DramaTech scores with whodunit Sugarlumpkins

By Kenneth Phillips
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For those few who may not be aware, DramaTech will be closing the world premiere production of What Happened to Mr. Sugarlumpkins by Sunday, July 13. But do not despair because the comedy’s final two shows will be performed once tonight and again tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at the DramaTech theater (located on the right side of the Ferst Center for the Arts and across from Yellow Jacket Park).

I would encourage all who enjoy a great laugh or an analytical mystery to definitely gaze upon Mr. Sugarlumpkins and make their acquaintance with DramaTech.

The play dictates the very sad occurrence of an unfortunate and devastating fall for one poor cat, Mr. Sugarlumpkins, from the second story balcony of his owner’s home during a party.

The owner, Chris (played by Matthew LeVine), suspects foul play after returning from the veterinarian with the heavily-injured Mr. Sugarlumpkins and seeks to learn what transpired that night by interrogating his guests.

He eventually gets down to the last three to investigate: Brittnny (Kit Leford), a haughty little lady; Phil (Aditya Madhavan), an analytical mind buried with bad puns; and Nick (Brandon Lewis), the self-styled life of the party. The purpose of their characters is to recall their dealings at the party and what might have lead to Mr. Sugarlumpkins’ tragic accident.

Of course, as with any recollection of past events, there are bound to be errors, misunderstandings and just plain delusional fantasy as Britttnny, Phil and Nick each share their testimony of what happened to them throughout the evening and introduce the other revelers: Carol (Nikky Saint-Aubin), Thomas (Vincent Chan) and Jerry (Tamil Pariaasamy).

All in all, the comedy escapes in waves as characters try to adjust their parts in others’ stories or remember exactly when the crazed pizza delivery man, Sal (Russel Brooks), attacked that night.

Mr. Sugarlumpkins includes a musical number, and the acting is great throughout. Written by Olufemi Sowemimo, a Tech and DramaTech alumnus, Mr. Sugarlumpkins taxed the actors to perform the same character in three different, yet similar, event recounts for the ‘scene of the crime.’

Under the direction of Jordan Bethea, the scene found leadership to harness the skill needed to perform well these slightly shifting parts. Bethea, having known the writer, mentioned the high standards and fun involved with this production.

I feel this type of energy transfers into the audience as you watch these magnificent players perform this scene.

So be excited to watch DramaTech match this world premiere to their already great repertoire of performances with their upcoming shows, and, as always, remember to give a big round of applause.
Smart sparks silly cinema

Get Smart is a comedy riot. Now playing, Get Smart is the newest movie adaptation of a Mel Brooks and Buck Henry television serial by the same name aired in the late 1960s. Hilarious to its core, Steve Carell now takes the role of Maxwell Smart, a top analyst of the secret American defense agency, CONTROL, who awkwardly completes his missions to thwart KAOS (a terrorist organization and CONTROL’s nemesis). Smart dreams of being a field operative and today is the day the field entrance exams scores are posted. Smart makes a great score, but the Chief has decided to keep him out of the field because he says he needs Smart’s analytical expertise. However, after Smart returns from a break, the headquarters has been pillaged and KAOS has killed all active agents, making room for agent 86 (Smart). Having just now been promoted by the chief and paired with experienced Agent 99, an agent no one knows (played by Alan Arkin and Anne Hathaway respectively), Smart’s career jets off as he attempts to foil a nuclear war-head proliferation plot by KAOS and prove his worth as an agent.

“...Smart manages to make the world safe again.”

Although capitalizing on comedy, the film still performs well and fills many scenes with copious amounts of action. Smart always cuts to the heart of problems, finding friends and enemies in unlikely situations. Using some of his gadgets, the help of his colleagues, his extraordinary luck, and his infamous tact, Smart manages to make the world safe again.

Although I find Peter Segal’s movies hit or miss, I found a great well of entertainment flowing from the screen of Get Smart. Every actor was able to squeeze in an enormous amount of comedy without it feeling forced.

