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CAP AND DAGGER

PRESENTS

“Laura”

SILVER ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION

FEBRUARY 28, 1948

AN ALL STUDENT PRODUCTION

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for the use of their auditorium.



Prof. J. F. Smith

We Honor

Professor John F. Smith, the helmsman of the department of speech at Otterbein College since the fall of 1927. For the past twenty years he has been advisor of Cap and Dagger, our dramatic club, and Pi Kappa Delta, the national honorary forensic society. During the two decades that he has been a member of the Otterbein faculty, he has directed and produced nearly 70 plays. To complete his load of work, he has, at various times coached debate, oratory, declamation, and extempore speech teams, aside from a complete schedule of classes.

Most outstanding among the many successes which he has given to Otterbein audiences are: "Dark Victory," "Magnificent Obsession," "Admiral Creighton," and "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall." Even though he plans only two more years with us, he looks forward with his usual agile anticipation. He dreams of the day when we will have a stage of our own, and longs for the opportunity to produce "Winterset" and "Romeo and Juliet" while he is still with us.

His background, rich in the Otterbein heritage, traces back to the days in 1910, when he was graduated from Otterbein, and appeared in the Senior Class Play. True to his personality and philosophy of life, the following statement sums up his discouragements of the past, "the fun has greatly overshadowed any trials and difficulties I may have had."

—As time goes by we shall be forever cognizant of the great friend and counselor we have in "our" Prof. Smith.



Waldo

JOYCE KELLY GORDON was graduated from Fairmont High School, Dayton, Ohio. An active trouper in high school she carried roles in "Best Foot Forward," "Cry Havoc," and "The Man Who Came to Dinner," serving as student director for the latter. Her college days have seen her in "The World Within." She is a former president of Cap and Dagger, and has served faithfully on many production crews.



Laura



Mark

DONALD M. STEARNS was graduated from Lima Central High School, Lima, Ohio. During his tenure at Otterbein he has maintained an active interest in dramatics and at present is President of Cap and Dagger. He formerly appeared in "Famous Mrs. Fair" and served as co-stage manager for "The World Within."

JAMES R. HAFF was graduated from Lorain High School, Lorain, Ohio. While in high school he was active in dramatic class productions and appeared in two operettas. A former appearance at Otterbein was made in William Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

Supporting Cast

ROBERT LEE HAMLIN is a graduate of Fairview High School, Dayton, Ohio. His high school dramatic activities were highlighted by his appearance in the sophomore class play. At Otterbein he appeared in the Centennial play "Each In His Time" and was a member of the production staff for "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Papa Is All."

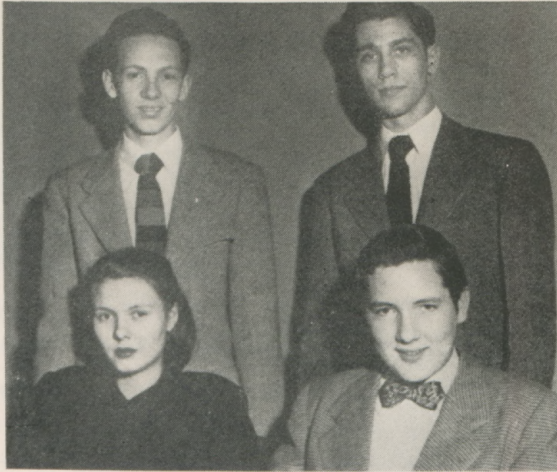
MARTHA TROOP was graduated from Westerville High School, Westerville, Ohio. In high school she was cast in "Huckleberry Finn," "Brother Goose," and "Spring Fever." Since entering college she has appeared in "Arms and The Man" and served as property chairman for "Susan and God."

JUDY EDWORTHY is a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School, Charleston, West Virginia. In high school she appeared in "You Can't Take It With You," also serving as assistant director for that play and the plays "Spring Green," "Double Door," and "Still Stands The House." College has found her appearing in "Each In His Time" and "Papa Is All."

RICHARD WILLIT was graduated from Upper Arlington High School, Columbus, Ohio. As a high school Thespian he was seen in "Snafu," "Junior Miss," and "Night of January 16th." In college he has appeared in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Each In His Time."

GENE CLARK is a graduate of Central High School of Columbus, Ohio. He was active throughout his high school days and has carried this interest into college. Since coming to Otterbein he lists the Shakespearean play, "Merry Wives of Windsor," among his dramatic accomplishments.

