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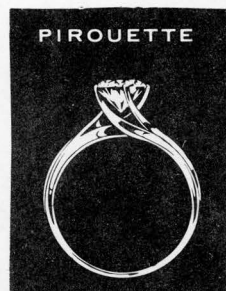


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191st Production



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With Guest Star

**ALBERT DEKKER**

Director ..... Dr. Charles W. Dodrill  
Designer-Technical Director ..... Prof. Deena Ferrigno

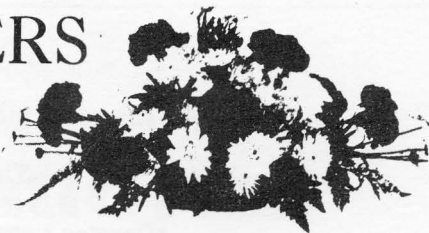
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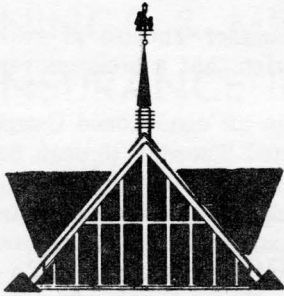
Stage Manager .....	ALBERT DEKKER
Dr. Gibbs .....	Dr. H. C. Holdren
Joe Crowell .....	John Waddingham
Howie Newsome .....	Mark Peters
Mrs. Gibbs .....	Margaret Tucker
Mrs. Webb .....	Jean Ann Weaver
George Gibbs .....	Greg Sabatino*
Rebecca Gibbs .....	Jennifer Ellsworth
Wally Webb .....	Jeff Beachler
Emily Webb .....	Mary Furniss*
Professor Willard .....	Don Parsisson*
Mr. Webb .....	Johnny Martin
Woman in the balcony .....	Linda Sharpless
Man in the auditorium .....	Daryl Bojanowski
Lady in the box .....	Linda Grznar
Simon Stimson .....	Jim Lewis**
Mrs. Soames .....	Bev Davis
Constable Warren .....	Larry Evans*
Baseball players .....	Russel Bolin
	John Waddingham
	Gary Phelan
Sam Craig .....	Tom Davis
Joe Stoddard .....	Don Lund
Assistant Stage Managers .....	Linda McNeil*
	Carolyn Hager
People of the town .....	Bob Abdalla*
	Cecil Elliott
	Mary Harlan*
	Linda Lebold*
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While all details have not been completed for the first Summer Theatre in the history of Otterbein College, we have had so many requests for information that a progress report seems advisable.

Five plays and musicals will be presented arena style in the air conditioned Campus Center, seating about 325 per performance. Each play will be presented Tuesday through Saturday for five consecutive weeks beginning Tuesday, June 27 and concluding on Saturday, July 29. The company will be composed of college students from Otterbein and other institutions. Applications for company membership have been received from over twenty institutions and seven states.

Plays currently under consideration include **A Thurber Carnival, Take Her She's Mine, The Fantasticks, Barefoot in the Park, Once Upon a Mattress, My Three Angels, The Philadelphia Story, Stop the World – I Want to Get Off** and **Dark at the Top of the Stairs**. The final decision will depend upon availability and personnel selected for the company. The company also hopes to do at least one Children's Theatre production during the season.

Season tickets will go on sale at the opening of **Brigadoon** on May 11. Individual tickets will sell for \$1.50 while season tickets to all five productions will be \$5. In addition, memberships will be sold to THEATRE PATRONS for \$10 per couple. These receipts will be placed in a special fund to be utilized only in the event of a deficit at the end of the season. Theatre Patrons will be listed on all programs and patrons may purchase additional tickets for any production at the season ticket price of \$1 per ticket. Additional features include coffee-hours and meet the cast parties.

Special **Group Prices** will be in effect for Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday performances for groups wishing to raise money or to have a group entertainment activity.

