Frank Parrish Reviews

'TNT' Eminently Worthwhile Theatre

"The Night Thoreau Spent in Juil" teems with peculiarly Thoreauvian ideas. drama, sardonic humor and painfully obvious relevance for contemporary America. Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee have co-authored a literate, insightful play. The Playmakers make "TNT's" Southern premiere an eminently worthwhile evening of theatre.

They handle a unique, idiosyncratic script skillfully, give it the proper dignity and mouthy posturing. Playwrights Lawrence and Lee are unabashed in their admiration for Thoreau. They surely seek 19th-century maverick.

"TNT" focuses on Thoreau's stay in worth. the Concord jail for tax debts. Thoreau won't pay taxes which will help to support the war with Mexico. He feels the war is unjust. While Thoreau languishes in jail, his past is cleverly unraveled through a series of flashbacks. Thoreau is seen as student. Emersonian disciple, transcendentalist, teacher-naturalist who goes "huckleberrying for ideas" and ultimately and throughout as unyielding conscience.

As Thoreau leaves jail (it is implied

that his stern. Calvinist Aunt Lucia paid long acts. Whether haranguing Emerson the back taxes), the Mexican war he opposes still commues. Martial airs and a militaristic mood prevail. War may presently he the health of the State. But Thoreau claims neither the State nor Its war as his own. Government can only trammel this thoroughgoing individual, Henry David Thoreau can't bear any artificial flowers.

The script by Lawrence and Lee is and seldom lapse into gratuitous pauses potent shorthand. Dramatic dialogue necessarily carries limited meanings. Yet. if it is effective dialogue, undeclared manings or limitless implications to praise rather than to bury the permeate a script. And the Playmakers mine the script for most of what it's

"The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" reminds us that he constantly asked, "how much of what we have can we do without?" Thoreau, in this play, is anti-property, anti-war, opposed to formal education, squarely aligned against marriage and hostile to dubious progress which plunders nature.

Malcolm Groome, who portrays Thoreau, is tireless and powerful in his characterization. His stay on stage is almost unbroken during two relatively

(Philip Whitehill) for his ambivalent stand on the slavery issue or joking with fellow inmate Bailey (Homer Foil). Groome captures the Thoreauvian spirit.

Groome wears the withering glance of an uncompromising moralist comfortably. His gestures match a fierce countenance. Or he whimsically says, "I think I'll think for awhile. That will be a change from college.

Laughing or outraged. Groome is well-suited for the part. There are some rare moments when the strain of being constantly on stage shows. Then, Groome is understated or unnatural. For the most part, though, the part wears well. He runs an emotional gamut marvelously and emerges triumphantly on the other side. He makes Thoreau human rather than other-worldly. His performance is mostly excellent and wholly believeable.

The counterpoint to Thoreau's brilliance is Bailey who has been jailed for vagrancy. He is dull-witted, quizzical and incredulous before Thoreau's eloquence. Homer Foil plays Bailey and invests the role with comedic value. He is the rustic innocent and a good one. Foil as Bailey delivers a wealth of quips.

For example: Thoreau-"Did you ever make friends with a loon?" Bailey-"Not until tonight!"

"THE VERY LIFE-STYLES OF TODAY'S

EXCLUSIVE!

JANUS STAGGERING

TOTAL SURROUND SOUND!

IT OF I HAVE TVI THITIANE

FOR EVERYONE!

DISNEY'S GREAT PIONEERING VENTURE IS

AN INCREDIBLY REVOLUTIONARY FILM THE MIND CAN RUN RIOT!" TERRITO TO

TURNS YOU ON!" Hetsburgt Press

"A TOTAL EXPERIENCE IN SIGHT, SOUND

AND COLOR . . . MAKE FANTASIA A MUST!"

North Gate

Continous Shows form 7:00 PM M-F

From 1:00 PM Sat & Sun

Special Mat M-F 3 45 PM

WOODSTOCK GENERATION!"...LIFE

If Bailey is a bumbling, good-natured iliterate. Waldo is his bookish articulate opposite. He is also Thoreau's mento and cometime idol. Philip Whitehill's resonant coice matches Waldo or Emerson admirably. He never misses a honeyed syllable.

Deborah Bloodworth, as Emerson's wife, should be all New England propriety but is a trifle unconvincing. Jean Spearman, who plays Thoreau's mother, is sufficiently put-upon and vexed by her son's stubborn individuality. Mary Key portrays Ellen Sewell, sweetheart of both Henry and John Thoreau. She is demure, restrained, occasionally wide-eyed and splendid in the role.

Skip Lefler, as John Thoreau, comes off stiffly. However he does show an occasional glimpse of credibility. Mitch Douglas, as Deacon Ball, vents enough spleen to make an excellent martinet.

