Babson Players Present
Li'l Abner
Li’l Abner and Al Capp

Li’l Abner was the title character in the long-running syndicated newspaper strip by cartoonist Al Capp. Hardly “li’l,” Abner was a hulking, naive man-child, and the frequent foil for Capp’s satiric stories about American life and politics. This simple-minded citizen of humble Dogpatch was a paragon of virtue in a dark and cynical world.

Al Capp (1909-1979) was born in New Haven, CT and lost his left leg in a trolley accident at the age of 9. He was encouraged by his father to develop his cartooning skills, and created Li’l Abner in 1934. Abner was carried at first by only eight newspapers, but gained enormous popularity as his hapless Dogpatchers hit a nerve in Depression-era America.

Besides entertaining millions, Capp permanently affected popular culture by introducing the annual Sadie Hawkins Day race into his strip. Sadie Hawkins was “the homeliest gal in the hills” who grew tired of waiting for the fellows to come a courtin’. Her father was even more worried about Sadie living at home for the rest of his life, so he decreed the first annual Sadie Hawkins Day, a foot race in which the unmarried gals pursued the town’s bachelors, with matrimony the consequence. By the late 1930’s the event had swept the nation and had a life of its own. The basis of Sadie Hawkins Day is that women and girls take the initiative in inviting the man or boy of their choice out on a date, typically to a dance attended by other bachelors and their aggressive dates.

After nearly 20 years of prominent bachelorhood, Li’l Abner finally married Daisy Mae in 1952, an event that shocked the country and made front page news. Capp retired the strip in 1977 and died two years later. Capp’s “Li’l Abner” stands the test of time as a pinnacle of cartoon art and social satire.

Source: www.lil-abner.com

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Cast List

Lil' Abner ........................................... Greg Neufeld
Daisy Mae ........................................... Christy Walsh
Marryin' Sam ....................................... Ben Rackl
Mammy ................................................ Samantha Waters
Pappy .................................................. Joshua McConnell
Earthquake McGoon ............................... Rick Shaughnessy
General Bullmoose ............................... Erik Halbert
Appassionata Von Climax ......................... Jamie DiMatteo
Evil Eye Fleagle .................................... Scott Schreiber
Dr. Finsdale ......................................... Kiara Barrett
Phogbound .......................................... Cameron Smith
Mayor .................................................. "Diamond" Joe Quimby
Available Jones ................................... Kris Mehes
Stupefyin' Jones ................................... Brigitte Gehring
Speedy McRabbit ................................... Alex Stein
Romeo Scragg ...................................... Jon DePalma
Dr. Smithborn ..................................... Craig Anderson
Lonesome Polecart ................................ Cindy Fine
Fearless Jo .......................................... Melony Sweet
Scarlett ............................................... Lisa Chin
Moonbeam McSwine .............................. Alison Keogh
Wives .................................................. Crystal Hosking, Brianna DeGennaro
Big Attractive Men......................... Big Attractive Babson Students

A brief 15 min. intermission will occur between acts

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers for the duration of the performance
Production Staff

Director/Choreographer............Kelly J. Baran
Musical Director.....................Janice Issa Wright
Producers.........................Brigitte Gehring, President
..................................Christy Walsh, Vice President
..................................Craig Anderson, Treasurer
..................................Jamie DiMatteo, Secretary
Tech Director.........................Craig Anderson
Stage Manager.......................Emily Nichols
Assistant Stage Manager..............Jen Sandler
House Manager.......................Alisa Buguslavgaya
Lights.................................William Droege
Sound.................................Lulu Abdullah
Rigging Manager......................Amy Siegel
Program..............................Ben "is typing" Rackl

Synopsis of Li'l Abner:

Li'l Abner is based on Al Capp's famous comic strip that ran from 1937-1977. The tale begins when a senator comes to visit the hillbilly residents of Dogpatch, USA to tell them that their town is to be used as an atomic bomb testing ground, unless they can find something necessary about the town that makes it worth saving. Meanwhile, the traditional Sadie Hawkins Day race is approaching where all the women of the town who have marriage on their mind dash after the men who desperately run for their lives. Earthquake McGoon wants to marry Daisy Mae; Daisy Mae wants to marry Li'l Abner, and Li'l Abner just wants to go fishing, until it is learned that Abner's Mammy's Yokumberry Tonic might be enough to save the town.