Bill of



Richard Willit
Joyce K. Gordon

Donald Stearns
Robert Hamlin

CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Mark McPherson.....James Haff

Danny Dorgan.....Richard Willit

Waldo Lydecker.....Donald Stearns

Shelby Carpenter.....Robert Hamlin

Bessie Clary.....Martha Troop

Mrs. Dorgan.....Judy Edworthy

Laura Hunt.....Joyce Kelly Gordon

Officer Olsen.....Gene Clark

the Play

SYNOPSIS

ACT I

SCENE I

Scene: The living room of Laura Hunt's apartment on the third floor of a remodeled house on the Upper East Side of New York.

Time: An evening in late August.

ACT I

SCENE II

Scene: The same.

Time: Later the same evening.

ACT II

Scene: The same.

Time: The Next morning.

ACT III

Scene: The same.

Time: Evening of the second day.



Martha Troop, James Haff, Judy Edworthy



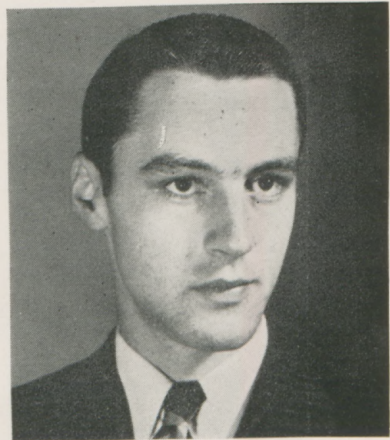
Kenneth Potter
Production Manager

KENNETH POTTER was graduated from Hereford High School, Hereford, Texas. His varied theatrical experience began in high school with an appearance in "Angel Unawares" and a series of one act plays. He carried this enthusiasm for drama into the U. S. Navy, and while in the service produced and directed plays from Eugene O'Neill's "The Long Voyage Home." At Pearl Harbor he established and directed a theatre workshop, and through this worked in conjunction with the Honolulu Community Theatre in their production of

"Kiss and Tell." Since entering college he has appeared in "Arms and The Man," "Each In His Time" and was co-stage manager for "Papa Is All." He is, at present, Vice President of Cap and Dagger.



EUGENE C. REYNOLDS is a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School, Charleston, West Virginia. During his high school days he appeared in William Saroyan's "The People With Light Coming Out of Them", "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "Wagon To A Star". His contribution to college dramatics has been roles in George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and The Man" and "Each In His Time". He did work for "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and was co-stage manager for "Papa Is All".



Eugene C. Reynolds
Director

Stage Manager

STANLEY MORRIS was graduated from Westerville High School, Westerville, Ohio. He was a dramatic student for two semesters and spent three years working with stage sets. During his high school days he was engaged in stage work on a dozen plays. Among these were "Tish", "Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" and others of like quality. As a student at Otterbein he has worked steadily as stage manager and crew man on a number of presentations. The stage which was built in the Alumni Gymnasium was largely due to his efforts.

Production Staff

STAGE CREW

Robert Ditmer
Bill Hunt

Phil Macomber
Dick Monroe

PUBLICITY

Jack Marks, Director
Maybelle Hudson

PROPERTIES

Wendell Hayes, Chairman

TICKET SALES

Regina Arnold, Chairman

MUSIC

James Montgomery, Chairman

MAKE-UP

The Cast

COSTUMES

Laura's costumes by Maybelle Hudson

USHERING

Jeanette Elliott, Chairman
Marilyn Steiner

Mary Rose Schaffner
Marvin Hummel

Stanley Schutz
Jack Marks

As We Look Back

We find that Cap and Dagger is in its twenty sixth year, but due to the recent world conflict it was not until this year that our membership would allow us to celebrate our Silver Anniversary. The past is filled with many fine things and at the head of them all stands Professor Smith, whom we honor with this production. Our predecessors have worked against almost all conceivable odds. They have presented their plays in the cramped chapel, the gymnasium, The Westerville High School, on the lawns, and in the city park. They have held rehearsals in dim rooms, hallways, and obscure corners. Their scenery has often been borrowed or rented when what they had wouldn't hold together. From all this has emerged fine productions and a rich heritage for today's club, in spite of the obstacles. But — we do need a stage.

We Look Forward

Tonight, with optimism, we view the future. We are already thinking of the productions to be given next year, with an eye to better plays and an ear to popular demand. Our workshop will expand to the place that it will take its accredited position with other courses in the speech department. In the not too distant future we hope to be able to present to the campus our own "Little Theatre." We know that in our brief years we can do little more than start a project, but perhaps with a good foundation laid now the things will grow to completion. Most things of worth are the result of some man's dreams — we are dreaming ours, with our eyes wide open and a determination and enthusiasm to make them come true.

This program has been made possible by the following persons and clubs who wish to add their personal congratulations and felicitations to Professor Smith, on this his twentieth year with the Otterbein faculty.

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