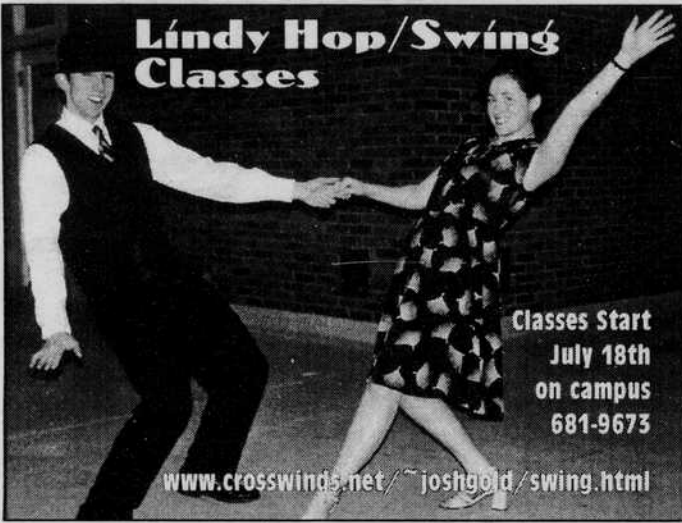


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'Scary Movie' goofs genre

It won't send you crying to mommy, but it's good for a few hearty chortles

By Jack Clifford
 Oregon Daily Emerald

"Scary Movie" is dumb, it's sometimes offensive, it makes fun of seemingly defenseless people and it continues the recent Hollywood trend of playing up the scatological humor.

The flick is also a laugh riot.

A satirical spoof on teen slasher movies is just what the summer cinema season should be offering and it's no surprise that "Scary Movie" was at the top of the box office list after its Friday opening.

The Wayans brothers — director Keenen Ivory, and script writers Shawn and Marlon — have teamed up in this rollicking romp through the inanity of the more dramatic teen slasher movies. Of course, movies such as "Scream" and "I Know What You Did Last Summer" are parodied relentlessly with the Wayans' style.

But the Wayans take their shots at more "artistic" type horror films, i.e., "The Sixth Sense" and "The Blair Witch Project" with equal glee and rarely do they miss their target. Not many puns are

left out in the scatter-shot approach.

Some scenes definitely stand out. One is when a character talking to the screen during a showing of "Shakespeare in Love" gets stabbed by other movie patrons. Of course, while I watched "Scary Movie" the other night, people yelled at the screen throughout.

There it's acceptable, but there was a certain sense of satisfaction to watch someone get an over-the-top punishment for the same behavior in "Scary Movie."

Another scene that is right on the money is when four characters — including the "Scream"-inspired serial murderer — make fun of the "Wassup?" commercial for Budweiser.

Of course, drug and sex references abound throughout "Scary Movie," but again, the scenes are probably nothing more shocking than someone might see on "Saturday Night Live."

So, is all of it funny? No. Some of the attempts at humor are just gross or even border-line racist and sexist. But, whatever. Watching summer movies such as "Scary Movie" is the time to turn off the politically-correct radar and just sit back and relax.



Courtesy Dimension Films

Ooh, how very scary.

Other movie spoofs

"Airplane" (1980) — Classic lampoon of disaster flicks is stupid but funny and launched a bevy of wanna-be spoofs. Clever, fast-paced, and very funny parody mangles every Hollywood cliché within reach.

"Don't Be a Menace to South Central While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood" (1995) — Parody of "life in the hood" movies pokes fun at the attitudes and characters that are quickly becoming clichés in the genre. As the title implies, almost every major black film in recent memory is given the Wayans' drive-by treatment, with a majority of the plot lifted from "Boyz n the Hood."

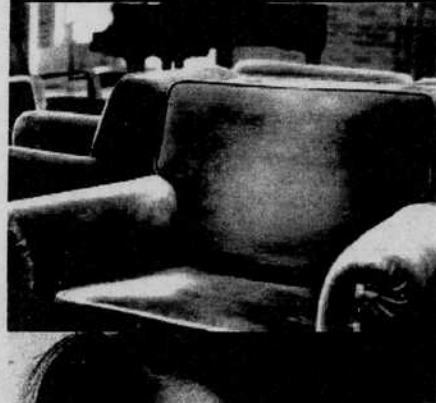
"High Anxiety" (1977) — Director Mel Brooks tries hard to please in this low-brow parody of Hitchcock films employing dozens of references to films such as "Psycho," "The Birds" and "Vertigo."

"Mars Attacks" (1996) — Intentionally tacky, this huge scale epic spoof of monster, sci-fi and disaster flicks from director Tim Burton finds moronic President Dale, played by Jack Nicholson, his frigid wife (Glenn Close) and a cast of thousands battling the green-skinned invaders.

"This is Spinal Tap" (1984) — Pseudo-rockumentary about heavy-metal band Spinal Tap, profiling their career from "England's loudest band" to an entry in the "where are they now?" file. Hilarious satire.

Source: VideoHound's Golden Movie Retriever

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