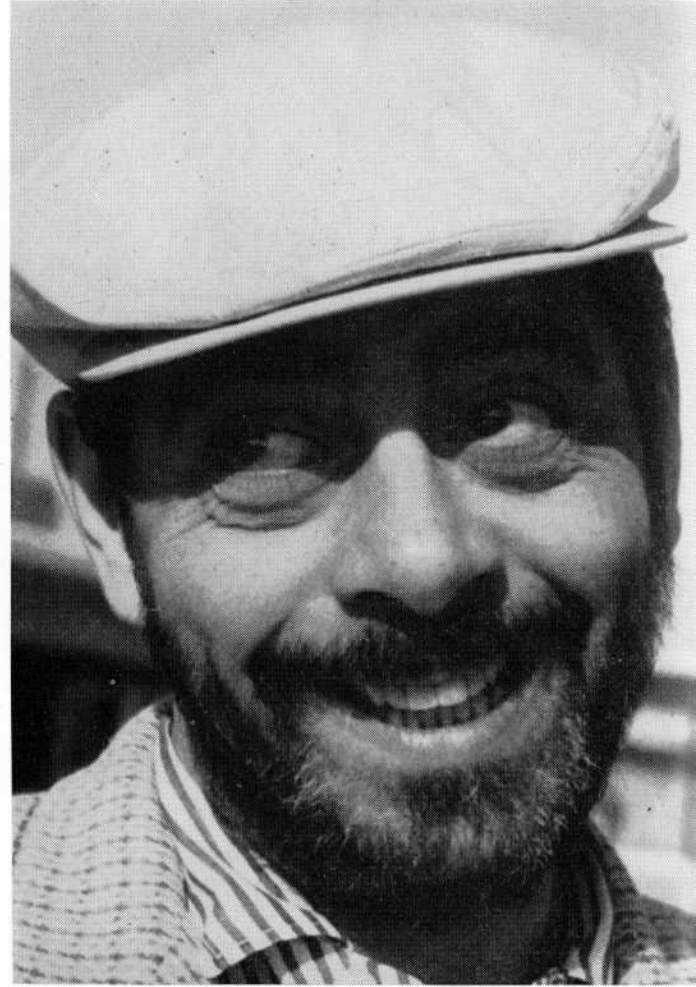


"This Can't Be Oklahoma; I've Seen the Musical"



"I Have No Interest in Meeting Pretty Coeds"

## SO THIS IS O.U.

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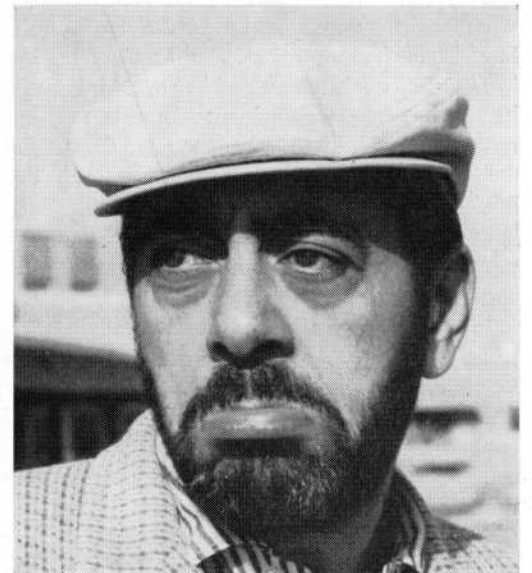
Actor Robert Strauss visited campus in November as a Celebrity Series attraction, but all the acting wasn't done on the stage.

In early November, the University's Celebrity Series offered theater-goers "The Best of Steinbeck." With selections from such works as *Tortilla Flat*, *Grapes of Wrath*, and *Of Mice and Men*, a troupe of Hollywood and Broadway actors brought the Steinbeck words to life.

Some of the program was ordinary, some dull, as words written to be read failed to impress when brought to the stage. But there were moments when troupe and author were perfectly mated and the match was exciting theater.

The cast consisted of four players—Tod Andrews, Constance Bennett, Frank McHugh and Robert Strauss. They shared equal billing and had equal opportunity to display their talent. But the one who moved from book to book, scene to scene, with the greatest conviction was Robert Strauss, the Hollywood actor of such hits as *Stalag 17* and *The Seven Year Itch*.

When Strauss arrived at the airport on his first trip to Oklahoma, the photographer asked him to pose with a variety of facial expressions. The result is demonstrated on these pages with the fictional captions to the subject, "So this is O. U."



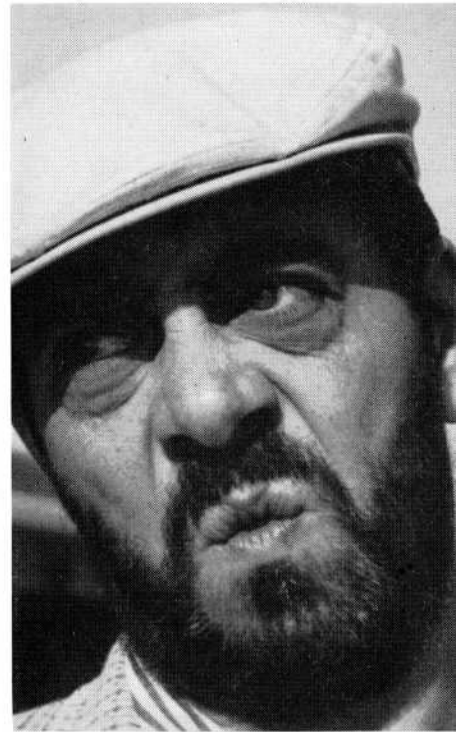
"Why Didn't the Football Team Meet Me?"



"I Remember My Own School Days"



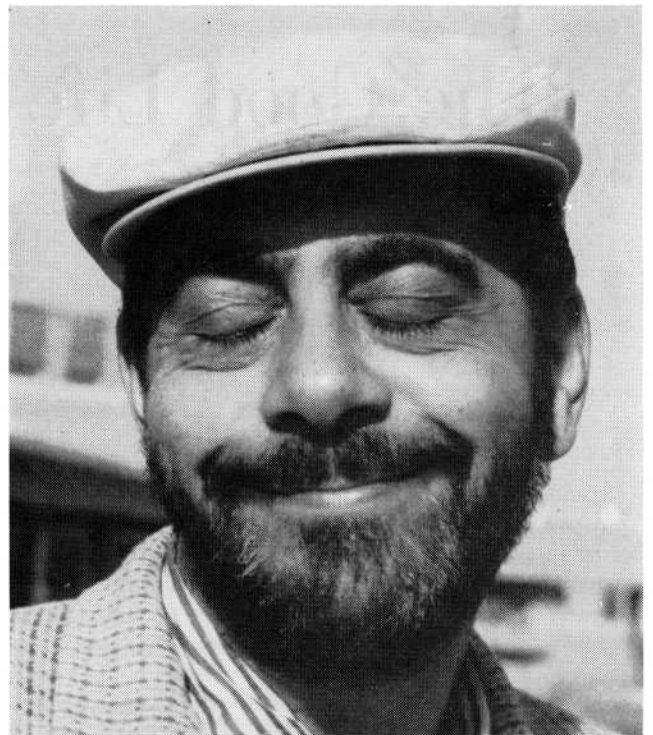
"The Excitement of Learning"



"I Wish I Were in School Again"



"You Say You Have 11,000 Extras, er-ah, Students Here"



"Yes, I Made a Movie with Marilyn Monroe"