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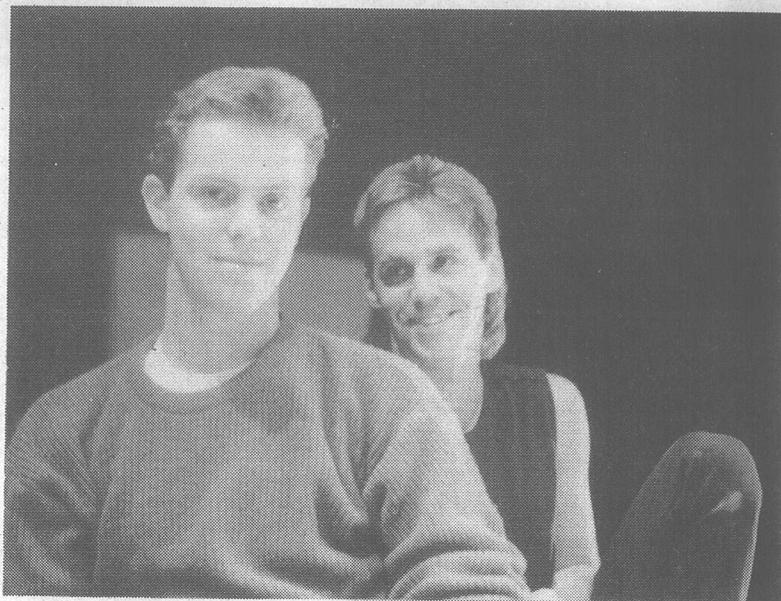
Our Comic Sons

by Chris Reed

The Return of the Ill-Fitting Trousers (December 10 - 12) brings a return of two of Theatre Glendons' prodigal sons: Mike and John Erskine-Kellie. This homecoming reunites the team of Director Steve Devine and Stage Manager Meris Rog-nualdson who, together with the brothers, mounted the epic suburban satire *A Day in the Life of Don Mills* last season and then the *Serious Comedy For Oxy-morons* revue to the Edmonton Fringe Theatre Festival last summer.

Drama critics from Edmon-ton's daily papers characterized the *Serious Comedy* show with such terms as "hit the funnybone at just the right angle" and "practised split-second timing." The result was a series of sold-out bookings. The notoriety the Erskine-Kellies received for their off-stage clashing of co-writer/co-performer egos (not to mention their into-the-morning debauchery), equalled their growing reputation as a formidable comedic presence.

Veteran actress Katherine Greenwood and musician/director Bill Lasovitch worked with the Erskine-Kelly brothers on last year's *A Day in the Life*



of *Don Mills* at Theatre Glendon and on *Wry Toast*, part of the Tarragon Theatre's Spring Series. Earlier this fall, the four founded the *Serious Comedy* for *Oxy-morons* troupe.

"There has been a definite transition from using television formats and allusions to Sigmund Freud as the basis for funny situations to a concentration on more natural, 'normal' situations" - said John. "We're finding the possibilities for comedy within more realistic settings" - concluded Mike.

Along with this new emphasis within the writing has come an increased confidence and theatricality. Using audience-inspired improvisational techniques and key jokes and phrases as a through-line for the revue, the Erskine-Kellies

have achieved a performance energy to match the tempo of their work. This was apparent when the *Serious Comedy* troupe first performed at the Queen St. cabaret Garbo's, and in *Oshawa, Now and Then*, a show created for their appearance at the Café de la Terrasse in November. *The Return of the Ill-Fitting Trousers* promises to be no exception.

Ill-Fitting Trousers will feature the members of the *Serious Comedy* troupe as well as actors from Theatre Glendon. Director Steve Devine is shaping "a fast-moving show" one that "won't give the audience time to rest." Given the talents behind the production, *Ill-Fitting Trousers* guarantees an evening of comedy for which one size fits all.

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