



Tom Cruise as Stef Djordjevic, who wants to get out of a Pennsylvania steel-mill town by winning an athletic scholarship, in "All the Right Moves."

the movies

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'All the Right Moves' tackles more than football story

You don't have to be a football fan to like — change that to enjoy — "All the Right Moves" (R). The film's advertisements, especially those on television, might put one off, however. Judging from them, we would anticipate something like this: Poor boy becomes star of team; makes a big play in key game, and wins game, girl and football scholarship. We'd be wrong. What has the appearance, at first glance, of being just another soggy cliché proves to be a sincere, snappy, well-realized film. It does fall into a few traps, but it also springs a few surprises.

Michael Chapman, the cameraman for "Taxi Driver," "Raging Bull" and "Personal Best," makes his directorial debut with this film. The photography by Ian DeBont isn't outstanding, but it is effective in one very important way. It perfectly complements the screenplay and adds weight to the characters' primary motivation — to get out of town.

THE FICTIONAL city of Ampipe (really Johnstown), Pa., is a dingy, gritty steel-mill town. It's a blue-collar town of squashed-together houses, barren streets, high unemployment and crushed hopes.

Tom Cruise, seen in "Risky Business," plays Stef Djordjevic, a defensive back on the high school football team. He figures that football is his ticket out of town. Stef's girlfriend, Lisa (Lisa Thompson), plays saxophone in the school band. She would also like to get out of Ampipe, but her opportunities are limited.

Craig T. Nelson plays the football coach, Nickerson. He's anxiously waiting for a coaching offer from a college team so he can get out.

Most movies, after introducing a touch of adversity, would grant these characters their wishes like a good fairy waving her magic wand. The virtue of "All the Right Moves" is that it eschews the good fairy in favor of a more realistic approach.

Stef knows he would make a good college football player, but he harbors no illusions about becoming a pro. He doesn't even want to be one. He wants to be an engineer. A football scholarship will get him into college and out of Ampipe.

ONE OF THE movie's best scenes occurs when Stef, to his father's dismay, coolly dismisses a college recruiter by telling him he's looking for a school where he will get a better education.

Coach Nickerson, on the other hand, becomes so obsessed about getting a coaching job with a college team that he becomes mean and vindictive. Lisa has no illusions about getting out of Ampipe. She would like to go to college too, but as she angrily observes, musicians don't have the scholarship opportunities that jocks do. The residents are as much about the coach as the football team. In this grimy, coal-dust city, it's all they have. When the team plays their arch rivals, it's a battle of the ethnics — the Poles, blacks, Slavs and Italians of Ampipe versus a WASP team whose locker room looks like a designer showcase compared to most Ampipe homes. To the film's credit, the pattern of this game doesn't follow the expected course.

Where the movie does stumble, however, is in its handling of teen-age sex. It throws in what seems to be an obligatory sex scene that isn't called for by the events which preceded it.

Even so, "All the Right Moves" is a refreshing film, not caught up in any hype. It has modest ambitions and it realizes them.



Stef and his girlfriend, played by Lisa Thompson, both have ambition, but she's an aspiring musician who has little hope of getting a college scholarship.

upcoming things to do

• WORLD PREMIERE

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"Shot Thru the Heart" features 30 actors and musicians. For ticket information call the box office at 644-3535.

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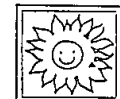
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