

entertainment

MOVIE NIGHT

by Dave Wood

First there was Saturday Night Fever, then came Grease, now there's Thank God It's Friday. TGIF, starring Donna Summer and the Commodores, while perhaps more plotless and disjointed than its two disco/dance-movie predecessors, has a lot to offer it's audience. There is precious little plot to TGIF, but there seems to be a theme, of sorts. Marquees and posters for the movie remark that "after 5000 years of civilization, we all deserve a break," and this is what the movie is all about.

The "Zoo Disco" is having a dance contest with music cupplied by the incomparable Commodores. Well, while the DJ stalls for time (the truck carrying the Commodores' equipment is delayed), all manner of antics occur. The most notewor-

thy occurance during this part of the movie is Nicole Sims' (played by disco queen and sex goddess Donna Summer) incredible debut as a disco artist. The contest is won by Leatherman, a disco-dance virtuoso, and a high-school girl whom he has secretly sneaked into the disco).

I went to the movie to see Donna Summer in action, being a long-time fan of hers, and ended up rather disappointed on that score. Summer mouths few lines outside of her over-exuberant performance of "Last Dance", and most of the shots of her are somewhat less than flattering. Her presentation of "Last Dance" is not what one would expect either - - - hair curled into a huge fright wig hiding her face, she bounces around like a

yoyo, delivering a bery blase version of the song. Judging from what one hears on her albums, one could justifiably expect better. Maybe a slower paced movie and a few meaningful lines of dialogue would have helped.

As for the other performances, well, who can say? Incidents, acting and serious, fly across the screen so quickly that it is difficult to judge who is performing well and who is not. However, as the characters are so bizarre that the viewer can get to know them almost immediately.

The personalities of the Commodores are not elaborated ok either, but their exciting performance of "Too Hot to Trot" during the dance contest makes up for the cheerful haziness of their characters.

All in all, then Thank God It's Friday is a fun movie, but little else. It provides an exaggerated view of what happens in discotheques everywhere, delivers lots of situation comedy in rapid fire succession, and boxes the viewer's ears with non-stop disco music. Final verdict: shallow, but exciting and very funny.

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TO ALL FRESHMAN STUDENTS

As co-ordinator of the Shinerama drive for 1978, I would like to extend a warm thank you to all of you who were out shining shoes in aid of cystic fibrosis, on Sept. 7. I hope that all of you have recovered from any colds that may have been a direct result of your tangle with the weather.

The seventy-seven brave freshmen who managed to turn up in spite of the inclement weather raised \$2,153. This sum, although it is less than last year, is very impressive. The weather was not only a deterrent in getting shiners, but also in getting shinees. It was too wet for your average 'Joe' on the street to stop and have his shoes shined or even

drop a coin in your cans for a donation.

It may have been rough out there in the rain but all across Canada other Frosh were out shining also and it was all for a good cause. I hope that each one of you is proud of your contribution. Cystic fibrosis is a potentially fatal disease and the dollars you raised will be used to find a cure and save thousands of C.F. children and adults.

Once again I'd like to say thank you. I enjoyed working with you and hope to see you around campus in the future.

Yours sincerely,
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