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"5th of July" is the first play Wilson wrote in a series chronicling generations of the Talley family. Wilson is a founding member of the Circle Repertory Company where "5th of July", aimed at mature audiences, premiered in 1978 and later opened on Broadway in 1980 for a two-year run.

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The play will be performed July 18-22 and 25-29 at the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.

Tickets are available from the Otterbein Summer Theatre box office, 898-1109. The box office is open from 12:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday. The opening night performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. All other performances are at 8 p.m.

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Equity guest artist Dennis Romer, who plays Kenneth Talley Jr., is an instructor of theatre at Otterbein and has appeared on such TV shows as *All My Children* and *Hotel*.

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# WEEKEND PLANNING



Dispatch photo by Ken Chamberlain

The cast of the Otterbein College theater production of *5th of July*: back row, from left, Keith Berkes, Marilyn Sundin and Bill D. Timmins III; on swing, from left,

Meg Chamberlain, Dennis Romer and Colby Anne Paul; front row, Tess Hartman, left, and Jess Hanks. See theater listings.



# Comedic play focuses on 60s activists

*Worthington Ohio Week 7-23-90*

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Tess Hartman and Meg Chamberlain argue with Bill D. Timmons III (front) While Colby Anne Paul of Worthington looks on. This scene is from the Otterbein production of "5th of July" running this month.