## 'Laughing': just gags and mix-ups

baby blue eyes, perfect teeth and bashful smile, he sets off unabashed ear- him a formula for turning nuclear waste But the most surprising cast member thquakes in the hearts of teenyboppers into high-grade plutonium. Now all the is Bud Cort, known for his performances everywhere. He's the movie industry's bad guys are chasing Benson to get the in "Harold and Maude" and Robert answer to Shaun Cassidy, Leif Garrett, monkey.

As Dan Pinsky, the movie's soft-rock group called Rush Hour. The group is trying to win a contest in which the winner receives a recording consmarmy lyrics and melodies that lilt so we see Benson, he's wailing one of these cotton-candy specials; something called "Mr. Weinstein's Barber Shop."

But this is only a small side of the film's real content. "Die Laughing" isn't a musical; it's a frenzied, slappedogether chase comedy with Benson being pursued by a bunch of the sorriestlooking villains you ever saw. It starts

Some good character actors are get to see much of anything. Maybe and decoration, while Schiele's paintings stress subject when cabbie Benson picks up a scientist stranded in this general morass. Elsa

Robby Benson's just too cute for his own matter and isolation, as in the Expressionistic style, Comini carrying a strange box. The man is Lanchester has a small bit as Benson's good.

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ting style; he has charisma. With his In the box is a monkey with a fantastic MacArthur and Patton posters to admemory; it seems the scientist taught dress his men, it's a wonderful comic bit.

Andy Gibb and all the other singing If this plot sounds the slightest bit seemingly does a film every three or idols. That might be the most frightening in ane. I suspect it was unintentional. four years; he's a selective soul. So why thing about his new film, "Die Benson, who wrote the script with his the hell did he pick "Die Laughing" to Laughing;" he's trying to hit the music father Jerry Segal, just can't write stage a comeback?

moments when Benson goes out of his the finale dressed as an ugly punk rocker By DIANNE GARYANTES way to show the repulsiveness of the (Johnny Rotten hair-do and all) and Daily Collegian Staff Writer villains. There's a moment when a tall, ruins it for us.

improbable mix-up, Benson is tabbed as the head of Benson's cab company. Robby Benson doesn't have an ac- the murderer and runs off with the box. When Durning steps in front of

Altman's "Brewster McCloud." Cort

plausible conflicts. (Benson and Segal Cort has an offbeat manner, but it's also wrote "One on One," a clear-cut not suited for this film's obvious beleaguered hero, Benson plays with a "Rockyesque" tale in which the shenanigans. At times he waggles his good/bad lines were drawn for us.) tongue in a leering, disgusting manner In "Die Laughing," the characters are that reminds one of Gene Simmons with caricatures, and hence the conflict is a acne. Just when we've got him pegged as punchless farce. The story is laced with an effeminate wimp, he comes out for

Benson the actor. It turned out I didn't Klimt's works, in the style of Art Nouveau, portray facade

### Community Theatre to hold auditions

the company's 1980 Boal Barn season which requires a number of teenage productions are required to join SCCT girls, will be cast on Friday and before they tryout. The company intends to present Saturday. Charley's Aunt calls for Anyone not interested in acting but Cabaret, George Washington Slept people in their twenties as well as who would like to work backstage is Here, Charley's Aunt, The Prime of older people, and George Washington invited to sign up for crew assign-Miss Jean Brodie, and Robber Slept Here requires characters of all ments at the same time as the Bridegroom. Those intending to try ages.

The State College Community out for Cabaret or Robber Schlow Memorial Library should Theatre will be holding auditions for Bridegroom should prepare a chorus have copies of comedies on reserve this season's productions from 7 to 10 from either a ballad or an up-beat for those interested in trying out. p.m. today through Saturday at the song. A rehearsal pianist will be The State Community Theatre Lifecenter in St. Andrew's Episcopal provided and a wide range of parts is encourages everyone in the comtoday and tomorrow. The theme for The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, appeared in previous SCCT

## Depiction of the artist's feelings

The art of turn-of-the-century Vienna indicates a shift of Wyatt Earp and the Phantom of the Benson. I left the theater feeling to representation of the inner-most feelings of the artist. Opera, is knocked to the ground. When a cheated, as if the film was a long series Alessandra Comini said Thursday night. boy scout helps him to his feet, he shoves of gags and mix-ups built around Ben- Comini, professor of art history at Southern Methodist the kid in the face. The scene is so son's three song performances. I didn't University, emphasized and compared the works of Gustav ludicrous it provides one of the film's go to see Benson the singer, I went to see Klimt and Egon Schiele to demonstrate this transition.

