

## 'Bedroom Farce' opens next week at Otterbein

Otterbein Summer Theatre's 14th season opener, "Bedroom Farce," will feature professional actor Dennis Romer, a 1971 Otterbein graduate, as director and an experienced group of Otterbein College Theatre actors as the central portion of the resident company.

"Bedroom Farce" opens Tuesday, June 24, and runs through June 28 at 8:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Arena Theatre.

Romer is returning to Ot-

terbein Summer Theatre where he has acted, both as a student and as a professional, and has directed frequently. He has been involved with nearly 30 summer productions.

He recently completed a one-and-a-half-year run as Dr. Doug Campbell on "As the World Turns" and has since co-starred with Selma Diamond in the Cincinnati Beef 'n' Board production of "Barefoot in the Park." He currently can be seen in

several television commercials.

In April, 1979, Romer was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus in Fine Arts by the Otterbein College Alumni Association at the dedication of Battelle Fine Arts Center.

"Bedroom Farce," written by Alan Ayckbourn, is a Broadway comedy about three London couples retiring to their bedrooms.

John Ebner and Tamyán Sager play Ernest and Delia,

the first couple. Ebner and Sager starred opposite one another as George and Martha in this past season's Otterbein College Theatre production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Miss Sager has appeared as Jane Ashton in "Brigadoon" and The Queen in "Sleeping Beauty."

Rich Tatgenhorst will play Nick and Ann Doering will appear as his wife Jan. Tatgenhorst's many Otterbein roles have included Tony Brockhurst in "The Boy-friend," Tommy Albright in "Brigadoon," Antipholus of Syracuse in "The Comedy of Errors," and Sky Masterson in "Guys and Dolls." He was named recipient of the George Bechtolt Memorial Drama Award as the outstanding junior in the theatre at Otterbein last month. Miss Doering is a Heidelberg College student majoring in musical performance and theatre.

Linda Finnell is cast as Kate and Jeff Garber plays her husband Malcolm. Finnell has appeared as Mary Featherstone in "How the Other Half Loves," as Kate Keller in "The Miracle Worker" and First Woman in "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson." Garber is a theatre major at Kent State University.

Bruce Marvin and Fontaine Follansbee play Trevor and Susannah, the couple with marital problems. Marvin has appeared as the Jailer in "The Comedy of Errors" and Harry the Horse in "Guys and Dolls" during the past Otterbein College Theatre season. Miss Follansbee has played Bonnie in "Applause," Fiona in "Brigadoon," Beauty in "Sleeping Beauty," and Sara Brown in "Guys and Dolls" for Otterbein College Theatre. She received the Leslie Burrell Mangia Award for excellence in musical theatre at Otterbein.



### Actors prepare for summer

Otterbein Summer Theatre company members, from left, John Ebner, Tamyán Sager, Linda Finnell and Rich Tatgenhorst preview one of this season's scripts in preparation for the five-show summer season. The first production, "Bedroom Farce," opens Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the campus center arena theatre. Season tickets are still available by contacting the campus center box office 12:30-9 p.m. weekdays.

### Sign up dates announced

Sign up dates for the Whitehall Fourth of July Talent Show are June 23 through 26 at Orton Davis Park, at the shelter house on Etna Road.

More information is available from Dee Layton, chairman.



# Soap opera star will perform in Otterbein College comedy

Dennis Romer, a star on the TV soap opera "As the World Turns," returns to his alma mater to appear in Otterbein College's "Bedroom Farce."

The comedy opens the Otterbein Summer Theatre 14th season and will be presented at 8:30 p.m. June 24-28 in the Campus Center Arena Theatre.

During his student days, Romer was involved in nearly 30 productions.

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Players Theatre has announced the plays in the second half of its 1980-81 season.

These will include the musical "Cole," based on the life of Cole Porter, January; the comedy-drama "Mister Roberts," February; the recent Broadway success "Tribute," March; Lillian Hellman's sequel to "Little Foxes," "Another Part of the Forest," April and May, and the musical "Cabaret," June.

The first part of the season, already announced, includes Ed Graczyk's "Rainbow Dancing" and "Here's Love."

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**KING'S ISLAND** — Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty will appear July 3 and 4 at King's Island.

Miss Lynn will perform at 4 and 7

p.m. July 3; Conway Twitty and the Twitty Birds are scheduled at the same time July 4.

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A variety of free outdoor concerts are offered in Columbus parks the first week in July as part of the Music in the Air series.

The three-man band A Touch of Grass will perform July 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Bicentennial Park. At 11 a.m. July 3 the O'Brien Trio will play at the Park of Roses Gazebo. The Columbus Symphony Brass Quintet will appear at 11:45 a.m. July 3 in Arch Park.

The Tom Carrol Quintet is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. July 4 at Riverfront Amphitheater. Dance Synergy and pianist Geoff Tyus will perform at 7:30 p.m. July 5 at the Riverfront Amphitheater.

July 6 concerts will include: Capital City Jazz Band, 3 p.m. at the Franklin Park Conservatory; the rhythm and blues band Nightrain, 3 p.m. in Goodale Park; pop music by the Monacos, 7 p.m. in Schiller Park; the Jimmy Lloyd Orchestra at 7 p.m. in Westgate Park; the Columbus Wind Ensemble, 7 p.m. in the Park of Roses, and jazz by Ornithology, 7 p.m. in the Riverfront Amphitheater.

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# 'Farce' Begins Summer Season

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Veteran performers of Otterbein College productions will perform in Otterbein Summer Theater shows beginning with *Bedroom Farce*.

The season will open next Tuesday with Dennis Romer directing.

Seniors John Ebner, Tamyan Sager, Mike Echols and Linda Finnell form the main company with juniors Fontaine Follansbee and Rich Tatgenhorst and sophomore Dick Buckley.

The main company also will include Ann Doering of Heidelberg College and Jeff Garber of Kent State University.

The apprentice company of Otterbein students will include Gwen Torry, Larry Sherwood, Doug Bullis, Bruce Marvin, Roger Tackette and Janine Papin.

Season tickets remain on sale, and individual tickets for *Bedroom Farce* are available at the Campus Center box office.

The first play will be staged at 8:30 p.m. next Tuesday through June 28 in the Campus Center Arena Theater. The box office is open from 12:30 to 9 p.m. weekdays.



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## BEDROOM FARCE

Tamyana Sager, (left), is Delia and John Ebner is Ernest in this scene from Otterbein Summer Theatre's "Bedroom Farce" continuing tonight (Wednesday) through Saturday (June 28) at 8:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned Campus Center Arena Theatre. Tickets for "Bedroom Farce" are available from the Campus Center box office from 12:30 to 9 p.m. weekdays.



# Public Opinion

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Jeff Garber as Malcolm receives a "shaving cream surprise" from Linda Finnell as his wife, Kate, in this scene from Otterbein Summer Theatre's "Bedroom Farce" continuing through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the Campus Center Arena Theatre.