

'Myra Breckenridge' a flop

By BOB STUMP

Ho-hum. Three weeks in a row now and all I've been able to see are three groat flicks, second rate ones at that. They've had less skin than the head of George Washington on the bills I've shelled out to get into these crummy things.

Last night I sallied forth to see another one, "Myra Breckenridge." The previews made it look potentially good. As a matter of fact, I thought the show was going to be some kind of musical, perhaps something along the lines of "Oliver." There was no indication that the show would be overtly concerned with sex until the previews showed an X rating for the film. Still, I thought, "Myra" might rise above the now usual run-of-the-mill skin shows.

In the previews, there was a strong reference made several times to the effect that "the book that couldn't be written is now the movie that couldn't be made." Well, I'll tell you why no one thought the book could be written. Because the damn thing wouldn't have sold if it was at all like the movie. (Actually, I hear the book was very good. Someone must have taken the idea for the show

from the second paragraph.) The show is some senseless tale about this chick, played by Raquel Welch, whose husband dies and leaves her holding the bag with a half-a-million dollar interest in a Hollywood acting school.

When she arrives, she meets stiff opposition from her uncle, who offers her a teaching job while they negotiate her demands to assume a partnership in the operation.

That's about as far as the plot gets. The rest of the show is filled with some of the worst acting ever. Maybe the thing was filmed in an actor's school, but I fail to see how any of the "stars" managed to be admitted.

In the process of her tenure as acting instructor, she seduces two of her students. Or rather, one and a half, since she doesn't quite make it with the guy's girl.

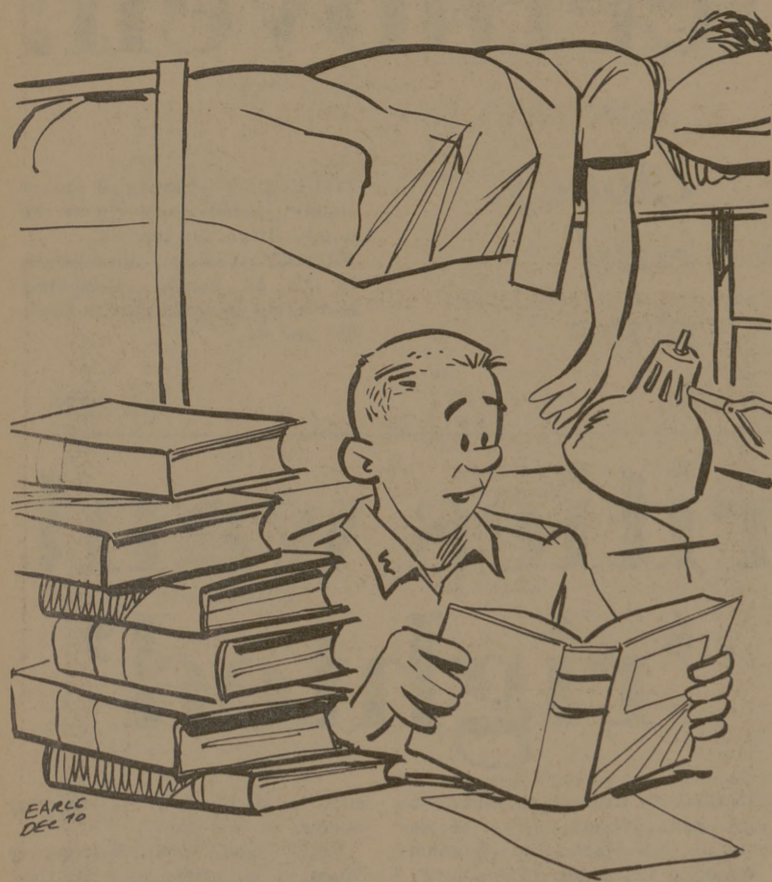
These scenes were, to say the least, not very explicit at all. They were so devoid of detail and action they were completely boring: I would have much rather watched scratched celluloid run through the projector. That would

have offered at least some variation.

