

# Film recycles 'rags-to-riches' plot with some humor



## "Straight Talk"



By Anne Steyer  
Staff Reporter

Although nothing is wrong with "Straight Talk," it lacks originality. It's merely a retread of all the other "rags-to-riches" stories — a "Working Girl" wannabe. Grammy Award winner Dolly Parton ("Steel Magnolias," "9 to 5") is Shirlee Kenyon, an

honest, small-town woman who is down on her luck. Fired from her job as a dance instructor for spending too much time counseling the customers and blasted by her boyfriend, Shirlee packs her bags and moves to Chicago.

After some unsuccessful job-hunting, Shirlee is hired as a receptionist at WNDY, a talk-radio station in desperate need of a ratings boost and a better on-the-air shrink.

On her first day she takes a wrong turn, ends up in a sound booth, and well, you can guess the rest. "Dr. Shirlee" becomes a huge success prescribing healthy doses of her "as my daddy always used to say" advice.

But not everyone in the windy city is a die-hard fan. James Woods ("My Name is Bill W.," "Against All Odds") is Jack Russell, a Chicago Sun Times investigative journalist in need of a hot story.

Skeptical of Shirlee's credentials, especially because she declines interviews, Jack thinks he's got a shot at an exposé. Knowing she won't talk to him as a reporter, he approaches

her as a suitor. He cons his way into her life, her heart and well, you can guess what happens next.

Will he or won't he write the story? Will he or won't he fall in love? Oh, come on. You've seen this movie before, it just had different locations and actors.

Although there is nothing new, there are some genuinely funny moments. Woods is good in this lighter role (Who would have thought he could be a romantic lead?), and even those who aren't country music fans will find Dolly endearing.

Thankfully, there aren't many shots of Dolly's celebrated endowments, though there are a couple of references to them.

Instead, the camera concentrates on her expressive face and her five-inch stiletto heels.

"Straight Talk" isn't going to be an award winner and it certainly doesn't break new ground, but it does provide a couple of laughs, a full slate of cameos and some mild entertainment.



Courtesy of Buena Vista  
Dolly Parton as Shirlee Kenyon

## Souljah

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have decided that slavery must be reinstated for all black Americans, except those in the military. The president has chosen slavery because the black people have not made any progress technologically, their educational level has declined and the vast majority of them are

still on welfare.

The song's message is that America, especially black America, has done nothing to curb racism, so a return to slavery will result. Souljah once again calls on black America to stand up and "imagine if we had it all together we'd have an umbrella for the stormy weather," stormy weather being racism.

The rest of the LP's nine tracks are of similar subject matter. Sister Souljah truly is at

war with a lot of people.

The strength of this LP is that Souljah paints a positive picture for black Americans if they act now.

Sister Souljah is a strong sister who stands up for what she believes although she stomps on a few toes.

But Sister Souljah's LP lacks diversity. This is a point that Souljah does not care about, and throughout the album, she states her beliefs

about white America over and over.

Also, the line between the monotonous speech or rap music is sometimes hard to find. At times it seems that Souljah is just rambling.

Overall this is not an LP for entertainment. It should be listened to carefully. Then you can decide if you want to be a souljah in the good sister's army.

—Anthony D. Speights

## Mayle

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can imagine, and bursting stomachs to match.

Sometimes the most commonplace events lead one to the fantastic, as when Mayle discovers two gold coins

while digging in the garden. The results are predictable (no more coins and a pockmarked lawn), but the story remains refreshing.

Mayle's ability to explore the familiar in a refreshing manner reveals itself many times in this work. Alas, the country of Provence is not entirely immutable.

Provence has been discovered as a

secret getaway and ironically is drawing endless streams of tourists, visitors and new residents, all of whom get Mayle's attention.

It may seem odd that Mayle, an American, writes with sadness of the influx of people into a once quiet and reserved area, but after getting settled, Mayle is accused of "going native" by a friend.

Provence itself may be slow to change over the years, but the region has left its mark upon the writer and his wife, who now are at home among the locals.

In closing his book, Mayle writes, "They are kind enough to say our French doesn't make them shudder. I doubt that, but there is no doubting their desire to help us feel at home,

and there is a warmth to everyday life that is not just the sun."

My friend did not visit Provence while in France, but I felt as if I might have been there myself while reading Mayle's book. Next Spring Break, I will hope for another book with the same transporting quality as "Toujours Provence."

