

Directors seek compromise with MPAA

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Reporter

It is your first date with a very special person. You both decide to go to the movies. You look in the newspapers for time schedules and information on what movies are being shown. You know what the ratings mean, and you would be uncomfortable going to a movie with either an R or X rating. But you notice some movies listed with no rating at all.

Do you trust the movie theater manager or employee to critique the movie for you? Does no

rating mean the movie is acceptable for young children or even yourself?

Where is the line between an X-rated and an R-rated movie?

An X-rated movie has always been connected with pornography. However, a number of non-pornographic movies have recently been given an X-rating for sexual content and/or graphic violence. In this case the film is almost always released without a rating. Current films that have been released with no rating include "Henry: Portrait of a Serial Kill-

er," "The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover," and "Life is Cheap...But Toilet Paper Is Expensive."

Director Philip Kaufman, whose upcoming film, "Henry and June," has been rated X, stated, "You can slice off a woman's breast and get an R rating, but caress a woman's breast and you'll get an X rating." Filmmakers of these non-pornographic, but adult-oriented, movies are defending the content of their movies as necessary and see the X rating as a form of censorship. The stigma attached to the X rating affects

how (and if) the movie will be advertised, and what theaters the movie will be shown in.

The proposal of a new "A" rating, which would fall between R and X is finding favor with some filmmakers. This rating would solve the dilemma of whether to release a film with an X rating or none at all (thus destroying its chances for commercial success) or to edit the movie so it qualifies for an R rating.

Thirty-eight directors, including Spike Lee, Ron Howard and Francis Ford Coppola, are petitioning the Motion Picture Asso-

ciation of America (MPAA) for this new rating. Other proposed alternatives to the existing rating system are to add an "NC," meaning no children or an "R-21" for movies that will not allow attendance of people under 21 years of age.

There is no compromise yet between the MPAA and filmmakers over the current state of the rating system. It is a question that is still being debated by movie producers, directors, the MPAA, and most importantly, the movie-going public.

Calamity Jayne's Concert House Schedule

The following is a schedule of upcoming concerts at Calamity Jayne's Concert House, 3015 Boulder Highway, 384-6336. This schedule is subject to change.

Date	Band	Ticket Price	Time
September 26	James Harmon, Mono Hand	\$8.00	9 p.m.
September 27	Samson's Army	\$6.00	9 p.m.
September 28	Apocrypha-(Record release)	TBA	9 p.m.
September 29	Dead Milkmen, Homecooking	\$10.00	9 p.m.
October 3	Hummingbirds	\$.91	9 p.m.
October 5	Cave Dogs, Samson's Army	\$6.00	9 p.m.
October 6	Jetboy	\$10.00	9 p.m.
October 9	London Quireboys	\$10.00	9 p.m.
October 11	Social Distortion, Screaming Trees	\$10.00	9 p.m.
October 13	Roxanne, Petty Crime	\$8.00	9 p.m.
October 15	Jimmy Cliff	\$16.50	9 p.m.
October 24	Little Charlie & the Nightcats	\$8.00	9 p.m.
October 30	Black Crowes	\$18.50	9 p.m.



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Ted Nugent - Slams out a tune during the recent Bad Company and Damn Yankees concert.

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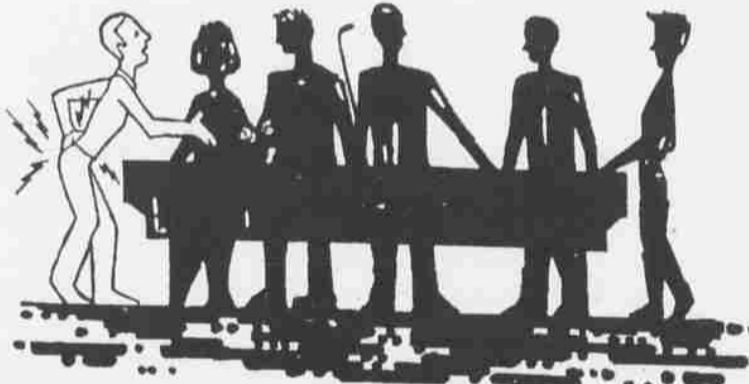
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