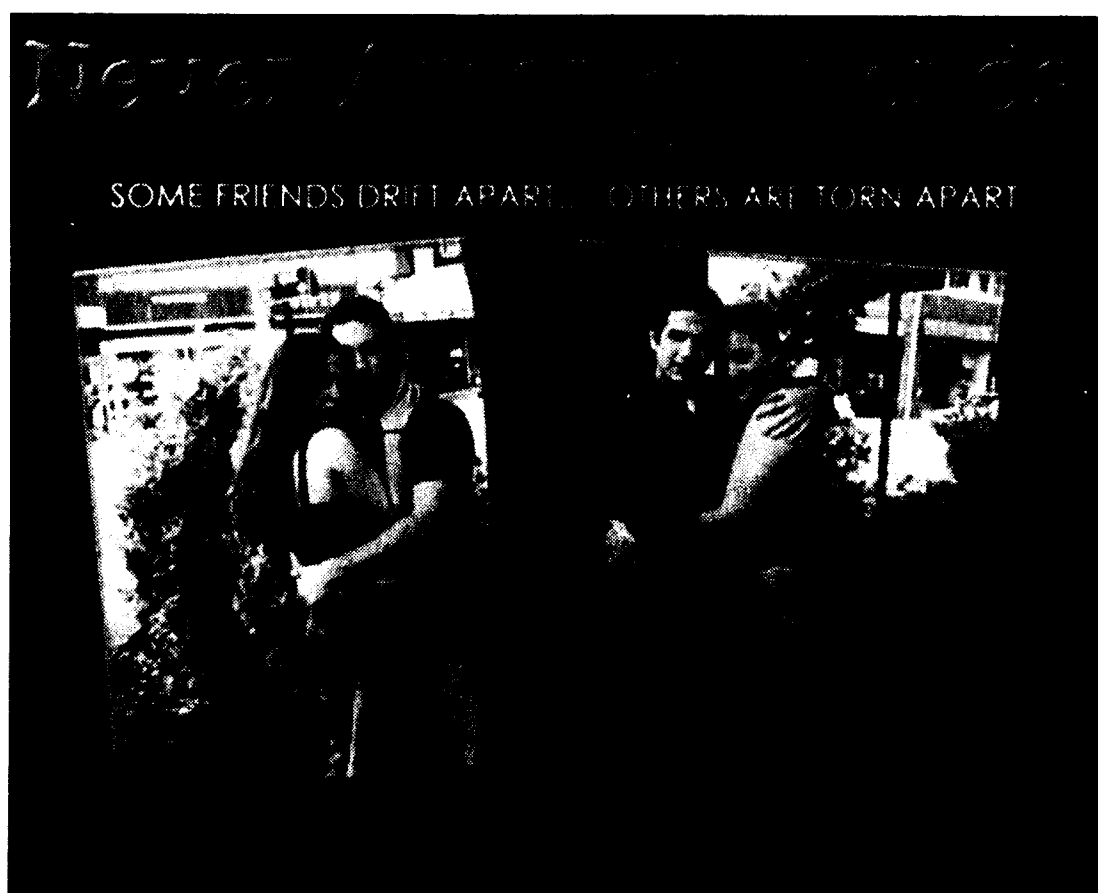


STUDENT LIFE

Film club screens New York indie



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Jason Allentoff, the director of "Never Among Friends," will be at the screening on Dec 10. After the movie, Allentoff will be available for a question and answer session.

By Annie Sevin
staff writer

"Never Among Friends," a drama written and directed by Jason Allentoff, will be shown Friday at 7:00 p.m. in Reed 117. This movie

stars four actors as friends and lovers; Pete Capella (Steve Wilson), Kevin Interdonato (Sean Ferrara), Natalie Durante (Jane Rumsfield), and Tasha Rudolph (Tracy Jones).

The plot is about all the goings-on between these four people. It is told through the eyes

of Steve, who sometimes narrates the story. Steve has written a book about his friend Sean who was involved in a car accident. Sean's knee had been injured during the crash, preventing him from playing baseball in the big leagues. This abrupt change in his life causes Sean to almost become an alcoholic.

