

Play disputes Sherman image

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Scarlett O'Hara would never forgive us. She taught us to despise the man who not only devastated Tara and Atlanta on his legendary march through Georgia, but destroyed the charm and grace of Southern life as well.

Now comes a new play which purports to tell us that the same man was a man of peace, who believed as much in "malice toward none" as Abraham Lincoln.

The play is *Sherman, the Peacemaker*, and if that title seems to you a contradiction in terms, it is probably because its subject, Union General William T. Sherman, is best known as the man who burned Atlanta.

Written by James Reston Jr. of the UNC English department, *Sherman, the Peacemaker* will have its world premiere Thursday at 8 p.m. by UNC's Playmakers Repertory Company in Playmakers Theatre.

Reston, who said people have been both intrigued and confused by the play's title and subject, also said the play will deal with a side of Sherman of which few people are aware.

"Sherman is one of those characters that has a very one-dimensional reputation," Reston said. "This play is a much more complex treatment of Sherman than there has been in modern times."

While most Americans, especially

Southerners, remember Sherman as a ruthless warrior, few know that during Reconstruction he became one of the most outspoken supporters of Lincoln's moderate re-unification policies.

After the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox, Sherman began peace negotiations with his Confederate counterpart, Joseph Johnston, at Bennett Place in Durham. Although Lincoln was murdered shortly before the negotiations began, Sherman maintained the president's moderate views, which conflicted with those of the men then in power in Washington.

Sherman was called before the Senate to defend the treaty he negotiated, which provided lenient amnesty terms for Confederates. It is this Senate inquiry which is the focus of the play, pitting Sherman against the leader of the hard-line forces, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton.

Reston said that Sherman was a "cauldron of contradictory passions," making him an interesting character for the stage.

The image of Sherman as a fierce military leader is no mistake, Reston said. The general was also distrustful of democracy, and his "contempt for the voice of the little man" is probably why he preferred a monarchy, Reston said.

These views, Reston said, make the compassion Sherman displayed in the peace process even more intriguing.

In the early years of the war, Sherman

had few successes and gained a reputation of being a crazy man. "He was intense, but he wasn't crazy," Reston said.

Reston denied any specific point in Sherman's character at which he might have changed from warrior to peacemaker, because he said the general was essentially the same person in both roles. But Reston said that Sherman's meeting with Lincoln near the end of the war greatly influenced Sherman's thoughts on Reconstruction, and if anything signaled change, it was that meeting.

Reston first became interested in Sherman when he was researching a book on amnesty after war. He was looking at the Civil War period to see what precedents had been set for presidential amnesty, and his search led him to Sherman's memoirs.

Reston said that the Vietnam era is a real parallel to the post-Civil War era, comparing it as the "divisive war of my generation and the divisive war of another generation."

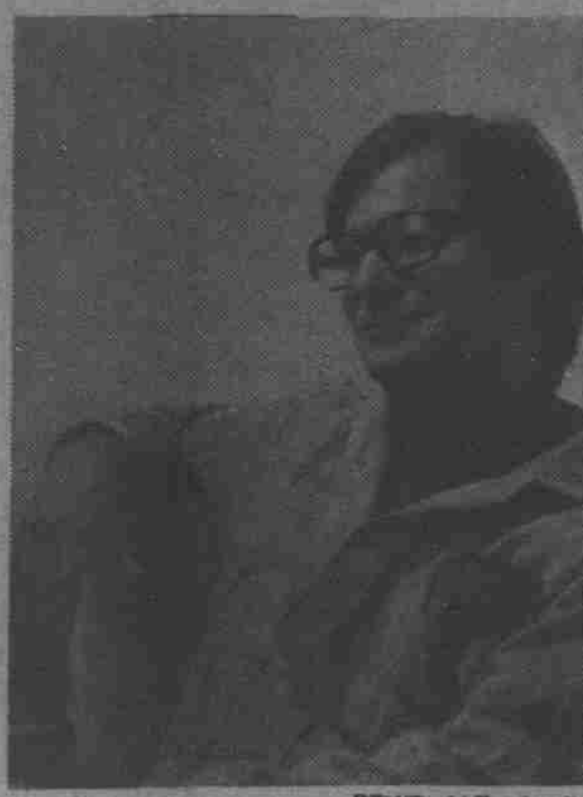
Sherman, the Peacemaker raises questions about how history can teach us to deal with the problems of the present, such as amnesty, Reston said.