Persons desiring additional information on any aspect of the program should contact Dr. Charles W. Dodrill, Director of Theatre, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio 43081. Checks for season tickets and theatre patrons can be mailed any time – tickets will be sent in May.

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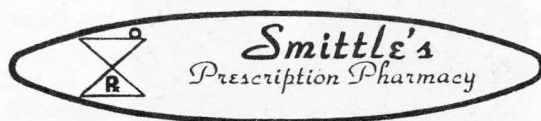
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## Our Guest Artist



The Otterbein College Theatre is indeed proud to present ALBERT DEKKER as guest star in **Our Town**. Mr. Dekker was born in 1905 in Brooklyn, New York, and he graduated from Bowdin College in 1927. He made his professional debut as an actor in the Stuart Walker stock company in Cincinnati in 1927.

His first New York appearance was in **Marco Millions** in 1928. Since that time he has appeared in scores of Broadway productions, including **Volpone**, **Grand Hotel**, **An Enemy of the People**, and in 1950 he took over the role of Willy Loman in **Death of a Salesman**. Most recently he played Otis Baker in **The Andersonville Trial**, Leo Fuller in **Face of a Hero**, and the Duke of Norfolk in **A Man for All Seasons**.

In addition to an active stage career Mr. Dekker has also appeared in numerous movies, having made his debut in **The Great Garrick** in 1937. Other movies include **Beau Geste**, **Dr. Cyclops**, **Wake Island**, **The Killers**, **Gentleman's Agreement**,

**Cass Timberlane**, **East of Eden**, **The Sound and the Fury**, **The Wonderful Country**, and **Suddenly Last Summer**.

Mr. Dekker's performances on television in this country, in England, and Canada include six appearances on the **Jack Paar Show**, George Washington in **Valley Forge**, and recently guest star performances in **Rawhide** and **Mission Impossible**.

When not busy in the theatre, Albert Dekker frequently works as a medical and laboratory assistant with Doctor Max Jacobson, one of the great endocrinologists in this country. He is also a frequent lecturer at colleges and universities on American poetry and literature. Recreational activities include fencing, sculpture, carpenter, stone mason, and general contractor. He recently renovated an old "brown-stone" in New York which he designed as a farm house with a Japanese garden and waterfall in the back yard.

In recent years the Otterbein College Theatre has received national recognition for its well established guest artist program. Past performers include Hans Conried, Ed Begley, Arnold Moss, Kim Hunter and Viveca Lindfors. We are delighted to have Albert Dekker on the campus and we are greatly pleased to add his name to our growing list of prominent guest artists. Our thanks to Mrs. Jean Guest of the American National Theatre and Academy for helping arrange his appearance.

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Prof. Deena Ferrigno .....	Designer-Technical Director
Mrs. Nancy Norris .....	Publicity Director
William Ahl**, Kay Brinkman*, Jim Bruce*, Judy Garratt**, Elaine Mollencopf** .....	Student Assistants

## PRODUCTION CREWS

Assistant to the Director: Sharon Ruhly  
Stage Manager: Lois Miller  
Costumes: Mary Harlan\*, Elaine Mollencopf\*\* co-chm.; Marty Cook, Dawne Henkel, Sharon Ishida, Renate Leffel, Gloria McDowell, Jo Runnels  
House Manager: Jim Bruce\*  
Lights: Alma Lee Schmidt\*\*, Bill Ahl\*\* co-chm.; Linda McNeil\*, Holly Puterbaugh\*, Dave Schein  
Makeup: Gwendy Miles\* chm.; Mary Corbin, Sue Daniels, Sherry Garvin, Linda Karl, Dee Dee Krumm, Pat Merryman, Ron Rucker, Kathe Schrader, Nan Searles  
Programs: Bonnie O'Leary\* chm.; Jan Burns, Bob Fortner  
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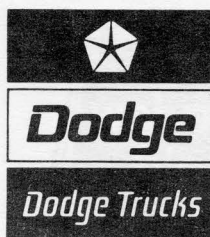
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