

If there's one thing "Murder University" shares with the aforementioned "Maniac," it's a willingness to show people being scalped while still alive. Otherwise, Richard Griffin and Lenny Schwartz' homage to 1980s slasher flicks is standard-issue horror, with a pair of insanely efficient ax-murderers terrorizing a small New England college. The slayings remind a local cop of several that occurred 20 years earlier and went unsolved. The cop enlists a student who survived an attack nearly unscathed to help him catch the killers, along with his daughter. The saving grace here is the sense of humor the filmmakers reveal, in addition to the carnage. Apparently, "Murder University" was made for \$20,000. That sounds just about right.

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