

# 'Cactus Flower' Otterbein Opener

Can the ruse of marriage prevent it?

That's the question posed by the plot of *Cactus Flower*, which will open the Otterbein College Summer Theater season Tuesday.

The comedy will be staged at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday in Otterbein's Campus Center Arena Theater.

Guest professional Ed Vaughan plays Julian, a bachelor dentist who hopes to remain single by telling his girlfriend he is married.

**HE FALLS IN LOVE** with the girlfriend, Toni, played by Kelly Maurer. Later, he forces his secretary, Stephanie, played by Karen Radcliffe, to portray his wife.

The plot thickens when Julian falls in love with Stephanie. Meantime, his girlfriend Toni has fallen in love with her next-door neighbor, Igor, played by Ken Marks.

**OTHERS IN THE CAST** of *Cactus Flower* include Linda Bracilano, Kent Blocher, John Ebner, Richard Tatgenhorst, Cindy Kaczmerck and Jim Scilling. Kathleen Lewicki designed costumes and Scott Dillon is student designer for the production directed by Fred Thayer.

Otterbein's summer season will continue with *The Boy Friend*, June 27-30 and July 5-7.



Ed Vaughan And Karen Radcliffe

**OTTERBEIN SUMMER THEATRE**, 890-3028. 6/19-23 *Cactus Flower*; 6/24-30, 7/5-7 *The Boy Friend*; 7/5-7, 11-13 *Puss In Boots*; 7/10-14 *The Runner Stumbles*; 7/17-21 *Hay Fever*; 7/24-28 *Harvey*. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. except *Puss In Boots*, which is at 1:30 p.m.



## Otterbein College

Kent Blocher and Karen Radcliffe are two members of Otterbein Summer Theatre's resident company. Each will appear in several productions during this season's summer theatre program. Otterbein's schedule for this year includes "Cactus Flower," "The Runner Stumbles," "Hay Fever" and "Harvey." For more information, call 890-3028.

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## Dispatch 6-7-79 Summer Theater to begin season

Otterbein Summer Theatre will open its 13th season June 19 as "Cactus Flower" leads off a five-show series that also will feature the classic, "Harvey," and an Otterbein revival of the 1920s musical spoof, "The

Boy Friend." "The Runner Stumbles," a gripping drama, and the Noel Coward farce, "Hay Fever" fill out the summer schedule, with an added special being the Children's Theatre production of "Puss in Boots" slated for July 5-7 and July 11-13 at 1:30 p.m. All other shows have an 8:30 p.m. curtain time, and will be performed in the air-conditioned Campus Center Arena Theater.

Ed Vaughan, a 1971 Otterbein graduate and presently general manager and production stage manager of Columbus' Country Dinner Playhouse, will be the guest professional and star in "Cactus Flower," "The Runner Stumbles," and "Harvey."

The managing director for the summer will be another Otterbein graduate, Carter Lewis. After graduating from Otterbein in 1973, Lewis went on to get a Master's degree in directing from the University of Oklahoma. He returned to the Columbus area to direct for Players Theater and has done three Otterbein shows in the past year. Lewis will direct "The Runner Stumbles" and "Harvey" this summer.

"Cactus Flower," the first offering of the season, will run June 19-23. Fred Thayer, Otterbein Theater designer and technical director, will be directing the Broadway comedy about the bachelor dentist who stays single by telling everyone he is married. He runs into problems when he has to produce a "wife," and comedy is the by-product.