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# The 2001 Razzie Awards

From Battlefield Earth to Little Nicky, the Golden Raspberry Award Foundation celebrates the worst Hollywood has to offer

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All eyes in Hollywood are on the Oscars. For 73 years, the Academy of Motion Pictures has been honoring the best movies from around the wund.

However, for the actors who slip through the cracks and fall short of the Oscars' golden glory, there are the Razzies.

The Golden Raspberry Award Foundation pays tribute to the worst films and performances Tinsel Town has to offer.

For 21 years, the Razzies have searched to find the worst of the worst and have taken it upon themselves to warn the general public about these films. Past Razzie winners have been such cinematic droppings as Wild Wild West, Striptease, The Postman and Showgirls.

The Razzies mainly recognize opposite categories from the Oscars, including Worst Picture, Worst Actor and Worst Screenplay. Besides these standard categories, the Razzies also throw in a few new categories every year, such as Worst Sequel or Remake (past winners: The Scarlet Letter, P. ho) and Worst Reckless Disregard for Human

Life and Public Property (Con Air).

Couple (John Travolta and anyone on screen). Other nominees include Blair Witch 2, Little Nicky and The Next Best Thing.

Online polls seem to think that Battlefield Earth will sweep, taking away more Razzie gold than any other film and possibly surpassing Showgirls to become the all-time Razzie champion.

Sylvester Stallone holds the most Worst Actor awards (8) and is nominated for the 23rd time this year for Get Carter, which is also up for Worst Remake or Sequel. Competition in this category includes Leonardo DiCaprio, 1998 Razzie winner for Titanic

Madonna joins the list of rock-stars-turnedactors-turned-Razzie-nominees (if you guessed Courtney Love, then you guessed right).

While the Oscars appear to be wide open this year, the Razzies seem to be locked down by the big budget bomb Battlefield Earth, but there could be some surprises. Perhaps Arnold Schwarzenegger, always the bridesmaid, can hope to be a bride this

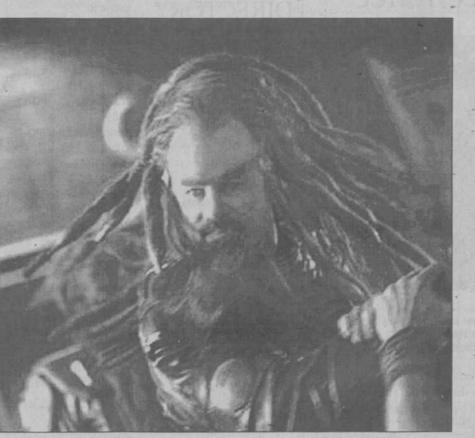
No matter who wins or loses, though, all the nominees can be confident in their inabilities.

The 21st Annual Razzie Awards will be announced on March 24. Nominations and results

### THIS WEEK IN USC HISTORY

March 24, 1980 — The SAC denied the New Crucible Magazine's budget request. Budget cuts forced the magazine to cease publication the following year.

## The Gamecock



Special to The Gamecock

Battlefield Earth received the most Razzie Award nominations, with eight. The "winners" will be announced March 24.

# **21 st Annual Golden Raspberry** (RAZZIE) Award Nominations

#### WORST PICTURE

- \* Battlefield Earth (Warner Bros.)
- Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2 (Artisan)
- The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (Universal)
- Little Nicky (New Line).
- The Next Best Thing (Paramount)

#### WORST ACTOR

- \* Leonardo DiCaprio\* The Beach
- \* Adam Sandler\* Little Nicky
- \* Sylvester Stallone\* Get Carter
- Ah-nold Schwarzenegger (As the REAL Adam Gibson) The 6th Day
  - ♦ John Travolta Battlefield Earth and Lucky Numbers

#### WORST ACTRESS

- \* Kim Basinger Bless the Child and I Dreamed of Africa
- ♦ Melanie Griffith\* Cecil B. Demented
- \* Madonna\* --- The Next Best Thing
- ♦ Bette Midler Isn t She Great
- ✤ Demi Moore\* Passion of Mind

#### WORST DIRECTOR

- \* Joe Berlinger Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2
- Steven Brill Little Nicky
- Roger Christian Battlefield Earth
- \* Brian DePalma Mission to Mars
- John Schlesinger The Next Best Thing

Art Bar, Play Billy G's, Soup Crocodile Rocks, Dueling Pianos Decisions, Hit and Run Delaney's, Suzie Summers? Hemingway's, She Says Jammin' Java, Mia & Hoagy, Michael Mock Legends, Atlantic Coastline Mac's on Main, Sabor Latin Jazz New Brookland Tavern, Hot Lava Sundance, Will Hoge, Travisty Theory Uncle Doctor's, Hatebreed **Performing Arts** 

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Live Music Billy G's, Something Else Delaney's, Tim White Elbow Room, Sh\*ts and Giggles Hunter-Gatherer, Sterling Jammin' Java, Jason Galloway Mac's on Main, Fatback & the Groove Band New Brookland Tavern, Violent New Breed, Johnny Rotten Cash & the White Trash All-Stars

Sundance, TrickKnee, Miss Fortune Township Auditorium, Carolina Beach Show

Uncle Doctor's, Cryptopsy, Candiria, Origin, Poison the Well

#### Performing Arts

Comedy House Theatre, Gary Conrad (8 & 10:30 p.m.) Drayton Hall USC, Spring Dance Showcase Longstreet Theatre, The Boys Next Door Town Theatre, The Rainmaker

#### Karaoke

Decisions, No Stage Fright Karaoke Dee Dee's, (Gilbert) Karaoke w/Tecey and Gar Shooter's, Cat's Karaoke Wally's, Karaoke w/Wild Bill and Nancy

#### **DJs and Dance**

Cracker Jack's, Carolina Beach & Shag Night ; late Night Techno Party Hemingway'S, DJ Party Hideaway's, Pool Tournament Mallards, Retro Disco Night

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Live Music Monster, Another Man Down, Candy Ass

Town Theatre, The Rainmaker

With 2000 being one of the worst years for film in quite a while, the Razzies have had their hands full. Battlefield Earth has walked away with the most nominations with eight, including Worst

can be seen at www.razzies.com.

