Werewolf film lacks bite

By JIM GILES Staff Writer

There is always room for another werewolf movie. It is a genre that is, by its very nature, hard not to treat in a mildly entertaining fashion.

However, Teenwolf, the newest variation of the werewolf movie, has nothing new or interesting to offer.

Teenwolf is a low-budget comedy starring Michael J. Fox (of television's Family Ties) in the title role. His presence may explain why this movie, which studio executives were formerly hesitant to release, suddenly found theater space. With the phenomenal popularity of Back to the Future, Fox is now considered a formidable box office draw. Unfortunately, his performance in Teenwolf is not as charming as his Future portrayal, nor is Teenwolf in the same league as Fox's break-

through film. Fox plays Scott Howard, an average high school kid who must come to terms with the discovery that he is, genetically, a werewolf. The first 40 minutes of the movie focus on Scott's gradual change. Presumably, a werewolf's distinguishing features (fangs, ears, hair) don't surface until the last stages of puberty.

Scott the werewolf, however, is not interested in baying at the moon or

Support



cinema

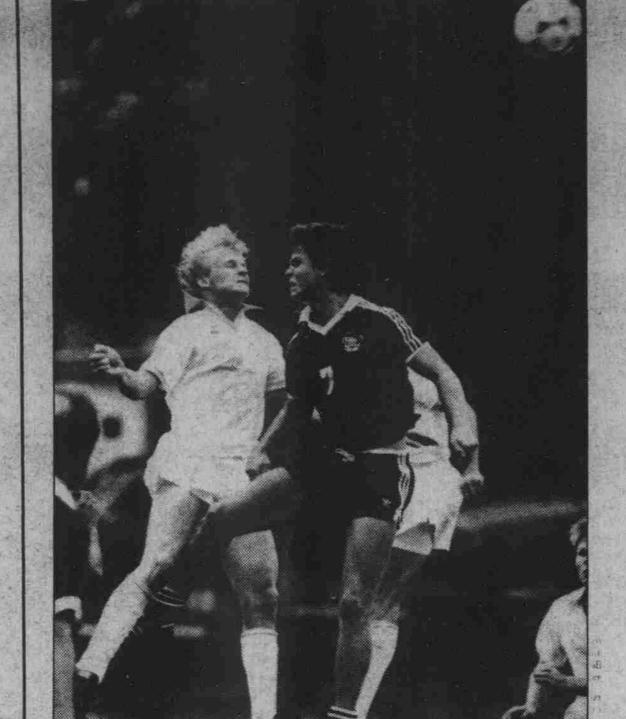
chewing up people's necks. He is a smooth-talking swinger who sports shades and a Walkman and is strangely accepted by classmates and townspeople. In fact, the "teen wolf" becomes the school's basketball star and local stud, which improves the self-image of his rather dull alter ego.

Of course, he ultimately must decide between the two personalities since his close friends feel deserted by him. The climax occurs at the "championship" basketball game, which director Rod Daniel stretches out over an impossibly long period of time with pointless slowmotion shots.

The screenplay's jokes aren't situational, nor do they fit into the film's dialogue. They seem contrived. But perhaps the kids flocking to the film don't mind. A group of 8-year-olds behind me laughed hysterically when Scott slid clumsily up and down a wet floor. Hilarious, isn't it?

Teenwolf has none of the wonderfully self-satirizing material found in some classic werewolf movies, such as An American Werewolf in London. Nor does it have the sophisticated special effects audiences have come to expect and demand, especially after American Werewolf and The Howling. The one wolf metamorphosis is only mediocre, and all the others take place out of the viewer's sight.

Children might enjoy Teenwolf, but anyone with at least a sixth-grade mentality will find it aggressively



.622

67 58 536 11 65 58 528 12

58 66 .468 19½ 57 67 .460 20½ 46 80 .365 32½

Major League Standings

as of Wednesday's games

American League

Frank Gilhooly, UNC men's and women's teams head into action

New York

Milwaukee

Detroit

Soccer teams open '85 seasons this weekend

By LEE ROBERTS Sports Editor

The best team in the history of women's collegiate soccer kicks off its season Sunday at Fetzer Field.

