Mondale will pull an upset

I really felt Walter F. Mondale is going to win today's election, and I'm kind of scared about it. Most people think President Ronald W. Reagan will win. The polls say Reagan will win so; he might even pull every state. My friends say the question isn't, "Who is going to win the election?" It's "Who is going to carry Massachusetts?" —this was the last time someone was voting for George McGovern in 1972.

I'm not quite sure why Mondale will win, and one thing is for sure: the election will be close. Perhaps the people who support Reagan will not bother to vote since they think the election is in the bag. It wouldn't be the first time overconfidence will have let the tortoise beat the hare.

Perhaps many people will enter the voting booth without actually intending to vote for Reagan. Then, as they reach for the lever, they will think, "Oh my God! What am I doing?!" and pull the Democratic lever instead.

Mondale will win, because they don't want the president to win in such a landslide that he will find he has a mandate to do whatever he wants without accountability since he will never again be up for re-election. There are worse things that could happen to this country than having Mondale as president, but not many. In all probability, Mondale will put NASA, the armed forces, and every other federal project that does not immediately benefit the poor and the underprivileged. That would be right on the agenda, with his attitudes of anti-militarism and Communist appeasement, but it would be a mortal blow to the Free World.

Four years ago there was a campaign commercial — I can't remember for which party — which started out: "You know who the candidate is for president? But have you thought about who is running for vice president?" It's true that in recent years a lot of vice presidents have become presidents.

Having George Bush for a cheerleader — or president — would be a lot of fun. Sure we might get into a lot of wars — or, police actions — but it would be for Than USA. At least, any war that Bush got us into would be conventional, not nuclear. But Geraldine Ferraro is another story.

While it is probably true that the first female president will get into office accidentally — by the death of her running mate — I can't think of many women who would make a better president than Ferraro. Former Assistant Dem for Student Affairs Mary Hope and my mother come to mind, among a thousand others.

After the vice-presidential "debate" on national television, I'm positive Ferraro doesn't have a chance. She lacks a clear grasp on a lot of issues of national importance. Perhaps that is because the Mondale-Ferraro campaign has been overly concerned about their party's image, and how their personal appearances reflect it. (Please turn to page 8)