

Godard returns to mainstream of filmmaking

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Arts Editor

Jean-Luc Godard, the most critically esteemed and least commercially successful director of the French New Wave, returns to mainstream filmmaking after an eight-year hiatus with *Every Man for Himself*, a demanding film essay about love, work, the media and a host of other subjects.

Every Man for Himself, which Godard calls "my second first film," is about three characters in a nameless Swiss town whose empty lives are loosely intertwined.

Paul Godard, played by Jacques Dutronc and named after Jean-Luc Godard's father, is a TV director whose life is at loose ends. Nathalie Baye plays Denise, Godard's girlfriend, who is about to leave him. Isabelle, played by Isabelle Hubert, is a prostitute who has a rendezvous with Paul and wants to rent Denise's apartment.

Godard, in his shifts between the three characters, explores the boredom and monotony of modern life.

His three main characters all feel trapped and unfulfilled by their lives. Each character is searching for some pleasure, some meaning in this Godardian world of absurdity. Yet, there is none to be had.

The love affair between Paul and Denise is frustratingly empty because they are afraid to connect. As Paul says, "We can't seem to touch without bruising." Isabelle's life is monotonous — the metaphor of work as prostitution is one of Godard's favorites; he used it before in *Vivre Sa Vie* and *Two or Three Things I Know About Her*. For Isabelle, going through the rigors of sex is mechanized. There are no feelings of love or excitement.

What Godard seems to be saying about the modern world is a bit obvious — anyone who has not felt the meaninglessness of our world at some time must have been raised in Disneyland. His message, if you haven't seen the film, may seem too depressing. It's not really.

Though the film is somewhat bleak it is at least tempered by Godard's wit. There are scenes where events are carried to the point of comic absurdity as

when Isabelle and another prostitute solicit two businessmen for a rather perverse act. Godard's characters say "What's that music?" when they hear the background music on the soundtrack, which adds another touch of levity to the film. Godard constantly questions, as he has always done in the past, the nature of cinema. In *Every Man for Himself* a number of visual techniques, most notably slow motion, are used to demonstrate his questions.

Since Peckinpah used slowed-down action in *The Wild Bunch* this technique has become a bit of a cinematic cliché, often misused by directors. With Godard, the technique becomes fresh again (though I'm sure others will poorly imitate what he's done with it). The action speeds up and slows down. Sometimes a frame is held for a few seconds, a beautiful technique that emphasizes the grain and colors in the picture.

Godard's credit on *Every Man for Himself* reads "A Film Composed by Jean-Luc Godard" and justly so. His work here is more than mere direction; it is an orchestration of image, sound, humor and insight not to be missed by anyone who takes film seriously.

Campus Calendar

Public service announcements must be turned in at the box outside the DTH 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.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Come to the general meeting of the Association for Women Students at 7 p.m. in 107 Greenlaw.

Dr. Harold C. Deutsch will deliver a lecture in the Snell Lecture Series, department of history, at 7:30 in Lerrand Hall. The title is: "The Historian and the Living Witness: Dealing with the Leaders of Two World Wars."

Campus Y potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Y will meet in anticipation of upcoming Exec elections. Anyone who has participated in a Y event may run. Sign up at the Y.

The Crew Club Meeting for today is cancelled. The Campus Governing Council is meeting at 7 p.m. in Hance 107. Please be prompt. The Chapel Thrift budget will be discussed. All are invited to attend.

There will be a Carolina Indian Circle meeting at the YMCA building. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

EXUS, the campus environmental group, will have a meeting at 7:30 in 204 of the Union. All are invited.

Interested in marriage? Phil Laughlin will be speaking on the subject at 7 p.m. at the Campus Christian Fellowship House.

The Pre-Professional Health Society will meet in 107 Berryhill Hall at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in a health field is welcome to attend.

CHRC — Informal and anonymous small group discussion for contraception information. Come alone or with a friend at 7 p.m., 2nd Floor, UNC Student Health Service.

The N.C. Student Rural Health Coalition will be giving a presentation in room 302 of the Union Tuesday at 7 p.m. The presentation will include a slide show of the coalition's summer activities in three rural communities and two migrant camps as well as a brief discussion of plans for this coming summer. All are invited. In addition, the coalition will hold a general meeting Sunday in Berryhill Lobby at 7 p.m.

Today, Ann Taylor, state superintendent of the Office of Regulatory Relations, will speak in the New East Building, room 102, at 7:30 p.m. on "Women's Role in North Carolina Environmental Policy Making."

The UNC Ballroom Dance Club will meet at 7 p.m. in 302 Woolen Gym. Newcomers are welcome.

The Baptist Student Union will hold a late-night devotional at 10:30 at the Battle House.

The Phi Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Sponsors for Spring 1981 will be at 7 p.m. in the James Rec. Room.

Come to a meeting of the UNC Sailing Club Wednesday at 7 p.m. in 107 Greenlaw. All UNC students and non-students are invited. Pick up your copy of February's Tarheel Tradesman. Everyone is invited.

The UNC Ski Club will have a ski tuning clinic... discuss plans for Spring Break trip, as well as other trips. Everyone is invited. Come to 221 Greenlaw at 7:30 Wednesday.

There will be a brief mandatory meeting for everyone helping out with Societal Seminars Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Activities Office. Contact Jennifer if you cannot attend.

Dr. Peter Cursons, director of the office of Comprehensive School Health, U.S. Department of Education, will speak at noon in Rosenhall Hall on "Impact of New Politics and Conservatism in Washington on School Health Education." Meet at the Department of Health in room 331.