Abner offers the miraculous Yokumberry Tonic to the government, but the conniving capitalist General Bullmoose wants it for himself. He sets a trap for Abner by sending his secretary-mistress Appassionata von Climax to Dogpatch to win Abner in the race. Meanwhile, Daisy Mae pledges herself to Earthquake in marriage in exchange for rescuing Abner from Bullmoose's clutches. Will Abner and Daisy Mae ever finally get together?  

Source: www.lil-abner.com
Good Luck
Christy!!

Love Michael

GOOD LUCK KIARA
BREAK A LEG!

LOVE,
MOM & DAD
CASEY & ABBY

Cam, Erik & Melony

Break a leg

Information Services Staff - Horn Library

Ricky,
Good Luck!
Capisce?
With Love, “the fam”
Character Bios

The actors were asked to keep these personal anecdotes under 40 words for your sake. So count the words folks! Every bio you find over 40, boo that person offstage! signed-the author

Greg Neufeld(Abner) - Cheer for Li'l Abner, Greg is his name and no this isn't his first time in the game. He'd like to thank all of his boys in TKE and the G-Money crew. And a special shout out to his family too. Treat his first like his last, and his last like his first, and his thirst like the first song he sang.

Chisty Walsh(Daisy Mae): This is Christy's eighth and final show with the Babson Players. She would like to thank the e-board, her directors, the current players, and all the past players for a lot of laughs, good times, and an overall awesome experience.

Ben Rackl(Marryin’ Sam): Ben's 4th show with the Players and for the first time he won't be ending up half naked, sorry ladies...(shudder). A boxer brief thanks to those who made this show happen (probably not you), but thank you for coming anyway (unless you didn't pay).

Samantha Waters(Mammy): The Gordan Trim Monster ate my bio (and I think Ben is an excellent program designer).

Lady, you just got yo self a passport to ecstasy!
Dear Craig,

For four years you and the Babson Players have entertained and amused us and we are very proud of all of you. Thanks for all the grins, giggles and groans (Emily & friends' giggles and Eric's groans). Good Luck as you present your last Babson production from your biggest fans.

With Love from "The Fally",

Dad, Mom, Geoff, Eric & Emily

Great job Crystal!

Congratulations to you and The Babson Players on another outstanding performance.

Love Mom, Dad, Wes and Katie
Joshua McConnell (Pappy): Born the 11-toed child of a Hutu shaman, Joshua began his bright career as a part-time pet food taster, part-time social activist. For his ardent attempts to lobby prohibition in Northern Ireland, he was forced to flee for his life to the land of opportunity. He eventually settled down to a life of piety, founding a non-prophet atheist convent-and-delicatessen.

Rick Shaughnessy (Earthquake McGoon): This is Rick’s 19th and final show with the Players. He is retiring to return to his true love: Ice Dancing. It has been a 5 year absence since he left the scene after it became about the politics and no longer the dance. Look for Rick on the 2005 Cambell’s Soup Ice Dance Tour (he’ll be in the Spunge Bob Square Pants costume).

Erik Halbert (General Bullmoose/Townsperson): Erik “Shakespeare” Halbert has been with the Players since 2003, and looks forward to a long and enjoyable career wearing tuxes on stage.

Jamie DiMatteo (Apassionatta Von Climax): A college junior, Jamie is Secretary for the Babson Players. This is her third musical with the Players and first role as a strumpet. You may remember her from such roles as Rosemary in “How to Succeed...” and Catherine in “Pippin”. She is especially excited to not end the show as a married matriarch. She would like to thank the E-Board, Pub Board, Directors, and Stage Managers for making the show a success.

