**Oscars a treat for ordinary people**

"It is the motion picture that shows us all, and what we are..."  

With these words, President Reagan saluted the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as it opened the 53rd annual Oscar ceremony Tuesday night via video tape. The ceremony was held a day in the wake of the assassination at- tempt. The president's remarks reflected the theme of the gala proceedings, "Film is forever."

The format of the Academy Awards ceremony proved to be one of the best in ages. For the third consecutive year, John- ncy Carson made the show and, as usual, provided enough wit and charm to lighten the forbidding formality of the whole event. Carson will be back next year. In the absence of Bert Parks was to Miss America. The best original song nominees were not as impressive as expected. Of the four, three won. "Moon River," by Johnny Mathis and Henry Mancini, was the only song to win an Oscar. The others were "The Music of Love," by Burt Bacharach and Hal David, and "I've Had the Time of My Life," by John Kander and Fred Ebb.

On the whole, I did fairly well with my guesses and felt good about the fairness of the choices. Unlike many entertainment awards, such as the music industry's Grammys, the Academy Awards have com-

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