

AS I SEE IT

Pat Costa

Last winter or spring, whenever it was that the third football league sprang into reality, the head of the house chuckled as if in half-sympathy with me. I can't remember the exact thrust of his remark but the general direction was that now I could sulk on Thursday nights too — along with Monday night, Sunday afternoon and Sunday night. And let's not forget those college games on Saturday afternoon which "aren't important" but which somehow nobody often misses.

My comeback on that fateful night when I learned of the existence of the World Football League was instant and unrehearsed: "Sorry, Ducks, but I don't plan on sitting around

'America' Rebroadcast

School children and their parents will have a chance this fall to learn facts often missing from history books by viewing Alistair Cooke's television series "America."

Channel 21 will air the series of 26 half-hour programs on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. beginning Sept. 17. The series will be repeated on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 26. "America" was televised twice before under Xerox sponsorship as 13 hour-long episodes.

Cooke's uniquely personal view of history won four Emmys for "America," including one as the "best new series" when originally televised. The author-journalist received numerous awards, including a Peabody.

Cooke created, wrote and narrates "America." He attempts to stay away from "high school preconceptions." "We've gone to a hundred places that are not mentioned in the usual textbooks, and that means to me that they are a lot more vital than many of the standard places," Cooke explained.

twiddling my thumbs waiting for half times to make sarcastic remarks about the level of intelligence of the people who plan and execute those girly shows."

Actually I wasn't that cool and coherent. But, that's what I meant. And six months later as fall draws near my own advice sounds even better.

In fact I've been giving it some thought. The best revenge for the football widows would be to sign up for a three-night a week gym program.

While the arm chair athletes are staring unblinkingly at the screen and pushing down untold quantities of corn chips and Dad's root beer, to the certain distention of their mid sections, the distaff members of the family could be growing more svelte and supple by the week.

For those wives who are already slim and trim but who yearn to hear a male voice in the evening other than that of Howard, Dandy Dan or Frank the Fraud (he's really a male model posing as a former halfback) try taking a woodworking course at your local high school.

I tried that once and it was superb. The teacher was kind and helpful and the ratio of men students to women at least three to one.

If that doesn't suit your taste there's lots of other alternatives to improving the old mind or body. Take karate. On second thought you take it. I think I'll leave that to next season when undoubtedly the World League will extend its schedule to Friday nights as well and the NFL will usurp Tuesday just to keep the competition going.

As for me I'm scouting around local colleges for a course in applied calculus to audit. No matter that I barely made it through introduction to Math 101. As I said before the ratio is the thing.

COURIER-CALENDAR

St. Lawrence, 1000 North Greece Rd. — Garage sale and rummage sale, Friday, Saturday, Aug. 16 and 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Donations welcome; Joan Grant, 225-3987, for pickup arrangements.

St. Mary's Dansville — Parish festival opens 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16; 2 p.m. Saturday.

Red Cross — Interviews scheduled for canteen volunteers Friday, Aug. 16, Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 19, 20, at 50 Prince St. For information and appointments, 275-9800.

Borchard Street Players — The Pirates of Penzance, 8 p.m. Aug. 16-18, 2:30 matinee Sunday, Aquinas Institute.

Greece Performing Arts Society — Summer Musical Theatre: Dames at Sea, tonight and Friday, Aug. 16, Greece Athena High School, 800 Long Pond Rd., tomorrow and Saturday, Aug. 17, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Curtain time 8:15 p.m., tickets \$2 Wednesday and Thursday, \$3 Friday and Saturday.

Rochester Museum, 657 East Ave. — The Fuller Brush Man, Red Skelton comedy, 2 and 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. Polyhedron Theatre: Invisible Museum, ends Aug. 15; Reason for Rochester, multi-media show about Rochester's water power, Aug. 15-Sept. 15.

Strasburgh Planetarium, 663 East Ave. — Universe of the Mind, through Oct. 6, with The Last Question, through Sept. 2. The Violent Sun, lecture by Dr. Jack Gosling of Boulder, Col., High Altitude Observatory, 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18; free.

Finger Lakes Race Track, Canandaigua — Old Salt in concert, 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, and between races; post time 1:30.

Bristol Valley Playhouse, Naples — The Sergavasznyer Playlaboratory with selections by William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams and Thornton Wilder, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 16-17, 8:15 p.m., Swamp Root String Band 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18.

Deadline

Calendar items should be mailed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Deadline is Wednesday noon, one week ahead of the publication date.

The Pirates Of Penzance

The Borchard Street Players close their summer season this weekend with four performances of The Pirates of Penzance. The Gilbert and Sullivan operetta is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16-18, with a Sunday matinee at 2:30, in the Aquinas Institute auditorium. The price is \$2.

The young Players perform for fun, not profit; all proceeds from their summer shows go to charity.

The Pirates cast includes Mina Boehm, Ed Heidt, John Cieslinski, John Cannizzaro, Eileen Duggan, Cindy Camelio, Michelle Redonnet and Sam Goodwin. Peter Russo is director, Peter Candela, music director.

LUCE HEADS CALCAV

New York [RNS] — Don Luce, a journalist who helped expose South Vietnam's infamous "tiger cages" is the new executive director of Clergy and Laity Concerned, an interreligious peace organization. The 40-year-old native of Vermont succeeds the Rev. Richard Fernandez, who resigned last year.



Photo by Susan McKinney

Command Performance

The Odd Couple was presented at Holy Family last weekend as a salute to Msgr. George Schmitt, in the 61st year of his priesthood. The pastor emeritus was photographed with a father-son team, George A. Ringholz in his Oscar Madison clothes, and George M. Ringholz, left, producer of the Neil Simon comedy. Inez Ringholz [Mrs. George A.] was director.

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