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MOVIE NEWS

Charlotte is main site for film shoot

Unsolved S.C. crime is 'Brothers' subject, to be wrapped by January

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Movie Critic

John Schwert of Fourth Ward Productions in Charlotte is directing "Brothers," a feature-length film based on the story of a real, unsolved South Carolina crime. Principal photography will take place in Charlotte and is expected to end by mid-October; the film should be finished by January.

Ten years ago, Jennifer Morgan was a senior at Francis Marion University in Florence, where she was found dead in her burned-down apartment. An autopsy revealed that she'd been murdered, but the police never assembled enough evidence to make an arrest. Jennifer's brother Tom studied the details of the crime, compiled a theory of what happened and turned it into a screenplay.

The "Brothers" crew consists of film professionals from as far away as Asheville and Greenville, S.C. Student interns from Johnson C. Smith University and Queens University of Charlotte round out the production team.

Queens Film Fanatics

Queens University of Charlotte is mounting a Film Fanatics Series in Accenture Auditorium of Sykes Learning Center, near the corner of Selwyn and Wellesley avenues. The first two films start at 9 p.m., the third at 7 p.m. All are free.

The series begins Wednesday with "Election," Alexander Payne's sardonic look at a high school teacher (Matthew Broderick) who becomes obsessed with preventing an aggressive know-it-all (Reese Witherspoon) from becoming student body president.

"Rushmore," Wes Anderson's deadpan comedy about a disgruntled prep school student (Jason Schwartzman), follows Oct. 20. And this will be Charlotte's first big-screen chance to see "Shaolin Soccer," Stephen Chow's wacky, kung fu comedy about a super-powered soccer team, on Nov. 3.

For details, contact Lew Herman at (704) 337-2470 or hermanl@queens.edu.

Long-lost rockers

"The Rolling Stones Rock And Roll Circus," a seldom-seen concert film shot in 1968, was conceived as a BBC special but never aired. It'll get one viewing at the Regal Stonecrest, 7824 Rea Road, Monday at 7:30 p.m., prior to its DVD release the next day. Ad-

vance tickets cost \$12.50 and are available at the box office or www.BigScreenConcerts.com. They'll cost \$15 at the door.

This digitally remastered concert includes performances by the Stones, The Who, Jethro Tull, Taj Mahal, Marianne Faithfull, Yoko Ono, and the Dirty Mac (a pickup band featuring John Lennon and Eric Clapton).

The Stones are both the emcees and main attraction of this film, which intersperses rock acts with circus performers. Director Michael Lindsay-Hogg went on to become a music video pioneer.

SpongeBob's hot ride?

Prior to the running of the SpongeBob SquarePants Movie 300 - yes, NASCAR has begun to honor cartoon characters with its races - Lowe's Motor Speedway and Eastern Federal Theatres will tour the event's show car locally.

Moviegoers will be allowed to look at it, obtain race information and enter contests for race tickets or passes to "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," which opens nationally Nov. 19.

The car may be seen from noon to 8 p.m. at Movies at Birkdale on Monday, Movies at Franklin Square next Tuesday and Starlight Cinema on Oct. 13. See www.easternfederal.com for directions.