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'Pictures' starts theater's '83 season with laughter

By HEIDI BEELER  
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"Summer artistic refreshment" was what producer Douglas N. Cook offered the first audience of the Pennsylvania Festival Theater's '83 season last Thursday night.

And if you find laughter refreshing, then the Festival Theater's opening production of Neil Simon's "I Ought To Be In Pictures" was just that.

One of Simon's newest comedies, "I Ought To Be In Pictures" is set in the cluttered Hollywood bungalow of Herb Tucker (Tom Markus), a once-successful screenwriter. Sixteen years earlier, Herb gave up his three-year-old daughter, infant son, and NYC's pastrami sandwiches to escape his wife's humorless lack of understanding. Now Herb struggles against writer's block in Hollywood, and not even his girlfriend, Steffy Blondell (Jane Moore), can help him regain his confidence.

Suddenly, Libby (Jane E. Beckhard), Herb's now 19-year-old daughter, appears at the door. She's hitchhiked her way across the country ("If you're not gorgeous, you hike more than you hitch.") to convince her father to help her break into the movies and to let her back into his life.

The cast did a good job of bringing out the comedy in this production. Beckhard played an energetic version of the brick-laying, car-repairing Libby. Even Libby's frazzled remarks and actions (She calls her father a shit-head within ten minutes of meeting him.) are made believable by the strength Beckhard brings to the role.

Although given a sketchy character

in Steffy Blondell, Moore added dimension to the roll. Simon has developed Steffy as a rouseur — a character who stands outside of the action and speaks the author's opinions, and a weak device in a realistic play. Yet even though Moore had few lines, her attention to Herb and Libby and silent reactions to their struggles made her an important part of each scene in which she appeared.

Markus' performance as Herb, although often funny, was the weakest in the production. When he first stumbled onto the stage wearing an inside-out T-shirt and rumpled pajamas and tried to unstick his left eye, he created a hilarious picture of the slovenly screenwriter. And his delivery of Neil Simon's one-liners caused almost sure-fire laughter.

Yet as the play progressed, it became obvious that Markus was trying for audience response as an actor, rather than living within the scene as a real person might.

His exaggerated gestures (drawing an imaginary circle around his head to suggest a sombrero at the mention of Morocco) and punch-lines (drawing out the word "rhoooo-doooo-dendron" when the character was angry and probably snapping out quickly) received some chuckles. They also lost much of the character's credibility and made parts of his performance appear pre-planned and stilted. An audience finds much more humor in a person they can realistically identify with.

While the Festival Theater's ver-

sion had plenty of humor, it was the more serious side of the play that was lacking.

Herb and Libby haven't seen each other for sixteen years — almost the whole of the girl's life. The pair must overcome a lot of time, guilt and resentment during the course of the play.

Simon develops this conflict

through a series of arguments and resolutions between the father and daughter. With the end of each verbal battle, Herb and Libby are a little less defensive and a little closer to each other. In the end, as Libby prepares to hitchhike back to Brooklyn, having found what she came for, she and her father truly care about each other as individuals and not merely out of a

sense of obligation.

That sense of acceptance between Libby and Herb did come out in the Festival Theater's production. The problem was that the characters went the whole distance in the first half of the play.

Whether the fault of director Robert E. Leonard or Markus' over-

ly already lovingly scooped Libby into his arms in acceptance by the end of the first act. There was no significant reason for the two to go back to squabbling. (Well, except to provide new jokes.)

But to make a long article short, the Festival Theater's production of "Pictures": Entertaining, yes. Confusing, maybe. Fun, definitely.

Comedy is highlight of Superman III

By TOM SAKELL  
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"Should you see 'Superman III'?" It all depends upon your mood.

Do you wanna laugh? Gasp in awe at spectacular scenery? Cheer for heroics and cringe at near-catastrophe? How about just leaving the theater with a smile on your face? Well, "Superman III" is for you.

But if you feel a comic strip hero with super powers and straight-laced morals might be immature for you, perhaps you would be better off watching documentaries on PBS.

"Superman III" works well, as director Richard Lester successfully cuts between three subplots. The first follows Clark Kent (Christopher Reeve) as he returns to Smallville, Kansas for his 15th high school reunion. There he finds Lana Lang (Annette O'Toole), the subject of Kent's adolescent admiration. Lang finds herself attracted to the kind and sensitive reporter. Surprisingly, Lang finds Kent more

interesting than Superman.

Back in Metropolis, Gus Gorman (Richard Pryor) is down to his last dollar and out-of unemployment benefits when he takes a computer programming course. Realizing he is a programming genius, Gorman goes to work in a company owned by a financial dictator.

Meanwhile, company president Ross Webster (Robert Vaughn) is looking for someone who can program computers to cause meteorological havoc on South America's coffee bean crop and control the world's oil tankers.

If you haven't guessed it by now, Superman meets Gorman and Webster in a showdown involving computer treachery, world domination and, of course, Kryptonite.



Villian Richard Pryor gets a lift from Christopher Reeve in Superman III.

expand his acting talents. He takes the opportunity to devote more time to the Clark Kent character, where he does an admirable job. Always the stumbling bumptkin in the big city, he finds a certain confidence and grace as he comes to know Lang all over again.

