

'Sticks' shows brilliance

by Harvey Elliott
Drama Critic

David Rabe's *Sticks and Bones* is the story of a pleasant American family in which Ozzie remains nostalgic, Harriet makes fudge and Ricky plays guitar. Into this household walks David, an uneasy and unpleasant son blinded in Vietnam.

The Playmakers have taken on the development of this pleasant American family and what emerges is an expertly executed piece of stagecraft, performed with a sure and sometimes brilliant feeling for stylization.

Sticks and Bones is a difficult play to stage, and it's much to director Duane Sidden's credit that he has managed to fascinate and horrify us to just the right

degree at just the right times. What he's dealing with is a simple, clean-living little group disrupted by something ugly and unwanted.

David is haunted by his memories, the war and the girl he left behind. Harriet recommends Ezy Sleep, for "the sleep you need... the sleep you remember." Ozzie tries to understand his son, just as he tries to play Ricky's guitar, and with the same amount of patience. All they're really waiting for is "that fine bright day coming when we'll all be a family again."

Margaret Burns is a wonder as Harriet. The ideal American housewife and mother trots off to the kitchen for warm milk at the slightest provocation. She joshes with her son and husband and marches around the sofa with tiny coy steps, flirting, bickering and forever smiling.

You can even hear the smile in Burns' voice as later, you can fleetingly hear the fear. Harriet is simple; she doesn't want much—only stability and normalcy.

Burns is a Harriet who says, "I don't understand," when things become a little confusing, but she says it in the same tone in which she would say "Now, don't be difficult," and then forgets it. Hers is a performance which defines the limits and tone set by director Sidden and which guides the other players through.

Greg Vines plays Rick with such a consistent naivete that, when he and Harriet

begin talking about a spot remover, we realize we're in the middle of a commercial, and the mood hasn't even been interrupted.

There are difficulties with Ozzie's role, partly in the conception and partly in the realization. Joe Simmons seems to be rushing through a little too fast, not allowing the stylization to impose itself on Ozzie. He is the first, however, to look for explanations and to become affected by David, and he's not allowed the time for family satire allotted to Harriet and Ricky. Almost immediately, Ozzie is required to move from comedy to confusion and frustration, and back again several times. It's a shift which isn't consistently handled and which may be textually irremediable, but a little more attention to timing and pace would help.

David Shepherd is fine in David's role as the catalyst who isn't a comedian like the others. His bitterness and rage, as well as his manipulation of the family, are subtle and well-defined. His only problems are the playwright's to begin with, and Shepherd doesn't accent them.

The whole scene is helped tremendously by David Downing's evocative split-level set, with David's stark bedroom becoming whatever it need be, and the parents' modern living room inescapably what it is. The intimacy of the Graham Memorial Lounge makes a convincing domicile and, frighteningly, with *Sticks and Bones*, there are many who could feel quite at home.

Entertainment Calendar

Cinema

"The Sting." Carolina Theatre. Con comedy is itself a con with some pretty moldy material being turned into excellent entertainment by some talented hands. 1:50, 4:10, 6:30 & 8:50. \$2. Ends today. Late shows: Friday and Saturday, "Hard Day's Night," with the Beatles. Sunday, "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart. 11:15. \$1.50.

"Pretty Wet Lips." Varsity Theatre. Rated X. Sounds trashy. 1:20, 3:15, 5:10, 7:05 & 9:52. Ends Saturday. Late show: Friday and Saturday, "Zachariah." 11:15. \$2.

"Son of Flubber" and "Super Dad." Plaza I. A fair and bad Disney comedy, in that order. "Son of Flubber" at 3:15 & 7:10. "Super Dad" at 1:30, 5:25 & 9:10. \$2. Ends today.

"Where the Lilies Bloom." Plaza II. Folkay film got good early reviews. 3, 5, 7 & 9. \$2. Ends today.

"The Exorcist." Plaza III. 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30. \$3.

Free flicks: Friday, "H." Malcolm McDowell of *Clockwork Orange* is featured in this story of an English boys' boarding school. Winner of the Grand Prize at Cannes; a disturbing, powerful film. Saturday, "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg." A story of two parents confronted with raising a severely retarded child. A very sensitive film. Sunday, "Steuth." (Super Sunday, by subscription only.) A great, romping mystery film. Starring Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine. 8:30 & 9 in the Great Hall.

"Last Year at Marienbad." Written by Alain Robbe-Grillet. Directed by Alain Resnais.

French dialogue with English subtitles. Today at 11:15 p.m. at the Carolina Theatre. \$2, at the door. \$1.25, at the union desk.

Alternative Cinema: "The Mattel Affair." Francesco Rosi's story of Italian industrial leader, Enrico Mattel. Winner of the Grand Prix, 1972 Cannes Film Festival. Saturday at 2, 7 & 9:30. In Carroll Hall. \$1.50.

Chaplin Series: "The Circus." A delightful gem from Chaplin, perhaps his funniest. Not to be missed. Shown with "The Immigrant." Sunday at 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 in Carroll Hall. \$1.

Chapel Hill Film Friends: "Here's Your Life." Story of a boy growing up by Jan Troell, director of *The Emigrants* and *The New Land*. A beautiful and luminous work of art. Friday at 9:30, Saturday at 11:30 in Carroll Hall. \$1.50.

Theatre

"Sticks and Bones." Controversial play by David Rabe presents domestic comedy in a

new light. Presented by the Carolina Playmakers, directed by Duane Sidden. Today through Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Graham Memorial Lounge. Tickets available now at the Playmaker's Business Office or at Ledbetter-Pickard in Chapel Hill.