Steve Carell was the front-run...
THEME CROSSWORD: SCENIC ROUTE

ACROSS
1. Comes to pass
7. Not a strict tempo, in music
13. Adolescent
17. Like deli beef
18. Text material
19. Showed up
23. Safe spot for pedestrians
25. Miss Dietrich
28. Mental, insane
31. Declare invalid
33. 17th century chemist, author of “law” involving gas pressure
34. Prince Albert, e.g.
35. Second person
36. Weapon
37. With cunning
38. Sure thing
39. “Nancy Kwan” hairstyle creator
41. Chivy
42. Bangkok native
44. NFL data
47. Montreal’s Celine
49. Sure thing
50. Civil War tale of Ada and Inman
51. Fodder
52. Government security
53. Talisman
54. 4. Hungry
55. E-mail provider
56. Deputy
59. Lawyer’s deg.
61. Wax-wrapped cheese
62. Layers
63. Government security
64. Even separator
65. Knock it off!
66. Add to
67. A Marx
68. Coach
69. “Wynken, Blynken and Nod” creator
70. Cosmetic-counter name
71. Wake-up call
72. Patterned fabric
73. Bury
74. Place in custody
76. WhIMITIVE
77. Small town of “Main Street”
78. Blond kid
79. Delta
80. Become an heir
81. Site for a resort
82. Blond kid
83. Salad vegetable
84. Cornered
86. Stick together
87. Really loved
90. Gram or gon preceder
91. Synagogue
92. Remove
93. Camel-hair fabric
94. Change in Chihuahua
95. Cathedral area
96. Impertinent
97. Taken away
98. Sneeze sound
99. Small town of “Main Street”
100. Two halves
101. Bunk!
102. Wake-up call
103. Take a sip
104. Member of the Iroquois confederation
105. Tallest of the Alps
106. Lost balance
107. Took a sip
108. Editor’s order
109. Dictionary
110. Patterned fabric
111. Theatre
112. One of the United States...113. Two of the United States...
114. Myths
115. Misnamed “cat”
116. Patterned fabric
117. Wrench
118. Phony
119. Sleep designation, init.
120. Small town of “Main Street”

DOWN
1. Eight-tone spans in music
2. Landmark
3. “Gigi” star
4. “Get Smart” character
5. Sonar measurement
6. Fountain treats
7. “The Rock” Johnson and many others
8. Small town of “Main Street”
9. “The Rock” Johnson and many others
10. Frame
11. Decimal basis
12. Some senior citizens, familiarly
13. In a subdued manner
14. Remove
15. Wake-up call
16. Zero
17. Like deli beef
18. From ESPN Zone. Grad Student
19. Showed up
20. Film-noir seductress of film noir
21. Early computer
22. Sonar measurement
23. Deluxe suite
24. “Gigi” star
25. Sport
26. Civil War tale of Ada and Inman
27. Ranch hand
28. Mental, insane
29. Julia’s ex
30. Wake-up call
31. Declare invalid
32. Decorator may be obscured by these!
33. 17th century chemist, author of “law” involving gas pressure
34. Prince Albert, e.g.
35. Second person
36. Weapon
37. With cunning
38. Sure thing
39. “Nancy Kwan” hairstyle creator
40. Mythical mode of delivery
41. Misnamed “cat”
42. Lopes
43. “An Unearthly Child”
44. Place in custody
45. How most artists paint
46. Let out a whoop
47. Firehorn
48. Soak up
49. Dock worker
50. Civil War tale of Ada and Inman
51. Faces
52. Government security
53. Talisman
54. 4. Hungry
55. E-mail provider
56. Deputy
57. A Marx
58. Bombay-born symphony conductor
59. Lawyer’s deg.
60. Vaccine maker
61. Wax-wrapped cheese
62. Insects, at a formative stage
63. Welt
64. Even separator
65. Racoon’s cousin
66. Poe’s middle name
67. Cod’s cousin
68. Sleep designation, init.
69. “Wynken, Blynken and Nod” poet
70. Film-noir seductress of the ’40s
71. Wake-up call
72. Patterned fabric
73. Editor’s order
74. BeO, et al.
75. Bury
76. WhIMITIVE
77. Small town of “Main Street”
78. Blond kid
79. Delta
80. Become an heir
81. Site for a resort
82. Blond kid
83. Salad vegetable
84. Cornered
85. Meritcal foot
86. Stick together
87. Really loved
88. Prefix with conservative
89. Internet initi.
90. Name on a check
91. Wicked city
92. TV’s Insp. Morse
93. Camel-hair fabric
94. Bridge-mix morsel
95. Dock worker
96. Add to
97. Taken away
98. Sneeze sound
99. Small town of “Main Street”
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103. Take a sip
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105. Gridiron end zone
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New Offspring album might disappoint