The four-time national champion North Carolina women's team springs into action at 4:30 p.m., heading into one of its toughest schedules ever.

George Mason will be the opponent, ranked No. 1 in preseason polls and an early test for the graduation-depleted Tar Heel team. North Carolina is ranked No. 5 in the country heading into the game.

"We'll be able to get a sense of where we are." North Carolina coach Anson Dorrance said. "We'll see what we have to do to be competitive."

The Tar Heels better learn quick. Dorrance said UNC is playing almost the entire women's top 10 this season in order to prepare them for the NCAA playoffs.

As for being ranked so low after a 24-0-1 season in '84, Dorrance said, "I don't think they're (the team) concerned with the rankings. Their concern is to play as well as they

can." North Carolina will be led by wingback Stacey Enos, who just returned from a summer in Europe playing on the national team. Dorrance said that, "no question," Enos' experience gives her a key leadership role on the team. Midfielder Betsy Johnson and back Senga Allan are the only other two returning starters.

April Heinrichs is back, but only at "80 percent," Dorrance said, after

62 62 .500

75 50 .600 69 57 .548 61 63 .492

Pct. .602

.540 .524

.464

53 71 .427 211/2

Kansas City

Chicago

Texas

Seattle Minnesota

New York

Los Angeles San Diego

San Francisco

Cincinnati

Houston

Montreal

summer knee surgery.

The loss to graduation of seven starters, many of whom were All-Americans last year, should change some of Dorrance's expectations. "We aren't demanding they go undefeated," he said. "We appreciate someone else has the burden of being No. I and having to win every game."

The relatively new look of the women's team will be matched by the men's team, which opens its season Sunday as well, at 2:00 p.m. on Fetzer Field against Indiana State.

Talk about youth. Aside from senior captain Mark Devey, the Tar Heels will field six sophomores, three freshmen and a junior in their starting lineup.

Joining Devey will be some young talent in the forms of Dave Smythe, Tommy Nicholson and Reid Storch, all of whom Dorrance mentioned as strong performers in practice. Veteran defenders like Frank Gilhooly will help out.

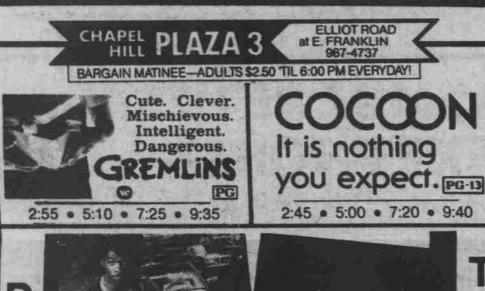
"We've had a real good preseason," assistant coach Geoff Griffin said. "There was a hard-hat mentality in the practices."

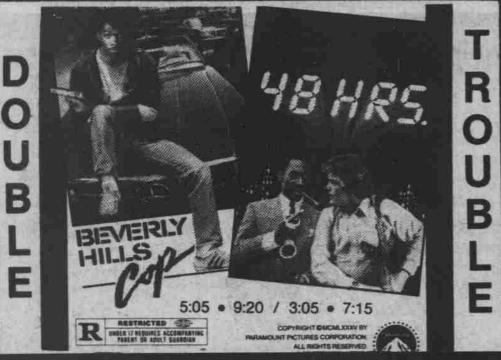
New faces on the Tar Heel team include Marcus Martin, a former all-South player at UNC-Wilmington, Dino Megoloudis and Donald Coggsville. Also playing will be Steve Daskall, who was injured last

"Our goal is to be consistently effective out there," Griffin said. "We want to get better every game."

