

Letters

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‘Sweetest Thing’ is good chick movie

As you read the reviews of “The Sweetest Thing,” notice that all of the bad ones were written by males. Well, this movie wasn’t meant for men—it’s meant for young women. Guys have enough dumb, egotistic movies, like “Road Trip” and “American Pie,” and now women have one.

This movie does a good job of capturing the female “way of life.” David Germain’s review calls this movie vapid. I can assume only that he has no understanding of women and not much of a sense of humor. When I was at the theater, everyone seemed to be rolling with laughter.

Germain also seemed to add to his incomprehension of women with the jab he took toward one of women’s favorite scenes in the movie. Christina, played by Cameron Diaz, was having a sexual fantasy. Her date ordered her a cart full of ice cream and, as her eyes lit up, he said, “I had them take out all the calories for you.” Some might not want to admit it, but this captures the heart of most women. While I hope that most women wouldn’t drive to another state to crash a wedding to see a guy they had met only once, it was great to finally see a girl’s road trip on-screen. The silly antics of Diaz and Christina Applegate mimicked those of me and my friends.

Germain had cutting remarks about the girl’s “noncommittal passion.” What do you think most guys are like? There’s nothing wrong with a girl having fun. Germain didn’t even mention the end of this movie, which gives hope to all women. This

is a wonderful, light-hearted comedy for women that touches the heart.

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Awareness needed about homophobia

I hoped I would be able to relax in my room on Monday evening, but, of course, that didn’t happen. Reading Brian Phillip’s letter in Monday’s issue of The Gamecock forced me from the television screen and to the computer screen. Though Phillips feels that he and his straight friends should have every right to flaunt their sexuality, my friends and I shouldn’t be allowed one week out of 52 to discuss homophobia, with the simple hope that maybe we won’t be beat senseless by those who fear our lifestyle.

In his letter, Phillips says, “If you’re homosexual, fine, but don’t flaunt it or rub it in my face.” I believe there were many people, including fellow clergymen, who considered Martin Luther King Jr.’s “militant” actions as rubbing racial problems in other’s faces. (I think we all know the results of Rev. King’s flaunting). Phillip’s “keep quiet about oppression” argument is a little old.

I wonder whether Phillips has ever heard of Matthew Shepard, who was brutally murdered because he was gay, or about the countless others who are harassed daily because of their sexuality. Homophobia does exist. Keeping quiet about it won’t make the problem disappear; it will only make it worse.

Phillips says he won’t discriminate, but his homophobic attitude encourages others to do so.

As long as I live, I will attempt to rub my sexuality in

the face of Phillips and those like him. If I can’t change their attitudes, I can at least make their day slightly more miserable.

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Tennessee. He says, “Need I say more, Taylor?” Need I say more? Another regret is leaving my father. College in South Carolina has kept me closer to my dad, who’s probably older than most of my professor’s fathers. Whether trying to sound like Mel Kiper Jr. on your answering machine or sending you stamps, your parents are

probably cooler than you think. You have no idea the opportunity you have or the pride your parents probably hold for you to be where you are.

My days at USC once seemed more numbered than I actually knew. After becoming a statistic and dropping out as a freshman, I petitioned my way back two years later and, with a 1.7 GPA, assured the academic probation office that I never wanted to see them again.

I told a lot of friends that I’d

miss going in on the grams, ounces and Steelers by six and a half. Those things grew me, but I knew that getting my act together in college would make me.

And now, I’m glad to see that my days here are numbered. And to the people I’ve known and met along the way, it’s been fun counting.

Marshall-Green is finally graduating as an electronic journalism student. He began writing columns for The Gamecock last summer.

Career Noteson

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