The single “Hammerhead” is very reminiscent of the material from their first two albums, _The Offspring_ and _Ignition_. However, it is not so for the rest of the songs on the album. “Hammerhead” may be the best song on the album and it is easy to see why this was released above the rest of the songs.

The follow-up single to “Hammerhead” is “Rise and Fall” which sounds more like epic songs at the end, yet the song “Rise and Fall” sounds more like Green Day than the Offspring and has little to no comedic additions for the band such as “Pretty Fly (For a White Guy).”

It’s tough to find anything good past the fourth song though. Typical Offspring albums have always had epic songs at the end, yet the song that were not too thrilled with “Race Against Myself” on Splinter. The Offspring have always written songs based on the youth of today and continue to do so. While the four-year wait was worth it for many of the songs, the album still leaves fans with something to be desired from a possible ninth release.

OUR TAKE:  ★★ ★☆
By Akshay Amaraneni
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Last month, The Offspring released their eighth studio album and first in nearly five years – their longest gap between albums. Titled _Ignition_, the album was released to critical acclaim and continue to do so. While the four-year wait was worth it for many of the songs, the album still leaves fans with something to be desired from a possible ninth release.

By Robert Zimmerman
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ner, but Arkin, Harthaway, Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson and many others pulled everything together so wonderfully.

Almost every actor is an accomplished comedian. In fact, almost all of the U.S. security heads in the film were portrayed by skilled comedians. It was sublime how the comedy kept on your face this summer.

There are other redeeming songs on the album though: “Take Me Nowhere” is a song that sounds like a typical middle of the record Offspring song; random and short. The album also features three slow songs, much to the chagrin of several fans that were not too thrilled with “Race Against Myself” on Splinter.

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Piled Higher & Deeper by Jorge Cham

HOW TO RUN A GRAD STUDENT'S SORROW:

1. Hey, we're going out for drinks. Want to join?
2. Great!

IF I GO, I'LL SPEND THE WHOLE NIGHT FEELING RUTY...

IF I STAY, I'LL BE DISAPPROVED ALL NIGHT FOR NOT GOING!

OFFER THEM A CHOICE.

THANKS A LOT! YOU NEED HELP.

THREE TO FOUR MONTHS? THE VISA IS ONLY GOOD TO TAKE A FEW HOURS!

UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR APPLICATION TRIGGERED SEVERAL RED FLAGS IN OUR HOMELAND SECURITY DATABASE.

YOUR COUNTRY IS ON THE "AXIS OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS" BLACKLIST! YOUR TRAVEL AND IMMIGRATION PATTERN MATCH SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ACCORDING TO THE PHONE COMPANY. BUT WORSE OF ALL,...

YOU'RE A SOCIAL SCIENCE GRAD STUDENT IN CALIFORNIA. WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES.

PLEASE, IF YOU DON'T APPROVE MY VISA, I'LL BE STRANDED HERE IN MEXICO!

I SUPPOSE I CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION.

