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'Sick and Twisted' twisted and sick

• *This year's Festival of Animation drew an enthusiastic crowd. If you're looking for the sick and twisted scene, come on down.*

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There's still time to see Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted '98 Festival of Animation. But, be warned—Sick and Twisted lives up to its name.

The "cartoons" ran in no particular order. A film that a child could watch, for instance, was screened next to one with pornographic material.

They started us on a light note with "No Neck Joe," a half dozen short skits on the misfortunes of a poor guy with no neck. Then came "Use Instructions," an artistic statement on pollution where everything in the cartoon was depicted with huge butts emitting "pollution."

There was humor in good taste, and there was humor in bad taste. In "Yes, Timmy, There is a Santa Claus," little Timmy received a load of fine,

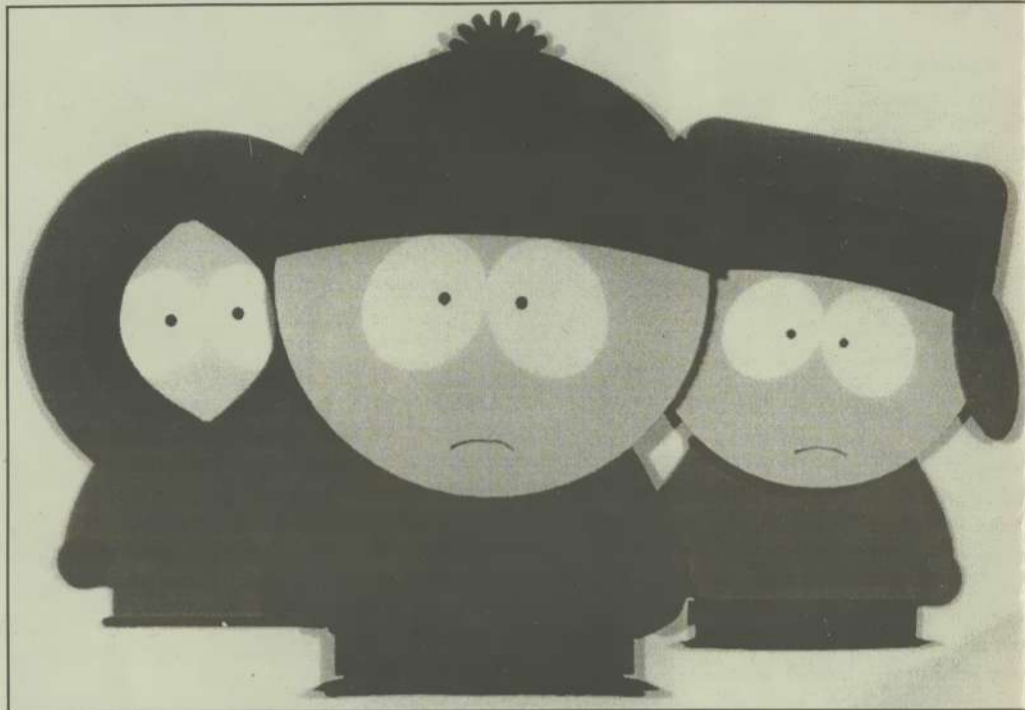
sporty Christmas presents: a tricycle, a soccer ball, a pogo stick. Then we see Timmy open a package containing a new pair of shoes, and we then learn that Timmy has no legs. He tries to put a shoe on, and it pitifully falls off. The cartoon ends with Santa and a reindeer snickering at the window.

Good taste humor was given to us through slapstick style skits like "Sea Slugs." The Sea Slugs are portrayed as pirates who are about to go out to sea. One slug asked if going out to sea was a good idea, "being that we are slugs and all." The pirate captain slug laughed off this idea and in the next scene, when they are out at sea, we see a bunch of pale, white, dead slugs.

One cartoon received a loud welcome from the audience. "Home, Honey, I'm High" was about exactly that. The father takes up with his wife; the kids take up at the dinner table. Dinner never tasted so good!

"Smoking" was a misleading short. It depicted many people smoking, having a good time, dancing and laughing. Yet at the end, there was a public service announcement stating that smoking was bad and demanded, "please stop."

In South Park's "The Spirit of Christmas," the two sides of



Kenny, Stan and Kyle celebrate in "The Spirit of Christmas," by Matt Stone and Trey Parker.

Christmas battle it out, and Jesus says some very un-Christian things to Santa Claus while punching him out.

The film "Ah L'amour," labeled "World Animation Celebration's World's Funniest Film," lived up to its title. A poor man looking for love only finds disaster with each girl he talks to. In one skit, the man

asks a girl only the time of day, and she returns by ripping his skin off. It was very absurd.

With many other shorts eliciting hysterical laughs, this Festival of Animation was quite complete.

It'll cost you \$7 at the doors of Cinema 21 on NW 21st. Many shows have sold out, and arriving about a half an hour

early is highly recommended.

A regular crowd, one familiar with animation, awaits outside the doors, forming a line along the building and around the corner. ID may be checked as you must be eighteen to see the show.

The festival runs until Nov. 7 on Fridays and Saturdays at 11:15 p.m.

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