

Characters lack humor, 'Lovesick' flops

By TODD DAVIS
Staff Writer

Dear loved one, we are gathered here today to bury a movie comedy which is dying a quiet death in the theater, with only a few laughs. That movie is known as *Lovesick*.

Lovesick stars Dudley Moore as a psychiatrist who falls in love with a patient, played by baby-faced Elizabeth McGovern. Breaking the sacred psychiatric code, Moore seeks advice from the ghost of Sigmund Freud.

Why must a movie comedy with so much going for it die?

For a movie comedy to be successful, it must follow two — and only two — rules. Rule Number One: Be funny. Rule Number Two: Obey all rules.

Lovesick tries to be a movie comedy, but trying alone is not funny and therefore breaks Rule Number One and therefore breaks Rule Number Two and therefore makes *Lovesick* a flop.

Lovesick could have been a comic contender. The movie was written and directed by Marshall Brickman, who wrote *Annie Hall* and *Manhattan* with Woody Allen. However, Brickman forgets one thing in *Lovesick* that made *Annie Hall* and *Manhattan* funny — Woody Allen. There are no guilty, crazed neurotic fears about the

universe going condo in *Lovesick*.

The problem is that the characters act too sensibly about life to be funny.

Moore takes himself seriously as a psychiatrist, even when he's in his patient's bathroom. And he doesn't even look like a psychiatrist.

McGovern is a good actress. She proved it in *Ragtime*. McGovern can be romantic, but she is not and never will be a comedienne like Goldie Hawn or Diane Keaton. It doesn't work.

The supporting cast, on the other hand, is great. It's a pity they don't have funnier material to work with.

Alec Guinness plays Freud refreshingly as a simple doctor, not the superhero of modern analysts. Guinness dispenses bromides instead of psychiatric law, which lightens up a character usually accompanied by "The Vienna Waltz."

John Huston is another strong supporting cast member. Portraying Moore's psychiatric mentor, Huston is a practical, white-bearded sage who eats cookies and falls asleep in a rocking chair as he listens to Moore's problems.

Wallace (My Dinner With Andre) Shawn, who bears a slight resemblance to Larry Fine of the Three Stooges, is the most outstanding cast member. Shawn is the only

wacky character in the movie — another psychiatrist who falls in love with McGovern. Unfortunately, Shawn's character dies in the first two minutes of the movie, leaving 90 minutes of characters acting sensibly.

Besides the acting, there is a hodgepodge of confusing effects which keeps *Lovesick* from being funny. Moore and McGovern take a romantic walk through Central Park at night, and nothing happens. *The Warriors* and the evening news prove that Central Park isn't that romantic.

Another annoying gimmick in the movie is the "Gee-I-really-miss-that-girl" flashback. As Moore stares out into space in his office, the violins start to sing as images of every scene McGovern was in dissolve on the screen. Moore even sings "Embraceable You" when analyzing a patient. Unemotional? Yes. Wimpy? Yes. Romantic? No. Funny? Be serious.

Worst of all is a line of dialogue in a doorstep scene when Moore wonders whether he should live with McGovern. He is doubtful until she tries to be romantic and cute by saying, "Think of me as a hotel." Yeah.

Maybe the jokes in *Lovesick* are too understated or subtle to understand. If this is the case, *Lovesick* should have had subtitled punchlines.



Dudley Moore and Elizabeth McGovern star in 'Lovesick' ... a romantic comedy about a psychiatrist and a playwright

Summer scholarships

The Wesley Foundation will award one \$600 or two \$300 scholarships to undergraduates traveling abroad this summer.

Applications for the Lawrence Whitfield Traveling Scholarship are available at the Union Desk, Campus Y and Wesley Foundation. Along with the application,

students are also asked to prepare a written statement about what they will do with the scholarship. Applications are due March 16. Preference will be given to those students who have not traveled extensively.

For more information contact the Wesley Foundation at 942-2152.

Support the **March of Dimes**
BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION

The New Varsity 1 & 2
East Franklin, Chapel Hill, 967-9665

"Outrageous... Wickedly Funny."
—Jack Kroll, Newsweek

"Finger-Lickin' Good."
—Guy Flattley, Cosmopolitan

EATING RAOUL
Daily 3:20-5:10, 7:00-8:45

THE STATIONMASTER'S WIFE
N.C. PREMIERE

"ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FILMS I'VE EVER SEEN!"
—Andrew Sarris, Village Voice

LIANNA
NEXT JOHN SAYLES

LIFE ISN'T CHEAP.

SHARE THE COST OF LIVING.

