Black Comedy Here In Darien
by John Macci

Due to the incessant clamoring and excessive banging-on-the-walls of the auditorium box-office as to when tickets for the scintillating skiers Black Comedy will finally be available for devouriing, I have done a bit of research on the aesthetic aspects of this most curious play. I've decided that the production is totally worth the much less critical deeming.

For one thing, it is filthy. It is positively cackled full of suspicious, assiduous, pernicious, enticing, relentless, lascivious and mundane pornography. In fact, a surve
ing that showed that absolutely no one, in that prudish Victorian year of 1896, in the town of Drippy Creek, Arkansas, would even see the play, much less criticize it.

However, historical precedence aside, I feel that Darien High School will be witness soon to a number of astounding "firsts" that have never darkened the ultrafirm boards of our stage. While attending a recent rehearsal, I noticed (and marvelled at) such daring feats as our own senior class president, Phil Williams, athletically engaged in executing a beautiful twin four-barrel half gainer topped with a full noselock quasi-Battino-roll from the fourth step up the steps to the stage. As if this were not the ultimate, I was also treated to the almost ghoulish delight of hearing Miss Kitty Miller making her operatic debut, hitting a high G-sharp in a well known number that modestly prevents one from naming.

Black Comedy is not a minstrel show, nor is it, as many believe, the revival of the all-Negro cast of Hello Dolly! It is far from it. It is the oldest experimental difficulty to end. It is not merely Beth Ann Kennedy's quacky voice, nor is it Bill Ward's camp outbursts of impassioned feelings, nor Jeff Cole's pregnant abstraction, nor Dar

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Another Chance
For Winter Track

The winter track team has grown from a group of three dedicated boys under the guidance of Dr. Donald Robbins to a squad of over thirty men, the largest of all winter sports, and it finally became an official varsity sport last year. Since the gym was usually occupied by other winter sports teams, the boys would end up practicing in the school corridors or outside. Although winter track is not a glamour sport like basketball and hockey, the boys work just as hard and deserve recognition. It seems an injustice that after finally receiving the recognition due to them for their years of tedious work under unfavorable conditions, this should have been taken away from them.

However, the status of the winter track team, which has been cut from the school budget this year, is being reconsidered by Dr. Pelletier, the Superintendent of Schools. After a meeting with Mr. Charles Avedisian, the Director of Athletics of Darien Schools, and some students concerned about the fate of the winter track team, Dr. Pelletier agreed to have the operational costs for winter track paid for. The bulk of the operational costs is mainly transportation, which might total $255. However, the issue of the coach’s salary, which is the main reason for dropping the sport, is still unresolved. At the time of press release, Dr. Pelletier will have discussed this matter with Dr. Robbins.

We believe that winter track, especially since it had the largest participation of all winter sports, should never have been cut. But this grievance will be remedied if the position of head coach is returned to the winter track team.

Nix on a Communist??
by Jonathan Towle

Lately we have been hearing a lot about an alleged “swing to the right” supposedly led by the devil himself: Richard M. Nixon. Loathe as I am to stir up discontent in my own camp, I am obliged to point out that Nixon is a liberal, and if he is swinging in any direction, it is to the left. While it is true that he has announced himself anti-student-revolutionary through the mouth of his favorite VP and in person, it has been overlooked that he has come out for a central socialist state. Not in so many words, not in any words at all, just in solid legislative proposals. After all, the flag-waving hardhat just wants better schools, cheaper housing, federal medical care and insurance, and more laws enabling government to destroy the economy. Not socialism, never communism, just a few simple laws. Our real laws: the Constitution, the free-enterprise system, that delicate structure forged two hundred years ago by men with more wisdom than greed; all these are ignored, stretched, and stomped upon. The eighteen-year-old vote, the welfare bill, forced racial balance, more social security, the unbalanced budget; all of these prove that Nixon has no more respect for the law than the Weathermen.

Nixon was once a fairly good man, but he was led by one of a politician’s most necessary instincts, the urge to get re-elected. It seems the only way to get elected these days is to join the more-money-for-all-school-of-thought Nixon is no fool, so in that camp he stands. But the real fault for this sad state of affairs lies in the greedy and arbitrary expectations of everyone, that the government will solve all their problems at no cost to themselves. Constitutional democracy is a very delicate thing. Once the seeds of destruction are planted, deterioration sets in within a generation. It is not far from Roosevelt’s NRA to the haunting specter of the silent majority crying for its bread and circuses. Who knows, maybe Spiro is a sideshow!
THE PLEA FOR ALL DAY EATING

A Few Historical Notes

1.) As early as 1942, the Darien Board of Education, led by Donald Reuben Board, had attempted to allow all day eating area at Darien High School. This extraordinary feat appears even more fantastic when one realizes a credit card didn’t exist until 1959 years ago.

