



Brief encounter

Keeping your dress on till you get to the dance may not be a big problem for some high schoolers, but *Degrassi High* regular **Stacie Mistysyn** (above with **Sean Roberge**) couldn't possibly avoid a dressing-down in "The Prom," an upcoming CBC *Family Hour* episode. She and her disaster-prone date encounter car thieves, chif-

fon-soaking slush and a pesky door-closing incident that leaves Mistysyn in her underwear. The 18-year-old Gemini winner has fonder memories of her own first prom: "We didn't have this much trouble," she says. "I actually got there without my dress tearing and had a great time."—by **Jennifer Fisher**

Strike three?

Mexican-born funnyman **Paul Rodriguez** (right) hopes his new CBS series, *Grand Slam*, costarring former *Dukes of Hazzard* star John Schneider, will turn out to be the TV home run that has eluded him so far. "I was afraid I was becoming the McLean Stevenson of Latinos," says the former star of

such two-week wonders as *a.k.a. Pablo* and *Trial and Error*. "I've never been successful enough for the National Enquirer to say I was visited by aliens. But then, I have been visited by aliens—relatives who didn't qualify for amnesty."



Charity case

"The character they were looking for was a sort of woolly, world-weary rocker sort—I guess I fit the bill." So says **Paul Hyde** (left), who makes his acting debut March 15 on CTV's *E.N.G.* as rock star Simon Gunner. "He's a Bob Geldof-type character who's been doing some 'Africaid' things for a while and just wants to get back to his music," says the Vancouver-based musician. Hyde himself sees some danger in overdoing the charity route. "If you do too many things for nothing, you're just going to go broke. Often the ones who do the charity gigs are the ones who most need the charity."