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Ebner is a senior from Marion. Miss Sager, from LaRue, and Miss Martin, of Navarre, are both juniors. Buckley, a sophomore, is from Springfield.

Charles W. Dodrill, director of theatre at Otterbein College, will be directing "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" The designer is Otterbein senior Scott Dillon, the winner of this year's Student Design Competition. Dillon, a Gahanna native, also won the competition last year with his set for "Vanities."

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In rehearsal for "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" are John Ebner, standing, as George, Richard Buckley as Nick, and Sandra Martin as Honey.

**Dodrill directs 'Virginia Woolf'**

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"Although certainly dealing with the violent and bitter side of human nature, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" is an uplifting show as it reveals to us people stripping away illusion to reach the reality in their lives," Dodrill said. "It sets a mesmerizing mood and the audience finds itself not only involved with the story, but with the "fun and games" served up George and Martha to their guests, Nick and Honey."

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" is easily one of the most exciting and challenging plays of the last 20 years," Dodrill said. "The chance for student actors to work with these exceedingly complex roles and seeing how well they respond to the challenge in itself makes this show rewarding."

Director of theatre at Otterbein since 1958, Dodrill has been actively involved with the local and national arts community for many years. He is a past president of the Ohio Theatre Alliance, past president of the Greater Columbus Arts Council, and past national president of Theta Alpha Phi Theatre Honorary.

He also served on the board of directors of the American Theatre Association while acting as coordinator for the ATA Assembly of States.

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Openings, Auditions Ahead

Seven actors will be making their debuts with Players Theater of Columbus when Angel opens Feb. 1.

The musical directed by Ed Graczyk will continue through Feb. 23.

Newcomers include Steven Parris who has appeared with outdoor dramas in North Carolina and repertory companies. Patrick Barnes, a student at Ohio State University who has appeared at Little Theater Off Broadway, will join Parris in playing the Gant brothers.

ANNE COOPER, who appeared last fall in Pippin at Worthington Community Theater, will play Laura in the musical based on Look Homeward, Angel.

Joan Krause, who has appeared with the Ohio Valley Repertory Company, and Ellen Turkelson, a veteran of the American Repertory Theater in Cincinnati, will play Fatty Pert and Madame Victoria.

KIRK ROBBINS, who will be seen in the movie Brubaker, and Lou Armentrout complete the list of newcomers.

Returning PTC players are Jeb Johnson, last seen in Damn Yankees; Toni Brennan Lang from As Simple as Day-Old Bread; and Jacqueline S. Bates, who has appeared in The Shadow Box and Mr. Scrooge.

Tickets may be obtained from the PTC ticket office, 549 Franklin Ave.

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Sandra Martin and Richard Buckley play Honey and Nick, the faculty couple who join George and Martha in a pre-dawn drinking binge that strips away everyone's self-control.

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Tickets will go on sale Wednesday at the Cowan Hall box office, which is open from 1 to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Auditions for The Dark at the Top of the Stairs will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 3 and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at PTC.

The March production to be directed by Bette Spiro replaces Rainbow Dancing by Graczyk. The debut of the play by PTC's executive director has been delayed by the production of another Graczyk script in New York.

William Inge's The Dark at the Top of the Stairs calls for four adults, two men and two women between the ages of 34 and 40.

Two boys and two girls about 17 and a boy about 10 also are needed.

Scripts may be obtained at PTC's business office and may be checked out for two days.

Gallery Players will hold auditions for The Corn Is Green at 2 p.m. next Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Jewish Center, 1125 College Ave.

The cast calls for 10 men ages 10 to 60 and five women ages 15 to 50.

Occurring at the turn of the century, The Corn Is Green is the story of an English teacher's struggle to free a talented youth from the backwardness and illiteracy of a small Welsh mining town.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Jewish Center.

Gallery Players' Blithe Spirit will open Feb. 2 at the Jewish Center.

Directed by Harold Eisenstein, the Noel Coward comedy will feature John McGrody as Charles, Lil Strouss as his wife, Ruth, and Patricia Bailey as the ghost of his first wife, Elvira.

Marjorie Whitney will play a medium, Therese Nolan will be the maid and Sean O'Leary and Irene Braverman will play Dr. and Mrs. Braverman.

About an author with the ghosts of two wives on his hands, Blithe Spirit features ghosts who are highly agreeable and sophisticated.

The production crew includes Mike Keith, set design; Howard Epstein, lighting; Ira Scheer, sound; and Betsy Distelhorst and Wendy Horz, costumes.

