

# Horsefeathers, Duck Soup both are excellent movies

There have been a number of great Marx Brothers movies showing in Toronto lately. Cine City had a Night at the Opera and A Day at the Races recently; the Ontario Film Club showed the rarely seen Animal Crackers (1930), and right now the Silent Cinema is showing Horsefeathers and Duck Soup, which are both

the incoming president of Huxley College, arch football rival of

Like many colleges these days, looked down on as a problem to be Huxley is having trouble keeping its presidents for more than a year. The picture opens as Groucho, the bigshot type of the four brothers, making his opening address to the faculty and students. There follows a riotous song and dance involving everyone present. Fortunately in both of these movies there are lots of musical production numbers in which Groucho dances.

His dancing alone makes the film absolutely miraculous moves, all performed with incredible ease, with no more seeming effort than if he were lying in bed eating crackers.

Chico is an Italian fast talker, punster, and a piano player you could watch playing forever, he emits such pleasure as he's playing.

Harpo is the sould of ebullience in these films, always giggling or crying or acting ferocious. He especially likes hiding something under his shirt and then acting extremely tickled when someone tries to retrieve the thing. At the sight of a pretty girl he is off in her direction at a full run with a facial expression that leaves no doubt as to what he'll do if he can catch her.

This physical humor is one of the funniest aspects of the Marx Brothers. To catch it all takes concentration but it is an easeful kind of concentration that is well rewarded in exuberant laughter.

Nepotism, or the hiring of relatives, is something that is

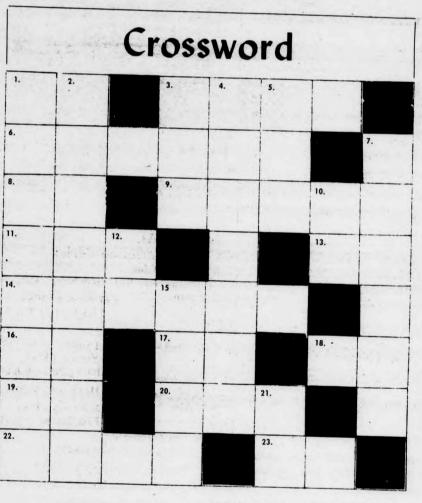
routed out in the corporations of the 1960's. It is inefficient; it doesn't get the right man for the right job. I don't imagine it would go over too well in Hollywood today to say "Well, if you're hiring us for this film, Harpo has to get to play the harp, Chico gets to play the piano and my youngest brother Zeppo must be in the cast to be a sort of straight man and singer.

That may not be the way it worth seeing as it is filled with happened exactly, but the feeling of genuine loyalty among the brothers adds to the films. I believe that they had no loss of efficiency since they made their own worlds, though cooperatively, and were not involved in the sort of downgrading and compromise that a corporation's efforts require, or that the sort of film making using a strong director and unknwn actors, currently fashionable, requires.

The naturalness of them shines through continuously.

No modern film actor or comedian shows the kind of familiarity and relaxedness with his body that the brilliant performances of the Marx Brothers impress us with. Each of them is totally involved while on screen; there is no waiting around. Each has derived a great joyfulness from the association with his brothers, and together they radiate an affection that spreads good humor throughout the audience.

Horse Feathers (1932) and Duck Soup (1933) at The Silent Cinema, 133 Avenue Rd.



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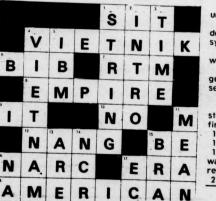
1. First initial of University of Toronto history professor McPherson

It's the time of year for ...
 Chairman of the rights and responsibilities committee.

8. Irish Republic 9. Not many Eskimos live in one of these any

Moral Rearmament Association. 13. Initials of British prime minister

### Last week's answers



14. Today is a mourning day for peace in this country. 16. End of a party in French

End of a party in French.
 If you had all your land taken away, you too might be an Irate Indian.
 This international organization has done
 This international organization has done

nothing constructive to help end the genocide in Biafra

New Right.

20. The cry of the Society for the Promotion of

20. The cry of the Society for the Promotion of School Spirit. 22. Glendon Student Council Emeritus. 23. To strike — not to strike was the question at Monday's meeting of the building services union. union.

## down...

1. Most people at York seem to think going to

Most people at York seem to think going to university is part of -- the ladder to success.
 More than 20 of these have been knocked down by York drivers since the new parking system came into effect.
 If you don't know how to --, you don't know

what you're missing. 4. This East African country is committing

genocide to try to stop one of its provinces from seceding.

Secong.
Oppression of Native Labor.
The safety and security department will
Start — your car away if you keep blocking the

Exclamation.

Alcoholics Anonymous

15. One of these in Vanier College last week was a perfect example of how the new parking regulations are needed.

21. First name of Vietnamese leader

Answers next week