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## This 48 Hours was worth adding to the sequel parade

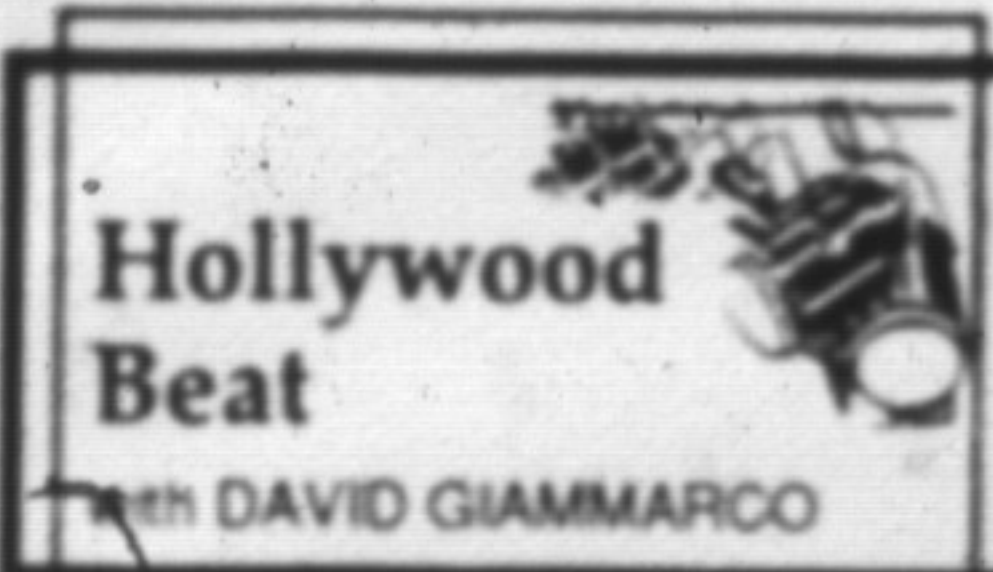
In this year of the sequels — heck this decade of the sequels for that matter — along comes yet another continuation of a previous motion picture blockbuster.

And if I understand correctly, every film ever made will have at least one sequel done in the very near future.

*Another 48 Hours* however, is a slick and sassy follow up to the 1982 smash *48 Hours* and reunites the gruff and frequently incomprehensible Nick Nolte with lightning tongued Eddie Murphy for what is, more or less, a similar story only on a much more elaborate scale.

Nolte is once again jaded cop Jack Cates who, after flying off the handle one too many times, is facing a discharge from the force as well as criminal prosecution unless he can track down an elusive crime lord named Iceman, whose capture can get him off the hook. He only has 48 hours left to do it.

And what he learns is that Iceman has a contract out on his old friend Reggie Hammond (Murphy), who



### Hollywood Beat

with DAVID GIAMMARCO

has completed his prison term and is due for immediate release.

Naturally, since the duo clicked so well last time, Cates figures they should pair up again, putting that corrosive chemistry to some good use. And yes, the chemistry is still there.

Another reason this instant replay of *48 Hours* works is because of Nolte's fine acting abilities and Walter Hill's skillful and highly polished direction.

If you're going to *Another 48 Hours* expecting a laugh-a-minute from Murphy, you won't get it. What you will get is a rather one-note performance that sparks mostly when assisted by Nolte's efforts.

That relationship is essentially the

driving force of the film, although it's clouded over by the various vehicle chases, countless fight scenes, shoot-outs and other methods of inflicting bodily harm that caften through this picture. The extreme

violence is tolerable only because it's done in expert fashion. And with a budget of \$48 million (U.S.), it had better be done that way.

*Another 48 Hours* is a rare sequel that lives up to its predecessor,

delivering a solid cinematic punch, an appropriate metaphor given the on screen mayhem. It's fine summer fare.

Out of 10, *Another 48 Hours* rates a seven.



Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte team up for *Another 48 Hours* as a convict helping a cop fight crime. The movie lives up to its predecessor, delivering a solid cinematic punch

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