

Duke basketball video mis-titled

Great moments in cinematic history? Try shameful moments in Duke basketball history

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A year after winning the ACC championship and making it to the Sweet Sixteen, Duke has been looking for that extra spark which could send them to the National Championship game and give them an advantage over their rivals, the University of North Carolina Tar Heels.

Perhaps Coach K felt that team building through drama exercises was the way to do

this, seeing as the Duke team has very few familiar faces on it. Perhaps he just didn't think at all.

Regardless of whether the Blue Devils were made up of players who were well-known prior to this season, following a video produced by the Duke Improvisation group, they will be well-known before they even play a game in Blue Devil attire.

The Duke Improv group created a film

which re-imagined a number of scenes from memorable movies, with Duke basketball

players playing the key parts. Such movies as *The Godfather*, *Austin Powers*, and *Gladiator* were effectively ruined by poor acting and basically just embarrassing their school's theatre troupe and team.

However, one reenacted scene really stands out from the rest. I'm sure we all remember the scene from *Titanic* where Jack draws Rose while they are on the boat. Duke Improv recreates this scene, almost exactly. The only difference was that they use an overexposed Nolan Smith to play Rose's role.

What the effects of this video were intended to be, outside of ridicule by every team that is a member of NCAA Basketball who plays Duke this year, we will never know. There is an old saying which that the road to Hell is paved with good intentions, however we all know that Hell sure isn't a stop on the road to a National Championship.



To view the video, please visit <http://deadspin.com/5384442/duke-is-back-and-they-are-melodramatic>

Have a happy/merry HallowThanXmas

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It appears that tough economic times have prompted retailers to adopt the old Army moniker, "If you're 10 minutes early, you're early; if you're five minutes early, you're on time; if you're on time, you're late" and apply it to the weeks leading up to this year's holiday shopping season.

I've been under the impression that Black

Friday was the official "starting-gun" to the holiday shopping season, so I was rather perplexed when I visited Wal-Mart halfway through October and stumbled upon an

entire warehouse already devoted to Christmas merchandise. It's somewhat confusing as a shopper to see Jason masks, fake blood and vampire accoutrement being sold an aisle over from tinsel, candy canes and artificial greenery.

I know it seems that the holiday season starts a little earlier every year,

but this year retailers seem to be abusing

the privilege. There's nothing wrong with a little holiday cheer, but shouldn't we wait for the holiday (or at least the month it falls in) to arrive?

Theoretically, if we're going to turn Thanksgiving and Christmas into ThanX-mas, shouldn't we merge the months the holidays occur in together as well? I think October has a nice ring to it. Or, Febtober for the SNL celebrity Jeopardy fans out there.

Think of all the amazing plants we could genetically engineer for the month of October; we could hybridize a pumpkin with a form of evergreen tree to make a ThanX-mas pumpkin-tree.

Or, we could step back, take a breath, and realize that the holidays are on their way and that despite catchy advertising techniques and alluring sales, the holidays are more about being with the people we care about than they are about getting the last Tickle-Me Elmo on the shelf.

