

Birds' Blasted for Hollowness

WALLY ROBERTS had not your conscience had an epigrammatic line that laid bare a universal human trait. You did not chuckle momentarily and then resolve that something should be done to right the wrong.

An evening of Bert Lahr cavorting about a stage far too large for his intimate facial comic gestures soon runs out of steam. Constant slapstick routines are not a satisfactory substitute for what might be an entertainingly educational evening.

Aristophanes in the tradition of the great satirists Swift and Rabelais felt his ironic comments in "The Birds" would stress the human weaknesses of man and lead them to new, better ideas.

The Ypsilanti Greek Theater production of "The Birds" with comic Bert Lahr and second banana, Jack Fletcher depended exclusively on the burlesque bits collected over the years by rubber-faced Lahr. Their dialogue Lahr had that might be termed satiric was lost in the whistling sibilants of his faulty diction.

The costumes were rhapsodic. Staging was imaginative. The incidental music was delightful. Everything appeared to be in order. Even the length of the production was a manageable two hours.

What then was missing to make this worth a trip to Ypsilanti?

- There was no intellectual. OBSERVING THE TOP TEN
- 1) Summer in the City
 - 2) They're Coming to the Sun
 - 3) The Great Escape
 - 4) The Rat Patrol
 - 5) The Untouchables
 - 6) The Dick Van Dyke Show
 - 7) The Dick Van Dyke Show
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 - 9) The Dick Van Dyke Show
 - 10) The Dick Van Dyke Show

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

For a carefree summer evening's fun Eastern Michigan University Theatre presents a delightful review titled

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MONICA VITTI and Terence Stamp share stellar honors with Dirk Bogarde in "Modesty Blaise," the 20th Century Fox "pop-pop" thriller currently showing at the Mal Kai Theatre in Livonia.

Emil Will Present James Thurber's Play

Casting has been completed for the July 28 through July 31 summer production of James Thurber's hilarious comic review "A Thurbur Carnival." The production will be presented in the Eastern Michigan University Quirk Amphitheatre.

Directing the EMU production is Dr. James W. Boussett, professor of Speech and Dramatic Arts and director of Theatre; assistant director is Cal Schmucker, choreography is done by Judith Roche, costume by Danne Rose, and stage set design by George B. Bird.

The cast of thousands demands at least (would you believe?) four, versatile women and five equal-

ly capable men. Each actor and actress plays many roles in the show's 16 delightful sketches. The span of characters stretches from a belligerent lady bird watcher to a horribly henpecked husband.

The four women are being played by: Cheryl Bell, Anne Marie Lowell, Linda Siglin, and Donna Stanton. Tickets may be purchased at the Quirk Theatre Box Office week days from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. beginning July 21. Telephone reservations may be made by dialing 482-3453 during box office hours.

Dew Line

BE JOHN DEW

The push is on toward development of a midnight competitor for the Johnny Carson "Tonight" show. Both ABC and CBS have agreed for some time to compete against the popular NBC series for the network showing next season. For the bargain price of only \$550,000 per picture you can entertain your friends with such titles as "Ship of Fools," "King Rat," "The Collector" and "The Bedford Incident." And that beats home movies of the family.

The exploding tape cartridge market which we pointed out some time back in this column, came to full light in Chicago last week with the annual NAMM (National Association of Musical Merchants) convention. Highlight of the show was the tremendous interest and emphasis on tape cartridge displays.

No less than 40 top manufacturers are now in the picture, with everything from portable units to huge home stereo consoles. Biggest drawback at this moment seems to be the lack of standardization among the different manufacturers. Some are four track, others eight.

Most require a specific type of cartridge which is not compatible with other manufacturers' units. It's like having records which come in two different speeds and sizes. Best bet is that within two years the eight track RCA-type cartridge will become the standard. Also in the work is a fast-forward and selector which enables the user to select any song in the LP at any time and to play it over immediately if he so desires.

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SUN. AT 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, & 9:40

Wally Roberts GOING UP CURTAIN

Sterility versus fecundity, freedom versus conformity, hope versus despair are but a few of the conflicting universal themes that give Harold Pinter's "The Birthday Party" its theatrical significance. Last week's University of Michigan summer production of the play presented these contemporary themes in razor-sharp fashion.

Professor Roy Knight, visiting faculty member, staged the play so that not one exciting moment was lost. All the quiet, intense, internal horror found in Pinter's plays was brought out with astute finesse.

You were repulsed by the slow, deliberate destruction of Stanley before you knew it; yet, this quiet, firm force of evil had a strange attraction. Director Knight had his cast so skillful in their characterizations that they mesmerized the audience and riveted your attention every minute the curtain ran.

The five male roles will be played by: Dale Bellaire, Richard Jolly, Robert McGonigal, David Siglin and John Stanton. Tickets may be purchased at the Quirk Theatre Box Office week days from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. beginning July 21. Telephone reservations may be made by dialing 482-3453 during box office hours.

Elizabeth Wernette, David Holquist, Mark Metcalf, Susan Reynolds, Donald Harms, and Frederick Coffin deserve special recognition for their exceptional characterizations. Their acting was truly magnificent and showed evidence of genuine understanding of a play that could mystify most thespians.

Nate Katter, who did such a brilliant job acting the lead role in the U of M production of "Enrico IV," has moved to the back of the theater and donned the director's robes. Nate is doing "Bible Spirit" which will open Aug. 3 for a five day run.

Attends Conference

Robin Spielgel, 14, of 23854 Colchester, Farmington, participated in the annual Cecchetti Ballet Conference at Michigan State University.

A total of 114 students received instruction from outstanding ballet teachers from throughout the country. The conference was cosponsored by the Cecchetti Council of America and the MSU College of Education.

Named Trustee

Lee Hills has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Founders Society Detroit Institute of Arts to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lawrence A. Fleischman.

MOVIE GUIDE

ALGIERS DRIVE-IN

WED. in TUES. - JULY 27 - 8:30

THE RUSSIAN ARE COMING

ALSO

James Garner

"DUEL AT DIABLO"

GA 2-8810

FREE MIDDLE RIDES

WAYNE DRIVE-IN

WED. in TUES. - JULY 27 - 8:30

John Wayne in

"MARTY POPPINS"

John Wayne

"DONOVAN'S REEF"

PA 1-3150

STATE-WAYNE

John. Ave. 1, 3th. W. of Wayne Rd.

Clint Walker

"MAYA" (Color)

10

Tony Randall

"7 FACES OF DR. LAO"

PA 1-2100

LA PARISIEN

Ford & Middlebelt Rd.

NOW SHOWING

Elizabeth Taylor

Richard Burton

"WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?"

Advance Tickets on Sale at Boxoffice

GA 1-0210

QUO VADIS

Warner & Wayne Road

Orchard Road & Orchard Lake Rd.

NOW SHOWING

Sophia Loren & Paul Hensson

"LADY L"

with Loretta

"DAYS OF YESTER & BOSS"

Loretta - Matinee Wed. 5:00

1 show Only - 7 p.m.

GA 5-7700

Democrats to Have Busy Week

Farmington Democrats will be busy during the next candidates for office.

The Aug. 3 meeting will feature a discussion on "The Future of Farmington: City and Township." The mayor of the City of Farmington and supervisor of Farmington Township have been invited to give the views of their respective communities.

The meeting will be held at the City National Bank, and between Middlebelt and 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Orchard Lake Rds. The affair, Roads in the air-conditioned is expected to attract a number of community room.

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