

Batt Movie Review

# Ruthless Greedy Men, Sex-Hungry Women in Near Satire

By BRAD ELLIS  
"O Lucky Man" is a surrealist movie, based on an original idea by the star, Malcolm McDowell. This movie is almost a satire, except that where satires tend to be comical and cynical, the main thrust of this movie is neither. It is about people who are caught up in a game which they perceive to be their real life. These people need derive no understanding or philosophical congruence from the people they work with, as long as all the people pretend to play the game. The protagonist is caught up in success, and for Michael Travis, played by McDowell, success comes to those pragmatists who play by the rules of the present situation. Travis, who has almost no character of his own, lies with his entire being to succeed. The movie is blatantly surreal, being a realistic presentation of an obvious fantasy. Many of the sequences could have been played

as comedy with a few slight changes and a different attitude (the anecdotes are that ridiculous). But everything is played straight-faced, presented as real. This movie is executed as if it has inspiration behind it, which is a compliment to the director, but the inspiration is deep and not really obvious. The director plays funny games with heavy handed and ponderous cuts. Such cuts are deliberate, though, as the scenes which are fast paced move quickly and smoothly. Throughout the movie, music is inserted, performed by a band which is shown in performance several times, and is even worked into the story for a sequence. The title song is performed by this band, and basically says that if one has a reliable friend one is a lucky man. Travis is not a lucky man. The story begins as Mike Travis is training to become a coffee salesman. As a salesman must be aggressive and engaging to be

successful, and as Travis is obsessed with success, he meets his new job with the necessary qualities, which qualities lead him directly into unexpected problems. A salesman must suspend judgement and disbelief to accomplish

anything at all, but these problems tend to tax the viewer's capacity to this, unless treated as fantasy. The men in this movie are treated as greedy, ruthless, narrow and paranoid. The women are

flighty and sexually hungry. The technology is science fiction, the intrigue James Bondian, and the social commentary skeptical. As the sequences of new, perhaps fascinating, perhaps shocking situations drag on through the three-and-a-quarter hour film, they build to a cyclical conclusion which is denied in a quite fantastic and surprising conclusion. Most of the actors with major parts played several major parts each. This one may discover from the credits or, if forewarned, from exceedingly close inspection of the characters. This fact, too, is not real obvious, nor does it carry much special significance, except it makes it easier to show all the characters as being alike or having similar foibles. This is Malcolm McDowell's first movie since "A Clockwork Orange," in which he played Alexander DeLarge, the major character. The two movies are comparable in that they both deal in absurdities in modern society, especially as regards prisons. But where "A Clockwork Orange" unfolds as a crazy underground

comic book, "O Lucky Man" reels off like a big British novel, full of boldly executed injustices and

affrontery on all sides. "O Lucky Man" is playing at the Campus Theater for two dollars.



CLAUDI GARCIA AND SUSAN ROGERS are repainting the Brazos County Community Outreach Center as part of a Psi Chi service project. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

## Bulletin Board

**TONIGHT**  
**FREE U. HUMAN SEXUALITY** will meet at 8 p. m. in Rm. 313, Nagle. Dr. Albert Casey will speak on "Treatment of Impotence, Frigidity and Sexual Deviations."  
**WILDLIFE BIOLOGY ASSOCIATION** will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Rm. 113, Old Biology Bldg. Guest speaker is Dr. Joe Truett.  
**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS (AIIIE)** will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Lecture Room 2, Zachry Engineering Center. Guest speaker is the vice president of Delta Air Lines.  
**CIVIL ENGINEER STUDENTS WIVES CLUB** will meet at 7:30 p. m. at Deborah Duddleston's at Oak Forest Mobile Park. Purpose is an officers meeting.

**SOPHOMORE COUNCIL** will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Rm. 321, Physics Bldg. This will be the last meeting of the semester.  
**MODERN DANCE CLUB** will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Rm. 228, MSC. This is a mandatory organizational meeting and refreshments will be served.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLUB** will meet at 8 p. m. in Lounge A-1 near Fowler. Plans for the New Year's party will be made.  
**EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB** will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Rm. 402 MSC Tower. Rides home and recruitment will be discussed.  
**TAMU SKEET AND TRAP CLUB** will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Rm. 308 MSC Tower. This is an important meeting, all members urged to attend.  
**CAP AND GOWN** will meet at 6:30 p. m. in the Lobby of Zachry Engineering Center. Aggeland photo to be taken.  
**V. D. LECTURE AND FILM** will be given at 7 p. m. in Rm. 103 Zachry Engineering Center. No admission will be charged.  
**BLACK AWARENESS COMMITTEE** will meet at 7:30 p. m. in Rm. 231, MSC. Everyone is welcomed.  
**AIR FORCE SELECTION TEAM** will be in the MSC from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. to meet with students interested in being a pilot, navigator, or officer, for further information call 846-5521 and ask for Sgt. Jones.

