Liam Neeson is 'Rob Roy' McGregor

by Karen Steele Collegian Staff

Liam Neeson is Rob Roy McGregor in the new highly rated film, "Rob Roy." Michael Caton-Jones produced and directed this epic adventure set in the Scottish Highlands.

The film is set in 1713, a time when few men owned their own land, unless of course they were a lord or a king. McGregor, however, does own the land that he lives on with his family and friends. His devoted wife, Mary, is played magnificently by Jessica Lange. She shows her never-ending support of everything her husband does.

McGregor decides that he and his friends could make a large profit if they bought some cattle, took it to market, and sold it for a higher price. With this money the men could move their families to America. However, McGregor doesn't have the money to buy the cattle in the first place, so he asks the Lordship Montrose (John Hurt) for a loan. This rather cocky lord agrees to loan him 1,000 pounds at one-fifth interest.

The battling begins when one of the Lord's men, Cunningham (Tim Roth), robs the man that McGregor sends for the money. The Lord wants his 1,200 pounds, but McGregor doesn't have it. Montrose offers him an ultimatum--if McGregor defames

the character of the another Lord, Argyle, then he will not owe Montrose the money.

This film is about honor. The moral is to never sacrifice it--not for anything. McGregor teaches his two sons that honor is the most important quality a man can possess. His wife, Mary, he says is at the heart of his honor. Never negotiate anything so beloved. There is no price to match it.

McGregor believes that it would destroy his honor to disrespect the Lord Argyle, so he refuses to speak against him. As a result, he is forced to go into hiding. While McGregor is hiding in the hills, Montrose sends Cunningham and his men to McGregor's house. Cunningham rapes Mary and then burns down the house.

When McGregor later learns of the vicious violation of Mary, he fights even harder to win her back her honor.

Neeson and Lange make "Rob Roy" a predicted "Movie-of-the-Year" success. Don't be surprised if it's up for the Oscars next year. With the Scottish hills and rivers before you on the movie screen, combined with the powerful music by Carter Burwell sounding all around you, you'll hate to see the movie end.

"Rob Roy" is currently showing at Cinema 4 at 15th and Pittsburgh.

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A new business idea has you excited and you'll get right to work on it in the beginning of the week. You'll speak out at a group meeting to good effect. However, your approach with family members should be more gentle.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You'll get right to the point in talks with higher-ups this week but choose your words carefully so as not to alienate others. If you're pointing a finger at someone, it won't be appreciated. Couples enjoy a special outing.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're good at giving advice generally, but to be truly effective, measure you words with diplomacy this week. A project at home consumes much of you time toward the end of the week. This weekend, guard your tongue.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Important talks center around financial issues now. Be sure to listen to the other party's point of view since what's being said is for your ultimate benefit. A hobby is captivating. Accept partnerships over the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Bend over backward to be cooperative with close ties this week since nothing less will satisfy. You could say something hurtful inadvertently and then find yourself with apologies to make later in the week. A co-worker is sympathetic.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You have a tendency this week to be overly critical of a co-worker, who really won't appreciate this. This person can be helpful to you in the future but not if you continue to act boorishly. This weekend, an unplanned entertainment will be fun.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You'll be making positive changes at home now. Opt for peace and quiet over hectic socializing since you need to recharge you batteries. If a child gets on your nerves this week, try not to overreact.

SCORPIO (October 23 to Wonderful November 21) Social life is uplifting this week and you'll be introduced to new subjects of interest. However, home life could be upset in some unexpected way. Try to take this wonderful this week overhear some up to id gossip.

in stride as much as possible.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll be happily engaged this week with a business-related project. This is both stimulating and challenging for you. Think before you act in personal dealings or you could say something you'll later regret.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Business is perhaps best conducted alone early in the week, especially if you're hot under the collar about something. Turn your attention to cultural interests as the week progresses. This weekend, friends are good company.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't be quick to take offense if someone says the wrong thing this week. Overreacting only adds to the contentious atmosphere. Though you're sharp mentally, it's still best to avoid ideological disputes.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You'll enjoy wonderful rapport with a partner this week. However, you could overhear something which rubs you the wrong way. Chalk this up to idle minds and petty gossip. A research project is rewarding.

Shakespeare at Behrend

by Lori Anna Dyer Entertainment Editor

On Friday, April 28th, The Matchbox Players of Behrend will be performing "Shakespeare on the Green" in the Wintergarden.

"Shakespeare on the Green" will star Kanova Johnson, Conchita Dixon, Christopher Ruch, Heather Crisafulli, Robert Ludwig, R. Carl Campbell, and Lori Anna Dyer.

Each player will perform a scene or soliloque from one of William Shakespeare's plays. Kanova Johnson, president of The Matchbox Players, said "we're doing segments from a collage of Shakespeare's work called 'The Stuff that Dreams are Made of."

"It deals with Shakespeare's major themes" she said. The major themes Shakespeare dealt with are lovers and fools, crowns, dreams and farewells.

The reason for this event is to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday. His birthday is April 23, but due to scheduling difficulties the production can not be put on until Friday.

"I think it's good we're doing this," said R. Carl Campbell, who is performing Henry IV from "Henry IV." "Anything that involves student activity helps in the fight against the circle of apathy that tends to plague the attitudes of a generalized student body."

"Shakespeare on the Green" is Campbell's first acting experience since grade school. Conchita Dixon, who is playing the Egyptian queen, Cleopatra, said "this is an area of acting that I have never performed before. It will be interesting and exciting to see how well I can communicate Cleopatra's feeling and personality so that the audience will understand."

Johnson added that the production will be very relaxed, an informal presentation. The costumes for the production will either be rented or used from past Behrend productions.

Tony Elliot, director of the Behrend Studio Theater, has been the advisor for the event. Johnson said "he has proofed the script, advised the Matchbox Players in there selection of pieces to perform and given advise on the costumes."

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