Dream comes true studying with Marceau

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out about this," said Johnson, who first met his idol three years ago backstage at Ford Auditorium. The mime legend autographed a poster for Johnson, who added it to his collection that includes Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton posters.

"To study with him was a dream come true. Now France — reality is no longer," Johnson said. He referred to Marceau's invitation to all four members of the mime company to participate in a three-year mime school near Paris beginning in September 1985.

Eight of 60 participants in the Ann Arbor workshop were invited to France. According to Johnson, perhaps five of 60 students who participate in the three-year program will receive diplomas.

"Getting a diploma, that means Marceau considers them good enough to teach," Johnson said.

Johnson hopes at least three of the four mime company members will be able to attend the school together. "And then we're going to try to stay together for the next 10 years," he said. "Three mimes from Detroit won't sell, but three mimes together for 10 years by way of Marcel Marceau's school in Paris, that will sell."

MARCEL MARCEAU, at 61, is "stronger than when he was 30," Johnson said.

"He can do things I can't. He's so strong and in such good condition. He says that once you stop performing, then you get older, so he performs 300 out of 365 days."

"Mimes need strong legs," Johnson said. "But you can't body-build. The only way to do it is to do his (Marceau's) exercises."

Johnson stays in shape by working four or five nights per week, two hours per night, as a mime at the Red Parrot, a new nightclub in the Michigan Inn, Southfield.

"Here (at the Red Parrot) it's flashy, technique stuff and improvisation," Johnson said. "But you can work up quite a sweat, working two hours with only about a five-minute break.

"One night I was so hot, working under these lights, that I went under the air conditioner and juggled for about 20 minutes and cooled down."

DINO DiMARTINO, manager of the Red Parrot, explained why the night spot hires mimes as well as dancers:

"You can open a nightclub or a disco, and there's only so much sound and light you can put into it. Then after you go there a few times, it becomes ordinary. People find the mimes and dancers enjoyable. They look for them now.

"They (the entertainers) are programmed to work the whole room. We don't like them to engage people as a prop, and we don't want people to feel obligated to watch them."

DiMartino said he's happy with the job his entertainers are doing.

"You should see them ad lib," he said. "We had 'Afternoon Detroit' in here one day filming, and the mimes put together something out of the clear blue sky. When you can do that, that's really exceptional."

There is no cover charge at the Red Parrot. The mimes and dancers usually perform from about 6 to 11 p.m. A buffet is available week nights, and patrons are casually, but well dressed. Expect to spend about $20 for two.

JOHNSON ENJOYS entertaining at the Red Parrot and his occasional stints as a street mime, but he sees a more serious side to his craft, too.

"Most street mimes are confusing the art, and San Francisco mimes are particularly bad," Johnson said. They mix in clowning and juggling, and they talk.

"I want to make mime an art form, and appreciated as an art form like dance."

Before he can do that, though, Johnson must complete his senior year at WSU.

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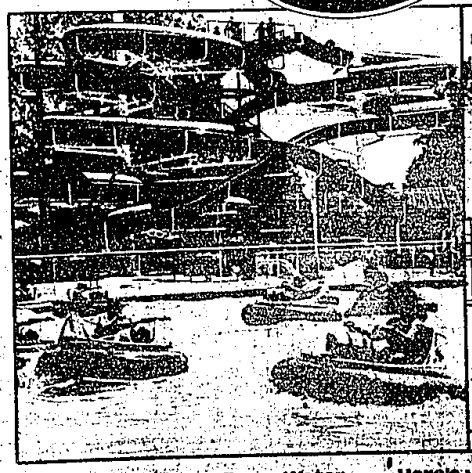

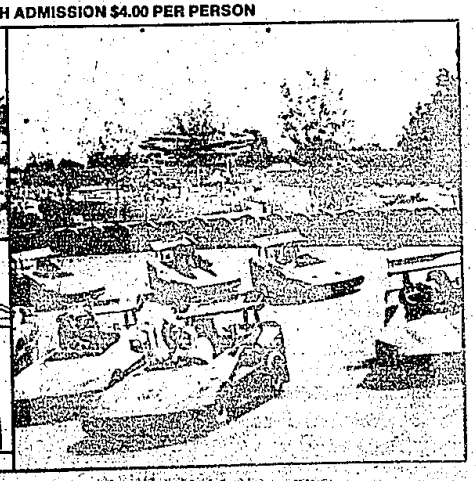

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