job application completely
- 2. Wait three weeks before they bother to call

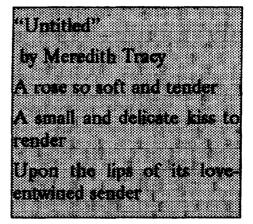
- 3. Dress respectively for the interview
- 4. Be friendly and outgoing
- 5. ♦ Most important ♦ When they ask about holidays and/or summer vacation LIE

Tell them your parents live in Alaska and used their last pennies to send you to college and therefore you can't afford to go home. Or tell them your parents discounsed you when you decided to move so far away from home rather than go to a local college. Whatever works!

You may now ask what to do when you're ready to go home for your Christmas feast. It's easy — just quit. You could be kind and give notice, or you could just "forget" to show up. It's rude, but I honestly believe that asking a college students to give up Christmas at home is also rude. It's a matter of morality.

There's only one more problem. What happens when you come back to school and go into debt again? Don't worry! Just dig this article out and start all over.

Happy job hunting!



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