

Mary Katherine Gallagher shines

SNL skit becomes Hollywood production

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Fans of Saturday Night Live (SNL) are already familiar with the character Mary Katherine Gallagher, who is featured in brief comedy sketches about an overanxious Catholic girl.

This weekly comedic sketch has now been extrapolated into a movie by SNL Studios and Paramount pictures. Yet, none of this former nonsense matters.

The movie Superstar, starring Molly Shannon as Mary Katherine Gallagher, portrays an excessively energetic Catholic girl whose one wish is to be kissed.

And not just any kiss — she wants to be kissed like the

superstars in the movies are kissed. The plot unravels as the 17 year old attempts to be kissed by the school hunk — Sky Carrigan (played by Will Ferrell from SNL). Sky is a football stud who proudly displays personalized dance moves such as the "Fax Machine" and the "Break-Up", and sports oldies such as the "Robot" and the "Lawnmower".

Mary Katherine Gallagher's supposed opportunity to obtain superstar status arises during her school's annual campaign for the fight against VD's, or sexually transmitted diseases. Mary believes that the fundraising talent show will be the ideal chance to rise to stardom and obtain that

delicious kiss.

The rest of the movie depicts her obstacles and overactive imagination. If you have seen the movie trailer and think "What you see is what you get," you are mistaken. Superstar will shock you.

Highlights of the film include cat fights and crazy dance scenes which create a stir of laughter in the audience. Harlan Williams (*There's Something About Mary*) and Elaine Hendrix, who plays Sky's self-centred girlfriend Evian, both have active roles in this comedy and enhance its quality.

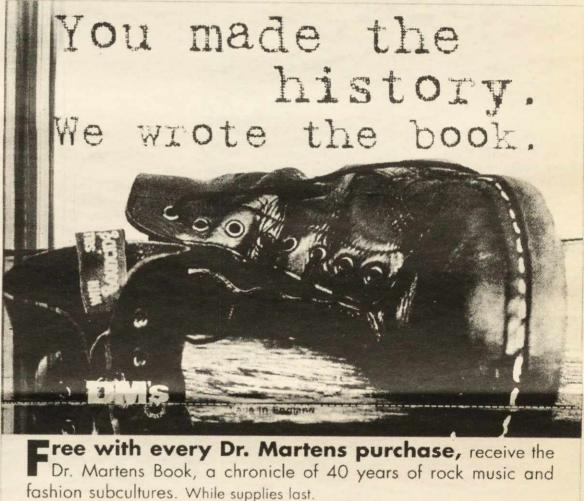
Writer Steven Wayne Koren and Director Bruce McCulloch (Kids in the Hall) did a fantastic job on this five minute comedy turned movie. Mary Katherine



Somewhat super star: even oddballs can have it all

Gallagher is a bit odd at times, but makes up for her lack of charisma by believing in herself and not allowing the mockery of others to get her down.

Silliness aside, Superstar has a take-home message — big dreams live inside us all and if you believe in them they can



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