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**SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE**

**TO: Mr. Ron Patsky, Theater Editor, Columbus Citizen-Journal**

**FOR: Monday, November 19**

The Otterbein College Theatre will present the smash Broadway hit, "Bell, Book and Candle" as their second presentation of the year on Wednesday through Saturday, December 5-6-7-8.

"Bell, Book and Candle" has been called John Van Druten's greatest comedy success among his many plays. Other well-known works include "The Voice of the Turtle," "I Am A Camera," and "I Remember Mama."

The Otterbein production will be presented in three-quarter arena theatre style. Both stage area and audience area will be encompassed on the large Cowan Hall stage. Approximately 225 will be seated for each of the four performances.

Prof. Fred Thayer, Designer-Technical Director of Otterbein will be directing the production, while Junior student Don Porter will design the lighting and stage setting.

The Cowan Hall Box-Office will open on November 26. Mail order are currently being received.

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**TO: Mr. Sam Wilson, Theater Editor, Columbus Dispatch**

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The second production of the 1962-63 Otterbein College Theatre will be John Van Druten's "Bell, Book and Candle." The production will be presented three-quarter arena style on Wednesday through Saturday, December 5-6-7-8.

Prof. Fred Thayer, Designer-Technical Director will be directing the production while Don Porter, Junior theatre major, is designing the settings. The three-quarter arena style is unusual for both the actors and the audience will be on the large proscenium stage of the Cowan Hall Auditorium. Sets and acting space will occupy an area 16 X 20 feet while the remaining stage area will be used to seat approximately 225 spectators per performance.

Many local theatre-goers will remember "Bell, Book and Candle" as a very successful movie that starred Kim Novak. The story of the comedy, to quote Brooks Atkinson, revolves around a basic assumption that "a few modern people can cast spells and perform feats of supernaturalism. Gillian Holroy . . . casts a spell over an unattached publisher, partly to keep him away from a rival and partly because she is attracted to him. He falls head over heels in love with her at once, and wants to marry her. But witches, unfortunately, cannot fall in love, and this minute imperfection leads into a number of difficulties."

The Box-Office will open on Monday, November 26. Season Ticket exchanges and mail orders are currently being received.