

Wally Roberts

UP' GOING

'CURTAIN

"The Star-Spangled Girl" opened at the Fisher Theatler last week and again proved that Neul Simon has a way with clever gags, adroit situations, and zany dialone.

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"STAR-SPANGLED Gtil" is a fun show from beginning to end, Neil Simon serves quite competently a large bowl of assorted comic gimmicks, The telephone-tape recorder bit of madness starts the laughs rolling in the first scene, The paneake-turner gag highlights the second scene,

By the third scene, Mr. Si-

mon his usual access to the roof or sky-light, After all, it added many alaughto 'Barretoot in The Park,' Waynerfoot in The Park,' Waynerfoot in The Park,' Waynerfoot in The Park,' The telephone bit flugured prominently in 'Come Blow Your Horn,'' The basket of gourmet food that Jimmy Boyd is going to give as a token of his love to the Olympic swimmer smacks of 'Barretoot in The Park,'' The flight scene between Oscar and Harry has the comic values found in 'The Odd Couple.' Odd Couple.'

mon yolls out, the sunburn bit replete with putting Nozema even on the telephone to titch the audience's 'tumpyone, No comic visual sight goal is not so that the problem in 'Skar-Spanjeled Cirl' is that the plot has faw, if any, complications, thus, the sight stage must full in the chinks. The dialogue even gets a bit insane in its attempt of ill in time until Simon can get Hamilton and Deana Martin together.

Opening audiences at the Fisher roared at the autien of Hamilton, Boyd and Martin, One merrinceth mounted of the control of the cont

SET DESIGNER Oliver Smith has provided the actors and director a duplex studio apart-ment that facilitates for con-tinuous action so necessary to

Odd Couple."

SUCH CRITICISM is highly irrelevant. Even the lack of facial reaction by George Hamitton and Jimmy Boyd makes little difference because "Star-Spangled Girl" does make the audience chortle, chuckle, and break into glorious belly laughs. You have until Jime 9 to caich this frothy farce at the Fisher. On Jime 10 "Man of La Mancha" comes back for a return visit. If you missed this great musical last season, here's your chance to hear about Don Quitoote and his impossible dream. timous action so increasary and a farce.

A series of platforms and steps leading to a split level pair of bedrooms gave the actors endless opportunities to rush up, down, and all around.

Mr. Smith even gave Mr. Sj.

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Tickets for individual per-formances will be on sale at Hudson's Ticket Office, Grin-nells, Sear's Customer Service Centers and at the Institute of Arts ticket office. The ticket office has price details.

OBSERVER



\mathbf{A} MUSEMENTS 'Sweet Betsy' Changed To June 14

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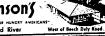
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