Nerdy guy brings laughter

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James Doerr retains credibility by not over-exeggerating his straight-laced reactions to the indignities

laced reactions to the indignities Rick beaps upon him. Mary Stott as Mrs. Waldgrave matches Beajamin in perfect comic timing and delivery. Overwrought from cooling with her husband and her braity son Thor, as well as the ever-chonolous Rick, Stout escapes into nirvana by smashing dishes with the small bammer she carries in her abandlag. andbag. As Thor, young Ian Reed Kesler

(who alternates in the role with Sean Patrick Jonattis) is delightfully im-pudent, though a bit slow in his tim-ing. Arel pronounces him an ideal "poster child for Planned Parent-hood."

hood."

Director David Bell schleves maximum laughs-per-minute right up to the conclusion's surprise (wist, which somehow falls to achieve the impact it should.

Compared to "The Foreigner."
Stue's other very successful comedy, "The Nerd" is not as inherently elever and its characters are not as in-

teresting or unique. Logically, then, it shouldn't be as funny, but it is. With "The Poreigner" having just ended a run down the road at the Birmingham Village Players, for the one weekend these plays overlapped Birmingham sported a great "pair of Shues."

Barbara Michals teaches high school English in Southfield. A theater critic for the last 15 years, she is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

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"the door. Reserved scaling is available with advance purchase at \$12. Tickets are available at the Troy "Hillion and all Ticketmaster locations. A limited emou will be offered as well as complimentary hors ("Genures 5-630 p.m. For additional "information, call \$83-9000."

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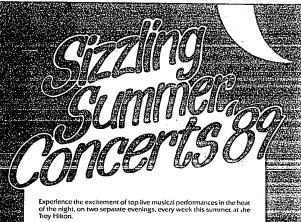


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