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SUMMER
THEATRE

presents

CALIFORNIA SUITE

by
Neil Simon

June 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 1982

Director - Ed Vaughan
Set Designer/Technical Director -
Robert Fox
Costume Designer - Lucy Lee Reuther

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"California Suite"

June 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

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"Godspell"

June 30, July 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10

Wed.-Sat.

Based on the gospel according to St. Matthew, this exhilarating musical with songs by Stephen Schwartz has won the affection of theatregoers the world over. It includes the memorable hits, "Day by Day", "Turn Back, O Man", and "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord".

"Romantic Comedy" with Dennis Romer

July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Tues.-Sat.

As the title implies, there is plenty of comedy and romance in this new Bernard Slade play about an elegant but down-on-his-luck writer who learns to 'collaborate' with a wacky but charming female colleague.

"The Affairs of Anatol"

July 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

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July 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

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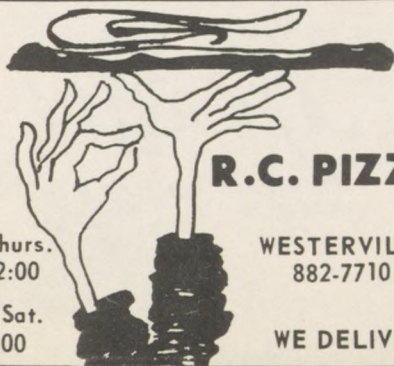
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JOE PROCTOR (Managing Director) attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts before receiving his M.F.A. from Brandeis University. He has acted and directed productions in colleges, community and professional theatres across the country. While serving as Managing Director this summer, he will direct *Godspell* and *The Affairs of Anatol*.

LUCY LEE REUTHER (Costume Designer) taught at the University of Montana after receiving her M.F.A. from California Institute of the Arts. At Montana, she designed costumes for the Montana Repertory Theatre's production of *Arms and the Man*. This past season she designed costumes for the Otterbein productions, *Cinderella* and *Twelfth Night*. This summer she will design costumes for *California Suite*, *Anatol*, and *You Can't Take It With You*.

ROBERT FOX (Set Designer / Technical Director) is a former banjo player who also attended California Institute of the Arts. He has designed sets for Hartnell Theatre, Fort Peck Summer Theatre, and has served as Assistant Technical Director for Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles. He designed the set for *Twelfth Night* at Otterbein in February and this summer will design all sets except *Godspell*, for which he will design costumes.

FRED THAYER (Designer, Director) will direct *You Can't Take It With You* and design *Godspell* this summer. Last summer Mr. Thayer served ably as Managing Director of Otterbein Summer Theatre.

ED VAUGHAN (Director) returning to us for his sixth summer, will direct *California Suite* and *Romantic Comedy*. Ed last directed *Butterflies Are Free* at OST and acted in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *The Runner Stumbles*.

JOANNE VANSANT (Choreographer), Dean of Students at Otterbein, will choreograph *Godspell*. Dean VanSant has been a longtime contributor to the Summer Theatre program.

LYNN HURSTAD (Music Director) of The Department of Music will serve as musical director for *Godspell*. This will be Lynn's first involvement with Otterbein Summer Theatre.

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SETTING

"California Suite" is composed of four playlets whose action takes place in rooms 203 and 204 of the Beverly Hills Hotel.

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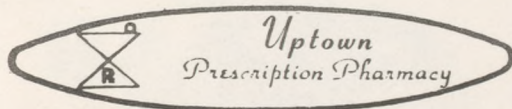
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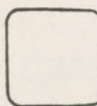
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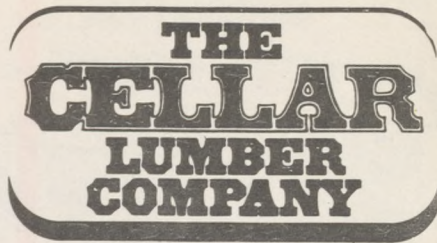
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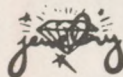
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NEXT PRODUCTION

GODSPELL is June 30, July 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 is Wed.-Sat.

Director, Joe Proctor
Music Director, Lynn Hurstad
Choreographer, Joanne VanSant

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SUMMER THEATRE COMPANY

RICHARD BUCKLEY, veteran of numerous Otterbein productions, most recently *Tribute* and *Twelfth Night*, will do graduate work at Brandeis University this Fall.

ED CHRISTMAN, costume assistant with OST last year, appeared in *Cinderella* and *Twelfth Night* during the regular season.

SUSAN DIOL, returns for her third season with OST as a junior. Susan acted in four major productions last year including *Tribute* and *Twelfth Night*.

LES EPSTEIN is a senior English/Theatre major who also serves as editor of Quiz and Quill literary magazine. This is his first summer as Box Office Manager.

BRENT ERDY, a junior, was last seen in *Sound of Music* and the Opus Zero concert. He also appeared in *Absurd Person Singular* in the Fall.

DON ERVIN, property master for the summer, also appeared with Opus Zero and *Twelfth Night*. Don is a junior this year.

MARIBETH GRAHAM is a graduate of Otterbein and appeared in the final four major productions of the season. This is her second summer with OST.

A. VICTOR JONES returns for his second year with OST as well. Victor performed with Opus Zero and played Feste in *Twelfth Night*.

TONYE PATANO joins Otterbein Summer Theatre for the first time. She appeared as Maria in *Twelfth Night*.

MARY BETH ROBINSON, assistant costumer, is an actress as well as technician. She performed in several Lab shows during the year including *Ferryboat*.

LAURA RUDY acted in *Absurd Person Singular* and performed with Opus Zero this year. Laura graduated from Otterbein this June and is with OST for the first time.

ROGER TACKETTE, shop assistant this summer, is a junior who was recently appointed to the executive committee of the Mid-East Honors Association.

JULIE ARMENTROUT, BETHANY BOHALL, DAVID DECOOMAN, DONNA MORRIS, and GIOVANNI MOSCARDINO all join Otterbein Summer Theatre for the first time as apprentices. Julie, Bethany, and Donna all appeared in *Sound of Music* while Giovanni performed in *Tribute*. David acted in *Twelfth Night*.

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