He considered using the material for an historical novel, then decided to write a screenplay. But, Reston said, "I didn't think Hollywood was ready for General Sherman." So the project became a stage play, Reston's first attempt at drama.

Reston said he was particularly impressed by the collaborative effort of this stage production. The play was first read by Playmakers Artistic Director Tom Haas in November 1978 and has undergone substantial changes since then.

Haas and other theater people were not nearly as interested in the story as they were the "dramatic life" of Reston's play, the playwright said.

Originally, *Sherman, the Peacemaker*



DTH/David Earnhardt
James Reston, Jr.

was a three-act play which depicted the Senate inquiry with flashback scenes to establish Sherman's character. Now the play is in two acts with multiple scenes in chronological sequence.

Rehearsals began in early October, and Reston said he was surprised by the "substantive creative input by the actors." He said he always thought actors were given a script which they accepted as written.

There are 12 cast members and an elaborate set. The backdrop is a montage of Civil War scenes and figures. Reston said the set designer has said the play has more scenery than Yellowstone National Park.

The premiere is expected to draw drama critics from national publications as well as representatives of Ford's Theatre in Washington, who are interested in staging it there.

Sherman, the Peacemaker will run through Nov. 18, Tuesdays through Sundays, in the Playmakers Theatre. Ticket information or reservations are available at Graham Memorial box office or by calling 933-1121.

Campus Calendar

Public service announcements must be turned in at the box outside the D/H offices in the Carolina Union by 1 p.m. if they are to run the next day. Each item will be run at least twice.

ACTIVITIES TODAY

The Hester Action Committee will meet at 3 p.m. in 205 Carolina Union. Please call Don or Dave if you are unable to attend.

Today's events for Gay Awareness Week are as follows: discussion on the film *Some of Your Best Friends* at 3 p.m. in 102 Abernethy, Getting Along with Your Roommate at 3:30 p.m. in 207 Carolina Union, Gay Faith: Religious Outlooks at 7 p.m. in 207 Carolina Union, Coming Out: The Agency and the Enemy at 8:30 p.m. in 200 Carolina Union and an informal get-together at 9:30 p.m. in the South Gallery, Carolina Union.

Come get your face decorated for Halloween! Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority will be in the Pit from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. to get you ready for Halloween activities. All proceeds go to the National Association for Retarded Citizens.

Persons are still needed to house and be counselors for National Achievement. Please go by 01 Steele Building Dean Wallace's office and fill out a housing contract or counselor application.

A job-seeking workshop will be offered by the University Placement Services at 3 p.m. in 209 Hanes Hall. Activities expanding on the *Skill Guide* (available in 211 Hanes Hall) such as identifying skills and planning your job hunt will be covered.

Natalie D. Davis of the history department at Princeton University will speak on "The Secret and the Body Social in 16th Century Lyon" at 8 p.m. in 569 Hamilton Hall. This event is sponsored by the Graduate History Society.

The Carolina Videotape Committee will meet at 5 p.m. in 200 Carolina Union. All committee members must contact Rick if they cannot attend. Any other interested persons are invited to attend.

There will be a reading hour featuring members of the Individual Events team at 5 p.m. in 300 New West. The reading hours are sponsored by the department of speech communication. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

There will be a mandatory meeting at 7 p.m. in 221 Venable Hall.

Classes in beginning and intermediate Hebrew meet at the Hill House, 210 W. Cameron Ave. The class in intermediate Hebrew meets at 6:30 p.m. and the beginning class meets at 7:45 p.m. For more information, contact Hill at 942-4057.

An "Early Morning One Mile Jog" will be held every Wednesday at 7 a.m. beginning Oct. 31. The starting point is the Battle House, 203 Battle Lane. The event is sponsored by the Baptist Campus Ministry. Coffee and doughnuts will be served afterwards.

The SCAU Consumer Rights Legal Research Project will meet at 3 p.m. in 206 Carolina Union.

The Colloquium on Aging and the Aged will not meet this Wednesday. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in the Newman Center library. All interested persons are invited to hear Dr. Gurley talk about the children of aging parents.

Dr. Charles Gallistel of the University of Pennsylvania psychology department, will speak on "The Portraits of the Substrates for Self-Stratification" at 4 p.m. in 112 David Hall, as part of the psychology department colloquium series.

The Muslim's Eld-el-saha annual meeting for the triangle area will be held at 8 a.m. in the ballroom of the NCSU Student Union. All Muslims and interested people are urged to attend.

The Chapel Hill Sexual Relations Council will meet at 7 p.m. in 216 David Hall. Dr. Robert A. Wainer will speak on "Sex and Travel in the Development of Relationships." Popcorn will be provided.