Steve tries to help Sean with his problems, but Steve ends up comforting Tracy (Sean's girlfriend) more than Sean. Unfortunately for Steve, he too has a girlfriend (Jane) - he tries to fend off Tracy before anything happens between the two of them, but they end up having an affair anyway.

The affair is kept secret from Sean and Jane, but it begins to take a toll on Steve's conscious. As more things start to weigh heavily on Steve's mind, an interesting twist in the plot creeps up towards the end of the movie.

This movie has a good script and good intentions for the message it tries to deliver - this movie is very mindful of the effects of alcohol and forgiveness. However, "Never Among Friends" is full of vulgar language and sex scenes. This movie is not shot in the traditional Hollywood style; it is almost like watching a home video or an after-school special. This type of filming compliments this movie because it is about real life situations and problems.

"Never Among Friends" will be shown on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Reed 117.

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TV gal closes the book on sweeps

By Amy Amatangelo
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'Twas the day after November sweeps
And all through the lineup
Almost every show was one we've seen before
Except for the one featuring the Donald's pompadour.

As we say goodbye to November sweeps and my TiVo settles in for a long winter's nap, let's reflect on the month.

Most melodramatic moment: The gang on "CSI: Miami" (Monday, CBS) rebuilding the grocery store after the hurricane to schmaltzy music and slow-motion effects. And you thought David Caruso's performance couldn't possibly be more exaggerated.

Most welcome guest star: After his untimely demise on "24," I was thrilled to see Paul Schulze on "The West Wing" (Wednesday, NBC) and "Medical Investigation" (Friday, NBC).

Best guest star that we didn't even see: Madison on "Everwood" (Monday, WB) didn't even have to show up to cause problems with Amy and Ephram and make Dr. Brown realize one more time how close his son is to finding out the truth.

Best promo: even though I came to loathe the NBC promos, Ray Liotta was still phenomenal on "ER" (Thursday, NBC).

Most annoying cast addition: I don't think it's Kristin Chenoweth's fault, but her Annabeth Schott on "The West Wing" is yet another extremely exasperating woman on that show. After C.J., the first lady and Donna, the series ceased being able to

write compelling female characters.

Bummer of a cancellation: "LAX." No, I didn't love the show, but people, it was Heather Locklear. At least we got to see Charisma Carpenter play her sister.

Worst guest star: Did anyone out there even care if Donna (Kelly Preston) and Joey got together on "Joey" (Thursday, NBC)?

Most unnecessary cameo that still made me ridiculously happy: There was no reason for Nick from last season's "The Apprentice" (Thursday, NBC) to be on "American Dreams" (Sunday, NBC). He was the shopper buying the alarm clock so his boss wouldn't fire him. But I was still thrilled to see him. Perhaps you might have missed his secret message to me. Let's put him and Raj on the same reality show - maybe they can compete on "The Amazing Race" (Tuesday, CBS)? That would be some good times.

Most deceptive promotion: You really didn't think they were going to kill off one of the four (or five, if you count Nicolette Sheridan's Edie) main "Desperate Housewives" (Sunday, ABC) did you? Don't be mad at the series. Blame the promotions department. They know not what they do.

That's my wrap-up of November sweeps. What's yours? Talk about it on the TV Gal message boards.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"It's 11 o'clock at night. Who are you hoping to hook up with now? Spike and Drusilla?" Rory to Paris on "Gilmore Girls" (Tuesday, WB). You have to love the "Buffy" shout out.

"They reran '90210' on FX and the Walshes went to live in Hong Kong. I thought it was pretty believable." Hannah to Amy on "Everwood" about

why she said her parents were in Hong Kong.

WHERE HAVE I SEEN THEM BEFORE?

