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Movie Reviews

The Best Of Times

Robin Williams takes the simple plot of this movie and turns it into a success. Although it will not win any awards, **The Best Of Times** is one of the better films to cross the screen in some time.

In 1972, the loser city of Taft, played a football game against their archrivals, Bakersfield. Taft always loses to Bakersfield, but this year, they could win if Jack Dundee could catch the ball. He dropped it. Robin Williams is Jack Dundee, the man who dropped the ball. He is constantly reminded of his error, and finally decides to do something about it. He persuades Reno Hightower (Kurt Russell), the quarterback who threw six, or it was seven, touchdown passes against Porterville, to join him in the rematch against Bakersfield, and the stage is set.

Kurt Russell puts in a good performance, but Robin Williams steals the show. He not only provides continuous laughter and original wit, but also gives us a believable character who we all can sympathize with.

I have never seen Robin Williams better. He is the perfect Jack Dundee. Because of him, **The Best of Times** gets an 8 out of 10.

"WHITE NIGHTS"
(Columbia Pictures)

Director Taylor Hackford ("An Officer and a Gentleman", "Against All Odds") said that he

was attempting to make a "dance movie" that wasn't empty-headed. He hasn't succeeded. It think that it would be fair to say that all the politics in this movie are based on the Mickey Mouse method.

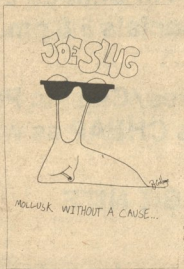
The story involves a famous Russian ballet dance defector (Mikhail Baryshnikov) who finds himself back in Russia via a plane crash. The Ruskijs lie to the Americans about his condition, telling them that it's much worse than it actually is, and send him to recover in the home of Gregory Hines, an American tap dancer who had defeated To Russia (basically because of the Vietnam war), and his Russian wife, Isabella Rossellini. The couple, aided by an old flame of Baryshnikov's, are to convince him to re-join the Russian ballet but all he wants to do is escape. Hines and Rossellini decide that they'd be better off in America as well and the three make plans to get out. Unfortunately the escape is routine instead of suspenseful.

You may ask yourself, "Where does dancing come into this?" Well, it comes into this about every fifteen minutes. The dance scenes are good, after all this is a dance movie and Baryshnikov and Hines are two of the greats of dance (their talents are aptly demonstrated here; there are lots of scenes of rehearsals), but the soundtrack gets to be annoying. It's used at every conceivable moment to hide some secret conversation from the Russians.

The only other real high point of the film is Isabella Rossellini. Perhaps because of her parentage (actress Ingrid Bergman and director Roberto Rossellini) or perhaps because she is a model, she really knows how to use the camera. When nothing much is happening on the screen she keeps your attention.

"White Nights" isn't a bad movie, but it is a mediocre one. It's politics are too a-b-c to recommend it as a political thriller, but if you're a fan of Baryshnikov or Hines it's worth \$5.00.

David Stewart



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Olive attended the opening of Henson College of Public Affairs and Continuing Education at Dalhousie University this past Wednesday. It was a step forward to see at the launching of the college, a scholarship fund for continuing education students set up. The

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