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as Cage as Milton in the new blockbuster "Drive Angry" inues to drive a busted car.

(Amber Heard) and Milton (Nicolase Cage) sit in wait.

Life in the fast lane

By Robert Morrison
Sports Editor

After 30 minutes of waiting, the lights dimmed, the 3D glasses went on and the movie began.

Good looking girls, fast muscle cars, explosions and butt kicking. Just another Nicolas Cage film, right? All that was jammed into the opening scene of "Drive Angry," Cage's new movie which is about a father that escaped from Hell to get revenge on a man who killed his daughter and kidnapped his granddaughter.

The movie started off as good as any. Straight off the bat there was action and explosions. The plot line was a little off at the beginning. It gave you a moment to think about who Milton (Cage) was and why he was doing his actions.

Spoilers follow: Since the movie was shot in 3D, the first scene was very bloody. The part that the 3D effect did most justice to was when a guy got his hand shot off.

The movie went on to introduce a waitress with attitude in the character.

Piper (Amber Heard). She is the girl that Milton teams up with on his mission to get back his granddaughter, who was kidnapped by Jonah King (Billy Burke). She ends up being reluctant most of the movie but eventually gets with the program after she kills a cop to help Milton. Piper has this "Southern bell meets modern flair" personality. She is a character that was engaged until she finds her fiancé fooling around. She then takes off with his nice muscle car.

The movie starts off all action and keeps it coming throughout the movie but also has serious moments. Milton lost his daughter to King and his granddaughter was taken. King plans to sacrifice his granddaughter to bring Hell to earth. Milton goes through everything in his efforts to save her. In the middle of the movie, Milton has a speech about his life and how it is to be a father.

The movie has serious moments and action, but what's missing? Comedy. "Drive Angry" has that too. Among all the different genres that the movie consists of, there is comic relief.

A lot of the comedy comes from the character the accountant, played by William Fichtner. He has that laid back but serious personality. He was sent from Hell to chase down Milton and bring him back to Hell. He ends up helping Milton in his quest while also getting his way.

One of the funniest scenes in the movie was between the accountant and Milton. "Wouldn't wanna be you when Satan finds out!" said the accountant. "What's he gonna do, not let me back in?" retorted Milton.

What stood out to me the most were the acting and the 3D effects. I think the actors did a good job with their characters and made them very in-depth. "Drive Angry" was the best 3D film I have ever seen. The movie is really 3D; it pops out at you the whole movie and has great depth from the very beginning.

This movie would appeal to anyone who likes action films with some comedy. There are a lot of things that this movie has in common with another Cage film, "Gone in 60 Seconds." Cage also brings back a little Southern accent similar to the one he had in "Con Air." Cage, Heard, Fichtner, director Patrick Lussier and others did a great job on this film and made it a must-see.

Drive Angry (R)

Feb. 25 | 103 mins.

Genre: Action, Adventure, Suspense

Cast: Nicolas Cage, William Fichtner, Amber Heard

Summary: A father escapes from Hell to get revenge on the man who killed his daughter and kidnapped his granddaughter. Can he make it in time?

Rating:

udy Tips: How to make sure finals don't finish you off

By Joshua Baird
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th the end of the term upon us gain and finals scratching at the begging to be let back into our many students are once again g to realize one thing: they are dy for the series of tests awaiting around the next bend.

what can you do when you have the last eight weeks goofing off en classes and spending the eve- hanging out with your buddies d of doing homework?

nd out the core pieces and com- em into a document for review en study that," said Laurie Nagle ackamas Community College's of Phi Theta Kappa, an organi- for people with 3.5 grade point averages and above.

"I use all the resources that are available to me," said Nagle. "For example, if the book has PowerPoints that are online, I go through those and take notes. If there are practice quizzes online, I take those. I study it and study it until I know it without reviewing further."

Megan Dickson, the president of PTK, believes that the best approach for people depends on the individual students strengths. Dickson uses a number of techniques, most prevalent among them word association and flash cards.

"If it's math, I practice; practice makes perfect with math. I go on Sunday to Haggen where a bunch of math people go to study," said Dickson.

One of the more traditional ways of preparing for finals is by waiting until the last moment.

"I just cram whatever the teacher said. I am an avid note taker. I just highlight and put stars next to everything I need to, then I cram the last minute," said Janelle Stalheim, a criminal justice major.

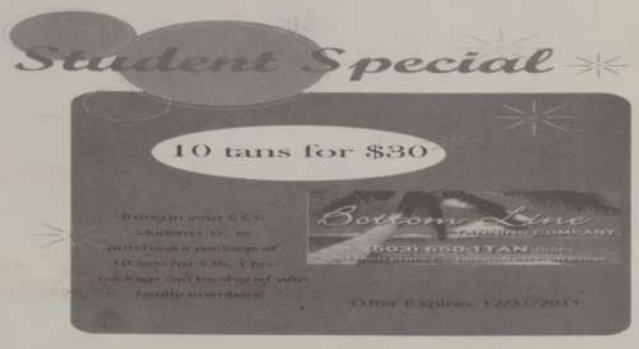
"(Cramming) is not a good idea; you can only memorize a certain amount. If you do cram put it into categories," said Dickson.

Many instructors have a study guide that they hand out to help your prepare for the final exam, but this isn't to be used as a answer sheet; it's more of a road map to getting the grade that you want in the end.

Nagle explained that one of the worst ways to study is by trying to find answers online. "I know of one person that tried to find all the answers to the quizzes on a website and doing it that way, and I know a couple people who didn't read a thing throughout the term, and they tried to absorb it all in a couple of hours," she said.

"I watch what I'm reading, highlighting. I'm big on those little tabs that are multi-colored and tabbing off things that are important. My textbooks are full of them," said Stalheim.

"If you're not understanding something, ask for help. Don't try and wing it. Ask a classmate, ask an instructor; get it explained to you in a way that clicks," said Nagle.

Despite the urge to procrastinate with your studies, it doesn't seem to be in your best interest. If you have been slacking off all term you might want to put down the pizza and get to work early. Your grades count on you.

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