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Wild Things

Starring Matt Dillon, Neve Campbell, Kevin Bacon and Denise Richards

Directed by John McNaughton

Playing at Hollywood 16

Rated R

Critique: D-

Previews have once again misled audiences. Wild Things appeared to be a sexy and

mysterious drama. Uh, no.
This movie is twisted and confusing. Matt Dillon plays Sam Lombardo, a high school counselor at Blue Bay High School, where Suzie Toller (Neve Campbell) and Kelly Van Ryan (Denise Richards) are stu-

dents. Within the first 20 minutes of the movie, Van Ryan sues Lombardo for rape. Toller follows suit and claims that Lombardo raped her as well, which begins the downward spiral that might be considered a plot.

Kevin Bacon is the only character who delivers an acceptable acting performance in his portrayal of detective Ray Duquette. Richards should go back to modeling for Teen Magazine. Like Sharon Stone, Richards will only make movies in which she can sell her sex appeal. She wears either a swimsuit or a wet T-shirt throughout the entire movie. That is, if she's wearing anything at all.

Speaking of nudity, the movie also features Duquette flashing "the full bacon" in a shower scene. Maybe that's what the film needed to keep audiences awake.

Even though the movie was supposed to be a murder mystery of sorts, it was boring and didn't make sense. Tangled webs were woven, and it went downhill from there.

Neve Campbell, recipient of Family Films and Family Television Academy's "Best Family TV Actress" award, just can't pull off the badgirl image. Viewers will always know her as responsible, dependable Julia from "Party of Five" and Sydney, the innocent virgin in Scream. Her character in Wild Things is a social outsider, from the wrong side of the tracks. She lives in a trailer, where she reads about death and smokes pot. Van Ryan, on the other hand, lives in a mansion with her millionaire mother. And we're supposed to believe that these girls are romantically involved with each other as well as their school counselor?

In the scene in which Campbell tells the detectives the story of her involvement with Lombardo, she is in full bad-girl swing.

"Don't touch me," she shouts as thrusts forward a girly fist. Okay, this scene is just funny. She doesn't look capable of hurting anyone, even with her dyed hair and combat boots.

Bacon, who is also executive producer of the film, claimed in an interview that the first time he read the script, he kept thinking it was a trashy piece of crap. Trust your instincts, Kevin. But Bacon said that as he continued reading, each few pages offered a new surprise.

Sure, the movie is not what viewers will expect. This is no romantic comedy. It does offer a few bizarre twists. But surprise doesn't make it interesting.



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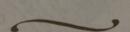
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