There will be a Flare meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Campus Y Building. All members must be present.

All Campus Y Big Buddies should remember to bring your Little Buddies to our Halloween parties and treating. The fun begins at the ADP house at 4 p.m. We'll proceed to Carr dorm and then seventh floor Granville South.

Episcopal Campus Ministry Holy Communion for All Hallows' Even will be held at 10 p.m. in the Chapel of the Cross. Come see where Halloween began.

The final Bach's Lament of the fall series will feature Eva Borwell performing organ works by Bach and Brahms. The concert is free and held at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Cross.

AISSCC will hold a general meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 200 Carroll Hall.

There will be a rice and bean dinner at 8 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation to be followed by a discussion. The proceeds from the dinner, which will cost \$1.50 per person, will be used to support a South Asian relief fund.

Professor Gerald Unks will be speaking at the Campus Y's next Dinner Discussion on Nov. 2. This is a potluck dinner that will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. Unks. Please sign up at the Campus Y. Everyone is welcome to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The WXYZ Sports Staff will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday at the station. Attendance is mandatory for all members.

The Union Special Projects Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in 205 Carolina Union. This meeting is mandatory; plans for the remainder of the semester will be made. Please any excuses to Mary at 933-1157 or 929-5002.

There will be a Collegiate Civitan organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Carolina Union. Check the bulletin board for a room number.

Stamatis-Delta Phi Alpha invited everyone who speaks German to get off their chests and join them at 9 p.m. Thursday at Youngblood's on Rosemary St.

Campus Crusade for Christ Leadership Training Class will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the fourth floor faculty lounge of Dey Hall. Come and meet new friends—learn the how-to's of the abundant Christian life!

A forum on the Undergraduate Curriculum Report titled "What Makes an Educated Person?" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Great Hall, Carolina Union. The event is sponsored by the Campus Y Committee on Undergraduate Education. The forum will feature four speakers: Professors Weldon Thornton of the English department, Thomas Iannone of the chemistry department, Michael Cindric of the art department and Frances Seymour, a junior in arts and sciences. Questions and open discussion from the audience will follow their presentations.

The Latin American Film Series will continue their week with a Bolivian film, *Blood of the Condor*, about a United States-imposed sterilization program of Indian women. The event, sponsored by the Carolina Commission on Nicaragua, will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday in 101 Greenlaw Hall and admission is free.

Professor James Crenshaw of the Vanderbilt Divinity School, will be on campus Thursday to talk with persons interested in graduate theological study at Vanderbilt. He will be available from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the religion department library in Saunders Hall. For more information and to sign up, contact the Campus Y.

All are welcome to the meeting of the Christian Science Organization at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Carolina Union.

Jim Abramson will be speaking on "Men, Women and God" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Parker parlor. All are invited to attend this meeting which is sponsored by South Campus Inter-Varsity.

Attention pre-med/pre-dents: There will be an admissions interview workshop involving videotaped simulations at 7 p.m. Thursday in Nash Hall. Sign up at 311 South Building. Interested in advertising? Come to the career seminar on advertising sponsored by the University Counseling Center. Panel members will discuss advertising as it relates to radio, newspaper, agencies and academics. The seminar will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in 203 Howell Hall.

Hillel's Free Jewish University Course titled "A Non-Traditional Approach to Judaism" will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday. The course is taught by Eli Reus, past Adult Jewish Education Director of Puerto Rico. Call Hillel at 942-4057 for details.

Yackety Yack student portraits are being taken through Nov. 16. Appointments can be made at the Carolina Union or the Campus Y. There is no sitting fee.

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Tax revolt leader speaks today

Howard Jarvis, the leader of the California tax revolt that led to Proposition 13, will speak in Hillsborough today to talk with Orange County residents about taxes.

Jarvis' visit was scheduled after local dairy farmer Ben Lloyd, president of the Orange Farm and Landowners Association, met him on a business trip to California and invited him to speak about taxes.

Jarvis will hold a news conference at 5 p.m. at the Orange County Courthouse and will address the Farm and Landowners Association at 8 p.m. in Auman Stadium at Orange High School.

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DOES ANYONE EVEN KNOW WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE MEETING? NO, SIR, I'M AFRAID NOT.

OKAY, THIS IS SERIOUS. ARE WE GOT TO MOVE FAST, HAM? BOSS?

YOU'VE GOT 46 HOURS TO FIND THEM AND GIVE THEM A WATER PROJECT. I'M ON IT.