

# Filmmakers vie on campus

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Probably more than any other art form, film needs an audience. The ancient parable of a tree falling on a desert island with no one around to hear it, has a parallel in the work of young film makers whose work ends up locked in a steel can shortly after being shown to a couple of good friends.

Dr. Dan Greenberg, head of the speech and theatre department at Oakland Community College, has been aware of the problem for a couple of years. Last year, an informal effort at showing the work of students, area producers and others looking for some critical appraisal resulted in the "second annual Orchard Ridge Film Festival," recently completed at OCC.

The result was a contest which attracted a typical cross-section of the young film scene.

**THE FIRST** place winner in the color, 16mm category, was "Rain People," by Raymond Hienaki, of West Bloomfield.

A moody, vaguely abstract study of a young woman's emotions after her husband's suicide, the short film was both abstract, polished and highly sensual.

Some of the other entries included what looked like movies made at a "movie party," some crisp, funny short comedies, and one joke entry by a film instructor at another campus which consisted solely of interviews with the people preparing contest entries.

The most polished efforts were 16mm, made in color, a format which makes it possible for the films to be shown in commercial theatres.

"CHANGES," by Judy Bendix, of Ann Arbor, placed third in

16mm sound, with a study of a modern of a modern woman coping with problems in the factory and her personal life.

Second place was "keep the change," done by Lis Mack, of Bloomfield Hills. Fourth place was "Eyes of the Enemy," by James Polowski, of Royal Oak.

"In search of a lost image," by Mark Elson, Southfield, won fifth in the category, but was given the Belcrest Cup, a \$100 award for the best color film of the show.

The 8mm silent entries were in some ways the roughest entries, but the format attracted more experimentation with animation, etc.

**TOP IN** the category was "The Fight Game," by David Renwick, of Northville, second was "Weight Loss," by Stephen Jones, of Farmington; third was "A Cure for the

Monday Morning Blues," by Kevin Boyd, of Schwartz Creek.

There were four films tied for fourth place: "The Magnificent Severed," by Joshua M. Becker of Franklin; "The Big Race," by Bill McMillan, of Detroit; "A Salute to America's Favorite Pastimes—Sex and Violence," also by McMillan, and "Marxian's Battle," by Gerald Smith of Detroit.

The saga of two con men, "Ignuts and Oaf" won first in the 8mm sound category, produced by Phillip Preston, Trenton. Second was "I am Curious, Clay" by Tom and Tina Coffey, of Birmingham. Third was "Death do us part" by William Bush, Jr., and Joseph Saitter, both of Lathrup Village.

There was a three-way tie for fourth place: "Animal Tracks," by Doris Oleksa; "Magical Mystery Tour," by Christopher Marsh; and "Era of the Dinosaurs Dinosaurs," by Ann Grey.



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The concept of Friends belongs to producer, Paul Kerr, a 16-year-old Beaumont Hospital orderly, who admits his first love is the theater.

When tryouts were held April 14 to cast the 12 characters in the play, 34 promising actors and actresses participated. Thirty technical crew members were also assembled to put this benefit production together.

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