Meeting for all past staff of The Alchemist and any persons interested in working on UNC's science publication. For more information call 929-1735. Room 225 Greenlaw.

The Astronomy Club and the Space Advocacy Organization will meet together at 6:45 Thursday in Phillips 247. Our program is a lecture on the history of rockets. All are welcome.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Order of the Golden Piece is accepting nominations for election until Feb. 20. Nomination forms are available at the Carolina Union. Please return completed forms to Box 10 of the Union soon.

Celler Door, the UNC student literary magazine, is accepting prose, poetry, essay, graphic art and photography submissions for the spring issue. Deadline is Feb. 20. Take them to the Celler Door office in the Campus Y.

Hilled is going on a ski weekend to Beach Mountain on Feb. 13. Cost is only \$45 for two nights and ski equipment. Applications are at the Hilled House. Call 942-4057 for more information.

DISCOVERY... A celebration of Black History Feb. 6-7. There will be visiting N.C. college students who will need housing. Please volunteer your room. Pick up applications in the ISM office.

Applications are available at the Union Desk for the reception after the Phyllis Schlafly-Betty Friedan ERA debate on Monday, Feb. 9. Applications must be turned in to the desk no later than noon Wednesday.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., will sponsor a blood drive. Please sign up to donate. From 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Feb. 16 in the Great Hall of the Union.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is sponsoring a MR. SWEETHEART CONTEST. All interested gentlemen are urged to pick up an application in room 419 James Dorn or call 933-4527. The one who sells the most tickets will win a dinner for two at Jordan's. The deadline for application is Feb. 6. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship fund.

For insightful analyses of what's going on around the University and around the world, read "Locally," "The State" and "At Large" every Friday on the *The Daily Tar Heel* editorial page.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR APPLICATION MATERIALS, CALL 684-4188 OR COME BY THE DEPARTMENT IN TRENT DRIVE HALL ON THE DUKE CAMPUS.

A special Orientation Seminar for Duke and UNC students interested in a career in health administration will be held in Room 144 Trent Drive Hall at 7:00-8:00 Thursday evening, February 5.

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Snow hampers traffic, causes minor injuries

Friday's 2.5-inch snowfall contributed to 29 car accidents Friday and Saturday, resulting in estimated total damages of more than \$18,000, according to Chapel Hill police reports. No serious injuries were reported, however.

Trudy Peppers, a secretary at N.C. Memorial Hospital, said 10 accident victims had been brought to NCMH since Friday. Most of the injured were treated and released, she said.

Although the snowfall was enough to hamper traffic, its effect on the county's water supply was "nominal," said Everett Billingsley, executive director of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority. University Lake was raised only one-half inch, to 23 inches below normal, Billingsley said. About five inches of snow is equivalent to an inch of rain, he added.

— KEN SIMAN

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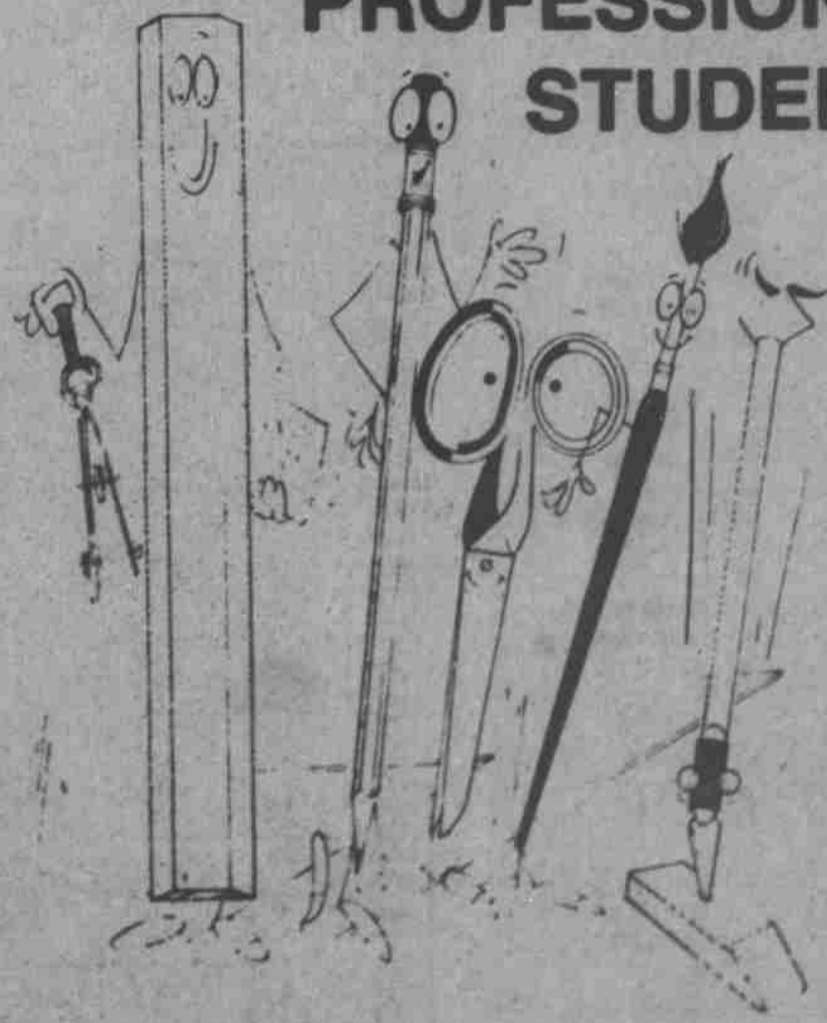
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by Garry Trudeau