2.) Following the 1964 report of Surgeon General Luther "Reuben" Terry, which warned of the hazards of eating, the Board quickly rescinded the privilege, on the grounds that it was extremely dangerous to eat any food on campus. However, after the report, the Chief Magistrates of DHS, including Gordon "Reuben" Bruno, Gerard "Reuben" Coulombé, and Mrs. "Reuben" Hines, found it extremely difficult to enforce the new non-eating policy. Surrupitious eating often went on in the halls, in the lavatories, outside the buildings, and most notably in the silent study and senior common area. An anonymous election was even conducted on what to be used as the cafeteria. Suggestion were brought in under the cover of night, and when extreme security measures were taken, Reuben Byrnes and Night Watchman Bill "(Cigar by the way)" leadership brought in by the school, the food was air-lifted in by Sposito Aircraft and Frying Tiger that was delivered by Mrs. "Reuben" Cowars of Gourmet Cooking Inc.

4.) Finally, in 1968, Gordon "Reuben" Bruno, showing support for the Board to legalize eating during an 8-minute period that came at the end of every cigarette break. Student leaders, including Todd "Reuben" Robbins, assured the Board that this would be all the time necessary for the students to get it out of their systems.

Legalized eating began once more, but illegal activity continued. The eight minute limit was ignored as Gordon "Reuben" Bruno refused to "stand out there and watch." The practice continued.

6.) This year has seen the call by students, notably Reuben "Reu­ ben" Jeffery, for an all day eating area. This group of dedicated stude­ nts has argued that (1), eating on campus is the student’s individ­ ual right of self-destruction; (2), the Board has no right to tell students what to do in this matter; and (3), all the honorary teachers tell students that it’s evil to eat while they go and poison themselves all day.

7) One of the biggest barriers to setting all day eating is proving that the area can and will be kept clean.

A great help has been the development of bio-degradable soup, which, unlike its predeces­ sor, is digestable and has a high stomach-retentive percentage (36%). Another big help has been the installment of the food for­ ments of the world’s third largest turquoise and chartruese sponge.

8) Now the question of all day eating goes to the board. There is an enormous number of par­ ents who don’t allow their kids to indulge in such a vile and un­ healthy habit at home, and cer­ tainly don’t want the school en­ couraging their child’s self-ruin. But today the general sentiment is toward all day eating—we only see that the school will bring our kids into permanently damag­ ing their systems and possibly shortening their lives by partaking in this evil social habit.

What is young?

According to the 1969 Census reports, more than half the popu­ lation of the U.S. today is under 28. Young people say, “You can’t trust anyone over 30.”

What is “young”—and when is it?
Young is an attitude, a spirit. A way of looking at things. Of re­ sponding to them.

It is not an age. Not a hair­ style or a piece of clothing or a musical beat.

Young can be a child examining his first marigold with wonder and delight...or Verdi at 81, composing his finest operas.

Young can be a teen-ager swing­ ing on a surfboard...or Einstein, in his 70’s, still working on his unified field theory, sailing his boat and playing his beloved fiddle.

Young is not a monopoly of youth. It survives, and flourishes, everywhere the vision has been kept fresh, the muscles of the mind firmly toned, the juices freely flowing.

Let’s not cater to youth, for its own sake, for its shibboleths and slogans and styles of the moment. Nor scorn it for any of those reasons.

Instead, let’s respect “young.” Wherever it may be found. Whether it is the boy in a T-shirt and early or stiff and gray. Spirit has no color.

It is always translucent, with its vibrant imagination shining through.

Youth should be listened to. But Young should be followed.

There is no generation gap be­ tween the young of any age.

This has been restated in a mes­ sage published by the Leo Burnett Company, Inc. just prior to its 25th anniversary, August 5, 1970.
Rick Shuttleworth Chalks Up Hat Trick
by J. A. Vitti

The Frozen Wave Icemen of Crystal Comet stars Dan "Bud" Doolittle and Don Voorhees returned home victorious Monday, November 30, after thrashing the New Rochelle squad in the Wave’s first contest of the season at the Playland Ice Casino. The Darlen fans led by golden Toe Chuck Travers, were on hand to see the frizzy-haired surfer and soccer star Reeko Shuttleworth procure his first career hat trick, as well as his first three points of the season, while soccer buddy Bugsy Barnes collected four assists. Says Barnes, “I don’t want all the glory for myself, so I set up the boys and take my credit in the form of an assist. After all, I have to let one of the other guys have the puck once in a while.”

