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**OTTERBEIN COLLEGE THEATRE OPENS WITH FARCE**

Otterbein College Theatre will open the 1994-95 season with the *Cat Among the Pigeons*, Oct. 5-9. This timeless comedy was written by Georges Feydeau, who is considered to be the originator and master of the "French Farce."

The protagonist of *Cat Among the Pigeons* is a good-for-nothing young man, Bois-d'Enghien, who is about to leave his longtime lover, music hall star Lucette Gautier, to marry a wealthy young girl. His troubles begin when he can't gather enough gumption to tell Lucette the truth.

Bois-d'Enghien discovers that the marriage has been announced in *Figaro*, which everyone in Lucette's household seems to have a copy of. He manages to keep her from reading about the impending nuptials, but then Lucette, still unknowing, turns up to sing at Bois-d'Enghien's engagement party. He runs himself ragged trying to keep everybody away from everybody else, but ends up being caught with Lucette. In the final act, he suffers agonies of embarrassment when he is locked out of his apartment in his underwear.

A hilarious nightmare-fantasy of guilt, *Cat Among the Pigeons* is a grand farce full of style and flourish.

It will be performed Wednesday, Oct. 5 through Sunday, Oct. 9. The opening night performance begins at 7:30 p.m. All other evening performances are at 8 p.m. and the matinee starts at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$9.50 for the Friday and Saturday shows and \$8 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday shows. Reserve tickets by calling the Otterbein College Theatre box office at 823-1109 between 1 and 4:30 p.m. weekdays beginning Sept. 22.