Film explores the inner self

Altered States, starring William Hurt and Blair Brown, screenplay by Sidney Aaron, directed by Ken Russell, produced by Howard Gottfried.

One of the best films you're likely to see this year is Altered States, adapted from Paddy Chayevsky's novel of the same name. It's a slick combination of love, horror, and existential probing. With smooth direction from Russell, this film should slide right into your schedule without you having to set aside more time for it.

The story is about Eddie Jessup, a brilliant young behavioral scientist at Harvard Medical School. He is subverting the rules of responsible research by doing sensory deprivation experiments on himself while under the influence of an exotic hallucinogen. His main interest is the "first thought," the beginning of time. Fortunately, the film does not slide into transcendental ecstasy. It is a well-researched science fiction tale and a well-played story. It doesn't take itself too seriously and yet never seems a farce. There are scenes of chilling pain and horror, but they don't rely on cheap, nightmarish effects. It reaches deep into existential hypnosis but stays rooted in recognizable human behavior.

Chayevsky has abandoned the "last angry man" approach that won him Academy Awards for The Hospital and Network, and replaced him with "the last curious man." The heavy-handed caricatures of those two successes have been replaced by a more sympathetic cast whose hopes and fears are not hurled at us from the screen like rocks, for a change. The homework and preparation evident here should be deemed extraordinary for a non-scientist. In the original novel (please turn to page 7)

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If you are a Catholic graduate student, whether active practicing or not, we would like to offer you an opportunity to do just that, and maybe make some friends and put some sparkle in your relationship with God at the same time. The MIT Tech Catholic Community is sponsoring its annual graduate student retreat during the last weekend of IAP, January 30-February 1, at the Campion Center in Weston. We'll spend the time between Friday supper and Sunday lunch getting to know each other, discussing our relationships with our associates and the Lord, and just plain relaxing. Even a wine and cheese party! The atmosphere will be friendly, informal and down-to-earth.

Please consider seriously this invitation. The linen and meal charge for the weekend is $30.00, but the TCC is willing to help any student for whom this is an obstacle. Sign up on Sundays at chapel or contact Rich Celotto (3-5318) or Father Moran (3-2981).

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