

'Musketeers' provide classic entertainment

By PATRICIA BEACH SMITH
Can the King of France really think? Is Richelieu really that devious? Would Geraldine Chaplin (as the vacant King's Queen) melt in a gentle rain? Or can a band of dogs be made good chess men in a single afternoon?
Richard Lester's movie "The Three Musketeers" won't necessarily answer the above, but it is a good answer to audiences who have been asking for some entertaining films that aren't horror stories.
Be careful or you might just be

swash-buckled to death by this charming foursome (yes, there were really four musketeers). Don't expect to see many muskets.
THE MANAGEMENT has provided, however, enough swordsmanship to last for awhile—that's probably why it took decades to make another remake of Dumas' classic tale.
"The Three Musketeers" is one of the best romps the movies have given us since "Tom Jones" roamed the English countryside.

The musketeers jump off their age-old cigar box to race by horseback at the behest of the Queen, fight off the papal warriors (oh, yes, those priests could really defend themselves), and all in the name of the King who really couldn't see beyond his gold-tipped toes.
The King's toes were only a part of the magnificent costume designed by Yvonne Blake.
A SILVER and white ball given by the King brought out some stunning raiments, including elab-

orate masks and headgear.
Clothed with as little as the Queen would allow was her handmaiden and confidante Raquel Welch, who also doubled as Musketeer D'Artagnan's mistress.
It doesn't seem possible for a while, but properly naive, wide-eyed and youthful Michael York, as D'Artagnan does become a member of the ranks of musketeers after riding half-way across France for an Englishman.
His three compatriots in folly are a virile and, for once, amusing Oliver Reed, Richard Chamberlain

(who also, for once is convincing in a part) and Frank Finlay as Fathos, who isn't pathetic at all, just vain.
EVEN CHARLTON Heston, who's generally a dud, does well with his pontifical character in Richelieu; the real ruler of France. Heston does well, usually in stiff-collared roles and this is no exception.
The settings, in Spain for the most part, are splendid. Michel LeGrand relaxed his usually heavy hand to provide a musical score

which merely and beautifully underscores an already elegant achievement in filmmaking.
A marvelous assortment of minor, yet important, characters aids in keeping the film going, if riding horses won't do that for you. Among them is Faye Dunaway who finally gets to play a shrew.
BUT THE BEST part comes at the end, when the audience learns that more of this rollicking frivolity is in store when the second part of the movie comes to town in the future.



AROUND TOWN

DINING and ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



Lifebuoy
Where good taste just begins with the food.
Somerset Inn, Big Beaver Road, east of Coalgate, Troy, Mich. 48064
Phone (313) 643-7800

• AUTHENTIC CHINESE FOOD
• AMERICAN FOODS
• EXOTIC COCKTAILS
• CARRY OUT AND BANQUET FACILITIES
MON-JIN-LAU
PHONE 689-2332
1515 MAPLE RD. AT STEPHENSON HWY • TROY

BIRMINGHAM 215 SO. WOODWARD BIRMINGHAM - MI. 4 3533
abc Jon Voight is "CONRACK"
Shown Wed., Sat., Sun. at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 (PG)
All other days at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
Matinee Wednesday \$1.00 'til 5:00
BLOOMFIELD WOODWARD, 2 BLOCKS SO. of 15 MILE - MI 4 6005
"SUPER COPS" (R)
Shown Wed., Sat., Sun. at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
All other days at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
Matinee Wed. \$1.00 'til 5:00 p.m.
ABC MICHIGAN THEATRES CORP.

The Bloomfield Canopy
AS LISTED IN GOURMET MAGAZINE
FOR DINING EXCELLENCE
• STEAK
• CHOPS
• SEA FOOD
• BANQUET FACILITIES
• ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY
DENNY SPOKES ORGANIST
EVERY THURS. Fashion Show by BRAYTON's
Sixty Five Sixty
ORCHARD LAKE RD. AT MAPLE 626-1587 - 626-1697
"SUBURBAN DINING WITH A CITY FLAIR"

