

'First Monday' is riddled with cliches

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First Monday in October, the story of the appointment and tenure of the first female Supreme Court justice, is yet another movie that centers on the theme of a woman entering an occupation previously the domain of men only. Cinematic history has recorded reels of similar subject matter, and it seems unwise to attempt such a film without an innovative approach.

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First Monday was adapted by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee from their play by the same title. But what may have been successful as a live performance falls flat on the screen. The authors have certainly used every opportunity to slip in yet another women's liberation joke or stereotypical characterization, yet very few wisecracks significantly penetrate the issues.

As Justice Snow, the rival of the new female justice, Walter Matthau turns in a top-notch performance. He is as irascible and lovable as ever, and he improves the quality of the movie every moment he is on the screen.

But Jill Clayburgh as Ruth Loomis, Madame Justice, does not quite outgrow the cardboard nature of her role. Although she is given some rather eloquent speeches on women's rights, she does not transcend the part enough to suggest the necessary human qualities that would give her character roundness and depth.

As the movie begins, Stanley Morehead, Snow's rival for years as a judge on the other side of every issue, has died. Snow is called back from climbing mountains to Washington for the funeral and hears that the president has appointed Ruth Loomis to the post.

Snow returns to Washington as his wife (Jan Sterling) comes home from Europe. "How was Europe?" he asks.

"Wet. How was your mountain?"
"High."
Such is their relationship, which ends

in the inevitable divorce because, as Mrs. Snow points out before her departure, her husband is so caught up in his work that he cannot even remember the color of the wallpaper in their house.

Snow then begins a series of battles with Loomis over the issues of the high court, resulting in their gradually falling in love with each other. Snow explains, "I've never been prejudiced by sex. Entertained, yes; prejudiced, no."

Snow is rushed to the hospital after an attack during one of his discussions with Loomis about a corporate case. In the meantime, Loomis moves to California to check the records of her former law firm and finds that the firm is implicated in the cover-up of the case now before the court. She decides to resign, but Snow is released from the hospital, and together they ascend the stairs of the Supreme Court building and go off to make the world right again!

See, they sure make movies like they used to. Perhaps just throwing out a few of the cliches would help. Now playing at the Carolina.

Campus Calendar

Public service announcements must be turned into the box outside DTH offices in the Carolina Union by noon if they are to run the next day. Each item will be run at least twice.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

The Graduate Student Fellowship will meet for a meal and program at 5:45 p.m. at the Battle House. Dr. Robert Seymour, pastor of Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, will speak on "Critical Issues for the Church in the 1980's."

Join the BSM from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Union. Cards for those who have not picked them up will be available.

The Finance Committee of the Campus Governing Council will meet at 6 p.m. in 106 Greenlaw. The meeting is open to the public. For more information call Mike Vandenberg at 963-5201.

Alpha Chi Sigma will hold a "letter-stuffing party" at 7 p.m. For place, come by AXE room, 18-4 Venable. It will be posted on the calendar.

Resume Design and Job-Seeking Tactics Workshop will be offered by University Placement Services at 3:30 p.m. in 210 Hanes. The workshop will cover identifying skills, planning a job hunt and writing a resume.

Campus Governing Council committee meetings, 6 p.m. in 106 Greenlaw; Rules and Judiciary — 6:30 p.m. Suite C; Student Affairs — check COC office for time and place.

The Christian Science Organization at UNC will meet at 2 p.m. in 205 Union. All are welcome.

Delta Sigma Pi executive officers will meet at 6 p.m. in T-6 New Carrol.

The North Carolina Student Legislature (NCSL) will have an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in 202-204 Union. All undergraduates interested in politics and government are invited to attend. (Meeting will be adjourned in time for McGovern.)

The UNC Fantasy and Science Fiction Club is having an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in 220 Union. All fans and interested persons are welcome. Call Danny: 929-3037 for more information.

Delta Phi Alpha Laestri Graces: The German Beer Society will hold its organizational meeting at 3:30 p.m. in 410 Day. There will be elections of officers planning for Oktoberfest, Kaffeeklatsch, etc. All friends and members are welcome.

The UNC Racquetball Club will meet to play from 6-8 p.m. at Woolen Gym courts. All interested are welcome.

The UNC-CH Collegiate 4-H Club will have its regular meeting at 7 p.m. in 217 Union. All present and past 4-Hers are encouraged to attend, but everyone is welcome.

The SCA will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel of the Cross. All persons interested in recreating and relieving the Middle Ages are welcome.

Alpha Epsilon Theta will have its first general meeting of the semester at 7 p.m. in 103 Berryhill Hall. A panel of medical and dental students will speak. All members and interested pre-med/pre-dent are welcome. Executive Committee will meet at 6 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria.

There will be a Water Ski Club meeting at 8 p.m. in 209 Gardner. Everyone is urged to attend. A ski film will be shown. The group will be heading to Harrison's afterward.

