

Is Bill Cosby Show Overrated?

By PAT COSTA

In those first, premature Nielsen ratings of the just arrived season, comedian Bill Cosby's new half-hour situation comedy did better than the other entries offered for initial inspection. The black comic, if I'm not mistaken, came in fourth.

But if the show I saw the other night is representative, then there is less to be offering than I had hoped for.

As teacher Chet Kincaid, Cosby plays a swinging bachelor whose tastes lean toward sport cars, multicolored African shirts and an apartment furnished like a pad.

Kincaid, sympathetic to the poor of his race, helps out Saturday mornings at a play center for disadvantaged chil-

dren and finds he has trouble getting through to one of the youngsters.

Parentless and unloved, the child responds enough to Kincaid to follow him home necessitating his calling off a date.

How kindness, patience and a little humor help him get to the kid form the basis for the story.

Cosby never lost himself in the script and consequently neither did the audience.

What appears to be needed is a more realistic story writing and a someone to put the word to Cosby that he is not appearing on one of the talk shows.

In spite of the fact that there are umpteen too many variety shows crowding the air waves, here's one viewer that will overlook a general dislike for the particular video species and say welcome to Leslie Uggams.

Miss Uggams' voice has never impressed me one way or the other but that bright, wholesome pert aura of youth that surrounds her is as engaging as, well as Janis Joplin, for example, isn't.

Dick Van Dyke and David Frye contributed amusingly to her premiere show seen Sunday nights on Channel 10 but the biggest laughs at our house came from the continuing "Sugar Hill" sketch com-



Bill Cosby in new show.

ically portraying life as lived by a middle class black family.

"The Brady Bunch" another in the long continuing line of situation comedies and starring Robert Reed, Florence Henderson and Ann B. Davis

as widower, widow and housekeeper respectively, who with six kids start a new household, is as tiresome as one might guess from the ingredients.

Hopefully, these sit coms, given enough scripts will gag themselves.

Social Notes

Very Rev. Father Charles J. Lavery, CSB, president of St. John Fisher College, will address the women of Guardian Angels parish, Henrietta, at a Rosary Guild meeting at 8 Tuesday night, Oct. 14.

The St. Christopher Social Club lists a picnic at Letchworth for this Sunday, Oct. 12, a pilgrimage to Auriesville Oct. 26, and a Saturday outing Nov. 1, at Mendon Parks Pond. Elaine Vander Brook, 244-8826, and Maureen Shapley, 544-3228, will take reservations after 7 p.m. for the Auriesville trip. Oct. 20 is the deadline.

Seton meetings scheduled for next week include the following: 34th, on Tuesday morning, Oct. 14, to work on Seton sale preparations and have lunch with Mrs. John Dale, 345 Fenfield Road, 13th, Wednesday noon, lunch at the Colonial Hotel, Empire Boulevard with Mrs. Albert Held and Mrs. W. Frank Martin in charge; 80th, Wednesday evening, Oct. 15, at the home of Mrs. Donald Falconio, 17 Countryside Drive, Fairport.

Two Priests To Speak At City Club

Father Charles J. Lavery, CSB, president of St. John Fisher College, and Father Albert P. Bartlett, SJ, rector of McQuaid Jesuit High School, are among speakers listed for the autumn-winter calendar of Rochester's City club lecture series.

Among talks scheduled for noon luncheons at the Chamber of Commerce are: Nov. 15—Father Lavery and Paul A. Miller, new president of the Rochester Institute of Technology; "Campus Patterns, Evolution or Revolution."

Feb. 14 — Father Bartlett, Rabbi Herbert Bronstein, Temple B'rith Kodesh, and Rev. George W. Hill, minister of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church; "Love, What Is the Alternative."

"Galileo" Coming To Planetarium

The Strasburg Planetarium's Star Theatre will open its first "live" show next Friday night Bertolt Brecht's "Galileo."

The Blackfriars will play the life of the 17th century astronomer on a theatre-in-the-round stage constructed over the huge projector.

A special preview for students will be Thursday night, Oct. 16. The play will run from Oct. 17 through 26, with time out on Monday, the 20th. Curtain time, 8 p.m.; Sunday matinee, 3 p.m.; ticket, \$3.50.