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## Postal Service Warns of Bombs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some government agencies and major oil companies have been warned by the U.S. Postal Service that letter bombs may have been mailed to them. A spokesman for the postal inspection service said the agency has offered to screen the mail of possible targets. He declined to say to whom the letters may have been mailed. Despite this information however, the spokesman said the service had "no indication any letter bombs are in the mail." "The agencies and oil companies were contacted purely as a precautionary measure," said spokesman Bernie Roswig. Roswig said that in its normal course of contacts with other government agencies the postal service received information that "letters containing explosives might be mailed from Toronto around Dec. 1." He said the initial information came from the "intelligence community." "Anytime they, the inspection service, have any kind of tip that a letter bomb is in the mail system, they not only alert possible targets but put on a monitoring apparatus that goes beyond a simple alert," Roswig said. He said he could not confirm whether such an alert was in operation, but added "I wouldn't be a bit surprised" if it were. Canadian postal official Ed Roworth in Toronto said officials there are aware of the "possibility of mail bombs." Robert Yancey, president of Ashland Oil Co., said he was notified of the possible threat Saturday night. He said it's "probably just a prank" but added "the firm will begin using metal detectors Monday."

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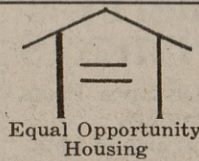
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## Awards Night

Foundrymen from across Texas will gather Friday for a working session and awards night. Scholarship awards, visiting high school students and installation of a TAMU student chapter of the American Foundrymen's Association will highlight activities, according to Jon F. Botsford, assistant professor of engineering technology.



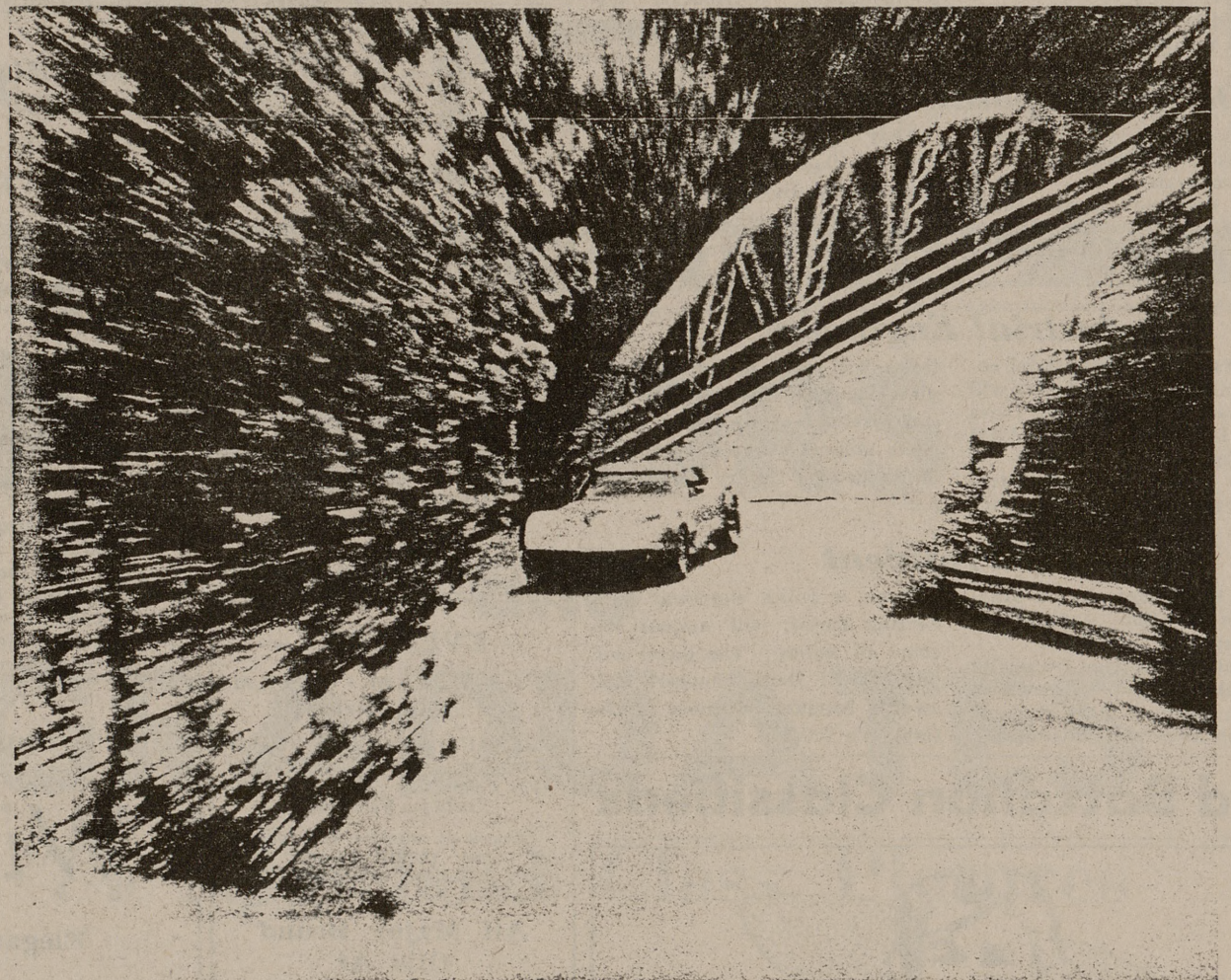
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