

Woeful comic

Pat Paulsen: A man who would be king (or president)

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There's a serious side to Pat Paulsen. Somewhere.

But there's a problem as well. When you're talking with a slender, casually dressed guy with a face devoid of expression, who mumbles in a low monotone and then suddenly explodes into laughter, it's hard to figure out when he's really serious.

Paulsen brings an elan of his own to an interview. He scratches his head, gazes into space, gestures wildly, taps his feet and even sings.

Part of the comedian's serious side brought him to Southfield where he took part in the American Cancer Society's Showcase Celebrity auction at Gorman's Gallery of Furniture Friday night.

Gorman's designers worked up several celebrity rooms depicting the interests and life styles of celebrities that included Justice G. Mennen Williams, Sen. Birch Bayh and Paulsen.

Paulsen's "wine tasting" room was designed by Janis Mittler, a Lathrup Village resident who has worked for Gorman's for 13 years.

"I had to research the project and then make it say Paulsen," she said.

What evolved is a low key room with fake wooden beams, a wall-length wine rack made from drain pipes, two overstuffed armless sofas and extra plunk-down seating.

A cast iron chair made to look like it was fabricated from animal horns prompted the remark from Paulsen that "everything in the world is a fake."

ACTUALLY PAULSEN liked his room, served wine, bread and cheese, and spoke of himself.

On the serious side, he occasionally does benefits for cancer and a number

of other charities. He does a lot more for the Kidney Foundation.

"I'm campaign chairman for my area in northern California," he said. "They wanted to do things in a lighter vein, like having me play tennis with a transplant patient and get battered."

Paulsen has done his kidney work for several years.

Handling the question most people ask him — will he run for president again — he revealed that his first press conference is planned already and will be held in a laundromat.

"We'll wash our laundry instead of air it," he said.

To another frequent question "who will be your running mate," he said:

"No running mate. I won't share this with a running mate. I plan to establish a monarchy because we need a royalist form of government."

"Our worst mistake was breaking away from the British. After I'm in, of course I'll establish a line of succession for my kids."

Paulsen and his wife, Betty Jane, have two high school age sons and a daughter in college. They live in northern California on a farm where the acreage is given to the growing of grapes.

AVIDLY TAKEN with growing grapes and ultimately marketing wine, Paulsen said he would rather be out pruning vines than almost anything.

Instead, he works night clubs, playhouses and the college lecture circuit as well as doing guest appearances on television. He has visited hundreds of college campuses where students remember him from his stint on the popular Smothers Brothers television show.

If you ask what turns him on, he'll tell you "nature, trees and growing things."

"I grew up and wanted to be a forest ranger. I was studying for that at the City College of San Francisco when I got into dramatics."

His first Shakespearean role was as a clown, but he did serious parts as well while maintaining "I always knew I'd do comedy."

"My dad wrote humorous columns for a newspaper."

After being bitten by the acting bug, Paulsen left college to join a little theater and endured several years of making little headway toward a show business career.

He even managed to successfully elude discovery on Art Linkletter's "Talent Scouts" program.

As his style of satire developed and began to attract attention in coffee houses, he met the Smothers Brothers, sold them a song, and it was the beginning of success for Paulsen.

TOM AND DICK SMOTHERS took the producers who were putting together their show for television to see Paulsen and he was hired on as part of the cast when the show opened in 1967.

Paulsen's weekly editorials were an instant success. The first drew more than 4,000 letters and his image became a weekly fixture on home screens.

He tapped subjects such as the war on poverty, sex education and other controversial topics so successfully that he won an Emmy for that first season.

His candidacy for president also became comic and serious sides. He became enough of a force by meeting filing requirements that other candidates were able to demand equal time when he appeared on television.

But narrowly defeated by Richard Nixon in 1968, he returned to television and was a regular guest on a number of variety shows. For a short time he had his own half-hour show on ABC, but returned to the political arena in 1971, filing for the New Hampshire primary as a Republican candidate for the presidency.

He seriously tackled legitimate issues which forced other candidates to speak to them as well.

WARMING UP to the coming campaign, Paulsen quipped that Ted Kennedy "already has moving vans circling the White House."

"But what they really should do is bring him before a congressional committee to investigate his hair. And he already has jowls as big as Nixon's."

If he isn't too involved in the presidential campaign next summer, he plans to produce a play called "Murder at Howard Johnson's" in his Cherry County Playhouse in Traverse City.

Paulsen and his manager, Neil Rosen, are the owners of the very successful summer theater.

One of the most popular items at the Friday night auction was the black suit with red, white and blue lining Paulsen campaigned in during 1968.

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