TV Gal reader Michelle recognized a bevy of familiar faces on "Without a Trace" (Thursday, CBS). Jack Coleman was the son of the missing juror. He was Peter Rickman on last season's "Kingdom Hospital" and Steven Carrington on "Dynasty." Joel Brooks played the son of the holocaust survivor. He played Ruth's co-worker Robbie on "Six Feet Under" (Sunday, HBO) and Mrs. Garrett's son Raymond on "The Facts of Life." John Kapelos, forever Carl the janitor in "The Breakfast Club" to me, was the head of the group tracking down Nazi war criminals. David Garrison played the missing man's lawyer. He was Steve on "Married... with Children" and played the faux modeling agent who scammed Robert out of his money last season on "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Ken Marino, the detective interrogating the priest on "NYPD Blue" (Tuesday, ABC), was Joey's Professor Wilder on "Dawson's Creek." He was also Andy on "Leap of Faith" and Steve on "Men Behaving Badly." Dawnn Lewis, Jaleesa on "A Different World" and Robin on "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper," was the woman who had an affair with Michael's father and then confessed to killing him. Christine Estabrook, the dear departed Mrs. Huber on "Desperate Housewives," was the woman working at the church who was in charge of the van.

TV Gal reader Terry recognized Christy Carlson Romano, the voice of Kim Possible and Ren Stevens on "Even Stevens," as the preppy God on "Joan of Arcadia" (Friday, CBS). Mike Starr, Kenny on "Ed," was the God who came into the bookstore looking for a copy of "Sense and Sensibility." Mary Mara was Grace's mom. Among her many roles, she was Loretta Sweet, the prostitute Dr. Greene tried to help on "ER" and the entertainment reporter C.J. totally took to task on "The West Wing." Kimberly McCullough, currently playing Kevin's ex-girlfriend, Beth, was Robin Scorpio on "General Hospital" (where she worked with Amber Tamblyn) and Eli's girlfriend Jennifer on "Once & Again."

TV Gal reader Jess recognized George Newbern as the psychiatrist on "Boston Legal" (Sunday, ABC). Newbern was Danny, the neighbor who had an inappropriate relationship with his sister on "Friends," and Syd's husband, Owen, on "Providence." Newbern was also the groom-to-be in the "Father of the Bride" movies.

That's all for today. I will be back next Monday with my picks for the 10 best characters currently on television. And don't forget coming in December, it's my annual "Best" columns the best quotes, the best shows and the best of everything television. Also I'll have the scoop on the fourth season of "24."

Have question, seen a familiar face, have an inside scoop or want to nominate a quote of the week? Write me at amytvgal@zap2it.com.

Trivia time
Actors who sing

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(KRT)

From Eddie Murphy to Don Johnson to Bruce Willis, the big and small screens are filled with actors who just wanna cut a record. How much do you know about these actor-singer hyphenates?

1. Lots of singers have had roles on the soap opera "General Hospital." Which of the following "GH" actors has not released a solo album?

- A. Rick Springfield (Dr. Noah Drake)
- B. Brad Maule (Dr. Tony Jones)
- C. John Stamos (Blackie Parrish)
- D. Jack Wagner (Dr. Frisco Jones)

2. Which former "In Living Color" performer, whose 1994 debut album was titled "Peep This," just signed a record deal with J Records?

- A. Jennifer Lopez
- B. Jamie Foxx
- C. Damon Wayans
- D. David Alan Grier

3. Val Kilmer, who did his own singing in the movies "Top Secret!" and "The Doors," recently showed off his pipes in what not-so-well-received Los Angeles musical?

- A. "The Ten Commandments"
- B. "Rent"
- C. "The King and I"
- D. "Hair"

4. Which former "Sex and the City" friend says he will take a hiatus from acting to launch a country-music career?

- A. Chris Noth
- B. Ron Livingston
- C. Kyle MacLachlan
- D. John Corbett

5. Actress Minnie Driver wants all of the songs on her new debut CD, "Everything For Get in My Pocket," except a cover of which Bruce Springsteen song?

- A. "Blinded by the Light"
- B. "Born to Run"
- C. "I'm on Fire"
- D. "Hungry Heart"

CORRECT ANSWERS:

- 1. C. John Stamos (Blackie Parrish)
- 2. B. Jamie Foxx
- 3. A. "The Ten Commandments"
- 4. D. John Corbett
- 5. D. "Hungry Heart"



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