

Experienced Actor Aids in Play Production

By Pam Clay

Dennis Romer, 1971 Otterbein College graduate, now a New York actor and director, was chosen to direct the Otterbein College theater production of "Miss Reardon Drinks a Little."

Romer was asked to direct the production after Dr. Charles Dodrill, the scheduled director, had to undergo surgery and could not direct the play.

As a student, Romer appeared in over 30 productions at Otterbein. He noted that his favorite productions that he appeared in were "Camelot" and with guest artist Roberta Peters in "Othello."

Romer has had much acting and theater experience. He has appeared in over 35 commercials and over 50 stage productions. His stage productions include "Kenley Players 'Accent On Youth'" with Ricardo Montalban and the Cleveland Playhouse production of "First Monday In October" with Melvin Douglas.

His television experience includes working on soap operas. His most noted character has been on the soap opera "As The World Turns" in which

he portrayed hospital administrator Doug Campbell.

Romer has completed his first feature film entitled "The Second Degree." The movie was filmed entirely in the Columbus area and was produced by an independent Columbus company called The Film Group. In the film, Romer portrays a private detective who influences another boy just graduated from high school.

His directing credits include "Move Over, Mrs. Markham" and "All My Sons" for the Otterbein College Summer Theater. He also directed the original production of "Trying" at Wayne State University, where he received his master's degree in directing.

Since he has returned to Otterbein to direct "Miss Reardon Drinks A Little," he has noticed many changes in the campus. The noted change has been in the buildings. As a sentimentalist, he said that he liked the old buildings such as Lambert Hall and misses not seeing them on the campus.

"Miss Reardon" will be presented March 11-14 in Cowan Hall at 8:15 p.m.



Dennis Romer, guest director for "Miss Reardon Drinks A Lot"

Dinner Theatre Spiced Up With Additional Events

By Sue Shipe

On Wednesday the aroma of burning candles and the sight of white linen tablecloths will again envelope the Faculty Dining Room as the Campus Center hosts its third Dinner Theatre.

New twists will be added, according to Campus Center Director Bob Gatti, which he hopes will boost attendance.

First, at 6:30, the Alcohol Consciousness Team will sponsor a non-alcoholic Happy Hour in the Main Lounge. Cheese and crackers will be served at this mixer.

At seven, the guests will go upstairs for a meal of stuffed pork chops, broccoli spears with lemon butter, sweetened yams, creamy cole slaw, dinner rolls with whipped butter, and double chocolate ice cream cake.

Guest director Dennis Romer will discuss the current theatre production "Miss Reardon Drinks A Little" and give the audience a brief overview of the play, which begins at 8:15 p.m. in Cowan Hall.

Also, Dr. Paul Laughlin and the Liturgical Jazz/Arts ensemble will perform for the diners.

Following the play production, the guests will return to the Campus Center Main Lounge for a reception. Cheese, crackers, and cookies will be served.

Sign-up sheets for this exquisite evening are now available in the Campus Center office. Admission is \$2 for students and \$5 for faculty and staff members. Guests must pay and pick up their tickets when they sign-up. Fifty tickets have been reserved for this special event.

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Back at Otterbein

Soap opera actor Dennis Romer, a graduate of Otterbein College, has returned to his alma mater to direct "And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little" opening March 11 and running through March 14. Romer has acted in "As The World Turns" and "For Richer, For Poorer."

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'Miss Reardon' At College

Otterbein College Theatre will stage *And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little* at 8:15 p.m. March 11-14 in Cowan Hall on the Westerville campus.

The play is written by Paul Zindel, who won a Pulitzer Prize for it.

It is being directed by Dennis Romer, a 1971 Otterbein graduate who has appeared in soap operas and recently starred in a movie called *The*

Second Degree that was made in Columbus.

Cheryl Newcomb will play the lead character, Catherine Reardon. Her sisters will be played by Sandy Martin and Gina Zelazny.

Mary Rose Molinaro, Susan Diol, Tod Wilson and Tom Lawson make up the rest of the cast.

Tickets may be obtained at the Cowan Hall box office, open 1-4:30 p.m. weekdays.