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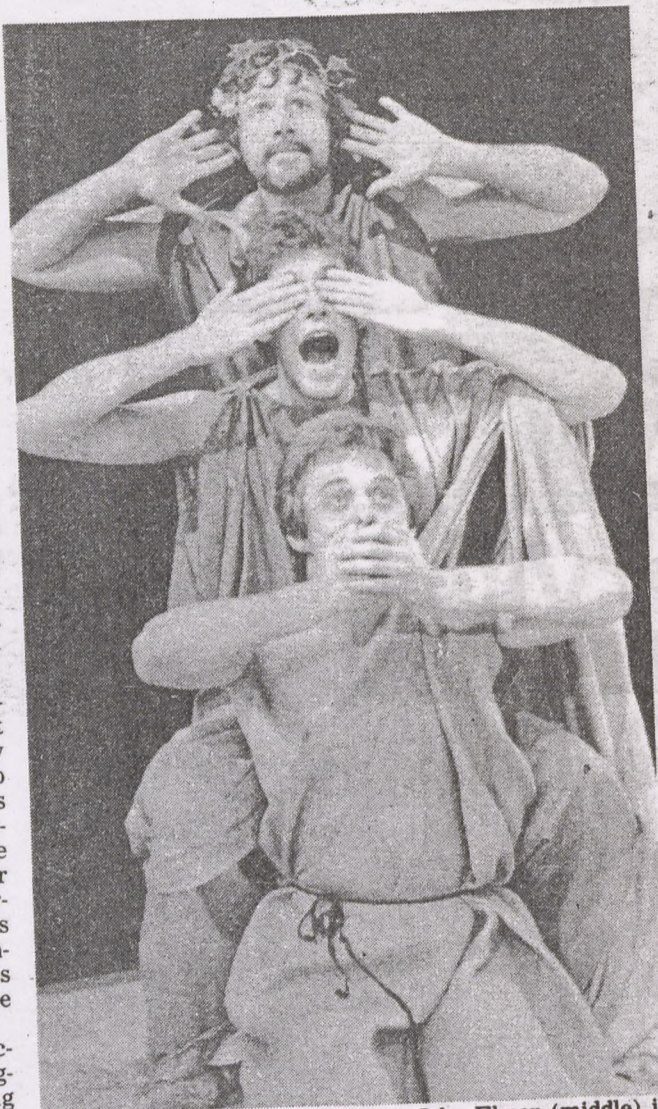
"Comedy Tonight" is the order of the evening when Otterbein Summer Theatre opens "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" in the Campus Center Arena Theatre at 8:30 p.m. tonight. The show also runs Thursday and Saturday, July 3 and 5, then reopens Tuesday, July 8, and runs through Saturday, July 12. All performances are at 8:30 p.m.

A vaudeville treatment and a touch of the circus will be evident in the madcap farce, according to the show's director/choreographer Doreen Dunn. She views the "message" of the production as "strictly entertainment" and adds that the arena staging of Otterbein Summer Theatre lends itself perfectly to this show.

Ed Vaughan, 1971 Otterbein graduate and current general manager of Country Dinner Playhouse, returns to revive the role of Pseudolus which he played in Otterbein's 1973 production of the same show. Last summer Vaughan appeared in Otterbein Summer Theatre's "Cactus Flower," "The Runner Stumbles," and as Elwood P. Dowd in the popular "Harvey."

Doreen Dunn, as a director/choreographer, has staged "Hello Dolly" starring Jean Stapleton, the Las Vegas production of "Fiddler on the Roof," and the Paris production of "Les Fantasticks." She directed and choreographed "Oh, Coward!" for Otterbein Summer Theatre in 1978.

