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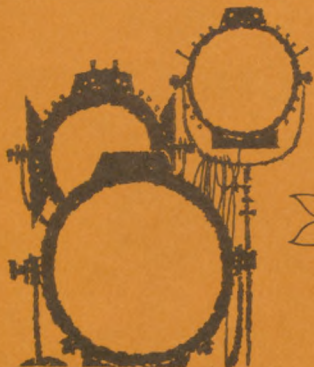
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**APRIL 7-8-9-10, 1976**

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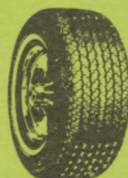
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YES, there will be an Otterbein Summer Theatre in 1976, beginning on June 22 and concluding on July 31, CELEBRATING 10 successful years of operation! Minor changes have taken place, but the operation continues essentially as conceived - the air-conditioned arena theatre in the Campus Center still seats 286, the company is still a college student company (with the exception of a former graduate now professional added to the company), the size is still 10 actors with several technicians and apprentices, and several directors are used each summer in our continuing attempt to bring the best quality entertainment possible while providing opportunities for students to sharpen and focus their talent and skills in the art of the theatre. Five plays are still produced each summer (a children's theatre production has been added) to about 85-90% of capacity. The joy of watching the same company of actors do different things each week is one of the great pleasures of any stock company - apparently the Otterbein company has had some success in providing such pleasure!

As we enter our 10th season we plan a couple of "new wrinkles" that we hope you will enjoy. As this goes to press the final process of selecting the company is under way - current plans call for a former actor to return for the entire Summer Theatre season! We hope to have a couple of revivals from the "best of our first 10 years," with choices probably being made from *Harvey*, *Thurber Carnival*, *The Odd Couple*, *Once Upon A Mattress* and *The Pursuit of Happiness*.

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Charles .....	JIM WEST**
Dr. Bradman .....	TOM DOWNARD*
Mrs. Bradman .....	LUCINDA SIGRIST*
Madame Arcati .....	BETH TITUS**
Elvira .....	NANCY SHELTON*

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## SCENE SYNOPSIS

The action takes place in the living room of Charles Condomine's house in Kent.

ACT I – Scene 1. Before dinner on a summer evening.  
Scene 2. After dinner.

Interval

ACT II – Scene 1. The next morning.  
Scene 2. Late the following afternoon.  
Scene 3. Early evening. A few days later.

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ACT III – Scene 1. After dinner. A few days later.  
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April 24 – OTTERBEIN CONCERT CHOIR, 8:15 p.m., Cowan Hall  
April 28 – ARTIST SERIES: Mummenschanz Swiss Mime Trio, 8:15 p.m., Cowan Hall  
May 19-22 – SHOWBOAT, presented by Dept. of Music & Theatre, 8:15 p.m., Cowan Hall

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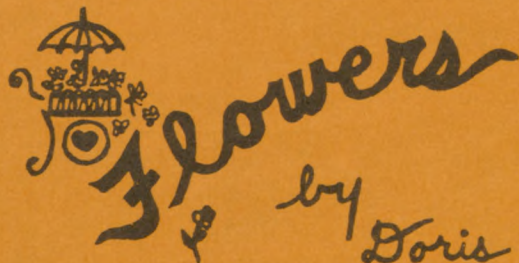


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