

Film Review



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SANDRA BULLOCK reprises her role as Annie, the luckless woman who somehow always ends up on the wrong mode of transportation at the wrong time, in "Speed 2: Cruise Control."

'Speed 2' can't keep up with the original

BY GERRY BELTZ
Film Critic

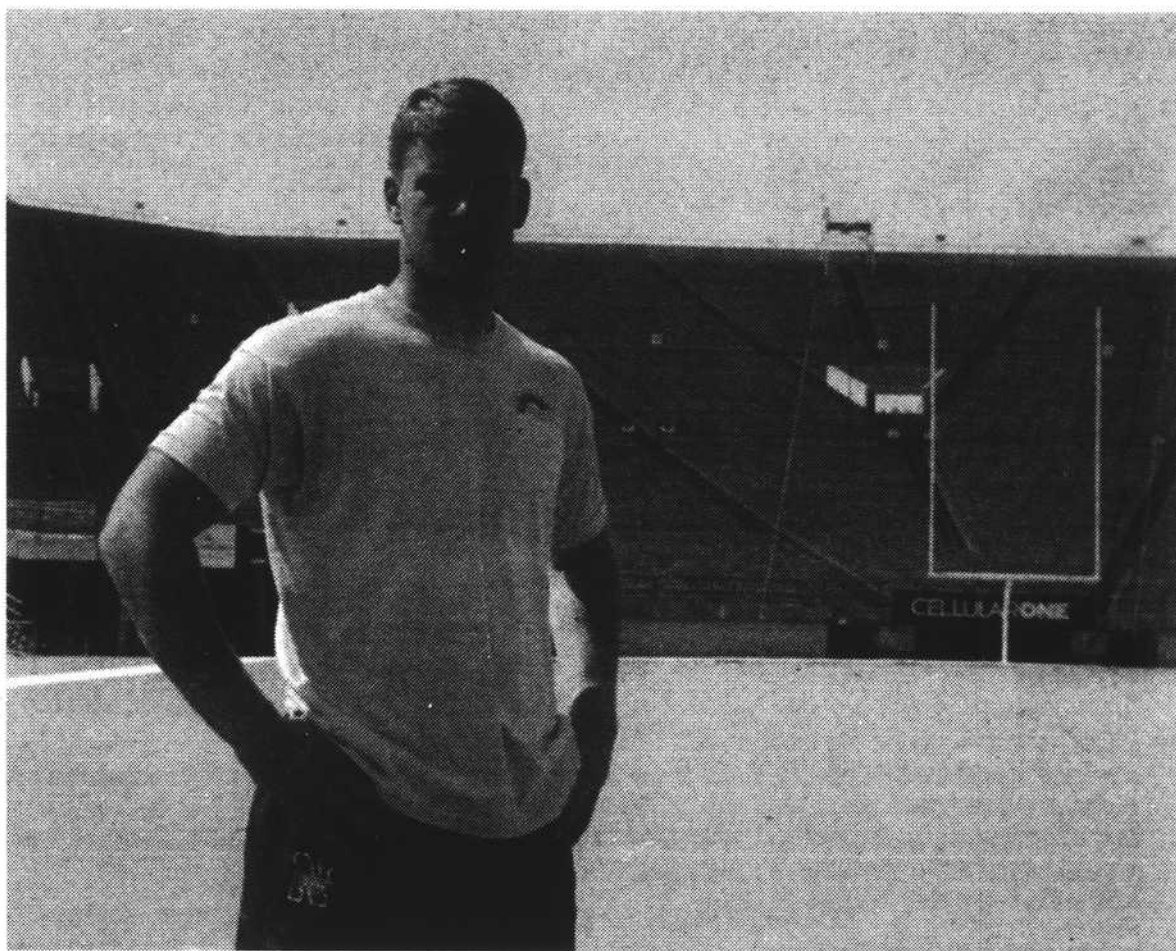
Ye gods. I had forgotten just how bad sequels could be before viewing "Speed 2: Cruise Control."

Granted, some have been worse than this, but sequels this bad are usually restricted to a straight-to-video release, or punishment for heinous crimes against society (such as being a movie critic). Maybe it was the big names involved that kept it on the big screen.

