



Susan Clark is hooker Cherry Forever in "Porky's," comedy of teen-age awakenings.



the movies

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'Porky's' theme of teens and sex pulls in crowds

A raunchy comedy about a group of teen-age boys with (what else?) sex on their minds, "Porky's" (R) is a \$4.5-million romp from 20th Century-Fox that is pipping out at the box office.

Why are teens around the country waiting in long lines to see "Porky's"? Apparently, adolescents today have no difficulty connecting with the adolescents in this movie, set in southern Florida in the mid-1950s. The themes are easily understood by any generation.

"Porky's" is the name of a redneck dive that has a magnetic attraction for the overheated boys of Angel Beach High School, who are anxious for sexual experience. The movie doesn't mince on their horniness as it follows the adventures of six buddies in an era when the double standard was still the rule.

The language in this movie is enough to make a mother's hair fall out, after first standing straight up from shock. That's another aspect of male adolescence that hasn't changed. It's still macho for boys to use vulgar language. Is it any wonder youngsters go for "Porky's," which offers sizzling language, sexual jokes, nudity and a put-down of adult authority?

IF YOU THINK this sounds like a teen-age exploitation movie, you're right. But, and this may be hard to believe, it does have redeeming features, including a basic, if coarse, honesty. Bob Clark, who both wrote and directed the movie, based it on some of his own experiences and fantasies as he was growing up in Fort Lauderdale.

It comes across, for all its frenzied hormonal activity, as a happy and engaging film. The incidents are exaggerations of gaudy proportions but with a germ of truthfulness that makes these youngsters appealing in their desperation for sexual activity.

The actors are relatively unknown, including the six boys on whose exploits the film concentrates: Dan Monahan (Pee Wee), Mark Herrier (Billy), Wyatt Knights (Tommy), Roger Wilson (Mickey), Cyril O'Reilly (Tim) and Tony Garies (Meat).

Porky's, with its garish neon sign inviting everyone to "Get It at Porky's," lures the boys, who pool their money and offer the money to Porky. In return, he is supposed to set them up with the strippers who work there.

He takes their money and throws the boys out. When one of the boys returns to protest, he is beaten up. Then it is up to the boys, with the help of a sympathetic athletic coach, to retaliate and teach Porky a lesson.

A full-scale operation is launched, not only to "get" Porky but some mean lawmen as well. This leads to a finale that is a triumph of slapstick mayhem in which youth prevails.



Chuck Mitchell (right), is the owner of Porky's, who stares down underage adolescents anxious to become customers at the redneck dive.

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