Shakespeare-in-the-Pit. Laboratory Theatre and the Carolina Union present "The Taming of the Shrew," a rollicking celebration of love and love's confusion, set in 1985. Nancy Boykin plays Kate and Gordon Ferguson is Petruchio. Directed by Joe Coleman. Today through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the Pit. Admission free.

Concerts

20th century organ music by Robert Parris. Today at 9 p.m. in Hill Hall.

Duke Jazz Workshop with the Marion McPartland Trio. Today from 5-7 p.m. in Page Auditorium, Duke.

Auction set

Baubles, bangles, bright beads and even flying lessons are among the items and services to be sold at the first annual "Everything Goes" auction Saturday, sponsored by the Chapel Hill Animal Protection Society (APS).

Starting at 10 a.m. at the old red brick factory in Carrboro, auctioneers Marvin Saltzman of the UNC Art Department and Dennis Donovan of the UNC English Department will alternate throughout the day.

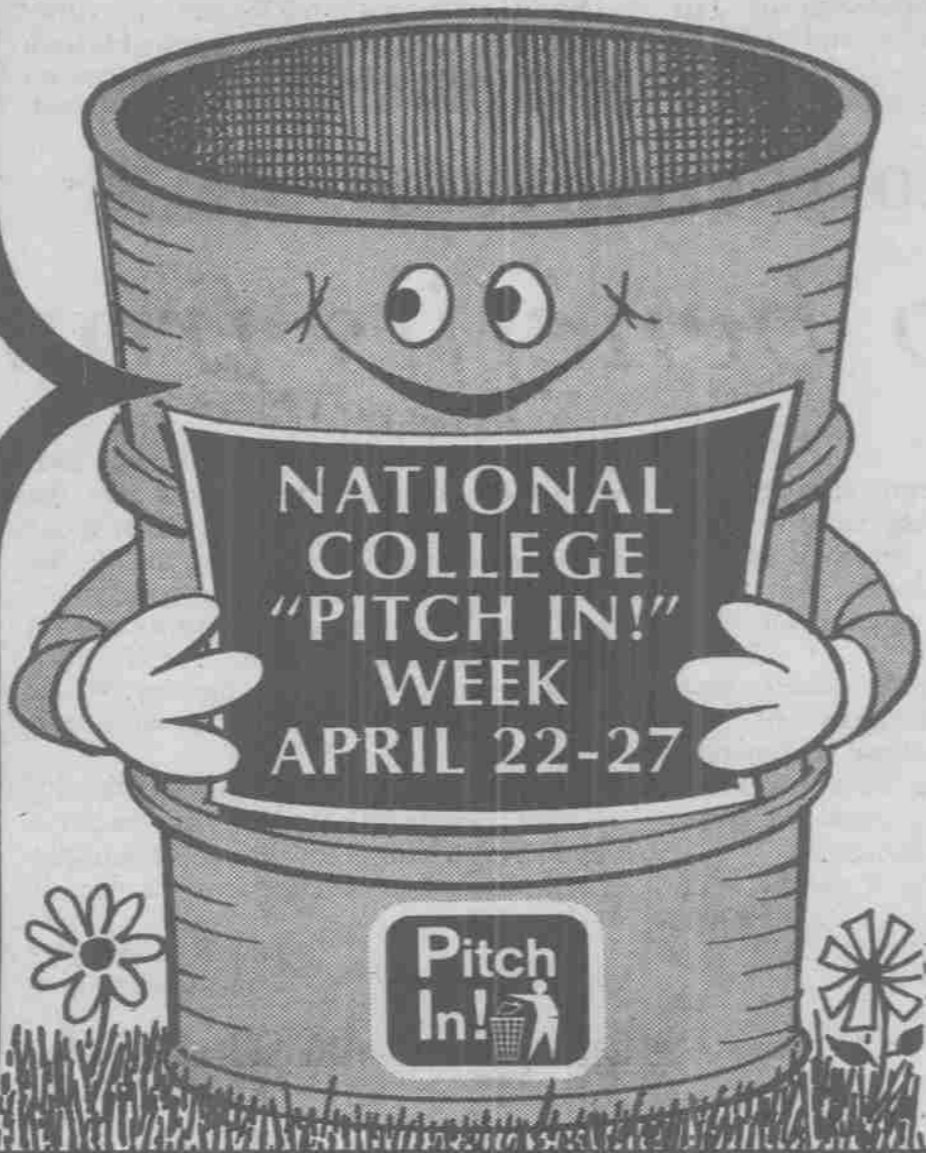
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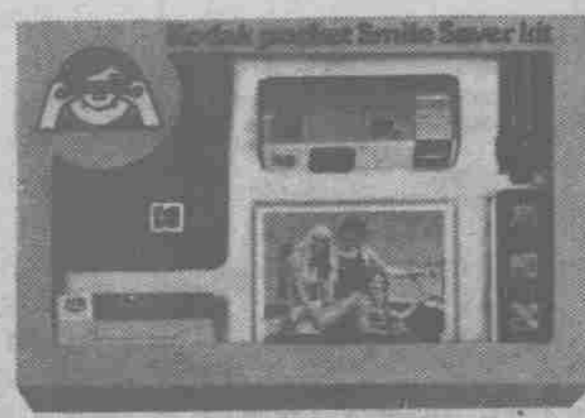
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