

Blake Edwards makes 'Life'-less film

Anyone tired yet of movies about people whose lives are supposed to be just like yours? After the wave of adolescent teens-in-turmoil films, the we've-just-graduated-from-college-and-don't-know-what-to-do-now films, and the my-parents-are-splitting-up-and-I've-ignored-them-for-so-long films, we should be. Yet there is now another, just like the rest in its intent to reach out and grab the public with its "realism," but focusing this time on a completely unappealing man turning 60. Blake Edwards' "That's Life," starring Jack Lemmon, Julie Andrews and Robert Loggia, is irritating, long-winded and chock full of cliches, and for anyone who goes to movies for a little diversion from their daily lives, this is certainly not going to cut it. The sad thing is that this utterly expasperating film starts out very well, leading innocent moviegoers to believe they're in for a treat.

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is rather amusing, as he rants and raves about his job, his unfulfilled dreams of becoming as great as Frank Lloyd Wright, and the rotten day he's just had. Julie Andrews is his compassionate, loving wife. She is a singer (or so we are led to believe, though there is never any proof of this), and she, not Harvey, is the one who really has something to worry about. She has just been to the hospital for a biopsy of her throat, and she fears her singing career may be over. However, she refuses to tell her husband about the possibility, so all she has left to do is listen to his unending monologue of despair and keep her own fears to herself.

a totally self-consumed actor on a weekly television drama series. While it would be nice to watch Harvey soften up a little in the presence of his children, his behavior only becomes more abominable, and he winds up alienating just about everyone in the course of the family dinner. But the fun has just begun. Harvey proceeds to go to confession after attempting to seduce one of his clients the next day (though his priest, played by Robert Loggia, is taking shots from a flask while listening to the confession). Harvey comes to the conclusion that he must be impotent, and then seeks help from a fortune teller who winds up seducing him and giving him the crabs. Poor Julie Andrews has no idea any of this is going on, and is still preoccupied with the results of her test, as well as what in the world could be making her husband so morose all the time after Harvey tries to bicycle himself to death on an exercise machine in the middle of the night. She is all the time empathetic toward him and her children as they fade in and out with their problems and come to her for advice and a shoulder to cry on. She doesn't wise up to the fact that Harvey's behavior is self-indulgent and destructive until the last few minutes of the movie,

'Children' features Oscar-caliber acting

Helen Keller was a blind and deaf woman who was waiting for someone to enter her dark and silent world and teach her. Anne Sullivan did just that, with pumped water rushing over Helen's hands. The new Randa Haines film "Children of a Lesser God" modernizes this classic scene. James Leeds (William Hurt) discovers what his deaf lover Sarah Norman (Marlee Matlin) hears — the silence underwater. Adapted from a stage play by Mark Medford, "Children of a Lesser God" explores the touchy relationship between deaf and hearing people. Hurt plays a teacher who

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tries to teach deaf high-school students the importance of lip-reading and speaking. Matlin's character is a deaf co-worker at the school where James works who refuses to learn any communication but sign language. Their strong characters clash violently at first, but finally mold inseparably to one another. Hurt and Matlin fill their roles beautifully. The chemistry that flourishes between them is unmistakable; the beauty of the underwater love scene is evidence of that. The attraction was so strong that the two are now sharing an apartment together off-screen. The sexual electricity can be overpowering, but intellectual understanding is always present.

"Children" is a brilliantly-wrought story of apologies and acceptances. James and Sarah finally learn to accept one another as they are but only after many arguments and apologies. Since Sarah refuses to speak, she and James speak in sign language which James immediately says out loud to aid the hearing audience. If nothing else, anyone who sees the movie can pick up a few choice signed words. Hurt learned how to sign for the movie but Matlin, hearing-impaired from the age of 18 months, signs better than she speaks. Several other characters fill out the world of this romantic twosome.

Piper Laurie plays Sarah's distant mother who finally admits that she hates her daughter for being deaf and ending the parents' marriage. She changes her feelings when she realizes that Sarah wants to be independent but doesn't know how to be. Philip Bosco plays Dr. Curtis Franklin, the headmaster of the school for the deaf where Sarah and James are employed. He often warns James about being too innovative with his students and worries that James will "ruin" Sarah. Under Haines' beautiful direction, "Children" is a skillfully-acted and thought-provoking masterpiece. Hurt could easily be nominated for another Oscar, and Matlin should be appearing in more types of things. But the two probably will not make another movie together; they ought to know they won't be able to top themselves.

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ing refuge in neighboring Pakistan, he said. In the rural areas, where the Afghan resistance fighters are challenging Soviet authority, the Soviets sometimes take villages and "overnight shoot everyone alive." Calling Soviet strategy "a form of genocide," he cited examples of Soviets poisoning drinking water, destroying irrigation systems and exterminating domestic animals. The Soviet aim, he said, is to force the Afghan farmers and herdsmen to leave their land and to destroy the Islam culture of Afghanistan. Zalmay said the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is part of the "world-wide strategy." "If Afghanistan is dominated, the

next one would be who?" he asked. "You have to think about it." Zalmay accused the Soviets of "stealing Afghan children," sending them to the Soviet Union for ten years of indoctrination. The Soviets are forcing young children to leave their parents and go to the Soviet Union, he said. He characterized the state of Afghan resistance as being in control of some parts of the country while being almost non-existent in other parts. Zalmay said UNC students can help the Afghan resistance fighters by conveying stories of the Soviet atrocities and encouraging the U.S. government to increase support to the resistance.

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be called a success. "I drove by there in my vehicle, and I didn't see anything extraordinarily out of order but it seemed like college students would have better things to do than stand in the street like that," Comar said. The Delta Upsilon party caused problems because students blocked the street, and motorists couldn't see them, said Capt. Ralph Pendergraph of the Chapel Hill police. "There was a lot of congestion, and a lot of inebriated people," Pendergraph said. "It was very dangerous. We were really worried about cars coming at the people in the street, because it was so dark."

Pendergraph said he stopped 10 people on Rosemary Street Saturday night, one for public consumption of alcohol and the others for under-age drinking. After Friday's Monkees concert, many students came straight to the Delta Upsilon party, he said. "They just don't have the space on their property for that number of people." Comar said some irresponsible drinking did occur this weekend. For example, police found a female resident of Granville East passed out from alcohol consumption in front of Silent Sam's pedestal Saturday night, he said.

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Calling Danzi's concerto the third best bassoon concerto in the repertoire, Pederson said. "In a way, I am trying to promote it." Neilson, who also conducts the Raleigh Symphony and the Durham Symphony, was asked to conduct the UNC Symphony after David Serrens, its conductor for 19 years, retired last year. Tonight's concert is his first with the UNC Symphony. "I feel very good about taking over after his (Serrens') legacy," said Neilson. "I'm very happy for the

opportunity to work with the people. It's a lot of fun." Pederson's comments about the Symphony were complimentary. "I was very impressed," he said after a rehearsal Wednesday evening. "It was much larger than I'd expected, and it had a terrific sound." UNC Symphony will perform with bassoonist John Pederson tonight at 8 p.m. in Hill Hall auditorium.

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