Blithe Spirit will continue Feb. 3, 6-7, 9-10, 13 and 16-17. Curtain is 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Thursdays and 7:30 p.m. for other shows.
Virginia Woolf opens Wednesday

Edward Albee's most famous work, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" opens at Cowan Hall Wednesday through Saturday, a presentation of Otterbein College Theatre, with all performances at 8:15 p.m.

As a successful contemporary playwright, Albee has received numerous awards and citations throughout the world. His ninth play, "A Delicate Balance" won the Pulitzer Prize in 1966-67. Other noted compositions are "The Zoo Story", "The Death of Bessie Smith" and "The Sandbox."

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Director of Otterbein Theatre, Charles Dodrill, will direct "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?".

Sets were designed by senior Scott Dillon.

Tickets are available at the Cowan Hall Box Office, 1:40 p.m. daily.
Cast members of Otterbein's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" rehearse for tonight's opening at Cowan Hall.

"Virginia Woolf" at Otterbein

Edward Albee's latest play, "The Lady from Dubuque," opened last week on Broadway. Perhaps his most famous work, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" opens in Westerville tonight, a presentation of Otterbein College Theatre. The show will run through Saturday, Feb. 9, with all performances at 8:15 p.m.

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Two Marion County residents, Tamyan Sager and John Ebner, will star in the Otterbein College Theatre production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

Sager and Ebner, graduates of Elgin and Harding high schools, respectively, will play opposite one another in the roles of Martha and George, a college faculty couple.

The production will be held Feb. 6-9 in Cowan Hall in Westerville.

Martha, a college president's daughter, is portrayed as a domineering and bitter woman. George is a history professor at the college and is downtrodden by Martha because he can not live up to her expectations of him in comparison to her father.

Active in theater, Ebner has been cast in numerous roles including Eilert Loevborg in "Hedda Gabler" and Frank Foster in "How the Other Half Loves" at Otterbein and Mottel in "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Country Dinner Playhouse in Columbus.

Sager also has appeared in various productions and has played such roles as the queen in "Sleeping Beauty," Jane Ashton in "Brigadoon" and Joan Weber in "Sexual Perversities in Chicago."

Sager, a junior at Otterbein, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sager, LaRue.

Ebner is a senior at the college and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ebner, 1063 Amherst Drive.
Cowan Hall is battleground for 'Virginia Woolf'

The battleground is the Cowan Hall stage, the ammunition is words and the war is "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", the next Otterbein College Theatre production Feb. 6-9 at 8:15 p.m.

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Perry Grad In
Otterbein Drama

Sandy Martin, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin, of 6185 College Street, Navarre, Ohio, will be featured as "Honey" in Otterbein College's upcoming theatre production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

The emotion packed comedy-drama by playwright Edward Albee chronicles the bitter interactions of two faculty couples as a late night drinking session gradually lowers all their controls and defenses. The show will run February 6-9 at 8:15 p.m., in Cowan Hall at the Westerville campus.

Miss Martin was with 1979 Otterbein Summer Theatre Company portraying Nancy in the musical "The Boyfriend" as well as acting in the Children's Theatre. She had a featured role last winter in "Vanities," playing the part of Kathy.

A 1977 graduate of Perry High School, Miss Martin is currently a junior at Otterbein. Otterbein College is a liberal arts school affiliated with the United Methodist Church and is located in Westerville, Ohio.
Theater

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Complex Albee Roles To Test Young Actors

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Written by Edward Albee, the drama will feature John Ebner and Tamyan Sager. Ebner starred as a crippled Vietnam veteran in The Fifth of July staged at Players Theater of Columbus in October.

Ebner and Miss Sager will play George and Martha, the couple in whose home the play is set. Their guests will be played by Sandra Martin and Richard Buckley.

Tickets are on sale at the Cowan Hall box office, open from 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.
Edward Albee's vicious comment on man's capacity for cruelty and humiliation, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", will be the next production of Otterbein College Theatre Feb. 6-9 at 8:15 p.m. in Cowan Hall.

Director Charles Dodrill will be working with a veteran four-person cast for this show. Tamyan Sager and John Ebner will play Martha and George. Richard Buckley and Sandra Martin are cast as Nick and Honey. Martha and George, a small college faculty couple, invite Nick, a new professor, and his wife, Honey, to their home for a "nightcap" that turns into an all-night drinking binge. The partygoers' self-control is rapidly stripped away by the alcohol, leaving nerves and egos savagely exposed for examination by the audience.

The Cowan Hall box office is open weekdays 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for advance ticket sales for "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"
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