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Ed Vaughan (top) is Pseudolus, John Ebner (middle) is Senex, and Richard Buckley is Hysterium in the Otterbein Summer Theatre production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Performances are set for Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, July 2, 3, and 5, and Tuesday, July 8, through Saturday, July 12, in the Campus Center Arena Theatre. Starting time for all performances is 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available 12:30-9 p.m. weekdays from the Campus Center box office.

woman show on legendary ladies which she does as an Affiliate Artist, and several television commercials.

Dr. Lyle Barkhymer, associate professor of music at Otterbein and conductor of the Otterbein Orchestra,

is musical director of the Production. David Hammond, an Otterbein College Theatre graduate, is set designer. he has recently been a designer for Players Theatre. Kathleen Lewicki, a member of the Otterbein College Theatre staff, is costume designer.

Joining Vaughan in the cast are Rich Tatgenhorst as Hero, Fontaine Follansbee as Philia, Richard Buckley as Hysterium, Michael Echols as Lycus, John Ebner as Senex, Linda Finnell as Domina, Jeff Garber as Miles Gloriosus, Carlyle B. Owens III as Erronius, Tammy Sager as Gymnasia, Janine Papin as Panacea, Susan Diol as Vibrata, Donna Williamson as Tintinabula, Ann Doering and Gwen Torry as the Gemini, and Bruce Marvin, Larry Sherwood and Roger Tackette as Proteans.

Tickets are available for "A Funny Thing happened on the Way to the Forum" at the Campus Center box office from 12:30 to 9 p.m. weekdays.

'Forum' opens Wednesday at Otterbein

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opens Wednesday and continues Thursday and Saturday, then reopens July 8 through July 12 at 8:30 p.m. in the Otterbein Campus Center Theatre.

The show is madcap farce based upon the Roman play by Plautus. This modern adaptation with music and lyrics by Tony Award winner Stephen Sondheim offers such memorable tunes as "Comedy Tonight" and "Everybody Ought to Have a Mind."

Doreen Dunn, director and choreographer, says the "message" of the show is one of "strictly entertainment."

The Otterbein Summer Theatre lends itself perfectly to the circus concept and vaudeville treatment.

Ed Vaughan, 1971 Otterbein College graduate and current general manager of Country Dinner Playhouse, returns to revive the role of Pseudolus, he played in Otterbein Summer Theatre's 1973 production of the same show.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" marks Vaughan's second consecutive summer as an actor with Otterbein Summer Theatre. Last summer he appeared in "Cactus Flower," "The Runner Stumbles" and as Elwood P. Dowd in the popular "Harvey."

Vaughan has appeared in many roles throughout past years at Otterbein. Best remembered include Oscar in "The Odd Couple," Chris in "All My Sons" and as the zany aunt in "Charley's Aunt."

He holds a master's degree in directing from the University of Connecticut and has toured with Martha Raye in "Everybody Loves Opal."

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credits include numerous Shakespeare roles, most recently Viola in "Twelfth Night" and a one-woman show on legendary ladies which she does as an affiliate artist. She has performed in several television commercials.

Dr. Lyle Barkhymer, associate professor of music at Otterbein, is musical director for the production. Barkhymer is conductor of the Otterbein Orchestra and has served as musical director for numerous productions at Otterbein.

David Hammond, an Otterbein College Theatre graduate, is set designer for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." He has most recently been a designer for Players Theatre.

Kathleen Lewicki, a member of the Otterbein College

Theatre staff, is costume designer for the show.

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Remaining cast members are Bruce Marvin, Larry Sherwood and Roger Tackette as Proteans, Tamyán Sager as Gymnasia, Janine Papin as Panacea, Susan Diol as Vibrata, Donna Williamson as Tintinabula, and Ann Doering and Gwen Torry as the Gemini.

Tickets are available at the campus center box office 12:30 to 9 p.m. weekdays.



Ed Vaughan, left, as Pseudolus and Richard Buckley as Hysterium "cart off" the lovely courtesan Vibrata, played by Susan Diol, in a scene from Otterbein Summer Theatre's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

Vaughan returns as guest professional

"A funny, happy diversion for the entire audience" is what Ed Vaughan, Otterbein Summer Theatre guest professional, is working to create in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the campus center theatre.

