

# 'Tommy Boy' needs to grow up

## The Facts

**Film:** "Tommy Boy"  
**Director:** Peter Segal  
**Stars:** Chris Farley, David Spade and Bo Derek  
**Rating:** PG  
**Grade:** D  
**Five Words:** "SNL" films can't cut it.

**By Joel Strauch**  
 Film Critic

Saturday Night Live stars Chris Farley and David Spade try to make it as a comedy team in "Tommy Boy."

Obviously they weren't around when the responses from "Trapped in Paradise" and "Billy Madison" came back or they would have realized that the days of great "SNL" movies were over.

Sure, you get a gem like "Wayne's World" once in a while, but it used to be that you could depend on hilarious comedies from those weekend wits.

The National Lampoon Vacation movies, "Ghostbusters," "The Blues Brothers,"—the list used to go on and on.

Nowadays, audiences (the limited ones that still show up) are prepared for disappointment when they sit and watch a full-length movie that would be a lot more funny and bearable as a 3-minute sketch.

The latest failure is about Tommy Callahan (Farley), a college graduate after only seven years and a D+ average (you probably know a few of these) who returns to his Sandusky, Ohio,



David Spade and Chris Farley star in "Tommy Boy," which opens today.

Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

home to run his father's business.

Callahan is unprepared for the ruthless efforts of his stepmother to buy out Callahan Auto Parts.

He enlists the aid of his father's former right-hand man, Richard Hayden (Spade) to take to the road and attempt to save the company and the entire town.

The movie abounds with clichéd

slapstick and lackluster acting (as if that's a surprise).

The flick had its moments, but they were few and far between. Farley's physical comedy and Spade's dry humor, normally hilarious on "SNL," just got old and died after about the first 20 minutes of the movie.

"Tommy Boy," and the latest "SNL" cast, have a lot of growing up to do.

## Bowers

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Russell Thompson his wife.

"It's a real joyful time," he said. "With Kate, there's no loneliness. I'm so lucky to be in love at this point in my life. It's like a fairy tale."

"I never should have let her go," he said.

Bowers said he and his new bride preferred to drive on this tour.

"It's magic to look across and not only be in love with the person, but also singing and playing with them. Words can't cover how happy I am these days."

## Starkweathers

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The Sissies will open for the Starkweathers at Knickerbockers.

"We have only played at Knickerbockers in Lincoln. We are kind of loyal to people who help out bands they don't know anything about,"

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Hog Wild tour to plow through Lincoln

From Staff Reports

Hank Williams Jr. is on his Hog Wild tour, and he's bringing McBride and the Ride along for the ride Saturday night at 7:30 at the Pershing Auditorium, 226 Centennial Mall South.

Junior, son of the immortal Hank Williams, has been singing country western music since the first cowboys hit the dusty trail.

The official after-concert party will be held at Guitars and Cadillacs, 5400 O St., and will feature 96 KX Hot Country Saturday Night Live

music.

Tickets for the concert are \$23.50 — \$29.50 for a very limited number of Gold Circle Seats—and are available through Ticketmaster.

Pam Ingram, spokeswoman for 105.3 KFGE (Froggy), said her station had received a phenomenal response to the concert.

"We've been giving away T-shirts, CD's and tickets all week and people are really excited about the concert," Ingram said.

"There are still tickets available," she said, "but they're going really fast."

## Student films to compete at film festival

From Staff Reports

University of Nebraska-Lincoln film lovers can catch two film festivals this weekend, the Student Academy Awards and the 1995 Gay/Lesbian Film Festival.

"Tempest Eye," a film by Lincoln native Jeff McArthur, will premiere Sunday at the Student Academy Awards at the Mary Riempa Ross Film Theater.

The film is a suspense thriller about a man with amnesia who is accused of murder. McArthur, a graduate of New York University, filmed in and around Lincoln.

Beginning Sunday, the theater will show and judge entries by film students and will show a compilation film featuring three Gold Medal-winning entries from last


year's competition. The screenings are free and open to the public.

The films will compete in four categories: animation, documentary, dramatic and alternative. The winning films will be sent to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences in Beverly Hills, Calif., to compete against entries from other regions.

The final judging will be by members of the Academy, the same people who select the Oscar winners.

The Gay/Lesbian Film Festival will take place Friday and Saturday at the College of Business Administration, room 143. Ten different films will be shown, broken up into three groups.

Admission is free for UNL students and \$3 for each showing for non-UNL students.



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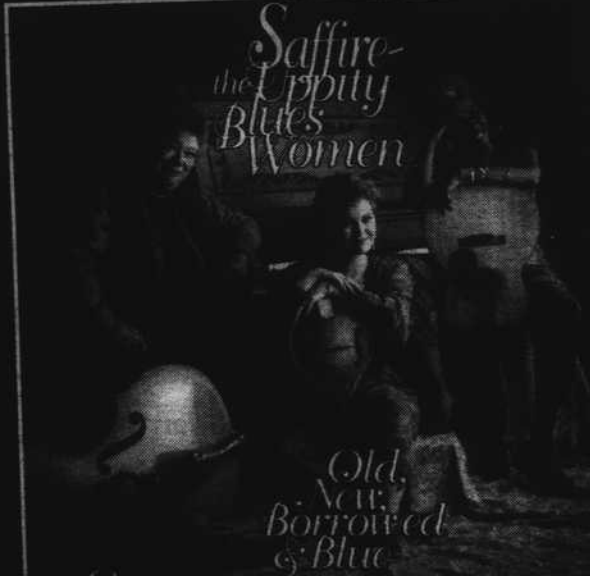
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