

THE BATTALION LIFESTYLES

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LOLLAPALOOZA

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The Concourse
Billed as "artistic and environmental attractions," the concourse, a series of circus tents and vendors, was a dud.

There were a number of vendor booths with all the smoking devices, sunglasses and jewelry a festival-goer could handle. While

there were more than 20 such vendors, they were all selling the same merchandise. This begs the question, why would Farrell invite so many different people to sell the same bongs, Oakleys and hemp necklaces?

The main attractions of the concourse were "The Brainforest" and "The Greenhouse."

The Brainforest promised brilliant art, cutting-edge disc jockeys and an enlightenment about

the interconnection of all living things. The Brainforest, in reality, was a small tent that provided vegetarians and those concerned with toxic waste a chance to beef up on their information. Void of entertainment value, The Brainforest gave Mr. Farrell a chance to preach to the choir. Talking to a number of festival-goers, I found none that prior to their Brainforest experience had been supportive of dioxin in the

water supply. Similarly, the "More Beef?" section, which included graphic depictions of slaughterhouse techniques, will likely have little impact on the sales at McDonald's.

For Lollapalooza to survive, Mr. Farrell must return to his original recipe. With the news of a Jane's Addiction reunion, there is an opportunity for next year's festival to improve upon this year's disappointment.

Aniston movie far from perfect

Picture Perfect
Starring Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Bacon, Jay Mohr
Directed by Glen Gordon Carron
Rated PG-13
Playing at Hollywood 16
** (out of five)

By MANDY CATER
THE BATTALION

Jennifer Aniston is to twentysomethings of the '90s what Molly Ringwald was to Brat Packers of the '80s.

In *Picture Perfect*, Aniston plays Kate Mosley, a beautiful, young advertising agent trying to work her way up the corporate ladder. Kate's ad campaigns consistently lure in big bucks accounts, but she seems to be in a career rut. Her boss, Mr. Mercer (Kevin Dunn) only promotes people with mortgages, families or car notes — something to keep them loyal to the firm. He sees Kate's freedom and unattachment as an agency risk.

Meanwhile, Kate's love life is not in much better shape. She has had a string of nightmare dates, many of which were arranged by her meddling mother (Olympia Dukakis). Sam (Kevin Bacon) is Kate's co-worker and the one man she really wants to get involved with, only he's "too nice."

Kate's best friend Darcy (Ileana Douglas) hatches a plan she thinks will remedy both Kate's career and romantic woes. Darcy shows Mercer a picture of Kate sitting in the lap of a young man named Nick (Jay Mohr). Darcy pitches a wild tale, saying Kate and Nick are involved and plan to marry; all of this is unbeknownst to Kate, who just met Nick at a wedding the week prior.

Kate decides to go along with the zany plan, landing her a promotion and interest from Sam, who apparently adores unavailable women. Kate thinks she's got it made until Nick suddenly becomes a young girl from a fire. The company bigwigs want to have dinner with the loving couple, and the chaos begins.

Kate is forced to track down Nick, and beg him to come to her rescue. They plan a crash history course in Kate's life and a staged break-up at the dinner. Nick agrees, but the game turns out to be more than Kate bargained for.

Picture Perfect suffers from a syndrome of many romantic comedies

today — its story is stale and its board. It seems as if American makers have forgotten what it means to make a love story.

Everything in Kate's life is a cliché, from the overhearing motif to the youthful clothes and the cheivous best friend.

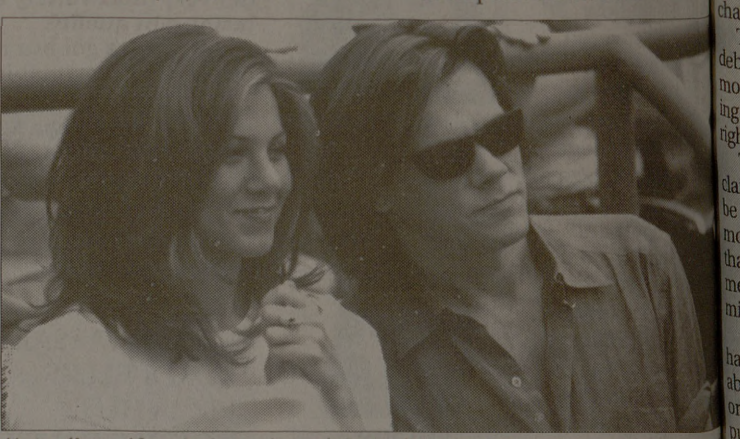
The one bright spot in this movie is Aniston, who makes an unexpectedly impressive screen presence. Her understated charm and ever-present attitude make the movie worth a peek. Aniston's Kate is reminiscent of Audrey Hepburn's free-spirited Holly Golightly in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, independent and insouciant simultaneously.

It is refreshing to see a realistic, complex female character such as Kate. She is not the airheaded bimbo or harlot that are so often visible in film. Kate experiences a real array of human feelings: happiness, frustration, selfishness and love. Aniston relies on a subtle method of acting, including quick comedic timing and a full effervescence.

Unfortunately, though, Kate's depth character development comes at the price of virtually no existing development of male characters. Bacon's Sam is such a one-man show that he doesn't seem interested in why she doesn't like him. The Nick, the knight in shining armor, is left knowing little more about him than that he is a good living and that he saved a kid from fire. He does little to convince the viewer that Kate should risk everything and fall for him. In order to make a love story work, viewers have to be cheering for both of the lovebirds; that just does not happen with Nick.

In the end, though, this picture is enjoyable, if you don't go in expecting the likes of *Four Weddings and a Funeral* or *When Harry Met Sally*. It's a fun date movie, but like many movies in its genre, it just wraps up too easily. Everything finishes too simply, and the viewer is left to take it at face value.

In a day when sex and violence are the norm, movies like *Picture Perfect* are a welcome change, and they do seem to be making a comeback. Hopefully, with more audiences being responsive, movie studios will produce more quality film in this genre. And while the '90s have yet to have a counterpart to *Pretty in Pink*, Aniston's performance leaves us hopeful for the future.



Kate (Jennifer Aniston) and Sam (Kevin Bacon) spend an afternoon at a tennis match in 20th Century Fox's *Picture Perfect*.

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PIZZA

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If you are looking for originality then Kokopelli's is a great solution. There is no comparison to the wood-fired pizza, a tasty alternative to the usual pizza crust. The toppings variety goes way beyond pepperoni and sausage, offering roasted chicken and a Tex-Mex version garnished with guacamole and sour cream. The price can be a little steep for a college student on a budget.

Whether you heed our pizza warnings or follow our advice, pizza still an easy solution to those late night munchies. How else can you get all four food groups in one meal without having dirty dishes? Just throw away the dirty wipe up the grease, and try to think of the calories.