SHOWCASE CINEMA 162
100 S. Telegraph Road Opposite Miracle Mile Shopping Center Phone 332-0241
WINNER 7 ACADEMY AWARDS
PAUL NEWMAN BEST DIRECTOR
ROBERT REDFORD BEST STORY AND SCREENPLAY (Original)
ROBERT SHAW BEST FILM EDITING
THE STING
Mon. - Sat. 7:15-10:30 P.M.
Wed. Matinee 1:00 P.M.
Sat. & Sun. 1:15-3:30 P.M.
5:30-7:15-10:30 P.M.
Even. Late Show Sat. (only) 12:30 P.M.
Based on the novel by E. COIT FITZGERALD
THE GREAT GATSBY
Mon. - Sat. 7:15-10:30 P.M.
Wed. Matinee 1:00 P.M.
Sat. & Sun. 1:15-3:30 P.M.
5:30-7:15-10:30 P.M.
Even. Late Show Sat. (only) 12:30 P.M.
DAVID MERRICK PRODUCTION OF A FILM BY ALAN CRUICKSHANK
ROBERT REDFORD and **MIA FARRAR**
"IT IS ULTRA-EASY ON THE EYES! With colorful, lush concentration on 1920's clothes, cars, settings, and the opulence that goes with being 'filthy rich'!"
—William Wolf, Cue Magazine
HARRN BLACK / **SCOTT WILSON** / **JAM WATERSTON**
LOU CHILE and **BRUCE DEAN** / **Tom**

Welcome to **VILLA INN**
• Lunches • Dinners • Dancing
Complete New Kitchen to provide Excellent Service!
SPECIALTIES OF THE HOUSE
Chateaubriand
Royal Beef Eaters Delight
with Bordelaise Sauce
Beef Tenderloin Brochette
Banquet facilities up to 100 guests
After 10:00 p.m. Theatre Menu
Hourly:
95 Clarkston Road 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Corner M24 Lake Orion 7 Days a week
693-6224

TEL-EX CINEMAS
1 2 3 & 4 TELEGRAPH RD. N. OF 10 MILE 354-9660
I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE AND IT DOESN'T WORK.
A JOHN BOORMAN FILM
ZAZOZ
A UNIVERSAL PICTURE
Where were you in '62?
American Graffiti
A UNIVERSAL PICTURE
HELL, UPSIDE DOWN
A RONALD NEAME FILM
THE POSEIDON ADVENTURE
A UNIVERSAL PICTURE
"I haven't had such a good time at a new movie in years."
Peter Bogdanovich
New York Magazine
THE THREE MUSKETEERS
Considering the Talents of 15 Academy Award Winners

Throw your next party our way.
When you have a party on your mind... anything from birthday to Bar Mitzvah... think of us. Because we think of everything. Have a highland fling in our Highland Room. Or just a good time in our Northwest and Cypress Rooms. And whether yours is a group of 20 or a gang of 300, we're ready. With the menu you want. Served as you want it.
Fifty years of service to our guests makes Stouffer's the experienced host for the perfect party. Call Mrs. Lennox, our party planner, at 356-0652.
Stouffer's
NORTHLAND RESTAURANT
21100 Northwestern Highway

Make us your Sunday place.
We've got a great Sunday idea. A casual, family-style brunch. It's a whole buffet-full of everybody's favorite Sunday things. Bacon, eggs, sausage and hotcakes. Gooey sweet rolls and French Toast. Features like Bagels and Cream Cheese, Creamed Chipped Beef or Chicken Livers. Every Sunday from 8 til 1.
Just \$3.50 for adults. \$1.95 for under-twelves. Something Special: We'll add some real magic during your Sunday brunch at **Coach & Four**.
Stouffer's
NORTHLAND INN
21000 Northwestern Hwy. / 357-4700

Now that you belong to the Taxman, you belong at Ted's.
Relax, it's all over now. You've given your pound of sweat and the bite he's been made. So forget the horrors of April 15th and come to Ted's for a relaxing cocktail, a great dinner and some beautiful entertainment.
You'll enjoy the versatile Joey Van in our main room Tuesdays through Saturdays. Judy Carroll is in our Pub & Parlor Sundays and Mondays.
This Friday night would be a great time to head for Ted's and our notorious Friday Shrimp Special. You'll get all the fried or steamed shrimp you can handle with drawn butter or our tangy cocktail sauce. We'll also include our great Ted's salad and all the rest you'll need for a fabulous dinner. **Friday night...enjoy!**
Pack up all your cares and woes. At Ted's.
ted's
WOODWARD & SQUARE LAKE ROAD IN BLOOMFIELD HILLS 644-7764