Keanu Reeves decided to pass on reprising his role as SWAT officer Jack Traven in this sequel to the 1994 mega-hit "Speed," and stepping in to fill his shoes is Jason Patric, (of "The Lost Boys" fame) as Alex, whom Annie (returning Sandra Bullock) has been dating for some time. However, Alex hasn't been completely honest with Annie, because she thinks he's a beach patrol officer.

Actually, Alex is a S.W.A.T. officer, and although Annie is rather upset at her boyfriend's lies, her feelings for the boy wonder keep him from being single again. Thus, after a promising opening scene involving motorcycle stunts, an armored car chase and an obstacle course littered with computer equipment, Annie and Alex head out

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CHRIS KELSAY, who will be a senior at Auburn High School in the fall, has given NU's football team its first verbal commitment for the recruiting class of 1998. Kelsay, who played both tight end and outside linebacker last season, helped lead his team to a 10-2 record.

Auburn senior says he'll play for NU

BY DAVID WILSON
Staff Reporter

Chris Kelsay got what he wanted.

While attending the third session of Nebraska's June football camp, the 6-foot-4½, 235-pound rush end said he was offered a scholarship by NU Coach Tom Osborne on June 13.

"When he asked me to come into his office," Kelsay said, "I had a pretty good idea of what was going to happen. The adrenaline was flowing. It was great."

Kelsay, who will be a senior at Auburn High School this fall, became the Cornhuskers first verbal commitment for their 1998 recruiting class. High school athletes cannot sign letters of intent until February.

As a junior last season, Kelsay helped lead Auburn to the class C-1 semi-finals where it lost to Milford, the eventual C-1 champion. Auburn finished the season 10-2 and fourth in its class. Kelsay, who played outside linebacker and tight end, led Auburn with 95 tackles and 250 yards receiving in 1996.

"He's just got all the tools that you could ever ask for," Auburn Coach Dave Carlson said. "His potential is just unlimited."

Kelsay will follow the footsteps of his older brother, Chad, who will be a

junior rush end at Nebraska next fall. The brothers last played together in 1994 — when Chris was a freshman and Chad was a senior.

"If I have any questions," Chris Kelsay said, "he knows what's going on down here. I've always wanted to play college ball with my brother too."

Carlson, who has been the head coach at Auburn since 1995, said he had seen significant improvement in Kelsay over the past two seasons. Kelsay will be the first division-I scholarship recipient Carlson has ever coached.

"When I came here, he was pretty rough around the edges," Carlson said. "I don't know if his work ethic was really good. I think it was one of those things where he was always being compared to Chad and everyone was telling him, 'You're good.' I think he kind of bought into it."

"He's really improved his work ethic, his attitude and his leadership skills. But the biggest thing that I noticed was his instincts. He had a tough time with that as a sophomore. Now, he's reacting and flying."

At the Nebraska camp, Kelsay ran a 4.9-second electronic-timed 40-yard-dash. Carlson said he had hand-timed Kelsay running the 40-yard-dash in 4.65 seconds. Kelsay, who also plays basketball and throws the

shot in track, said he benches 335 pounds, squats 450 pounds, and has a 34-inch vertical jump.

"He's only going to get bigger," Carlson said. "I don't know how big this kid is going to get. Frankly, he's kind of skinny. He could put a lot more weight on."

Kelsay, who was also offered a scholarship to Michigan, has qualified academically and currently owns a 3.89 grade-point average. His ability in the class room was another reason the Huskers offered Kelsay a scholarship, Carlson said.

"Here's a young man that may not be the most intelligent, but he works hard in the class room. He takes his academics seriously."

"That was another plus with Nebraska — and any more, division-I schools have to look at that."

Carlson expects Kelsay to redshirt his freshman season at Nebraska because of the Huskers' depth at rush end. But a year in the weight room will help Kelsay, Carlson said.

As a senior this fall, Kelsay will play both tight end and rush end for Auburn. Carlson said this year could be a break-out season for Kelsay.

"All the physical tools are there," Carlson said. "It's just a matter of getting comfortable. We think he can be as dominating of a player as there is in the state in class C-1."