Elliott Moffitt is Williams, a fugitive slave. He manages to look haggard, hungry and yes-fugitive. Constable Sam Staples, who arrests Thoreau, seems to be the proverbial "good ol' boy." Joel Ballard has the part and sometimes acts

to PLAYBOY STUDENT CENTE

RALEIGH, N. C. 27607

NOW PLAYING

1:51-3:35-5:25-7:09-8:55

THEIR DREAM WAS

10 GO COLLEGE

"STRAWBERRY

STATEMENT'

TOTAL DEVASTATION

TIRED OF WALKING? FOR LOW COST

TRANSPORTATION

HONDA - BMW - BULTACO - KAWASAKI

The YORKTOWNE Theatre

SATURDAY NIGHT

PRESENTS

11:45 P.M.

THE FALL FILM FESTIVAL

OF SCREEN CLASSICS

BEST OF

OCTOBER

EVERY

arolina

P. O. BOX 5626

PLAYBOY

too nonchalant, even for an easygoing primacy over the State, over all of

Make no mistake though. "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" has a fine cast. It is treating a script carrying a full cargo of messages, both pertinent and absorbing. Thomas M. Patterson directed the productionm and apparently exercised good judgment and necessary control.

"TNT" virtually explodes in your face. The parallels with today are easy to draw. Thoreau has been imprisoned for his beliefs. The war with Mexico looks like an expansionist adventure to him. And Thoreau, above all, asserts the individual's

"civilization's" accourrements. At one point. Groome as Thorean frantically exhorts his fellow Concordians to "Simplify! Simplify!

"The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" augurs well for the upcoming Playmaker season. The messages are sometimes blunt but the cast generally gives them impressive readings. A special show is scheduled for Monday at 8 o'clock. It was well-earned. Spend a night with Thoreau. in and out of fail. You may forget clocks. appointments and lives of "quiet desperation."

Lost And Found

LOST-black wallet. Tuesday night in area of undergrad library. Reward. John

FOUND-watch, in vicinity of Woollen

Sheldon at 967-4518.

LOST-adult, long haired black cat Finley Golf Course, Call 942-2045. Reward.

LOST-men's horn rimmed glasses. Call.

LOST-brown purse in Hardee's. Keep money, return other contents to Morrison

Dooley, 968-9027.

Paige, 968-9053.

Gym. Owner can call 968-4876 between

- NEW WATER WAGON

LOST-Wallet with credit cards. Edward desk or call 933-4121.

MOTORCYCLE RACES CHAPEL HILL DOWNS

MOTORCROSS RACING SUNDAY - OCTOBER 25 2 PM \$300 PURSE - ALL ENTRIES WELCOME

- NO DUST ADULTS \$1.50, CHILDREN\$.75 HIGHWAY 54 - 8 MILES TO ORANGEGROVE ROAD, THEN FOLLOW SIGNS

GLADSTEIN'S

- NEW P. A. SYSTEM

has the clothes you want at a price you can afford

BELLS & FLARES BY THE THOUSANDS BOOTS BY FRYE

MINNETONKA HANDSEWN MOCCASINS-ANKLE, MID & KNEE LENGTH

COMPLETE LINE OF LEATHER CLOTHING-RAWHIDE VESTS & JACKETS PEA COATS & CPO SHIRTS

Students invited to come in & browse through our fantastic selection of

today's fashions

GLADSTEINS 209 N. Mangum St. Downtown Durham

OPEN Mon-Sat. 10-6 Friday till 9 Bankamericard Master Charge

Old Well Charms

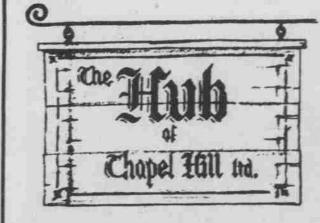


Sterling Silver . . . \$4.00 Gold Filled \$5.00 Solld Gold \$20.00

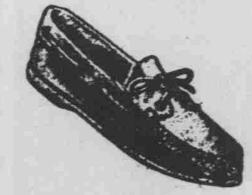
T. L. KEMP JEWELRY

The Home of the Old Well Charm

In University Square







The HUB is now featuring the most wanted shoe. It is called the TOPSIDER. It is perfect for casual or dress wear & the most comfortable shoe that you can wear. Come by & see our large selection. \$24.00



Who Said That There Were No Apartments Available In Chapel Hill?

Now completed in Kingswood are our new and exciting apartments located on Morgan Creek in a quiet and secluded setting. Also talk to us about Booker Creek our newest complex in the town house style to be ready for leasing second semester. And if you are interested in Royal Park Apartments we lease those

too. You might say that we are the apartment people for Chapel Hill and Durham. Kingswood Apartments - Highway 54 Bypass Royal Park Apartments - Highway 54 Bypass Booker Creek Apartments - Erwin Road

Call Roberts Associates

The Locations:

110 S. Estes Drive 967-2231

ALLIED RADIO SHACK

"World's Largest Electronic Chain" Northgate Shopping Center Durham, N. C.