The spotlight desk can be reached at gamecockspotlight@hotmail.com

KEY: \* denotes previous RAZZIE winner; # denotes previous RAZZIE nominee; \$ denotes previous Oscar winner; @ denotes previous Oscar nominee.

# Artists unite to tell the tale of a colonel

compilation

featuring

Guided By

Voices, Pavement's

Steve Malkmus,

Quasi, Howe Gelb,

The Minus 5, Lou

Barlow, Poster Chil-

dren, Grandaddy and





Macha and The **Kevin Langston** Minders has perked

my ears up. What in blue blazes could this be? The answer lies in one name: Colonel Jeffrey Pupapernickel. Here's the scoop:

hris Slusarenko, former member of indie groups Sprinkler and Svelt, wrote a story about the Colonel, sent off different pieces of his story to his friends and each delivered an original track about the Colonel.

So what we have here is a compilation/concept album. My first question is, how does one guy know so many great bands and artists?

My second question is, how could such an abstract story and idea turn out so damn marvelously? Having sent my check to Slusarenko, I am a proud owner of this elusive album (signed by the Colonel himself), and I'm amazed.

After a brief prologue tune from Go<sup>14</sup>eard (who provide all the album's "incidental music"), Guided By Voices usher in the story with "Titus and Strident Wet Nurse (Creating Jeffrey)."

This could easily be their best rock song since "I am a Tree." Its reprise, "Destroying Jeffrey," closes the album, but in between, we find some fine efforts from a hodge-podge of some of indie rock's best.

Stephen Malkmus gets possessed by drum machines, tape loops and vocal distorters in his contribution (I had to do a double take to make sure it was him the first time I heard it).

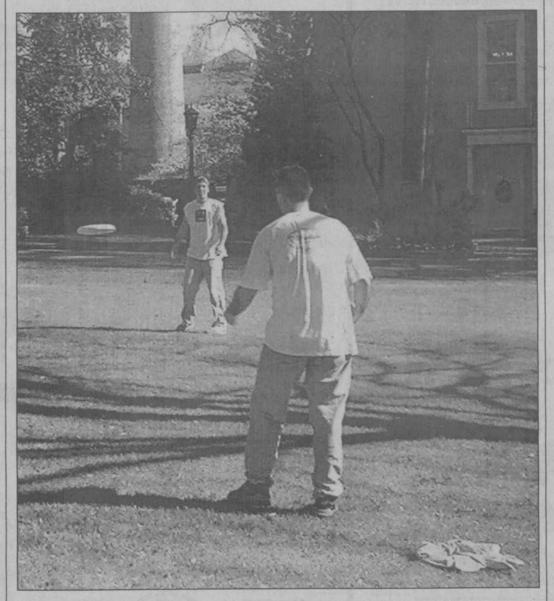
It's a stark deviation from his work with Pavement and as a solo artist, but interesting, to say the least.

The divorcee duo Quasi (made up of divorced couple Janet Weiss and Sam Coomes) offer a pulsating, heartfelt pop song that could win you over if you've never heard their music before.

Giant Sand frontman Howe Gelb delivers a brief and trite offering that sounds like he put all of 15 minutes into the effort. What's remarkable is that you're humming the song long after you've moved on.

The Minus Five (this time it's Scott McCaughey and Peter Buck) offer a Pet Sounds/Magical Mystery Tour-inspired pop song with a cool vocal effect over McCaughey's lyrics and a schizophrenic hurricane of psychedelic elements, riffs

# IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY: Warm weather returns



Aaron Hark/The Gamecock

Third-year College of Liberal Arts students Jeff Davis and Daniel Bailey (facing camera) throw a frisbee on the Horseshoe on Thursday afternoon.

Karaoke Decisions, No Stage Fright Karaoke Hideaway's, Kamikaze Karaoke

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

#### Live Music

Cracker Jacks, Boogie & Blues Fest w/The Griff Band Decisions, Blues Jam w/Brainstorm Delaney's, Team Trivia Drafter's, Open jam w/Rick Stevens Finlay Park, (Oyster Festival) Sourwood Honey, Hobex, Maywater Rum, S-Tribe, Travisty Theory, Popaganda Newberry Opera House, Preservation Hall Jazz Band New Brookland Tavern, Loch Ness Johnny live CD recording Publick House, Traditional Irish Session USC School of Music, John Adams, piano

Performing Arts Comedy House Theatre, Gary Conrad

Karaoke Cherries, Karolina Laser Karaoke Ray's Place, Cat s Karaoke

# IN THE NEWS

#### Eminem action figures in the works

NEW YORK (AP) - It's not the real Slim Shady - it's an action figure that looks just like him.

A series of three Eminem dolls will hit stores in July, said Carlos Espada, spokesman for Art Asylum, the Brooklyn, N.Y.-based company that's designing the toys.

One is a low-key version of the rapper as Marshall Mathers, his real name, dressed in a puffy white jacket.

A second doll depicts Mathers as his alter ego, "Slim Shady," wearing a hockey mask and carrying a chain saw - which doesn't work. "We haven't perfected that yet," Espada joked Tuesday.

Details of the third doll were still in the works.

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