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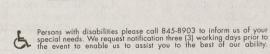
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# Devil in a Blue Drest

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Constant, subtle suspense drives murder mysten The

By Wes Swift THE BATTALION

Devil in a Blue Dress is as smooth as the jazz that fills the film's underground clubs and

MOVIE REVIEW Devil in a BLue Dress **Starring Denzel** Washington, Tom Sizemore and Don Cheadle **Directed by Carl Franklin** Rated R

Its mystery and suspense is subtle, sneaking up on viewers through each scene, pulling them along without their knowledge.

Playing at Hollywood 16
\*\*\* 1/2 (out of five)

Denzel Washington is Easy Rawlins, a World War II veteran who leaves his home in Houston for the promise of a better job in the factories of 1948 Los Angeles

The job market has not been kind to Rawlins, and he faces losing his home if he doesn't come up with some cash quick.

Enter Albright (Tom Sizemore), a shady man who hires Rawlins to find Daphne Monet (Jennifer Beals), the girlfriend

of a leading mayoral candidate. Monet likes to spend her time on Central Avenue, a strip of Negro speakeasies and clubs.

As Rawlins searches for Monet, he finds himself in a web of murder, politics and racism. Rawlins learns he can't trust anybody — even life-long friends turn into back-stabbing enemies.

First, his friend's girlfriend is murdered, and Rawlins was the last one to see her alive. Then, Monet tracks down Rawlins and asks him to drive her around the city. Consequently, another dead body turns up, and Rawlins can be linked to it

Piece by piece, Rawlins learns why finding Monet is so important and why someone is willing to kill her and the secret she carries.

If you're craving a good murder mystery, do not pass up Devil in a Blue Dress. The plot is slow-paced, but fast enough to keep audiences watching. The violence is kept to a minimum, and the story twists are perfectly timed.

The cinematography is wonderful, especially the exploration of Central Avenue and the predominantly black parts of L.A. This is a side of the City of Angels that we rarely get to see, and the production comes through.

Washington is good as Rawl-

Washington

ins. He doesn't play Rawlins the top, but just a regular guy who just wants to get out of a horrible situation.

Don Cheadle gives a showa performance as Mouse, Rawlin hood friend from Houston. O dle is funny and scary at the same time, and he's great on relief at some of the film's mos tense moments.

Devil in a Blue Dress is on of the slickest murder myst ies in a long time. The plot strong, the acting is solid an the scenery is insightful.

All mysteries should be as

# Despite powerful subject, Jeffrey has little to offer

By Wes Swift THE BATTALION

It's hard to say many positive things about Jeffrey, the new movie based on Paul Rudnick's play about a gay man trying to cope with life in the AIDS-filled modern world.

MOVIE REVIEW

Jeffrey Starring Patrick Stewart and Steven Weber **Directed by Christopher** Ashley Rated R Playing at Hollywood 16

\*\* (out of five)

That is because the film doesn't have many good things

Its good points are so few and sandwiched between so many bad points, that viewers

come away feeling like they have wasted their money.

Steven Weber plays Jeffrey, a modern gay man whose only obsession is sex. He loves sex with a religious fervor.

Times have changed, though, and in the era of HIV, sex, at least to Jeffrey, has become too hazardous. So Jeffrey swears

Things get complicated when Jeffrey's friends Sterling (Patrick Stewart) and Darius (Bryan Batt), introduce him to Steve (Michael T. Weiss), a fellow homosexual.

Steve and Jeffrey fall in love instantly. Jeffrey is in turmoil, trying to deal with his celibacy oath and his new-found love. Then Steve adds even more pressure by telling Jeffrey that he is HIV-positive.

Jeffrey spends the rest of the film deciding what he should do about Steve, his oath and his life. In the end, though, his pre-

dictable decision falls flat. For a film that could have broken a lot of ground, Jeffrey seems to have forgotten the shovel. The potential was

there, with the great talents Weber and Stewart, but it is doesn't click.

The fault doesn't lie with talented cast. Weber gives a admirable

performance in the lead role and Stewart is superb as Ste ling, the homosexual interior designer. The other actors at also solid.

The truth, however, is the Rudnick doesn't give them much to work with. The man, theatrical devices, like flashbacks, asides and segment in tros, don't translate on the s ver screen.

The monologue is weak an simplistic (Jeffrey's huge reve lation comes when his friend tells him, "Hate AIDS, Jeffre — don't hate life"). The restd the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that it doesn't according to the storyline goes in so many directions that according to the storyline goes in the storyline goes in the storyline goes in the storyline goes in the storyline goes i plish anything.

That's a shame, too. Jeffr with a stronger script, could have been something truly po erful. Instead we get a cheet movie about gay men.

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