

Leaven Reviews

Satire Makes War Unlovely

It has never been thought necessary to defend British humor. Lately, however, it appears that film satire has taken a turn away from the approach which the British developed so finely in the 50's and early 60's...

"Oh What A Lovely War" is an anti-war satire set against World War I. Its set is an elaboration of the old British Music Hall. We see the spectacle of a Brighton Beach entertainment pier with WW I in flashing lights over the entrance...

All this is on the surface. But the movie is first of all concerned with entertainment. The sense of outrage which is the essence of good satire underlies what we see—it informs it but does not control it.

The structure of the film is very near that of the Joan Littlewood stage production on which it was based. We follow the Smith family (including 5 sons) on an outing to the WWI Fair in 1914. They purchase their tickets and, candied apples in hand, wander gaily among the attractions...

The film jumps from realistic scenes of trench warfare to highly abstract portrayals of political mechanisms, to the superficial frivolity of War as a Fair at Brighton as disturbingly surreal. Yet the film's anger is never openly expressed. The satire is telling, but it is never obvious. It never offends. It is, in a word, profoundly civilized...

This is the essence of British satire and can be contrasted with such films as "Mash," and "Catch-22," the post Dr. Strangelove American anti-war satires. There the sense of outrage is no longer merely the underlying motivation of the film. There, outrage is the very substance of the movie. Brandished before the audience, it is meant to make us cringe as we laugh, to vicariously enjoy the privilege of sharing anger without consequence...

The satire which owed its truth to its closeness to a rational, controlled reality is now transformed by wild exaggeration into a world which makes no sense; a

world in which the very existence of rationality is questioned. In such a world the "profoundly civilized" view of life is strangely out of place. British satire argues its cause politely; American satire outshouts the opposition. This appeal to gut feelings is certainly more in tune with the current mood; but there is a great danger that "M'lady protesteth too much..." A great deal of superficiality, of pandering to faddish attitudes, can be hidden in an appeal aimed at getting the adrenalin flowing rather than the mind thinking. These films place a great value on getting the audience involved; but that very closeness to the film separates us from the real world the film is supposed to be telling us about...

There is a place for both kinds of satire in film today. It is refreshing to compare "Oh What A Lovely War" with an American satire such as "Mash." Neither is a great film; both are better than average. Their effects are different because their means are different. You may enjoy one more than the other, but to see both is to understand each a little better.



Union's "Spook Spectacular" features worthies like the gent pictured above. Shows are in the Great Hall at 7 and 9:30 today and tomorrow. An 11:30 showing will be added on Friday and Saturday night.

Cleaning Kenan: Time-Consuming

by Philip Gurkin Special to the DTH

Larry A. Smith ambled over the playing field in Kenan Stadium, scrutinizing the turf as if he were a planter looking at his finest money crop.

Next he paused in silence and scanned the vast empty arena, much as a conductor might look at his orchestra during the tense moments before performing.

Everything seemed in place, down to the last chair in the band section, and every row and aisle lay clean, waiting for the next invasion of a Tar Heel opponent. It is the job of Larry Smith to see that Kenan Stadium stays that way.

He is the supervisor of an eight-man team whose basic task lies in keeping Kenan Stadium clean and its playing surface in best possible condition. These Athletic Department employees, also responsible for all other playing fields, including tennis courts, on the Carolina campus.

Needless to say the men are kept busiest in the fall season, working seven days a week when there are home games.

Smith explained the tedious task of cleaning Kenan. "We have tried both blowers and vacuum units in an attempt to save manpower, but nothing works like a man and a rake," he said.

For Smith workers the week begins on Sunday morning after home football games. They spend several hours cleaning up trash outside the stadium around the parking lots and streets.

Monday brings the tremendous chore starting in the stadium, where on the average of 24 two-ton truckloads of trash are hauled away after each game.

Most of the eight-man crew will spend until Thursday completing this job, which begins on the upper level of the South side and works its way to the opposite side.

After the thousands of cups and other trash has been raked into huge piles, the aisles are swept to assure getting small articles such as cigarettes and can pop tops, Smith said. Also if time and weather permits, the whole stadium is washed down.

Presenting quite a problem are the many liquor and soft drink bottles that must be carefully removed from other trash to prevent breaking. Then the 24 truck loads of garbage are dumped in the

Chapel Hill city dump.

When Thursdays arrive on weeks of home games, Smith has to begin manicuring the field for the Saturday contest. First they must paint the blue and white letters which stand out in the endzones and at mid-field.

This is done by spraying and rolling the latex water paint onto the grass to which it does no harm. The coloring is also non-toxic.

Smith, at his job for eight years, pointed out the rapid rate at which the new Bermuda grass grows. "If we put the blue paint down on Thursday, by Friday evening you can see the green coming through," he said.

He said the grass had been a considerable problem this year, but was coming along fine now. The entire field had to be replanted after last year's Jubilee, which, because of people and blankets, destroyed the root system, Smith said.

He pointed out the new grass spreads rapidly and becomes a rugged and strong carpet-like texture. The grass, which may be replaced by the new Astro-Turf next year, "is the best playing surface for this part of the country," Smith commented. Last, but certainly not least, comes the usual white trimmings which spectators are so used to seeing. This trim is normally applied on Friday since the slightest rain may ruin its appearance.

Smith takes pride in being able to say he has never used the artificial green coloring used by many schools to enhance their stadium's playing surface.

He said the field should be in very good shape for next season, and personally prefers the natural grass to the artificial turf.

"Coach Dooley has been very helpful in promoting the growth of our new grass. He hasn't held practices on it if it was wet, or when use might hurt it in any way," Smith said.

As far as those working under him, Smith has nothing but praise. "This is the best group of men and workers in the University set-up," he said. He said when there was a job to be done, and often at odd hours, they were all there to do it.

During the week there is no football, no fans packing into the arena to see a battle—instead, a silent spectacle belonging to those whose task it is to convert a mess back into a usable stadium.

Campus Activities Calendar

The American Field Service Club (AFS) will meet on tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 207 Dey Hall. All interested persons invited.

Additional Meetings of I.U.N.C.: Ham Radio (Session 2), tonight, 7:30 p.m., Caldwell Y Annex; Communal Living (Session 2), Oct. 29-8 p.m., Steps of South Building; Graveyard Shift (Session 2), Oct. 29-11:59 p.m., In front of undergrad library.

The India Association will celebrate DIWALI (Festival of Lights) today at 7 p.m. in the International Student Center (Carr Dorm). Mr. P. Ganguly, Minister of Education and Culture in India's embassy in Washington will be featured speaker. Documentary films about India will be shown and light Indian refreshments will be served. You are cordially invited to participate in the celebration.

The Young Democrats Club and Election 70 will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union to discuss final

efforts in the Congressional campaigns. The meeting should be short.

There will be a meeting of the Sport Parachute Club on Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 in the Union.

College Life will meet in the Student Union tonight at 9 p.m. Speaker is John Buell, Southeastern Regional Director of

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