

ENTERTAINMENT

George Carlin to laugh it up at Hult tonight

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Stress has prevailed this week. From out-the-door bookstore lines to long reading lists to the not-ready-for-school-to-start blues, the first week of school has left its mark — but it's over now.

The thing to do tonight is celebrate making it through the week.

A little comedy, or actually a lot of comedy, might do the trick. A celebrity on stage at the Hult Center might do the trick. Put them both together and you have George Carlin. Better yet, Eugene has Carlin, tonight at 8 p.m. in the Hult's Silver Concert Hall, One Eugene Center.

As a teen-ager, Carlin had already laid out his life plans. He wanted to be a disc jockey, a standup comedian and a comic film actor, in that order. Now as a man of 53, he has accomplished it all.

At 19, while serving in the United States Air Force, he began his stint in the radio business. At 23, he quit radio, teamed with funny-man Jack Burns and hit the nightclub scene. In 1965, after five years of doing comedy in nightclubs, he started getting extensive television exposure and two years later he made the switch to acting.

Since then he has racked up quite a resume including 14 albums, six HBO specials and a number of films including *Outrageous Fortune*, *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure* as well as the soon-to-be-released *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure, Part Two* and the television movie *Justin Case*.

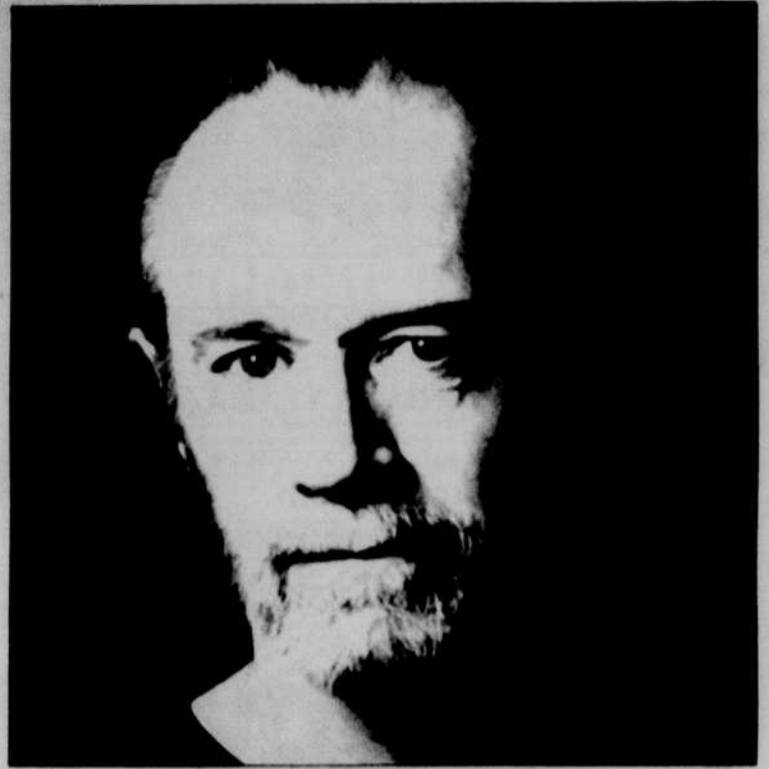
He is also currently in the process of starting his own situation comedy show for CBS and Lorimar Television.

In recognition of all Carlin has accomplished, he was awarded a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame in 1987. "I like it because it's tangible recognition," he said in a press release. In the true spirit of a comedian, he added, "I only hope no one throws up on it."

And so the story goes.

At 19, he wanted to go through the three phases and end with comic films. "Like a million other kids, I sat in movie theaters and saw myself on the screen," Carlin said. "In my case it was Danny Kaye, Red Skelton, The Marx Brothers, and half a dozen other movie comedians who provided the inspiration."

Now, however, he has decided to continue doing standup shows along with acting. "I love creating and developing new material, and the direct, immediate response from a live



Courtesy photo

George Carlin returns to Eugene tonight for an 8 p.m. performance at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts.

audience is like nothing you can explain," he said.

So, along with a busy, never-ending acting career, Carlin manages to perform over 100 shows a year.

