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Arnold Schwarzenegger as Col. John Matrix.

'Commando' lauded for its 'parody'

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As an actor, Arnold Schwarzenegger makes a great body builder.

Despite this, I find myself strongly recommending his latest movie, "Com-

It's recommended with restrictions. If you don't like violence, reel-to-reel action, and acting so bad it's funny, stay away from this flick.

Movie Review

Assuming most of you have heard Clint Eastwood's famous "Go ahead, make my day" and Rambo's "I'm coming to get you, Murdock," I can tell you that Schwarzenegger had about 15 such lines in "Commando." It is almost as if the movie parodies the Rambo and Chuck Norris "one-man-against-theworld" movies.

The film is incredibly action packed, keeping your eyes transfixed most of the time.

Schwarzenegger comes across as a comic book character, moving from action-packed scene to action-packed scene, with ludicrous lines that almost stop the action as if they came from a comic book script bubble. His character had little depth, but somewhat more than the role he played in "The Terminator."

I will describe the plot briefly, pecause it is not that hard to figure out, and because it is not central to our enjoyment of this film.

Schwarzenegger plays Col. Matrix, a etired covert operations officer whose aughter is kidnapped and held ranom. Her abductor, a former dictator, vants Matrix to assassinate his South merican country's new democratcally-elected president so he can regain

Matrix, using a clever bit of decepion at the airport, manages to "buy" 11 ours in which he can rescue his aughter. This becomes his primary im in the movie.

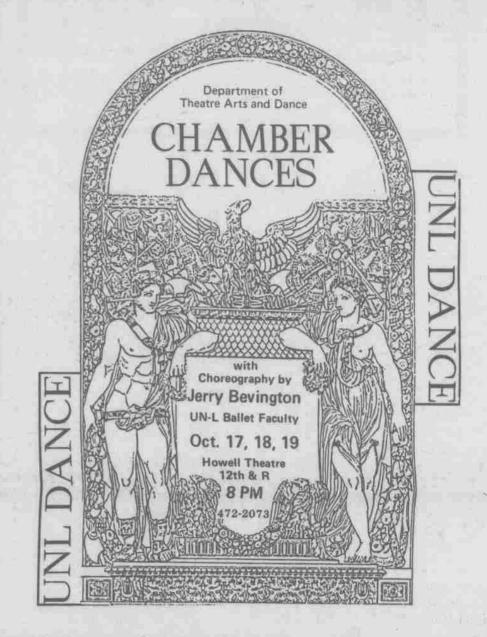
The smartest move the writer and frector of this movie made was mak-

ing Schwarzenegger's main goal the almost justifiable. humanitarian one of rescuing his daughter. This immediately sets up a ical implications a thought in this film. good guy/bad guy situation that crosses It was just good old America "one-manno ideological boundaries, and makes Matrix's killing about 1,000 people

To be honest, I never even gave politagainst-the-world" action.

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