

Short Review: “Frankenstein on Campus (1967) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Frankenstein on Campus (aka Dr. Frankenstein on Campus, or Flick) (1967). Agincourt, 81 min. Director: Gil Taylor. Producer: Bill Marshall. Screenwriters: Taylor, Marshall and David Cobb. Cast: Robin Ward, Kathleen Sawyer, Austin Willis, Sean Sullivan, Ty Haller, and Tony Moffat-Lynch.

This aching-to-be-hip variation of Mary Shelley's classic story introduces a distant relative of the mad doctor to a college campus of the Sixties. Viktor (Ward) arrives at American University (actually filmed in Canada) and enrolls in a computer science class. He quickly learns about student unrest, protest against the war in Vietnam and marijuana, but remains ignorant of his heritage as the great-grandson of Frankenstein, despite gibes from his fellow students. About mid-way through the film, a computer science teacher (Sullivan) reveals that Frankenstein is not a real student but the product of his own unholy experiments. This somewhat predictable drama came and went in theatres with little fanfare, and is thankfully forgotten today.

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