GIVE TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

FIND IT ALL IN THE WANT ADS

MONOPOLY
A Campus Tournament
Sunday, March 20
1:00 pm Union Rm. 207/209

© 1935 Parker Brothers

Wine Horse
relaxing atmosphere
HAPPY HOUR
Sun.-Thurs. 5:00-closing
open 7 days a week
1301 E. Franklin St. 942-1423

Quality Above All

COPI-TREN

- Xerox Copies • Bindings
- Passport Photos • Typesetting

Conveniently Located
Next to Campus
105 No. Columbia

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Evenings Mon.-Thurs. 'till 8

THE Daily Crossword by James E. Hinish, Jr.

ACROSS	23 Bids	44 Blushing	13 Eleanor Roosevelt's column
1 Lift one's hat in greeting	25 Part of a canine name	45 Calif. city	15 Hasta —
5 Many times, to a bard	28 Segar's comic hero	46 Laundry worker	20 Rd.
8 Queen —?	29 Charged particles	48 —il	22 Painter Max
12 Sunlit world	31 Dent or sect	49 Facilitated	24 Indefinitely
14 Letters on a dial	34 Jewish month	51 Parting words	26 Ustinov jacket
15 Fragrant flower	35 Feeling of anxiety	54 Renaissance	27 Love of 26 A
16 Wing-like	36 Hurried	58 Wicked city	28 Whimpered
17 Somerset stream	37 Parting words	59 Garland	30 Arch
18 Rene's parting word	41 Night before	61 Indian school of philosophy	31 Practice
19 — my prince will come	42 Skip over	82 Plant stalk	32 Poker term
21 Au —	43 French river	83 Long —	33 Circle or tube
		84 Conger	35 Surrounded by
		85 Musical sound	38 Greet
		86 — and don'ts	39 Remove oneself, at law
		87 Midding	40 Parting words
			46 Equal: prof.
			47 Meet, like grade
			48 Acclivity
			50 Parting word
			51 And — bed
			52 Valhalla's chief
			53 Pleased
			55 French composer
			56 Inspects
			57 Pol source
			58 Concorde
			60 Concert

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

DOWN

1 Buenos —

2 Ford city

3 Humberg

4 Parting word

5 Dalsey

6 Mend

7 Gallery

8 Port of Lebanon

9 Et —

10 Boxing name

11 Old French coin

4/14/83

© 1983 Tribune Company Syndicate, Inc. All Rights Reserved. 4/14/83

DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE BUT NOT YOUR RENT

BROADMOOR APARTMENTS

\$100 OFF YOUR FIRST MONTH'S RENT

1 BEDROOM • \$245 2 BEDROOM • \$275

DEPOSIT • \$150

• FREE BUS SERVICE TO UNC

• GARDEN PLOTS • PETS ALLOWED

COME OUT AND SEE US TODAY!

BROADMOOR APARTMENTS

4216 GARRETT ROAD, DURHAM
BEHIND DARRYL'S RESTAURANT

942-2302 489-2302

Mr. Gatti's

The best pizza in town.

Pizza Delivery Station

Pizza	Medium	Large
PROVOLONE	4.70	6.85
SINGLE INGREDIENT Your favorite topping	5.55	8.10
DUAL COMBINATION Any two toppings mixed	6.40	9.35
TRIPLE COMBINATION Any three toppings mixed	7.25	10.60
VEGETARIAN SAMPLER	7.25	10.60
SAMPLER The works (except anchovies)	8.10	11.85
EXTRA CHEESE	.85	1.25

INGREDIENTS: Pepperoni, Sausage, Burger, Canadian Bacon, Mushroom, Green Olive, Black Olive, Onion, Green Pepper, Jalapeno, Anchovy.

Deep Dish Pizza

Almost twice the amount of ingredients heaped high on our specially prepared thick, rich crust.

	Medium	Large
SINGLE INGREDIENT	9.00	12.00
DUAL COMBINATION	9.80	13.00
TRIPLE COMBINATION	10.60	14.00
VEGETARIAN SAMPLER	10.60	14.00
GREAT GATTI'S	11.40	15.00

Sandwiches

SUB 2.75
HAM & CHEESE 2.75

Beverages

Cans of Coca-Cola, Tab, Sprite, Diet Coke \$.35

968-UNC#1
968-8621

Hours: 5:00 pm to 1:00 am — Fri. & Sat.
5:00 to 12:00 — Sun.-Thurs.

102 S. Merritt Mill Road

Pizza Delivery Station

BUY ONE
medium two-ingredient pizza
(or larger, if you desire)

Get 2-Litre
SOFT DRINK
FREE!

968-UNC#1
expiration date 4/1/83

Mr. Gatti's

The No. 1 Sizzlin is simply delicious ...always!

#1 Sizzlin Sirloin
only **\$2.99**
with baked potato or french fries and texas toast

ALL DAY MONDAY

Western Sizzlin
STEAK HOUSE

AND WE DO IT JUST FOR YOU!
324 W. Rosemary St.