O'Toole turns in a fine performance as Lana, and moviegoers can look forward to seeing more of Lang's relationship with Kent in Superman IV. While (Lana Lang) Margot Kidder took a vacation in and grace as he comes to know "III," you can bet she will be back for a fourth chapter.

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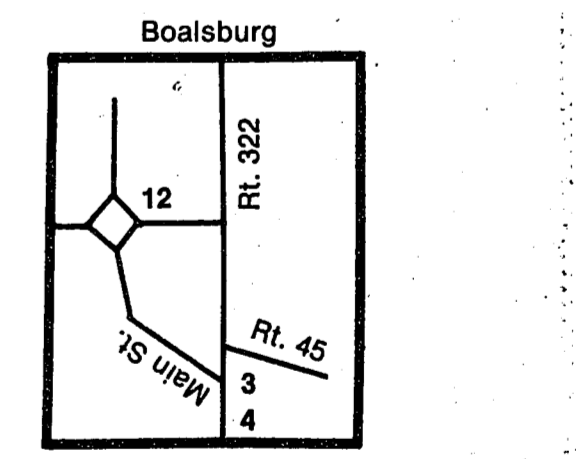
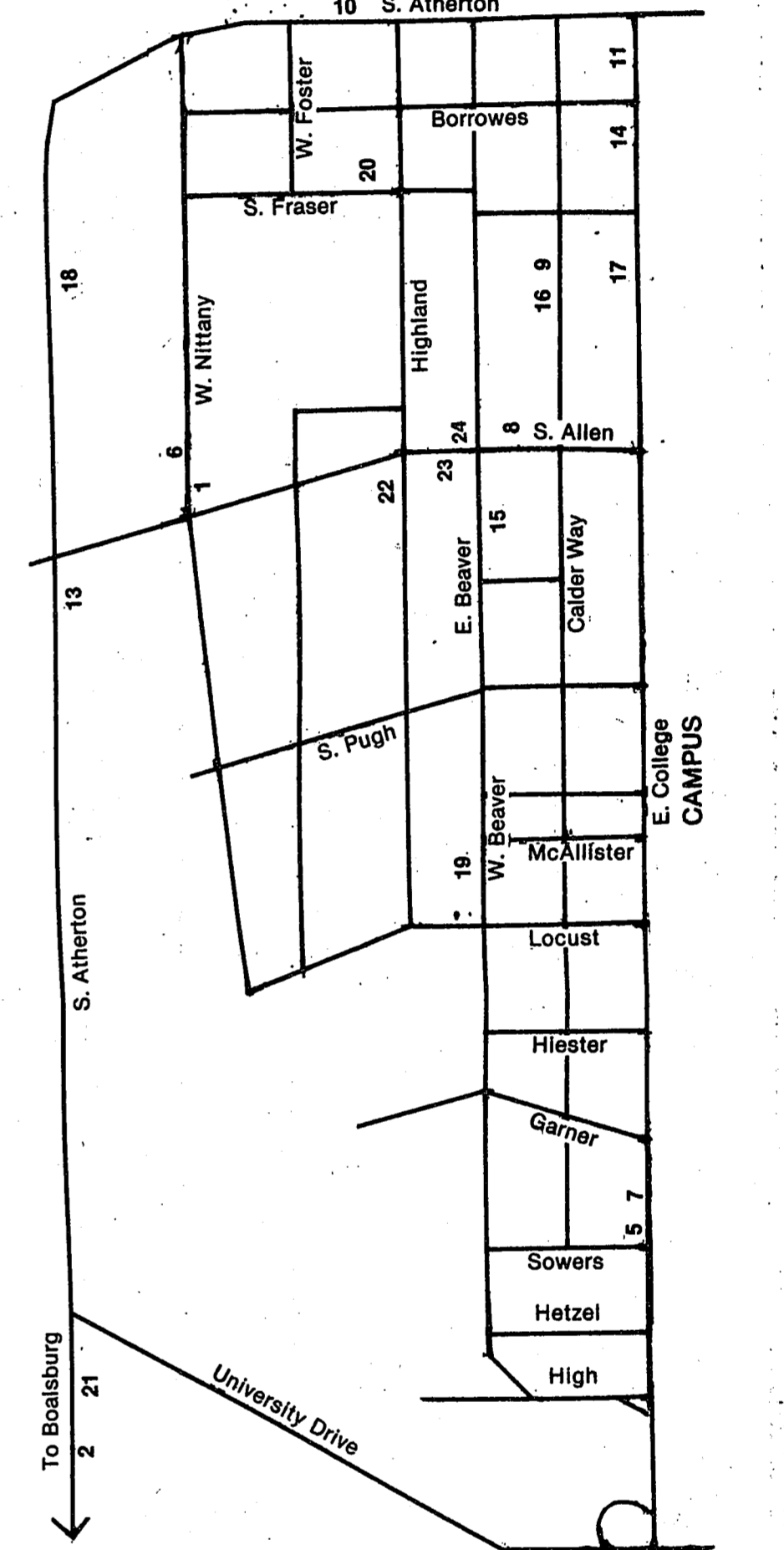
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