HOWEVER, YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1) BANK AND SALARY RECORDS THAT SHOW YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT SAVINGS AND WILL NOT BE A DRAIN ON SOCIETY.
2) A LETTER FROM YOUR ADVISOR SAVING HOW HAPPY HE IS WITH YOUR WORK AND HOW MUCH HE SUPPORTS YOU.
3) FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, A STATEMENT OF WHAT EXACTLY YOUR THINGS IS.

THESE MIGHT BE A LITTLE DIFFICULT... IN AMERICA, ANYTHING IS TOO DIFFICULT!

IF YOU THINK DON'T STOP GIGGLING, WE'LL NEVER FINISH OUR DINNER.

Non Sequitur by Wiley

I'M AFRAID THE NEXT ROUND OF CUTBACKS WILL INCLUDE THE LEAST IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN OUR ORGANIZATION...

WHEN ED FINALLY EMBRACED HIS PASSION...

HOW'S THE NEW JOB GOING, WENYON?

OCCURS RUBATO
CORNED ENAMEL
ARRIVED TRAFFIC ISLAND
MARLENE ADZES ASHES BLESS RIP
VOID TREES BOYLE COAT
EVE SWORD SLYLY CINCH
SASSOON CHASE THAI
TDS DION BRIOCH
ALCOA STEVECANYON AOL
BOORS INTER MEHTALLD
SALK GLOAT PUPAS WALE
ODD COATI ALLAN HAKES
REM EUGENE FIELD ALERT
BROCADE STET RRS
URSA GATES SOPHIST
CANOE DOVER CACAO NEO
HTTP PAYEE SODOM THAW
ABA PECAN ACHOO FRESH
RAIMENT GOPHER PRAIRIE
DYNASTY ENSURE ONEIDA GOAL REELED TESTED
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**NON SEQUITUR by WILEY**

**DILBERT® by SCOTT ADAMS**

**ALICE, DID YOU MAKE THOSE CODE CHANGES YET?**

**NO. I FIND YOUR SPECIFICATIONS TO BE VAGUE AND UNCOMPELLING. THEY ARE A BREEDING GROUND FOR ENNUI.**

**IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN CHEER YOU UP? MAYBE IF SOMETHING AWFUL HAPPENED TO YOU.**

**WELCOME TO DOGBERT'S SEMINAR ON TIME MANAGEMENT AND EVOLUTION.**

**THE KEY TO GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT IS SKIPPING UNIMPORTANT TASKS.**

**IN MODULE TWO, I WILL SHOW YOU THAT EVERYTHING YOU DO IS UNIMPORTANT BECAUSE YOUR GENES ARE A DEAD END.**

**DOGBERT THE TIME MANAGEMENT EXPERT**

**NEVER PUT TIME INTO AN ACTIVITY THAT HAS NO POTENTIAL BENEFIT.**

**FOR EXAMPLE, WHY BOTHER PUTTING ON MAKEUP IF YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR THAT HIDEOUS OUTFIT?**

**THAT'S LIKE KNITTING A SWEATER FOR A DEAD SQUIRREL**

**DOGBERT THE TIME MANAGEMENT EXPERT**

**I CAN TELL BY LOOKING AT YOU THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR TIME.**

**I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE CURING CANCER IF I GIVE YOU A FEW EXTRA HOURS PER WEEK.**

**IN FACT, IT WOULD PROBABLY INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING IT. ARE WE DONE? I NEED A SMOKE.**

**YOUR SALARY IS ALREADY ABOVE THE MIDPOINT FOR YOUR PAY RANGE.**

**EXCUSE ME WHILE I REMOVE A SOCK TO EXPLAIN WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR PAY GOING FORWARD.**

**LET'S SAY THE SOCK IS INFLATION AND MY HAND IS YOUR PAYCHECK.**

**I'M THINKING ABOUT GETTING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS SO I CAN GET PROMOTED TO MANAGEMENT.**

**HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO LEARN HOW TO BE LESS USEFUL?**

**THREE YEARS OF NIGHT CLASSES. HOLD STILL AND I'LL SAVE YOU THREE YEARS.**