

'Dracula Has Risen From The Grave'

Reviewed by DAVE SIPLE

(A Hammer Film Production, released through Warner Bros. - Seven Arts, starring Christopher Lee and Rupert Davies. Directed by Freddie Francis.)

The 'House of Hammer' has produced a good, honest horror film in "Dracula Has Risen From The Grave." The acting is uniformly good, the photography is adequate, and the directing is apt, if uninspired. There are some striking mo-

ments -- Dracula appearing in the heroine's doorway just as the sun is setting the background, Dracula's "death" --but they were too few, considering the material Mr. Francis had to work with. What could have been an excellent film (of the horror genre) is merely a good film.

In 1959 Hammer made "Horror of Dracula" with Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing. It was a masterpiece! "Horror"



Above: Christopher Lee as Dracula.

was one of the greatest horror films we have ever seen. It was because we remembered the heights achieved by this earlier film that we were somewhat disappointed with "Dracula Has Risen From The Grave." We also missed the presence of Peter Cushing, who gave an excellent portrayal of Dr. Van Helsing (Dracula's nemesis) in the earlier film. The character of Van Helsing is absent in the present "Dracula," but we are given a comparable hero in the Monsignor of Carbeth. Rupert Davies is marvelous as the portly, knowledgeable Knight of the Church and nearly steals the show. The playwright (John Elder) evidently recognized this, for he has the Monsignor kill-

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Dick Gregory

(Continued from Page 1) mented youth for keeping Lyndon Johnson out of the 1968 Presidential race. "LBJ was probably the number one tyrant who had walked the face of this earth since Julius Caesar. And as far as Tricky Dick is concerned, Nixon knows damn well that he's not as slick as LBJ. He knows he is not as smart as LBJ was, and he's got enough sense to know that if you youngsters ran LBJ back out you're damn sure that you're bound to be able to run him out."

Of the Chicago demonstrations at the Democrat Convention he asked, "In Chicago last year, who do you think was the most immoral? The hippies and yuppies or the Shriners when they were there for their convention? Who do you think committed the most adultery and spent the most money on drinking and prostitution? The hippies and yuppies or the Shriners?"

Recalling the college days of his generation and their panty raids: "Which is the march of degeneracy -- stealing drawers or taking over the administration building?"

Of Black progress in America, Mr. Gregory said, "The biggest breakthrough in the history of America for Black folks

happened two years ago in Texas: our first colored hurricane: Beulah ... America is the only country on the face of this earth that runs around preaching one thing and practicing something else."

Significantly, before closing with a plea for "trust" between all of the groups that make up America, Mr. Gregory quoted: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or destroy it..."

Editor's Mail

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articles are correct, I have been wrong. Students do not need more freedom and are not mature unless they can accept full responsibility for their conduct and actions. One characteristic of this maturity is to have the courage to condemn dishonesty. Students at Wesleyan have never been hesitant to condemn dishonesty as they have seen it in the administration of the college. Is it possible that they are not able to condemn dishonesty in their own midst?

If your articles are correct, our student body wants all privileges and no responsibility. It wants to have its cake and eat it too. It chooses to tol-

erate and live with drunks, thieves, and cheats, rather than to speak out against them.

If your articles are correct, the Wesleyan student body and the Office of the Dean of Students are on a collision course. Refusing a specific type of honor system is one thing. But refusing it because it requires one to condemn dishonesty in another is to admit a lack of honor in oneself. Have our students become so involved in doing their own thing that they have lost the ability to make any distinctions between right and wrong?

Sincerely,
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Dean of Students

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