His show is expected to run for 2-2½ hours with Dennis Blair opening. Blair, described

as a screenwriter, songwriter, musician, singer and comic actor, has toured with the likes of Gladys Knight and Miami Sound Machine.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling the Hult Center box office at 687-5000.

Flying K's to perform

SONG AND DANCE

Friday, Sept. 28
Eugene Folklore Society Dance will take place tonight at 8 in the Willard School located at 28th and Lincoln. An instruction session will precede the dance at 7:30.

Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 30

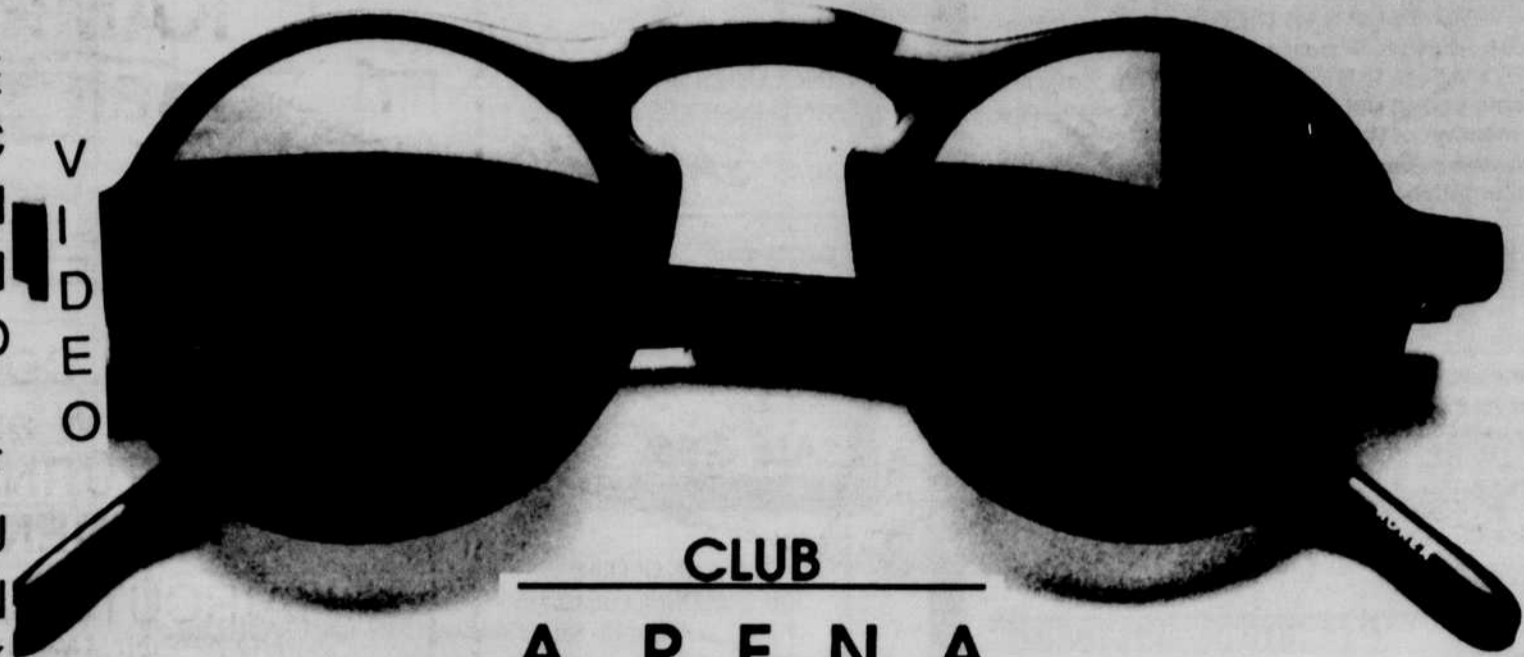
The Flying Karamazov Brothers and Tom Noddy along with Rick E. Rational, The Rodz Sisters, Unstuck in Time and the Fighting Instrument of Karma Marching Chamber Band/Orchestra, will perform at WOW Hall, 8th and Lincoln, at 4 and 8 p.m. The Flying Karamazov Brothers, also known as the Flying K's, are an international juggling troupe. Tom Noddy is nationally famous for his bubble acts, including blowing square bubbles and putting people inside bubbles. The show is a benefit for The New Old Time Chautauqua. Tick-

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