

Private Benjamin

Goldie Hawn at her best

by Terry Dupuis

Goldie Hawn gives what I consider to be the best performance of her career so far in a new comedy called *Private Benjamin*. It even tops her Academy Award performance in *Cactus Flower*, as well as the memorable one she gave in *Foul Play*.

Hawn first attracted attention on television's "Laugh-In" series back in the Late 60's. When that series was cancelled she made a successful transition into the movies with *Cactus Flower*. Some of the other movies she appeared in included *Sugarland Express* and *The Duchess And The Dirtwater Fox*.

Goldie Hawn's newest movie casts her as a spoiled rich young woman named Judy Benjamin. The film opens with a scene of Judy's wedding ceremony, but it turns out to be a short-lived marriage.

Her husband dies of a heart attack on their wedding night.

Judy is so distraught over this unexpected turn of events upon finding herself a widow so suddenly, that a smooth-talking army recruiter convinces her that if she wants to escape from her grief and do something useful with her life she should join the army.

Recruiter

"But what if I find I don't like it when I get there?" Judy asks. "No problem," says the recruiter. "You just quit." He tells Judy that it will be like a holiday for her, and the gullible young woman takes his word for it.

Of course, after Judy Benjamin signs up and arrives at training camp, she finds that it

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is a whole different ball game.

Much of the humour in the film derives from the fact that army life now is no different than it was in all those old movies we used to see; it's still boot camp, push-ups, and strict discipline, except that now there are women in the ranks.

Tribulations

Private Benjamin then describes the trials and tribulations which Judy has to undergo in adjusting to army life, as well as the army's trouble in adjusting to Judy.

There are some hilarious moments in this section of the film, especially in Judy's encounters with the tough no-nonsense female officer played by Eileen Brennan.

Goldie Hawn handles the slapstick and the naivety of her character superbly, being the fine comedienne that she is. But her performance is more than that.

She manages to capture the growing self-awareness of the character. *Private Benjamin* is basically a comedy, but it also is about Judy Benjamin's development as a person and her growth to maturity.

The director of *Private Benjamin* is Howard Zieff, who is well-skilled in directing comedy. Among his earlier films are *Hearts Of The West* and the Walter Matthau-Glenda Jackson comedy *House Calls*.



Reason to smile

The man in the stetson and the wide smile is Deputy-reeve John Lackie of Tinv Township who was returned to another two-year term in office

Monday night. That's Clerk Guy Maurice, returning officer, in background.

Students learn by helping Terry Fox

A rather novel and rewarding way of contributing to the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope was completed last week when students of St. John's school in Wauhaushene collectively accumulated enough miles, run on an individual basis, to cover the distance from Thunder Bay to Vancouver, B.C.

The idea began last September, when it was decided to combine the symbolic gesture to Terry with some personal sacrifice and dedication. The students of the school would run the distance that Terry was not able to complete due to being afflicted by a new cancer.

The pupils were asked to run the block where the school is situated and a record was kept of their distance completed. Incentives were also provided, such as crests and badges indicating the cumulative distance each student covered over the roughly two-month period. Also, clubs were organized which a student could become a member of by completing a prescribed number of kilometers. For example, a 25 km club, a 50 km club and so on all the way up to a 200 km club.

Then the distances were added up to total the 3100 km required to reach from Thunder Bay to Vancouver.

Students

Of the four students having run more than 150 km, one, Michel Pivato covered more than 300 km on his own. He was the top runner at the school. The other

three students in the top category were: Eileen Doble, Kathy Craddock and Dwayne Charron. In addition to their symbolic run for Terry Fox, each student at the school wrote Terry a letter and a letter from the school was sent to him as well.

Furthermore, a special mass was held last Friday at St. John's Church in Wauhaushene, to honour and pray for Terry Fox.

The mass was officiated by Father

Gerard McGuinnis and was attended by pupils from St. John's school and by some citizens of Wauhaushene.

The mass included several songs of celebration and also saw a brief introduction by the school's top runner, Michel Pivato.

In his introduction Pivato said, "In today's mass we are celebrating the courage of a young man who means very much to us. In times of doubt, we think of Terry Fox and we will not give up."

It was very evident from other words and prayers offered at the mass that the students of St. John's had learned a great deal about the magnitude of Terry Fox's accomplishment through their individual symbolic achievements and there is little doubt the lesson will provide a source of future reference and strength in times to come.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE PENETANGUISHENE



I would like to thank all those who supported me in Monday's election

Sincerely
Bob Cascagnette

TO THE ELECTORS OF PENETANGUISHENE

Your confidence in me is sincerely appreciated!

Ken Tannahill
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TO THE VOTERS OF PENETANGUISHENE



I would like to express my sincere thanks to those who voted for me and helped me in my campaign.

Ron Bellisle
I will endeavour to do work

WITH the people of Penetanguishene in my new position as mayor.

Many Thanks
Ron Bellisle