FEATURING: M-F 10-9 Sat. 10-6

Realistic Optimus-1 - 3-element acoustic suspension floor or bookshelf-sized speaker delivers full performance at all frequencies: high, low, middle or in-between! Designed for accurate program performance without "speaker coloration". So efficient that it will operate with even 12W/channel amplifiers. 3-way h-f attenuator switch compensates for room acoustics. Compares with \$125-150 speakers. Fully sealed oiled walnut cabinet measures 23x12x111/2". 8 ohms. Frequency response 20-20,000 Hz. 1 9 EACH Pankamericard-Mastercharge Lifetime Guaranty

EATAT JOE'S

West Franklin Street across from University Square behind the tire rack at Obie Davis Esso

DTH Classified

the opposite sex through NDS. Why date one student for newspaper delivery. Pays good, Car when you can date ten. All dates in Chapel Hill. Most dates with UNC students. Details will be sent in plain unmarked envelope. For free For SAIe: Yamaha CTI Enduro - \$3 information write: Nationwide Dating Service, cubic foot refrigerator - \$50.933-3434. P.O. Box 77346, Atlanta, Ga. 30309

Complete Music System For Sale: Norelco Continental 450 Cassette Player plus 40 assorted Rock Casettes - Asking\$150 Need money - Richie 966-2546. Hi Bo!

TR-3, 1962 with TR-4, 1964 engine, white. Good mechanical condition, must sell. Call 929-1595.

Competition clutch, just tuned up. \$550 Firm. information. ROOMMATE needed immediately. Beautifully

furnished townhouse apartment in Durham, 10 minutes from UNC campus. Rent is \$180/month, Call 489-8922 nights. LA-750 Amp. 24 w/Channel (Loud). BSR

Changer w/E (Elliptical) Cart. Custom built speakers. (All 7 months old). \$175 or best offer, 732-7130 (Hillsborough) AFTER & P'M'

ATTENTION Male students, age 21 or older. Part-time JOB opportunity available. For appointment call: 942-4187.

Apartment to swap - Spacious 2 bedroom unfurnished apartment, walking distance from campus. \$100 plus utilities/month. Would like one bedroom apartment. J. Kelley 967-1613.

For Sale: TRIUMPH TR4 (1963). Excellent condition. Set up for competition. (Rebuilt Call Durham 489-4977. engine, carbs, etc.) \$1000. Don't phone unless serious, 929-4207.

Surfboards for sale - 7 foot, Hawaiian boards. Must sell immediately for \$70, Call 929-5543.

necessary, Call 942-5963

Write "Occupant", 402 Morgan Creek Road, Chapel Hill, giving name, phone.

Phil at 968-9147 or Scott at 929-4875.

Durham, N.C. 27702.

Lenny Bruce. Call Joe 924-6851.

the Jim Allisons. Still lost over 3 weeks-Satan and Fluffy. 2 black cats-one long haired and I short haired. If seen call Maggie Dent 929-3457. Shetfield Farms Riding School, Hout seat

For Sale: Office DESKS AND CHAIRS, Choose from large stock. We discount 40% and deliver, Petree's Office Furniture, Graham (opposite the Towel Shop on NC 87 to Burlington.)

STUDENT TO DO CHORES ON REGULAR BASIS. GOOD PAY. 3-6 HOURS WEEKLY.

formed group. Play wide variety of music. Call

COMPUTER DATING-meet your ideal Date. Special introductory offer for the piedmont region. Sophisticated matching techniques. Write: National Cybernetics, Dept., Box 221,

We want to allow the inherent creativity and honesty in children to find free expression. We

Lost Cat: Pumpkin found Monday. Thanks to

equitation and jumping. Special group rates for adult beginners. Located outside Chapel Hill.

For SAle: Yamaha CTI Enduro - \$350, 2,3

Bass Guitarist Needed to play with newly

PART-TIME; married grad; close to campus; Nawasaki 350 cc. Street Scrambler, New Rear Car. Delivery, no selling. Write U.P.S.A., PO tire, new brake shoes, new chain, Barnett Box 2270. Boulder, Colorado. 80302, for

have the place for it. CHILDREN'S HOUSE Will pay for articles, books, and records about

Advance Tickets Now on Sale! ONLY SHOWING!

Also starring JEAN HARLOWE

yorktowne

DURHAM CHAPEL HILL BLVD

All Seats \$1.50 Phone 489-2327

New & Used Models Comprising the

Triangle Area's Largest Selection

505 N. Mangum St.

DURHAM - 688-7525

Open Mon.-Fri., 9-9 Sat., 9-6

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE - OUR SPECIALTY