



Larry Nozero, saxophone player, brings his quartet to Dewey's beginning Monday, Jan. 28.

## Community House slates 'Siam' film

The Birmingham Community House continues its travel film series, exploring the world of Thailand at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1 and 2.

Photographer Ken Wolfgang will narrate his color film "Siam." Tickets are available in advance at the Community House at Bates and Townsend.

"Siam" will take viewers through a typical Thailand day as Wolfgang alize in the arts and crafts for which the people drench each other with scented water. Nearby, villages spears the lives of a Thai family at play, shares the lives of a Thai family at play, at work and at play. Included are trips to the floating market, the royal palace and the temple of the emerald Buddha, for the king's annual birthday celebration, and a visit with a royal Thai dancer who shows a glimpse of her rigorous childhood training in classic dances.

Viewers also will see a boxing match, which in Thailand is set to music.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS will visit a local temple as a Buddhist monk begs for his daily food in order to learn humility. Eating his only meal, he studies and prays.

Other religious traditions include a visit to Chiang Mai for the Songkran festival, where for three days and nights the people drench each other with scented water. Nearby, villages spears the lives of a Thai family at play, shares the lives of a Thai family at play, at work and at play. Included are trips to the floating market, the royal palace and the temple of the emerald Buddha, for the king's annual birthday celebration, and a visit with a royal Thai dancer who shows a glimpse of her rigorous childhood training in classic dances.

Wolfgang takes his camera through the silver smithing shops, umbrella shops and a teak carving shop and to a teak plantation in Surin where elephants are still used.

A dinner of Thai food cuisine will precede the travel program. Reservations are required for the dinner, served at 6 p.m. both evenings. They can be made by calling 644-5832.

## Improvisational troupe needs more experience

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However, improvisational theater requires finesse an ability to think quickly on the feet, a kind suavity, that comes only with experience. One has only to see Second City or Ace Trucking Company in performance to know this.

Improvisation as a teaching tool can be most effective. But a teaching school probably ought not go public with it, at least not before a paying public.

THE PERFORMERS in Friday night's performance of "Generation" made a valiant effort and deserve commendation for their enthusiasm. But it just did not sell.

While there was "no set script," the ideas were rehearsed. The natural tone was offset by formal lines, which were to appear a natural outgrowth of the situation. But when the formal lines were flubbed, the result was discomfiting.

The fake enthusiasm, the awkward passes, the not-too-funny comedy and the not-too-serious drama were embar-

assing. This led to ambiguous feelings: One half wanted to root for the energetic actors and half wished it were over.

The evening was not without its moments. Eileen Weiss is always engaging and charged with life. Chip Spearman is a fine mime and handled the Marcel Marceau tradition adeptly.

Steven Longmier gives the impression that he isn't acting, that he's as much of a fun-filled stinker off stage as on, which is probably true.

TINE TURNER is headed for professional theater. Lori Poirier ought to look to the role of Laura in "The Glass Menagerie." George Martin served as a kind of base for the actors. Susie Schilling, Elaine Keinert and Tim Hall put a lot into it.

But the result was unsatisfying. Perhaps a "this-is-what-we-do" approach before groups interested in the "how" of theater would be more successful. Audiences should not be asked to pay to watch students learning.

"Generation" continues Friday and Saturday, Jan 25-26, for a second weekend at Will-O-Way.

## Players take it all with style

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The set by Sandra Perkins was great. And I would like to commend stage manager Miller Wiseman and the entire cast of 19 for not once tripping over each other or the immense amount of furniture.

Costumes by Jean Deer and Margaret Remondino were true to the period. Stage props by Maja Schjolin and Jim August were fine, with the exception of Vernors — a beverage that hasn't made its way to Morningside Heights in N.Y. to this day — (Coke was around in 1956) — and Kroger's corn flakes? Oh well, why not?

Anything goes in this production of "You Can't Take It With You," which runs through Saturday. The playhouse is on the corner of Chestnut and Hunter.

## Nozero Quartet due

The Larry Nozero Quartet begins a two-week engagement Jan. 28 at Dewey's in the Michigan Inn. The group will appear through Feb. 9 in the lounge, which has a dance floor.

Nozero, top-rated instrumentalist, studio musician and recording artist, has been an integral part of the Detroit music scene for 17 years. This saxophone player has appeared with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and toured nationally with Sergio Mendes and Johnny Mathis.

The Larry Nozero Quartet performs jazz and contemporary tunes and will appear Mondays-Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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