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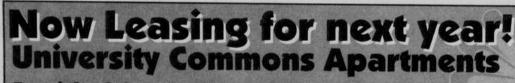
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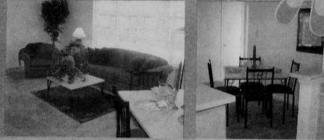




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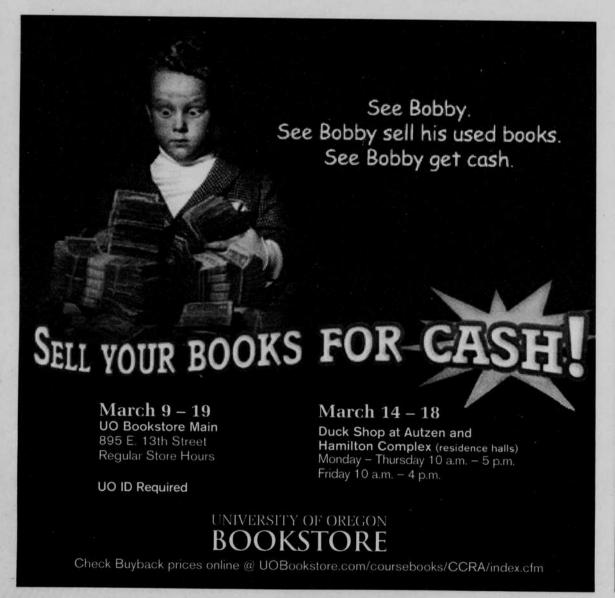
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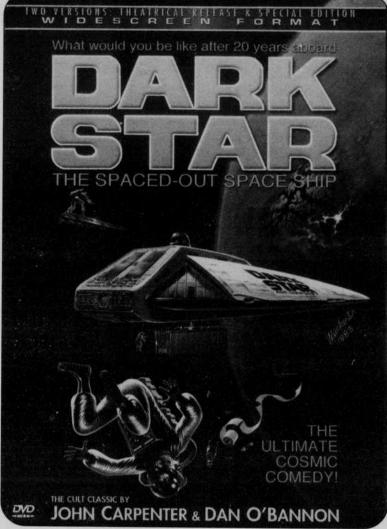


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This student film uses comic special effects for entertainment.

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Now let's take another step up the quality ladder and look at the 1974 student film "Dark Star," from director John Carpenter and writer Dan O'Bannon. The film has comically stilted acting and special effects that are almost hypnotically transparent, but it gets by entirely on its irresistible premise. It concerns the adventures of a crew of astronauts assigned to traverse the galaxy blowing up "unstable planets" with gigantic smart bombs.

The problem is that one of the bombs gets a little too smart and begins to have a severe existential crisis in the middle of its mission, leading to a hilarious scene in which one crew member goes outside the ship and convinces the bomb it doesn't really exist, meaning it can't actually explode. Full of loose, smart humor and often comically absurd dialogue, the film is the pure essence of the phrase "spaced out." The VCI Entertainment DVD is the only one available, and the

only one necessary. It contains both the original film as well as an extended (needlessly in my opinion) theatrical cut with 15 minutes of extra footage.

Finally, we have a film by the master of cheap filmmaking himself, Roger Corman. 1960's "House of Usher" (also known as "Fall of the House of Usher" or "The Mysterious House of Usher") does not look like your standard Roger Corman film. For one, it has production values. For another, it actually looks like a competently created movie.

As part of the director's Edgar Allen Poe cycle, the film adapts the story of a brother and sister living in a rotting old house, terrified half to death by the "tainted" family history. It stars Vincent Price in a wonderfully twitchy performance and actually manages to create a rather chilling gothic atmosphere from beginning to end.

The MGM "Midnite Movies" DVD of the film is a great transfer and, like the rest of these films, can be purchased for a pittance.

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