The planetarium's new show, "Encounter with Mars", will be suspended after Oct. 12, and resumed Oct. 27-Nov. 30.

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Just for Old Tomes' Sake

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Dr. Racis is proud of finding an old Bible.

The eye is drawn to curious 16 printed life figures, and familiar looking words spelled strangely. The book, Dr. Racis explains, is the first Bible printed in the United States.

Next, he pulls down a heavy Latin volume. "Look at this," he says. He translates the title, "Against the Moors and the Jews," well," says Dr. Racis, himself a convert from Judaism, "That is how they thought in those days."

"The most beautiful are these," he says as he points out a number of books called

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Retreat Scheduled For Married Women

Father Thomas Gavin, S.J., of Canisius College will conduct a retreat for married women during the weekend of Oct. 24-26 at the Cenacle.

Reservations may be made by writing to the Cenacle Retreat House, 893 East Avenue, Rochester 14607, or by telephoning the retreat office, 716-271-8765.

Boystown Choir Scheduled

Elmira — The famed Boystown Choir from Nebraska will be featured in the Elmira Theatre here at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13.

It will be a musical benefit evening for Notre Dame High School. Tickets range in price from \$2 to \$5.

SAN DIEGO BISHOP HEADS BONA DRIVE Anthony Termotho of 29 Ridgeway, a 1952 graduate of St. Bonaventure University, has been appointed regional chairman of the university's current fund drive.

Movies

Here is a list of motion pictures currently playing in Rochester area theaters and the ratings given them by the National Catholic Office of Motion Pictures.

With the Catholic Office ratings, we include the ratings of the Motion Picture Association: G, general; M, mature audiences; R, restricted (persons under 16 admitted only when accompanied by parents or adult guardian); X, persons under 16 not admitted.

Cinema—"Midnight Cowboy" (Adults, with reservations).

Coronet—"Thank You All Very Much" (Adults). M.

Fine Arts—"The Gay Deceders" (Adults, with reservations). R.

Loew's—"Easy Rider" (Adults, with reservations). R.

Little—"Alice's Restaurant" (Adults). R.

Monroe—"Funny Girl" (Adults and Adolescents). G.

Panorama—"Ben Hur" (General).

Paramount—"Italian Job" (Adults & Adolescents). M.

Regent—"Lion in Winter" (Adults).

Riviera—"The Love Bug" (General). G.

Stoneridge—"Some Kind of Nut" (Adults). M.

Studio 2—"The Learning Tree" (Adults). M.

Stinson—"Journey to the Far Side of the Sun" (General). G.

Towne I—"Young Billy Young" (Adults & Adolescents). G.

Towne II—"2001: A Space Odyssey" (Adults and Adolescents). G.

Waiting—"Those Were the Happy Times" (Formerly, "Star"). (Adults & Adolescents).

TV Movie Ratings

Ratings are those given by the former Legion of Decency, now the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, when films were originally shown. A-1: morally unobjectionable for general patronage; A-2: morally unobjectionable for adults and adolescents; A-3: morally unobjectionable for adults; A-4: morally unobjectionable for adults, with reservations; B: morally objectionable in part for all; C: condemned. No Rating: film has not been reviewed by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (formerly the Legion of Decency). N.B. Before A-3 classification was established, A-2 indicated morally unobjectionable for adults.

Movie listings supplied through the courtesy of TV Guide Magazine

Table with columns: Time, Channel, Movie, Rating. Rows for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

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FRED Fred Fowler's Coll averages, they diff Factors consider they NOT forec ings make no allv 1948 and originaly one of the more ac Texas nudged Ohi of first place in Fr College Football R week as the Longh their third win of th a 58-17 triumph ov Navy. The Longhorns cl may be short lived, their number one sure to be challenge when they entertain Bob Cupello, vl has ball for St. Fisher St. John Fisher so won its third game son against one setb day, Oct. 4, by def previously unbeate State Dragons, 3-1, a The sole Oneonta on a penalty kick l Kruffer in the secon Fisher took an ear in the first period w Frank Saul scored hi MAKE Y Inve LIFE 6% TO 10 A high accordir NO-LOSS Information heli strict confiden WRITE TODAY TO REV. FA 316