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which "their central core of psyche is exposed." said Comini. The Art Nouveau style is a "last nostalgic expression of spindly guy, looking like a cross between But the blame should lie with Robby emphasis from depiction of the outward appearance of the era facade, while Expressionism shows self-concern and anxiety of the 20th century," she said. Comini has published five books on the subject of art in Vienna. Her book "Schiele in Prison" was nominated for the National Book Award in 1975. She has organized exhibitions on Klimt and Schiele for the Guggenheim Museum and the Ar-

> museums of Vienna. An exhibit of "The Fantastic Art in Vienna" is on display in the Main Lobby of Pattee through Monday.

mold Schoenberg Centennial Exhibition for the combined

## Melodies and memories

A calypso carnival atmosphere created by a steel drum band brought infectiously cheerful music Sunday night at the Paul Robeson Cultural Center. Helping to celebrate Caribbean Night, the Trinidad Stars Steel Band from well-executed drumming.

thusiastic crowd spurred one lithe musician to do the limbo — to bend the upper body and head backwards under a bar set close to the ground. The syneven more daring limbo. He threw off his mouth. Bending his legs and curving his

have tempered and indented surfaces. members.

notes and the height of each drum, rubber and copper mallets to hit each

Many audience members laughed and sympathised with Sonny — a Caribbean 🐧 📳 🐞 student from Mosquito Creek who comes to Penn State — from his departure to his return home. No one at home believes him when he says that white snow can turn black and Sonny finds that hamburgers taste better than peas and rice. Written by Caribbean students, the skit describes the differences between

nastics sounded crisp and had a carefree and melodious culture for a



By COLLEEN MORRIS

Daily Collegian Staff Writer calls from people eager to dance to such Philadelphia combined limbo feats with

Fellow band members and an encopated rhythm grew faster and the musician-dancer limbered up for an jacket and shirt, lowered the bar one more notch and placed a bottle in his back, he slipped under the bar with deceiving ease and emerged with the

determines its pitch. Musicians use

Singing by the Caribbean Student Association Choir brought back memories to some audience members who joined in the familiar tunes. Two, choir members sang a haunting song, 'Sitting Here in Limbo," with much sensitivity. Other songs played by the master of ceremonies added a more comic touch to the evening.

With such variety and high spirits,

Each melody that accompanied these Caribbean Night recaptured a more ringing metallic sound. Musicians evening and must have brought back played on the tops of steel drums that fond memories for many audience

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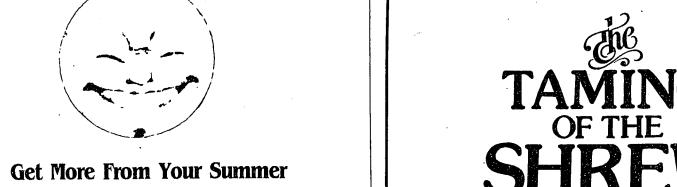
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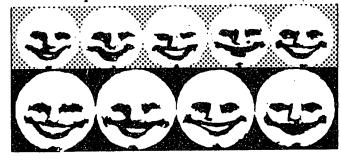
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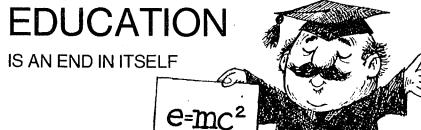
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Iran's hostage game put on playing board

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dragged on for months, it seems like everyone has an idea on how to handle the situation — including two State College board game makers. Samuel Rockwell and Michael Mc- crisis is going on.

Crery have invented "Operation:

Jihad," a game that lets players
recreate the hostage situation and work

"When I play the game I get a feeling
of releasing inner frustrations, like I've
done something others haven't done in out simulated military solutions for the regards to the hostage situation," he against Iran will still be very strong. conflict. Rockwell and McCrery are co-said. "Even though it's only a game, it is owners of the Stardragon game com- a worthwhile feeling."

the Iranian situation," Rockwell said. and it might be helpful to people who buy idea that it might make a good war at."

Daily Collegian Staff Writer

calls a "simulated, mercenary strike to well they are selling. However, the State then it is just as valuable as any other just think the game could help relieve a free the American hostages," sells for College merchant who is carrying the war game or military study," he said.

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Rockwell said he believes the game

"When I play the game I get a feeling Rockwell said he thinks the game

pany, which they operate from Mc- Rockwell said that he and McCrery game to see how they could have ended Jihad is an Islamic term for a holy heard about the game being exploitive. "At times, I've wondered if the game hold the game while the situation is still a line of computer games." "The game came about because both is exploitive, but I don't believe it will current, but will take it when the conflict of us felt that nothing was happening in have much effect on the actual situation, is resolved." Stephen Kenney, a representative "One day Mike went to Pattee and got a it," he said. "Personally, I've done from University's War Game Club, said

Rockwell said that six trial games are "I suppose that if the game is ac-The two-player game, which Rockwell now available, but he is not sure how curate, well done and well researched, see any unnecessary military action. We

wish to be identified. Rockwell said that an improved

their frustrations about Iran while the colored map and counters, would be available beginning last week. might sell better after the Iranian situation is resolved because feelings "After the conflict is over, people will

still be mad at Iran, and might buy the the conflict, or as a collector's item," he takeover of the Colombian emsaid. "Also, many stores are reluctant to bassy," he said. "We also want to put out

copy of a map of Tehran, and we started nothing to help the hostages, and I felt he does not think the game will be exfooling around and came up with the the game was something I could work ploitive, provided it accurately reflects the Iranian situation.

The Daily Collegian Wednesday, April 23, 1980-19 \$6.95 and consists of a black-and-white games said that none have been sold as "I'm actually glad to see that somebody street map of Tehran and a rule book. yet, mainly because most people are not in the area tried to make a war game Percentile dice and counters for the aware of them. The merchant did not because it takes an incredible amount of

Kenney added that the price of can help a lot of people relieve some of second edition of the game; including a "Operation: Jihad" is low for a war game, saying that most games sell for

Rockwell said that any profit from the game will be reinvested in the Stardragon company for production of future

are not encouraging military action in

"One thing I want to make clear is that government how they should act militarily." he said. "We don't want to



