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OTTERBEIN COLLEGE SUMMER THEATRE REVIEW
"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way
To The Forum"

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The musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" opened last night on the stage of the Otterbein College Summer Theatre in Westerville. WTVN theatre critic Bob Weesner saw the performance, and has this review.

"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" is a marvelous silliness that takes place in the year 200 B.C. on a street in Rome.

Under the direction of Doreen Dunn, this Otterbein production (of what approaches burlesque) is consistently inventive. With lines thrown directly to the audience, and with performers singing and dancing - often standing, sitting, or lying only inches in front of you - there is also more a feeling of participation than observation.

Heading this talented and hard working troupe is Ed Vaughan, in the role of "Pseudolus." Mr. Vaughan has a genuine flair for this sort of thing, with an almost uncanny sense of timing. And, if his singing voice does not quite reflect great training, it does demonstrate a spirited determination.

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Other outstanding performances were given by John Ebner, Rich Tatgenhorst, Dick Buckley, and Fontaine Follansbee.

"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" will continue to be presented on the stage of the Otterbein Summer Theatre, thru July 12th. The show is definitely worth your consideration.

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