TRAILWAYS

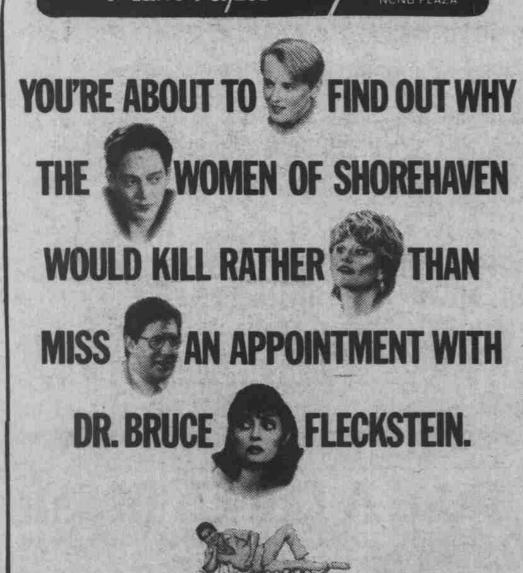
PACKAGE EXPRESS (Up to 150 lbs. to Major Terminals) **CHARTER SERVICE** DAILY NATIONWIDE SERVICE Phone 942-3356





Ram Triple

967-8284





SHOWS NIGHTLY 7:05 & 9:05 SAT & SUN MATINEES 2:05 & 4:05



THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON SHOWS 7:00 & 9:30 **SAT & SUN MAT 2:00 & 4:30** THE STORY OF A REBEL AND HIS BIKE

PEE-WEE'S PO BIG ADVENTURE LATE SHOWS WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 13TH



ALL SEATS \$2.25 TERMINATOR 11:45 **DESPERATELY SEEKING** SUSAN 11:45

LATE SHOWS FRI & SAT

HELD OVER MICHAEL J. FOX TEENWOLF

STEVEN SPIELBERG Presents CKANN TO FUTURE

starring MICHAEL J. FOX PG 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 A UNIVERSAL PICTURE

CAROLINA CLASSIC SERIES **TODAY AT 3:00**

GONE WITH THE WIND SEASON TICKETS AVAILABLE 12 ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS FOR \$20.00

Regular Admission \$2.50 per Show

How to get an IBM PC



Call collect and appeal to:

☐ your parents ☐ a rich uncle

☐ a finance company

Tell them you're... ☐ failing

□ broke ☐ depressed

Suggest that they...

send money

☐ take out a loan rent out your room

Promise them you will... pay later

work it off marry rich

An IBM PC. It's worth the effort.

ibm

Sunday

MEN'S SOCCER vs. Indiana State, Fetzer Field, WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. George Mason, Fetzer

Calendar

Friday, Sept. 6

MEN'S SOCCER at Furman, Greenville, S.C., 3 p.m. VOLLEYBALL at Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I., 7:30

Saturday, Sept. 7

FOOTBALL at Navy, Annapolis, Md., 7:30 p.m. VOLLEYBALL vs. Minnesota at Kingston, R.I., 10 a.m. and vs. Providence at 4 p.m. WOMEN'S SOCCER at Erskine, Due West, S.C.

MEN'S SOCCER at Erskine, Due West, S.C., 3 p.m. FIELD HOCKEY vs. Penn State, Astroturf Field, 1 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY vs. Duke and North

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY vs. Duke and Northwestern, Durham, TBA

YOU GAVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT WHEN YOU TOOK IT. NOW GIVE IT THE BEST PROCESSING!









Order developing and printing by Kodak of your KODACOLOR VR Film. See us for details.

Hurry! Offer runs 8/19/85 through 9/7/85 133 E. Franklin St. 942-3026

See how good your prints can really be ... Ask for quality processing by Kodak.

FRI & SAT-11:30-LAST TIMES:

Nelson & Kristofferson in Alan Rudolph's SONGWRITER





SOPHISTICATED -Jack Kroll, NEWSWEEK

of the Soldier

N.C. EXCLUSIVE

"SPLENDID, PERFECTLY INTEGRATED **PERFORMANCES BY** GLENDA JACKSON, JULIE CHRISTIE AND ANN-MARGRET

A CAST THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE IMPROVED ON EXQUISITELY ACTED:

A FILM BY ALAN BRIDGES 2:15, 4:15, 7:30, 9:30