

'School Ties' deemed powerful, successful



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Although school neckties and discrimination have nothing to do with each other, they do in the latest box office hit, "School Ties."

Set in 1955, David Greene (Brendan Fraser) is granted a football scholarship to play quarterback at Saint Matthew's preparatory school for his senior year in high school.

David meets the stuck-up rich boys of Saint Matthews and is included in their group.

David hastens to tell them that he is Jewish even though he fears pers-

cutation by his newly found friends, but he ignores their discriminatory remarks.

He then meets the beautiful Sally Wheeler (Amy Locane) with whom he falls in love instantly, and they soon become a couple.

But as David starts to enjoy his stay at Saint Matthew's, trouble brews.

One of David's friends, Dillon (Matt Damon), must give up his cherished position at quarterback and his girlfriend, Sally, to David.

Dillon seeks revenge, and soon everyone finds out that David is Jewish.

David's "friends" turn on him, and he no longer is accepted by them or Sally.

He keeps to himself for the time being until one day in history class.

The history teacher finds a cheat sheet on the floor after an exam. He threatens his students with failing grades if the cheater does not come forward.

But little does Dillon know that David saw him cheat.

The class has a difficult decision to make: whether to blame Dillon, a

long-time friend, or David, the new Jewish kid.

With a cast of marvelous actors, this powerful and impressive movie touches the issues that were of concern in the 1950s and still today.

Fraser as David, is a far cry from his role in "Encino Man."

In "School Ties," he plays the serious character of a clean-cut football player, in contrast to a dirty caveman. Fraser managed to play the part of David brilliantly, even shedding tears in some scenes.

Damon ("Mystic Pizza") as Dillon, played a complicated and intricate role of a bigot seeking revenge with the utmost sincerity.

Produced by Sherry Lansing and Stanley R. Jaffe ("Black Rain," "Fatal Attraction"), "School Ties" is an extraordinary movie dealing with problems of discrimination, school and parental pressures and economic backgrounds.

Jaffe and Lansing have been interested in doing a film on an exploration of antisemitism since the formation of Jaffe/Lansing Productions nine years ago.



Brendan Fraser stars as David Greene, a Jewish student in 1955, in "School Ties."

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