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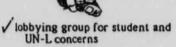
Jeremy Irons plays Dr. Beverly Mantle in "Dead Ringers."

Ringers' gets a gong for tastelessness

By Michael Deeds Staff Reporter

"Dead Ringers" is now being ad-vertised as a "thriller" by producer and director David Cronenberg, our good friend who grossed us out with his remake of "The Fly."

In this poor excuse for a flick, Jeremy Lyons stars as two twins who are completely batty. The first twin is



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scholar who works hard and is shy with women. Then there's Elliot Mantle, the confident stud who manages the brothers' careers

The boys are gynecologists. Well-known in the world of medicine, they are called simply "the Mantle twins." The twins do have separate personalities, but they are very close. They live together in an apartment. They take turns sleeping with the same women.

However, things backfire when Claire Niveau, an actress who has been lured into the twins' love trap, figures out that she's romping with

two different guys.
Niveau falls for Beverly, and tries to take him away from Elliot, because she sees the strange closeness that the twins have. She also gets him hooked

Elliot becomes worried when Bev ets messed up all the time, because Bev does some weird things.

Beverly is losing it and decides he has to have some special gynecologi-cal instruments designed for "mutant women." Oh boy. They are not very pleasant instruments to look at, let alone think about using

The movie gets fairly disgusting by this point, and even girls in the

back row started groaning. Oh boy. Well, the medical world has found out that Bev has a problem with drugs by now, and has pretty much given condoms. Who knows?

Beverly Mantle, the introverted him the boot. Elliot tries to salvage their careers, but to no avail. So, he starts taking pills, too.

The twins become synchronized. They are now pill-popping, stagger-ing gynecologist buddies from the Satanic underworld. Bev decides it's time for them to separate and gets radical with his mutant instruments.

By this time, several people have left the theater, and a few in the front are throwing popcorn. To tell the truth, this is a lot more interesting than the movie.

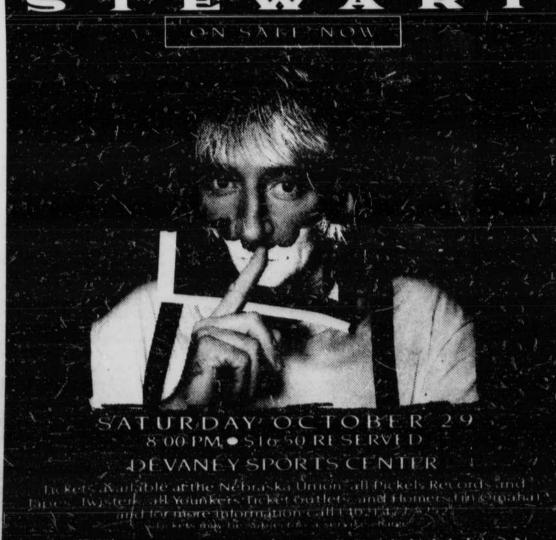
The movie is gross, but not graphically gross. It just deals with subject matter that is fine when looked at medically, but becomes tasteless when twisted into a maniacal pretzel.

Jeremy Lyons is fairly disturbing, so he gets a little credit. But the plot is completely irrational, it's hard to distinguish the twins, and apparently it takes someone with a little more intelligence than the average horror film fan to understand.

David Cronenberg has really blown it this time. Admittedly, this movie is different from his normal directing style, so he deserves a little understanding. But this show plain

Maybe he could combine ideas and have a couple of fly twins that deliver babies for a living. Or sell





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