review

Starring Sally Field, Michael Cain and Steve Guttenberg Directed by Jerry Belson Rated PG

"Surrender" is a light romantic comedy with a story line that presents nothing incredibly new or different. Even so, this could have been an above average movie if Sally Field and Michael Cain had created characters that were more than two

dimensonal, but they did not. As is, this movie is nothing more than a mildly entertaining comedy.

Cain plays Sean Stein, a famous writer who has been involved in two divorces and has thus grown extremely paranoid of all women.

Sally Field portrays Daisy Morgan, an unsuccessful painter who has been through several bad relationships. Her current boyfriend. Marty. played by Steve Guttenberg, is an egotistical and selfish

person. Daisy is dating him mainly because he is rich

Daisy and Sean meet at a party and Sean is instantly infatuated. Because of his paranoia, however, he tells Daisy that he is an out-of-work writer. Daisy is not bothered by his apparent lack of wealth and the two fall in love.

Marty is around to make things difficult for the two as the movie ponders the importance of money in a relationship.

Field and Cain do nothing new with their characters, the plot is predictable and there are no new insights presented. The story drags considerably before the movie is half over.

Field and Cain are so comfortable on screen, however, that they do make the movie somewhat entertaining. The humor works at times and Peter Boyle is funny as Sean's lawyer and friend. Yet it is so hard to get involved in the plot and to

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develop any sort of empathy with the characters that the film is generally uninteresting. -Reviewed by Tom Reinarts



"That Total Age" Nitzer Ebb Geffen Records

The American record industry for years has recognized the quality and commercial potential of British and Australian bands, but has been largely ignorant of what is going on in West Germany.

The music scene there is currently producing some great groups and several exciting albums, most of which unfortunately will not be released on this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

That Total Age" by Nitzer Ebb, a West German group, managed to get a domestic release, thanks to Geffen Records, and it is a fine album.

The songs on the record are best described as industrially synthesized dance music.

The resulting sound is incredibly original and diverse, and should appeal equally well to fans of heavy metal, hard rock and synthesizer pop. The only problem with the album is the fact that the lyrics are done in English rather than the band's native language. This makes the lyrics awkward at

Fortunately, the lyrics on the album are used more for musical effect than actual meaning. But the musical style seems to have been developed around the German experience, in which the language plays a vital role.

The use of English is an attempt to make the music more appealing to American record-buyers, and it probably will, but the music would have been much better had the lyrics been done in German.

The best song on the album is "Fitness to Purpose." It is a fantastic dance number with the intensity and energy charactistic of the punk movement. "Alarm" is another good dance song which uses synthesizer work reminiscent of that used by the band Torch

"Warsaw Ghetto" and "Let Your Body Learn" sound like Depeche Mode with industrial influences. "Violent Playground" and "Join in the Chant" are a little more experimental than the other songs, but are still very good.

The vocals and lyrics on this album may be harsh to sensitive ears, but there is always an irresistable beat that blends well with the harshness to make this one of the better albums of the year. -Reviewed by Tom Reinarts

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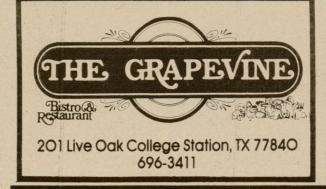
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