

# MOVIE MONDAY

....The Concept Is Still Evolving....

## The Original Concept

To provide free, quality entertainment and social interaction for consumers of mental health services and their guests.

To encourage interaction between community and "consumers".

To provide entertaining and absorbing selections during which people can forget their troubles for awhile.

To show movies at times when in-patients a EMP are able to see them as an alternative to "ward TV".

To give Bruce a chance to run his own little theatre and share his favourite films, a long-time dream. Hopefully to share this opportunity with others. *Others are welcomed and suggestions encouraged.*

To give "consumers" a forum to show their own videos, slide shows, graphic arts and music. The main focus will still be on the main movie.

To produce graphics and marketing ideas spinning off from the original idea. (*Popcorn bags, relaxation tapes, posters, ads and T-shirts.*)

*By providing positive contact between people who have had direct experience with mental illness and those who are "normal" and by using the hospital as a positive resource, this project is softening the lines between being "institutionalized" (having failed) and being "healthy" and "free" in the community.*

*This has been my unique chance to contribute to the health care system that has served me well.*

Still Flapping Over  
"The Cuckoo's Nest!"

A Special Event of Movie Monday  
7pm Saturday June 18/94.  
Dr. Dean Brooks who was Superintendent at Oregon State Hospital when the film was made in 1975, was technical advisor on the film, and eventually played Spivey, the psychiatrist attempting to evaluate McMurphy-- will be here to add his colour and perspectives and to join in the discussion that will follow a screening of "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest".  
The proceedings will be video-taped.



## MOVIE MONDAY—MORE THAN JUST A FREE MOVIE!

Part of the scope of the Movie Monday Project at EMI Theatre is to provide, as well as entertainment, quality, thought-provoking material on topics around mental health and mental illness.

We showed *Benny & Joon* last Dec. 6. It's a movie about a woman affected by mental illness, living with her brother. Sam, an odd Buster Keaton-like individual comes into their lives and is a catalyst for change. I previewed the movie as it had been recommended by some movie-goers/fellow "consumers". My impression was that it was Hollywood's version. I thought it quite unrealistic, in my experience it isn't really like that. In discussing it further I realized my perceptions were not those of people who have had more experience with mental illness and "the system".

I screened the film with the provision made for discussion afterward with an experienced facilitator/consumer on hand. It was our best attended movie night so far, nearly a full house, and the discussion that followed swirled around all the issues the movie raised—sexuality, family control, "institutionalization" (reduced expectations for and by the person identified with the illness). And the discussion carried on to critique the institution and the appropriateness of the atmosphere and care. It was most satisfying to provide this forum for users of the system to speak-out.

35 UP and Rain Man were other very popular Movie Monday evenings, and Outrageous, Angel at my Table, One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest, will be coming in the mix.

Come warm a seat and participate in the process. This positive 'consumer' initiative needs your support.



Bruce Saunders  
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Final Version  
I'll bring in originals  
next mon to give  
some more  
copies