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Solid actors can't enliven mediocre plot



JACK NICHOLSON and ADAM SANDLER

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What can I say about "Anger Management"? It has a solid cast led by the surprisingly talented Adam Sandler (see "Punch Drunk Love" if you don't believe me) and acting leg-

end Jack Nicholson ("About Schmidt," etc. etc.).

Both of these actors are coming off of incredibly solid performances, old Jack having proved he's still got it, and Sandler having surprised the hell out of everyone.

So with two talented, proven actors on board, how could this movie be anything but incredible? Indeed, everything sounds golden and terrific until you get right down to that nemesis of all modern filmmakers, the plot. It's a weak premise to begin with, and Hollywood has a history of disappointing surprise collaborations. With this in mind, I set out to review this movie with almost complete certainty that I wouldn't like it.

Those of you who saw the trailer already know the story. Sandler plays the emotionally repressed corporate

whipping boy Dave Buznic, who, through a series of mishaps and misunderstandings, manages to assault a flight attendant and get tazed by an air marshal, and then subsequently arrested, tried, and sentenced to undergo anger management therapy. He joins a support group led by Dr. Buddy Rydell (Jack Nicholson), who he happened to meet on that same unfortunate plane ride.

What follows is an unbelievable half hour of Dave suffering through one incredible bad turn after another. Eventually he finds himself back in court, this time for accidentally breaking the nose of a cocktail waitress (he was fighting with a blind man at the time, if you can believe it). Well, the magnanimous Buddy Rydell comes to the aid of young Dave, promising the court that he'll put Dave back on the

right track with his personal intensive therapy program.

Dave agrees, based on the sole premise of staying out of prison, and soon finds himself tested to his limits as he is forced to deal with Buddy's unorthodox methods. The bulk of the movie revolves around Buddy's unusual therapy as he tries to get Dave to accept and express his anger so he can move on. Some of the methods used are really quite funny, including a hilarious rendition of "I Feel Pretty" that has to be seen to be believed.

However, while there are moments where this movie shines as a comedy, too often it devolves into amateurish dick jokes, and even the occasional sight gag. Director Peter Segal ("Tommy Boy") and writer David Dorfman would have done better to continue to play off the strengths of the

actors rather than continuously letting scenes depreciate into basically a prolonged and not particularly witty "Saturday Night Live" skit.

One of the more amusing things about "Anger Management" is its celebrity cameos, including Heather Graham, Woody Harrelson, several players for the NY Yankees, Rudy Giuliani and a large cast of actors from previous Sandler movies.

In the end, "Anger Management" is decidedly average, and should probably be considered rental fodder. See it if you love Nicholson or Sandler, if you're really bored one weekend, or if you're out on a date with someone you don't like much. Otherwise, go see "About Schmidt," or save your concession money and buy "Punch Drunk Love" when it comes out on DVD in June.

The weekly 5 in 5

Cory Price

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Are you getting tired of the daily grind of eating fast food and feeling crappy after a lovely meal consisting of oils and a side of fat?

Well I got tired of that, so I set out to find the best "restaurants" within five miles of campus. This week I have chosen a Chinese joint that is a stone's throw away.

Head out of campus on the north side at 213 and Molalla Ave. Go north

on Molalla Ave. just a few blocks and you will find Leong's. This place looks rundown from the outside, but inside is a nice establishment with a very cozy atmosphere.

For lunch they have a combo list that is cheaper than a value meal at McDonald's. Also, if you feel like going all out there is a lunch buffet for around the same price. All of the lunch combos are available for carry out!

The food is not bad; I always get combo "B," which is enough food to fill you up and then some.

Be sure to check in next week for another place within five miles for \$5.

50 Cent's DVD explains his life story

Nic Delzell

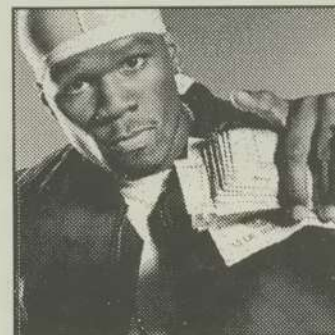
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Curtis Jackson, a.k.a. 50 Cent or Ferrari F-50, has hit the stores again, this time bringing fans "The New Breed" DVD.

To understand 50 and his music know this: 50's lyrics are not for innocent ears.

Imagine the lyrics that would result if your father split when you were three and your crack dealer mother died when you turned 11.

