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"Space Cowboys" unable to succeed with cast

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Probably not. Considering you knew you'd have at least a two-day head start on anybody, well, wouldn't it be pretty easy to ... disappear, in the figurative sense? Start anew? Plan world domination or something? If I'm not mistaken, I believe megalomaniacs hold that final idea in high regard.

But "Hollow Man" refuses to explore any of those possibilities, assuming that a genius like Sebastian actually prefers to skulk around his old girlfriend, played by Shue. And what is Shue, a fair dramatic actress, doing in this movie anyway? And who thought her hair looked flattering chopped up like a mop head?

The closing sequences of the movie have to be seen to be believed. I grant that invisibility gives one the power of not being seen. I cannot grant him the power of being torched, electro-

cuted, shot, blown up and not only living but able to suddenly become one of the "X-Men" and leap 20 feet in the air. And though I'm no chemist, I doubt centrifuges really have timers on them, so they can count down to a sulfuric acid bomb.

And for anybody who desperately misses having "MacGuyver" to watch on Monday nights, there's a scene involving magnets that'll make any diehard blush with recognition. Of course, a little theme music would have been nice. Then again, by its conclusion, to compare "Hollow Man" to bad television might be too high a complement. ★★

"Space Cowboys"
Director: Clint Eastwood
Stars: Clint Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland, James Garner
Rating: PG-13

The plot for this film from actor/director Clint Eastwood is somewhat ridiculous.

Take for example the scene in which Hawk (Jones) straps himself to a Russian "communication" satellite (that is actually housing nuclear missiles -

OOPS!) and jet propels it to the moon so as not to destroy the earth.

If it sounds ludicrous, it is. Not that this couldn't happen in some "fake" world, but it would seem fairly unlikely in a world where the government of the United States watches NASA like the back of its hand.

The first half of the movie could have been cut down from an hour to 30 minutes but for some reason Eastwood felt the movie needed so many ultimatums traveling between the head of NASA and Frank (Eastwood).

Eastwood whines all the time saying things like, "I won't help you with that satellite unless you let me and my crew go up!"

Then, the other guy fires back with, "Yeah, well, your crew has to pass the physical because you're really old."

Then Eastwood says, "Yeah, well, you have to quit making all of these old jokes because the audience doesn't think they're funny."

Something like that. I'm sure that some of the jokes would be funnier if they were delivered better. However, the four men seem to be forcing the joke and so, more often than

not, they just fizzle with no laughter from the audience. Maybe it's because 65 year olds shouldn't be making jokes about women's orgasms.

The point of all this is that if you watch the previews, you've seen the movie. It is fairly bland with an overdone plot that we've seen in "Apollo 13" and "Armageddon" and "The Right Stuff" and....

Like the plot, the camera work is fairly uneventful. Eastwood opts for the motionless, simple technique of the camera with few close-ups. The best work is done in space with shots of the earth and the moon. Now, if only they were real shots then that would be a movie!

Some of the shining points of "Space Cowboys" was the lack of music. It was quite subtle and almost non-existent and it gave space for the experienced actors to speak and that's nice for these four gentlemen who aren't so loud as they used to be now that they have dentures.

Anyway, if you like space movies and one of the four actors then this is movie. If not, go see "Nuttty Professor II". — *Karen Brown* ★★

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

NU to receive almost \$2 million for renovation

The Department of Health and Human Services announced Monday that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will receive \$1,991,060 for research facilities renovations.

UNMC dental students to receive student loan breaks

Three University of Nebraska Medical Center College of

Dentistry students will receive forgivable student loans through the Nebraska Student Loan Program forgivable student loan incentive program. In return, the students must practice an approved specialty in a state-designated professional shortage area.

The program, which will be funded by the Nebraska Rural Health System, will be eligible to receive the loans for up to four years.

UNICEF's Hahn to give commencement address

Alumna Natalie D. Hahn, deputy director of the Programme Funding Office, will address graduates at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's summer commencement Saturday.

Hahn, who earned a bachelor's degree in home economics and journalism in 1967, served long-term assignments with the United Nations and has worked for the World Bank.

Stenberg, Nelson predict partisan race

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The candidates agreed that the United States should continue to seek overseas markets while promoting ethanol and other agricultural products.

Both candidates support normal trade relations with China. Stenberg said he supported lifting the food embargo on Cuba. Nelson said he generally opposed the use of food in economic sanctions, but he did not commit to a stance on the Cuba

embargo.

Nelson said he supported abolishing the inheritance tax and the "marriage penalty," the higher taxes that some married couples must pay. He also supports tax credits to make education and job training more affordable for families, he said.

He also wants to create a patient's bill of rights and provide prescription drug benefits under Medicare.

Stenberg said he supported increased defense spending to

raise military pay and purchase the most up-to-date weaponry.

He also favors a capital gains tax cut and school vouchers to allow some parents to send their children to private schools.

On e-commerce taxation, Nelson said Internet transactions should be taxed just as if the purchases had happened in stores. Stenberg said the government eventually might have to tax Internet sales, but regulation should wait to see how the e-commerce market develops.

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