Shuttleworth had nothing verbal to offer, but took the opportunity to skate past the Darien stands after the game and flash one of his sexy smiles at the cuties in the bleachers in the first row.

The game did not open so well for the WAVers, who allowed the New Rochelle NGOs to tally first in the contest. The WAVers were temporarily stunned, but rallied and came back to score when Reeko put a puck in the nets on a pass from Bugsy. Rickey then came back and flipped the puck past the New Rochelle goalie into the top right corner of the cage, from the side, unassisted.

The Rochelians came back with another goal in the second period but were quickly countered by the boy from Boston, Pete Clements, who displayed his hockey prowess by hitting the twine unassisted.

The ball was a boy to keep your eye on this season. Jimmy Flanagan came up with the next Blue point as he tallied on a pass from Assister Barnes, and was followed by co-captain Lindley “Stitches” Franklin with an unassisted goal.

Morris Earns First Point

After the Rochelians managed to score in the third period, the Icemen battery hit them with three more net-stingers. Franklin decided it was time to hit the twine after 22 seconds elapsed in the period, assisted by the world-renowned French Canadian hockey star, Ron Verene, commonly known to his peers as Bob Verney. The Mad Morees, better known as Rob Morris, chalked up his first WHL and career point in the second period on Lindley’s goal. Junior Jim Flan- again found the opportune moment to strike on another pass from “Feeder” Barnes. Reeko struck again to earn his hat trick assisted by Bugsy and Jim.

The eight goals were the result of a 42 shot barrage off the sticks of the Wave skaters, while back in the home cage, Billy Schwing brushed off four New Rochelle packs. The WAVers kept play under control for a good part of the game, but an unsteady defense from lack of practice proved almost fatal to the Blue effort.

NATATORS OPEN SEASON UNDER NEW MENTOR
by Pete Sweeney

The Darien High School 1970-1971 Swimming Team is now practicing under the guidance of new Head Coach Michael Sangster, as well as new John Smith has picked up his black cons, studs, and hot dogs, and taken off for his Alma Mater, UCONN, where he is continuing his coaching career. Coach Sangs- ter, a graduate of Springfield Col- lege and The Barracuda Academy of Swimming, is whipping this year’s squad of 20 into shape with a good defense. A man to watch this season is Semor Mike “Flex” HarbI-

Basketball Preview
by J. A. Vitti

Having lost his varsity team through graduation, Coach Mautoe considers this season to be some- what of a rebuilding year. The sole returning varsity player this sea- son, junior letter-winner Larry Hart, will be joined by the only other returning varsity letter re- cipient, Edwin Maher, as co-cap- tain.

The coach noted that the situ- ation that prevails this season was anticipated. This year’s varsity team will be last year’s JV first team, so that, except for Hart, the squad has functioned as a unit for at least one season, making that its strong point. Coming into this season, the JV squad are Fred Farrington, Ed Maher, Dave Hieronymus, and Tom Bramier.

Coach Mautoe considers the team’s greatest asset is speed, as the team has shown much hustle in its last three scrimmages, winning two and losing one by two points. Hart and Maher will pro- vide the offensive punch with Farr- ington rebounding and playing good defense. A man to watch this year will be sophomore Mac Tay- lor, who has shown great potential on offense.

The team roster is as follows: The varsity squad are Edwin Turner, Fred Farrington, Dave Hieronymus, Steve Vosburg, David Footy, Larry Hart, Jeff Bramerie, Bob Johnston, and Mac Taylor. Playing both varsity and JV ball will be Jim Costello and Jim Case. On the JV squad are Jim Adlam, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Bill Hartford, Tom Hendry, Bill Mc- Intyre, Norm Sebor, Steve Sey- serth, and Roger Smith.

The Hoopers face Greenwich tomorrow night at 8:00 in the Blue Wave gym. The game should be quite interesting with Greenwich trying to avenge an 80-50 defeat handed to them on their home court last season.

Scott “The Body” Hammond, Don Hamnerick, and Kevin Lewis. Sophia, out for the team is Rob Mor- rie Back, Jeff Dahl, and John Ziegler. This year’s mannequin is: Benny Scribben and Ed Beane.

The 1970-71 Swim Team is still looking most promising despite some early season setbacks. John Wasselin is suffering from psycho- somatic cramps, Brune Lever- ing’s elbow keeps on popping out, Tony Devito has contracted Fogg- ay-itis, Peter Sweeney is recup- erating from the Upper Mongo- lian Flu, Rob Simms’ eyes are turn- ing the same color as his hair, and Brian Mool is having steer- ing trouble. However, the NATators are strong men and I’m sure they will all be recovered by the time of their first meet.

The teaching profession is the only profession that has no definition for malpractice.