During one of many interviews included, 50 described his life before rap: "I sold crack 100 miles an hour up the block. From there it leaves an aura around me, like they know I stopped doing that to rap."



50 CENT

During another interview 50 recalls run-ins with executives at Columbia records: "They didn't understand 50 Cent." He goes on to explain his new deal with Shady/Aftermath records as "the best thing that ever happened" to him.

The new music video for "Heat"

proves 50 is genius. The video imitates the video game "Grand Theft Auto." In the video, two gamers go after late rappers Tupac Shakur and Christopher Wallace, then finally try to hunt down 50.

"The New Breed" also includes the "Free Tony Ya-Yo" interview. Tony Ya-Yo is a member of the Gorilla-Unit (G-Unit), and is currently serving time for gun possession. The interview is an interesting look into the mind of an incarcerated rap star.

When addressing his current career status Ya-Yo said, "I need to change my life, do something positive."

The bonus CD contains three new songs, "True Loyalty," "8 Mile Road (G-Unit Remix)" and "In Da Hood." Live performances with G-Unit, Eminem and D-12 are also included. Multiple music videos and bonus material make this DVD well worth the power of 15 dollars.

Epic Events

Minnesota Hip Hop:

Who: Atmosphere, Blueprint, Mr. Dibbs, Quivah, DJ J Bird
- *Slog (the voice of Atmosphere) has a unique way of putting into words the unsaid feelings we all have towards the opposite sex.*

When: "This Friday" April 25 8 p.m.
\$14 advance, \$16 day of show

Where: Crystal Ballroom (1332 West Portland)

Underground Hip Hop:

Who: MC Paul Barman, Jessy Moss, The Butterfly Lords
- "MC Paul Barman is the funniest rapper since Too \$hort...or the smartest rapper ever!"
-Isaiah Creel

When: "This Saturday" April 26 8 p.m.
\$10 through TicketsWest

Where: Nocturnal (1800 East Burnside)

Genius Metal & Hardcore:

Who: Meshuggah, Strapping Young Lad
- *Meshuggah plays extremely well-written math influenced heavy metal, and Strapping Young Lad will provide their audience with one of the heaviest, most intense shows of any current band to date.*

When: "This Saturday" April 26 9 p.m.
\$15 through TicketsWest

Where: Roseland Theater (6th and West Burnside)

Two styles of punk rock:

Who: Bad Religion, The Casualties
- *Bad Religion continues to deliver inspiring wisdom to their fans through heavily played punk rock and has teamed up with street punkers The Casualties for a show that will probably be one huge mosh pit.*

When: Monday May 5 8 p.m.
\$20 through TicketsWest

Where: Roseland Theater (6th and West Burnside)

Pure American Metal Tour:

Who: Lamb of God, Chimaira, Eighteen Visions, Atreyu
- *Every one of these bands is fantastic. This metal-core show is for the true head-bangers. Well-written noisy musical madness is what can be expected here.*

When: Monday May 5 7 p.m.
\$13 through TicketsWest

Where: Nocturnal (1800 East Burnside)

Rap at its Finest:

Who: 50 Cent & G-Unit
- *The hottest rapper to date is mobbing his "Get Rich Or Die Tryin'" tour to Oregon for a show true rap fans should not miss.*

When: Wednesday May 14 7 p.m.
\$35 through TicketsWest

Where: Salem Armory (2320 17th Street NE)

Three suggestions to satisfy your literary appetite

1. The Dalai Lama's "The Art Of Happiness" is a book that people of all religions and cultures can read and understand. It is one of the most insightful books not geared toward converting people to a religion or specific way of thinking. It focuses on the betterment of a person's day-to-day life. This book offers a clear way of thinking about interacting with people and making choices in life.
2. "The Lord Of The Rings" has set the trend for almost all fantasy books that came after. Its journey through the world of middle earth is a story that captivates the soul and brings the reader into the book with the characters. This book was great even after reading it for the third time. In order to understand the sheer depth and intensity of this wonderful series one must read the series of books before seeing the movies.
3. "Invisible Monsters" is a book about a young girl's journey to the realization that she is not the center of a sick and opinionated world. The book jumps around a little but is marvelously put together and keeps the reader fascinated. If you liked Chuck Palahniuk's "Fight Club" then you will enjoy this twisted and thrilling book, which is also by Palahniuk.

Compiled by Noah Holland

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