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International Students Organization will hold its Spring Picnic on Saturday, April 11, at Pioneer's Park. Meet at 10am in the parking lot behind International Affairs, UNL City Campus. Bring food to share and barbecue. Vans will be provided, car pool appreciated. Public Welcome.

Lt. Be in it. CPN Health Fair '92, April 12, 8-10pm.

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Mrs. Grell at 472-3605  
Mrs. Turmagne at 472-2027  
KrisMichelle at 488-8611.

Louis Crompton will speak on "An Army of Lovers: Homosexuality in Ancient Greece." Wednesday, April 8, at 3:30, Andrews 229.

**Malaysian Nite '92**  
A formal night featuring: dinner with a taste of authentic recipes from Malaysia, Cultural performances. Date: April 16, 1992. Location: Centennial Room (City Union 2nd Floor). Time: 5:30pm. Ticket: \$14. Tickets are available at City Union booth from April 6 - 10, 1992.

**NU MEDS**  
Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00pm in the Union. Speaker on internships will be there...hope you will be too!

Parking west, reserved faculty parking available north of Denny's. \$210/240 per year. 488-5154, evenings.

**Show Your Pride!!**  
Affirmation Day '92  
**Affirming the rights of Bisexuals, Lesbians, and Gays.**  
April 8th at 7:00pm  
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**CBA Student Advisory Board**  
Elections and pizza. Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 at the Culture Center. Bring your own pop. Call Pam 483-1730 or Kgly 489-6864.

**COLLEGE REPUBLICANS**  
Meeting Tuesday, April 7, 8:00pm. City Union (Room will be posted.)

**CORNCOBBS**  
Meeting at 7:00 in union. Dues and football ticket money due April 21.

**Gay/Lesbian Student Association**  
Weekly meeting Thursday 8:00pm. Room 342 Nebraska Union. 472-5644.

**Hey AIESEC**  
General meeting today, 4pm, in the Union. Congratulations to AIESEC'er of the week: Cindy Onken.

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**Phi Chi Theta**  
Mandatory short, informal meeting. Tuesday, April 7th, 6pm, CBA 117.

PI Sigma Alpha meeting, Wednesday, 5:00, in 538 Oldfather. Certificates and election of officers.

**Pre-Physical Therapy**  
Meeting Thursday, April 9, 6:30pm, in the Union. Room will be posted. Speaker from the South Dakota school of Physical Therapy.

**Psi Chi Elections**  
for 92-93 officers will be held Tuesday, April 7, at 4:30pm in Burnett 119. Please join us and give yourself a great experience for the upcoming year!

Student Foundation/SAA/Student Ambassadors Meet at Holiday Skate World tonight at 8:00pm. Don't forget to bring \$3.50. See everyone there!

**UPC - "Best of the Rest" New Members Welcome! Come to meeting for "Mo' Money in Comedy!"**  
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Thank you very much to everyone who worked at George Strait Friday. Couldn't have done it without you. Special thanks to: Bryan Ganzel, Margaret Henshaw, Souja Kaponn, Tracy Kapoun, Eric Kinney, Kate Kuhlman, Chris Kunkel, Angie O'Meara, Teresa Petrasheky, Chris Robacker, Matt Stefan, and Charles Thompson for sticking around into the wee hours of the morning until everything was done. Remember-meeting this Wednesday. Agenda: Cornstock. Doug

The meek shall inherit the earth. Come Thursday to Room 340, NE Union to learn how.

**115 Meetings**

**Alpha Zeta**  
Meeting Wednesday April 8, 7pm, East Campus Union, room will be posted.

**Campus Red Cross**  
This is for REAL! PIZZA PARTY is April 7th! 5:00pm on Tuesday, awards will be given at the Culture Center/Common Place. Everyone, including Health Aides, are more than welcome to come to our LAST meeting of the YEAR and celebrate the BLOOD DRIVE! Yes - the date and time is correct!!

**120 Greek Affairs**

AGS & Lambda Chi Alpha, Thanks! We had a blast making the banner! AXO

Congratulations "Hitman" Huls, "Guns" Casler and "Birdseye" Miller on making the Yell Squad. The Men of Phi Delta Theta

Congratulations to Greg Mathis on receiving a Disney internship and to Keith Kcause for getting accepted to PA School. The Men of Beta Sigma Psi

Farmhouse, Only 4 weeks left. Study now so we can party later! The Thetas

Gamma Phi Beta and Phi Mu, Thanks for the great formal. The women of Phi Beta Chi

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Applications are available in Room 332, Greek Affairs Office, City Union. Applications are due April 10, 1992.

**Triad '92**  
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