Scott Schreiber (Evil Eye Fleigle/Husband/Government Man): Babson Players forever!
HEY LADIES...
Do you enjoy long walks on the beach?

Well so does Ben Rackl, please date him!
Paid for by the Rackl Family

Congrats to Ben and all The Babson Players on another successful season from all your fans in Buffalo!
Kiarra Barrett (Dr. Finsdale): Kiara is all but a novice when it comes to the stage. Besides her performance as the Torch Goddess in Pippin, she was also in numerous shows in high school. She attributes her vibrant personality and insanity to her mother, who has similar characteristics, especially the last one... just kidding.

Cameron Smith (Senator Jack S. Phogbound): Perpetual grey marks the man in white, on which at all times except now, can be seen. Marking his last time on stage here at Babson, Cameron will fondly remember all of the cast and crew from the performances he was in.

"Diamond" Joe Quimby (Mayor): The Players are pleased that Mayor Quimby has decided to hide out in the Boston area to sample some chowda and make his debut with us while his lawyers are handling that pesky indictment back in Springfield.

Krisztián Méhes (Available Jones/Husband): He is a one-year MBA student at Babson from Hungary. His English knowledge comprises only those 40 words he learned for this play, but he enjoys it really. He only wishes he understood all this bio stuff...

Brigitte Gehring (Stupifyin’ Jones, Secretary, Townsperson, Police Woman, Unappitizing Scragg): Sadly, this is Brigitte’s last Player’s performance, but she has had a fabulous 4 years (8 shows!). This also could be considered her most diversified performance: playing 5 extremely different roles! Keep an eye on her. Enjoy the show!

Alex Stein (Speedy McRabbit/Husband/Scragg): Alex likes doing musical theater / This doesn’t mean he has a small petter / The second time on the Babson stage / Brought him good times, long rehearsals, and rage / Speedy is stupid and sort of a wretch / But we all know this role isn’t a stretch / Don’t feel obligated to continuously clap / I will be content if you aren’t taking a nap
Good Luck

Jamie +

Craig!
Jon Depalma (Romeo Scragg/Husband): I joined the players last semester and Rick thought my name was Jack Dewire. Then good ol' Ben Rackl drank some MoutainDew 'Livewire' and BOOM! Like a thundering call from afar which would start any great heavy metal song..."LIVEWIRE!!!!" was born...RAISE YOUR GOBLETs OF ROCK! Thank you all...Shaklaky.

Craig Anderson (Dr. Smithborn): This semester Craig has tried his hand at acting, and since this is his last show with the players, he hereby retires all "hand jokes" in bios forthwith.

Cindy Fine (Lonesome Polecats/Secretary) – Cindy(1) was(2) told(3) to(4) write(5) a(6) bio(7) with(8) no(9) more(10) than(11) 40(12) words(13) in(14) it(15), so(16) she(17) has(18) to(19) keep(20) this(21) brief(22). Li'l(23) Abner(24) marks(25) Cindy's(26) 18th(27) show(28), but(29) she(30) doesn't(31) have(32) room(33) to(34) mention(35) previous(36) performances(37). Big(38) thanks(39) to(40)...

Melony Isaac (Fearless Joe/Secretary): Melony Isaac has been with the player since her freshman year; however this is only her second show in the cast. She is here performing tonight despite close to death illnesses, Ice Cream, and her love of the Disney Channel.


Alison Keogh (Moonbeam McSwine): Alison plays the comedic, pig-toting Moonbeam McSwine in this year's musical. No stranger to the stage, she has been in 6 productions and assisted in 2 additional shows for technical support in the last five years. Her favorite performance to date was playing Madame Thénardier in Les Misérables.

Brother, they'd Druther!
Babson Dance Ensemble congratulates THE BABSON PLAYERS on another outstanding performance and invites you to come watch our spring show April 22, 23, & 24 at 8 p.m.

BRAVO, BABSON PLAYERS!