About the most revealing part of the show is when, towards the end, Myra lets it be known that she was never married, but is really her dead husband and the result of a sex-change operation two years before. Surprise! Maybe this is supposed to have some kind of revelation. At least it ties the last part of the show in with the first part, even if it lets the middle hang loose.

But it's the end of the show which has me baffled. All along, there has been this quiet little guy at Myra's side who seems to be unnoticed by others. She gets run over by him in a car, he winds up in the hospital, and we never hear from the old girl again. Amazing how the director forgot the rest of the show as he formulated this private little fantasy which I'm sure no one but him and his friends find any significance with.

I was disappointed not to find any real sex in "Myra Breckenridge." I'd say, just off-hand, that "Myra" isn't "overtly" concerned.



"I somehow have the feeling that I should be using my time to figure out a way to intercept th' postman before my grades get home!"

Laird endorses release of enemy POWs in South

WASHINGTON (AP)—Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird Tuesday endorsed a ranking Republican senator's suggestion for the release of thousands of enemy prisoners held in South Vietnam.

Laird said he would do what he could to implement Michigan Sen. Robert P. Griffin's attempt to encourage a reciprocal move on the part of North Vietnam to

release 459 Americans believed held in prison camps there.

"I support the proposal of Sen. Griffin. I believe it has considerable merit and I'll certainly do what I can to encourage this proposal," Laird told a news conference.

Specifically, Griffin, the Senate's No. 2 Republican leader, urged the release of all sick and

wounded enemy prisoners, as well as 1,500 able-bodied captured North Vietnamese troops.

The idea received a cooler reception at the White House and State Department.

Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said the prisoners "are being held by the government of South Vietnam and that would be their decision to make."

A State Department spokesman said the proposal "as well as others dealing with alleviation of the plight of American war prisoners, will get attentive and serious consideration."

Patent awarded aerospace professor

A patent for a simple device that automatically applies correction for pigeon-toe and slow-foot problems has been awarded to Dr. Charles A. Rodenberger, aerospace engineering professor.

The device is a rubber heel with slanted rib projections that attaches directly to the heel of a normal shoe.

When the heel strikes the ground, the ribs induce torque which turns the foot. Angle of installation depends upon whether the toes of the person needing correction point inward or outward.

Installed by orthopedic shoe stores, the "Torqheel" is prescribed by a significant percentage of orthopedic surgeons and pediatricians.

Choir to perform at UNB

The A&M Consolidated High School Concert Choir will present a selection of Christmas carols in the lobby of the University National Bank Dec. 16, 17, 18, 21, and 22 at 12:15 p.m.

Joe R. Sawyer, University National Bank president, said, "We are pleased to continue this fine tradition of Christmas carols and songs for all our friends. Youngsters of all ages especially have enjoyed the choir and seeing our

replica of 'Santa Workshop' complete with Santa and his elves making their Christmas toys. We invite everyone to hear this fine group of young people from the A&M Consolidated High School during this Christmas season."

The program each day will be approximately 45 minutes long. Refreshments will be served in the lobby during the Christmas season.

Christmas dinner Thursday

The annual Christmas dinner will be served in university dining halls Thursday.

Roast turkey, cornbread dressing and trimmings will be served from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. at Sbis Hall and 7 p.m. in Duncan, announced Fred W. Dollar, Food Services Department director.

The campus menu also will include cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, fresh frozen mixed vegetables, fruit salad, hot rolls, relishes, coffee, milk and

mincemeat pie, fruit and mixed nuts.

A Corps of Cadets pass-by will precede the Christmas meal at 6:30 p.m. in the 12-dorm area, Corps Commander Van H. Taylor of Temple said.

Christmas holidays and the prospect of further good eating will begin at 5 p.m. Dec. 22.

Dollar said guest tickets at \$1.50 each are available at either dining hall.

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