Opayo Dancers will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Upendo Lounge. Come dressed for this mandatory practice. If any conflicts, call Kim Spaulding at 933-5322 or Alvin Austin at 933-3342.

COMING EVENTS

The Navigators will show the movie "Distant Thunder" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in 226 Union. Other Christian activities will be announced.

UNC Youth Section Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) will hold an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in 215 Union. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information call Dave Smith at 962-7618.

There will be an organizational meeting of the Undergraduate Geography Association at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in 215 Saunders. All persons majoring in or possessing interests in geography are asked to attend this important meeting.

Attention Industrial Relations Majors: You do have an organization. Come to the first fall meeting of the Industrial Relations Association at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in 202 Union.

The first meeting of the Campus Y Global Issues Committee is at 3 p.m. Wednesday in 224 Union. All are welcome.

Ebony Readers/Days Theatre will hold an open house at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Morrison recreation room. Interested persons may sign up for audition times. Auditions will be Thursday, Friday and Sunday in the Union.

Six Knights: The first meeting of the Order of the Grail will be 9 p.m. Wednesday in Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Union. If you cannot attend, please call Jeff Koetz at 968-9062/9305 or 929-6368.

Angel Flight, a social/service organization for women, is having an informal open house at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Lenoir Hall South. For good times, crazy friends and loads of laughter, come by and see us or call 962-7387 or 929-7769 for more information.

The Association of International Students, an organization of American and foreign students, is holding its first meeting of 1981-1982. Anyone interested in helping to promote international understanding and goodwill is encouraged to meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the International Center of the Union.

The Union Social Committee will have its first meeting at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in 205 Union. If you can not attend, leave a message for Elbert Avery in 200 Union.

The Alchemist: Interested in science writing, science fiction and/or graphic arts? Then come to the first staff meeting of The Alchemist, UNC's student science/science fiction magazine at 5 p.m. Wednesday in 220 Union. Call Danny at 929-3037 for more information.

Carolina Gay Association Self-Defense Class will be 5:45-6:45 p.m. Wednesday in the Union. All interested are welcome to attend.

KIDS will hold a meeting of new and old members at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Union. Anyone interested in the environment is welcome.

Chapel Hill Chapter of NOW will hold its program meeting on "The Human Life Amendment vs. Free Choice" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Presbyterian Student Center on Henderson Street. The speaker will be Dr. Jane Gray of the Student Health Center and president of the N.C. NARAL. Call Jane Allen at 929-6274 for more information.

There will be a meeting for all students interested in applying for Rhodes Scholarships at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in 569 Hamilton. Pick up application forms and explanatory materials from Mrs. Stephenson in 559 Hamilton Hall.

GPSF treasurers' meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in 207 Union and at 5:30 p.m. Friday in 202-204 Union. All graduate organization treasurers must attend one of the meetings. Presidents are welcome, too.

The organizational meeting of the UNC Gaiter Association is at 7 p.m. Thursday in Person Hall. Any interested gaiters are welcome to attend.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Applications for at-large positions of the Media Board and for business manager of The Alchemist are due Sunday. Please submit a letter of application and a resume to Box 13 of the Union. All applicants must attend the board's meeting Monday in 400 New East.

The Human Security Information and Counseling Service is seeking counselors. Applications are available until Sept. 18 in Suite B of the Union or at the Union desk.

Internships in state government for the fall semester are offered by the N.C. Internship Program. Application deadline is Friday. Get details at the University Counseling Center, Nash Hall, 962-2175.

The Organization Development Special Interest Group of the American Society for Training and Development presents a discussion of "Obstacles to Quality of Work Life Implementation" by Stuart Gordon of Nathaniel Hill Associates at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 203 Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro. For further information call Paul Naylor at 493-3702 or 962-5791, extension 4.

The UNC Rugby Club will practice at 5:30 p.m. (sharp) Tuesday and Wednesday on Ehringhaus Field. On Mondays and Thursdays they will meet at the Fetzter Track at 5 p.m. For more information call Nic Anderson at 942-2675.

1982 Senior Class Committee: Important information is posted in the office, S-site A, 2101. Stop by before Thursday.

The Elections Board is looking for interested undergraduate and graduate students to serve on this year's board. Applications are available in Suite C of the Union.

Staff applications for work on the 1982 Yachty Yack are now available at the Union information desk. For more information come by 106 Union or call 962-1259.

Apply Now: The Big Buddy Program is still accepting applications for Big Buddies. We will start a waiting list Sept. 16. Come by room 102 of the Campus Y Building.

Libraries needed for FRCC's production of The Front Page. See the play for free by signing up to usher. Performances are Sept. 15-17. For instructions, see the sign-up sheet, 203 Graham Memorial.

Women's rugby? Why not? All interested persons should call Gretchen at 967-3296.

CHCC (Contraceptive Health Education Clinic), now meeting at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the Health Education Section of the Student Health Service and at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Union, is geared to help UNC students to be responsible partners in matters concerning sexual health. CHCC provides an informative, informal discussion and slide presentation of contraception.

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