

Comedy loaded with laughs

By BARBARA MICHALS

"No Sex Please, We're British" is an engaging comedy romp in the tradition of classic farce. After watching the stylish production by the Birmingham Village Players one is likely to be weak from laughing.

The British comedy, which has been running in London for something like five years, contains this Friday and Saturday at the Birmingham Village Playhouse. Newsletter Frances Hunter answers a newspaper advertisement for Swedish crystal. It turns out that the Scandinavian Import Co. is a front for purveyors of pornographic materials. When a box full of naughty postcards arrives, Frances and her bank manager husband Peter go to great lengths to discreetly dispose of them.

The harder the Hunters try to rid themselves of the pornographic materials the more entangled they get in blue movies and cartoons full of pornographic books. Brian Runicles, Peter's head cashier, innocently tumbles into the conflict and soon moves the trio into a fine mess.

FURTHER COMPLICATING their lives are the arrivals of Peter's mother, Peter's boss, the local police superintendent, a bank inspector and two female "representatives" from the porno company. In the manner of classic farce, everyone dodges in and out of various doors in one wild race-up-after-another.

All of the Village Players are highly competent in their roles, and director Woody

disastrous Peter Hunter, frantically struggling to save his job and his reputation. Both Unruh and Hunter give spirited performances in roles that are physically demanding.

Candy Vaughley plays Peter's beleaguered wife, Gertrude Thomsen. Peter's mother-hunting widowed mother and Art Underwood is his sly boss. All are skilful and amusing.

DON BROWN does a particularly fine job as Mr. Headman, the very straight-laced bank inspector who finds himself avidly pursued by the girls from the porno company. Unfortunately, Brown somehow lets the title line slip by with a flat delivery, the only flaw in the production except for some weak closing lines.

Jayne Lowman and Joyce McGuckey are humorous as the girls from the porno company, though the blond Miss Lowman is the more convincing of the two.

Jim Masters set holds up admirably to a lot of abuse from actors almost perpetually slamming doors as they dash on and off the stage.

Entertainment

Henry keeps the pace appropriately frantic. Only a very few lines get lost and the laughter, which is quite a treat under the circumstances.

John Unruh is outstanding as Runicles, the slight, bespectacled, circumpect, faithful employee. Marvellous facial muggings and prat-falls enhance his considerable comic talents. Ross Sellers is highly convincing as the



Dance mood

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