BREAK A LEG,
ALISON and ERICK

The Keogh Family
Crystal Hosking(Wife): Some advice: When on the ladder of success, don’t let boys look up your dress.

Brianna DeGennaro(Wife): Start by folding this page in half vertically. Open and fold the two top corners down so the triangles point into the middle. Fold the paper in half again. Lastly, fold the sides down so the page is in fourths.

Emily Nichols(Stage Manager/Costumer) - Assistant to Mr. Shaughnessy. How does she do it? What drives her? She does it because she loves you.*
*Emily Nichols was compensated for her services and does not love any of you.

Jen Sandler(Assistant Stage Manager/Costumer): Assistant to Mr. Rackl, Ms. Sandler had her hands full shaving cinnamon into his lattes; however she did find time to help Ms. Nichols with the occasional Arby’s run or even Rick’s laundry!

Kelly J. Baran(Director/Choreographer): Kelley is excited to be back for a return engagement with the Babson Players! As a graduate of the Boston Dance Teachers ‘Teacher Training School’, she has been choreographing for dance studios, independent organizations, high schools and colleges for the last 11 years. Recently she’s also added the title of director to her resume for shows such as Grease, West Side Story and Damn Yankees. Kelley would like to thank her husband Mark for his constant support and also the talented group who gave their time to this production.

Janice Issa Wright(Musical Director) - Janice is back again for another great musical show with The Babson Players. Always ready to wip these business students into shape, she does countless shows all over town, including a great one with Kelly last weekend which kept her from getting this bio in: we love you Janice!
To Brigitte, Cast & Crew,

Break A Leg!

Best Wishes,
The Gehrings

Congratulations to Alex and the entire cast and crew of Lil’ Abner

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Greg: We know you’re no country bumpkin!
Love, Mom, Dad & James
Dogpatch to English Dictionary

Hoy Paloy: High classed
Druthers: Things you'd druther do
Whomp: Smack
A comin': On the way
Espect: Respect
Widers: Widows
Thigh Bone: Buttocks
Maxspectographic Isotopic Diathermal Double Diophonoscope:
??????????

General Bullmoose's Industrial Thesaurus

H. R. Squib & Sons: Some brokerage firm er something...
Simmon's Mattress: Where he shops for bedding.
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane: Where he does his investing.
Pocket-change: A million dollars.
Tennessee Williams: Some Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.
The Working Class: Who??!!!
Phogbound: Idiot.
Confidential Secretary: Mistress.
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CHRISTY WALSH
ON YOUR SENIOR
PERFORMANCE

Love,
Mom and Jessica,
Grandpa and Pappy,
Uncle Eugene, Aunt Dee, Alan and
Sean
Booster's

Wha'fo is we
gone be famous
fo'?...Wha'fo?

ALL: IMANIDIOTIKNOWWAHA(CS)
LOLINAWS: DONTPEAKGETNAKED(JM)
EH: SHAKEIT!(CA)
BR: POPPA JLOVE IT WHEN YACALL ME BIG PAPPAGOLET(RS)
BEGIN BABYSHOE'S SECTION

*~* Thanx4 da good X's evry1 Velcom new playas Gr8 sho SR's-u'll b MISSED!!! GJTECH-don't break our legs! Kris- Thanx 4 not dropping me! Kiara- Thanks 4 da rides=} Benj- iOu 4 STOMPin' my paw from WHOMPin' me! Jennyfur & Emilee- gr8 job as ASM&SM-couldn't hav a show/o u's Jon- don't push me agin- u watch out! Yay 2 da wifey's & our song! Craig- u do a mean stork =) Jamie- thanx 4 not bein a ditz in real life Rick- many in da pocket Bill-
.. thanx for eeping' us all lit up-n-thanx from me 2 u 4 all da support ~*~

End Baby Shoe's Section

ALL: YOUSHOULDHAVEDONEBOOSTERS(BR)
JD: NAUGHTYCALBONGOANDTOKEY...(BR)
SENIORS: GOODLUCKINTHEAFTERLIFE(BR)

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