

The 'royal we' with Rob and Kevin



"This old town, filled with sin, it will swallow you in..."

Gram Parsons' words ring true as we recount our experience in Five Points this weekend as several thousand people celebrated not being Irish with green beer and all-out drunken tomfoolery. Now we're not straight edge, nor are we so stuck up that we don't enjoy ourselves with the occasional strong drink. We do.

But we were in no mood or condition to participate in Saturday's debauchery, so we were bystanders who simply watched the events unfold. Ah, we can still taste the stale cigar smoke in the back of our throats. Let us assure you that there are few smells more sobering than cigar smoke. If that isn't enough, the mixed smell of funnel cakes, hot dogs, onion rings and barbecue lingers.

We had to be on our toes that day, gentle readers. We knew that one false move or step and we ran the risk of colliding with one of the many merry-makers.

Maneuvering through the dense (double meaning there, dear readers) crowd reminded us of the Christmas shopping craze. But, have no fear.

We are quite quick on our feet in these situations, and you'd be amazed to see us zig and zag through those crowds. You might even remember us if you were down there. We would have been the guys saying "excuse me" and "pardon me" through all the mess.

I am sure we stood out. Sometimes we had to sidestep the occasional stroller with child, but — hold that. Picture that for us, please. You're in Five Points and you're sloppy drunk. You've got some major decisions ahead of you: Do you wait in line for beer, or do you wait in line for the bathroom? This is the level of mentality we're reduced to, people. So why on God's green earth (no pun intended) would you bring your child to the St. Patrick's Day Festival? What kind of life are you carving for this kid? Not only are you wheeling this kid through a cesspool of beer, filth and haphazard foolishness, but you've got the kid close to the ground where the horrible smell is concentrated.

We couldn't count how many times drunk people nearly fell on a baby. A friend of ours said he saw a father spill an entire cup of beer on his son. Don't be surprised when your kid is taking contraband to high school, buddy.

Another thing that shocked and amazed us was the invention (or tweaking) by a certain unnamed beer company. Apparently, this brewery has started packing its product in plastic, resealable bottles. The jury

is still out on this one. We aren't sure if this is a good thing for slow beer drinkers, or if this is an overall travesty to the art of beer and beer drinking as we know it. However, this brings the long sought-after beer vending machine that much closer to fruition.

We've heard they got these suckers in Amsterdam or some other place in Europe, but we've never actually seen them. We all know what types of people they got in Amsterdam, but that place has become so passe anyway. Can you imagine walking down the street and seeing a beer vending machine bordered by two soda machines?

"Do I want the Diet Coke, the Sprite or the Miller Genuine Draft?"

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That's as weird as buying milk in those Chug bottles.

Milk isn't hooking us up either.

WUSC top 30

1. *Modest Mouse*- Building Something Out of Nothing
2. *Apples in Stereo*- Look Ahead
3. *Morphine*- The Night
4. *Paul Newman*- Machine is not Broken
5. *Ryuichi Sakamoto*- Cinemage
6. *Gunga Din*- Gliiterati
7. *Dinosaur Jr.*- The BBC Sessions
8. *Yo La Tengo*- And Nothing Turned Itself Inside Out
9. *Van Morrison, Lonnie Donegan, Chris Barber*- The Skiffle Sessions
10. *Will Oldham*- Guarapa
11. *The Alchemysts and Simeon*- S/F
12. *Guided By Voices*- Hold on Hope EP
13. *Sex Mob*- Solid Sender
14. *Enon*- Believe!
15. *Kid Koala*- Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
16. *MDFMK*- S/T
17. *Call/Florence/Pow*- These Are Plans
18. *New Dimensions in Music w/ Matthew Shipp*- Time is of the Essence
19. *Superchunk*- 1000 Pounds
20. *Sun Ra and His Solar Myth Orchestra*- Life is Splendid
21. *Olivia Tremor Control*- The Peel Sessions
22. *Reverend Horton Heat*- Spend a Night in the Box
23. *Brad Mehldau*- Deregulating Jazz
24. *Jungle Brothers*- VIP
25. *Mouse on Mars*- Niun Niggung-Thrill Jockey
26. *The Billy Nayer Shows*- Return to Briggadoon
27. *The Ananda Shankar Experience*- Walking On
28. *Third Eye Foundation*- Little Lost Soul
29. *Poster Children*- DDD
30. *South Pacific*- Constance

WUSC-FM spring 2000 schedule

Time slot	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
12-2 a.m.	Tug, with Occasional Music	Audio Assault	Imperial Theater	Midnight Hangover	Nonstop Hip-Hop	Andy's Onslaught	Dave Wood
2-4 a.m.	N'se	Mandy	Audio XTC	Will Cathcart	Louis St. Jacques	Jen & Dawn	Campbell
4-6 a.m.	Nirav	Casey McKeever	John Elliott	Scott Cunn	Derik Brenner	Campbell	Campbell
6-8 a.m.	Christi	Anthony Pistilli	The Morning After	Morning Music Invasion	Tony H.	Campbell	Mandy M.
8-10 a.m.	Peter A.	Ken	Jennifer L.	DJ McClaine	Mitch	Red Bank Bar & Grill	Stacia
10-noon	Jim Village O' Variety	Kevin Heard It	Schizophrenic Surplus	Jason P.	Morning Meat	Red Bank Bar & Grill	Sunday Morn. Excursions
12-2 p.m.	Trent	Auditory Stimulation	Supertwins Action Hour	Justin	The Catacombs	Nate the Great	Lone Gunman
2-4 p.m.	Niffer	The Girl Show	Spin Cycle	DJ Smiley	Afternoons with JMAC	Ghetto Hymns	Radio Clash
4-6 p.m.	The Wasteland	Marquee Music	Richard H.	Russ B.	I@\$?... TGIF	Easy Skanking	Radio Inferno
6-8 p.m.	Breakneck Punk Rock	Blues Moon w/ DeLune	The Revolution	Afterlight	Ska-armeddon	Nick & CK	Electric Podium
8-10 p.m.	Radio Riot Hardcore	Big Band Show	Revolution/Wed. Shag	Free Format	La Voz Latina	Textures	Digital Distribution
10-midnight	HARDTIME LoudRock	The Connection	Wed. Shag	Nonstop Hip-Hop	Locals Only	Dark Entries	Dead Cow Show

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time.'

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