Vaughan, a 1971 Otterbein College Theatre graduate and currently with Country Dinner Playhouse, is recreating the lead role of Pseudolus. He originally played Pseudolus in the Summer Theatre '73 production of the Stephen Sondheim musical.

"We shall employ every device we know in our desire to divert you!" is a line Vaughan's character Pseudolus speaks in his opening monologue, and that is what Vaughan sees as the theme of this entire production.

"I enjoy this kind of show because it's strictly for the audience. It's meant to make

them laugh," Vaughan says. "This show is eight days of a good time for the entire company."

One of the challenges Vaughan has to cope with in recreating the same role in the same theatre is not to recreate the character the same. He believes he has been successful so far in keeping the "earlier Pseudolus" out of this production.

Vaughan feels that director/choreographer Doreen Dunn has brought a slightly different concept to the 1980 production than was used in the '73 staging directed by the late John Morrow.

Of course Vaughan has grown and progressed from

where he was in '73. His nearly five year association with dinner theatre has exposed him to a type of theatre with a primary goal he describes as "making people laugh, have a good time, and leave the theatre happy."

The past five years in dinner theatre have seen Vaughan tour with Martha Raye in "Everybody Loves Opal," stage manager at Country Dinner Playhouse and serve in several other administrative roles, including general manager with Cincinnati Beef 'n' Boards Dinner Theatre and Country Dinner Playhouse.

He moved into dinner

theatre work after receiving a masters degree in directing at the University of Connecticut where he worked with Arnold Moss, a professional guest star with Otterbein College Theatre in '64 and '79.

While at the University of Connecticut, Vaughan also directed a 600 man residence hall, a position he had prepared for during '71-'73 when he served as head resident of Garst Residence Hall at Otterbein.

Tickets for the five remaining performances of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" are available 12:30 to 9 p.m. weekdays from the campus center box office.



Ed Vaughan, center, is recreating the role of Pseudolus with Fontaine Follansbee, left, playing Philia and Rich Tatgenhorst, right, as Hero in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at Otterbein Summer Theatre.

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COMEDY TONIGHT — Fontaine Follansbee, Ed Vaughan, Rich Tatgenhorst will appear in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, a madcap musical of ancient

Rome. The Otterbein Summer Theater show featuring the remembered tune *Comedy Tonight* opens at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Campus Center Arena Theater.

Vaughan To Revive Role In 'Forum' At Otterbein

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum will bring ancient Rome to life with a touch of vaudeville in the next Otterbein Summer Theater production.

The Stephen Sondheim musical will open at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Campus Center Arena Theater. It will be repeated Thursday and Saturday and July 8-12 at the same time.

Ed Vaughan, an Otterbein alumnus and general manager of Country Dinner Playhouse, will revive the role of Pseudlus which he had in a 1973 Otterbein production of the same show.

Vaughan appeared last summer at Otterbein in *Cactus Flower*, *The Runner Stumbles* and *Harvey*.

Doreen Dunn, director and choreographer of the show, has staged *Fiddler on the Roof* in Las Vegas and *Hello, Dolly!* for Jean Stapleton. She directed *Oh, Coward!* at Otterbein in 1978. She is a graduate of Northwestern University.

Lyle Barkhimer, associate professor of music at Otterbein, is directing the music for the production. David Hammond is designing the set, and Kathleen Lewicki is costume designer.

Also cast in the show are Rich Tatgenhorst as Hero; Fontaine Follansbee, Philia; Richard Buckley, Hysterium; Michael Echols, Lycus; John Ebner, Senex; Linda Finnell, Domina; Jeff Garber, Miles Gloriosus; and Carlyle B. Owens III, Erronius.

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OPENING NEXT WEDNESDAY

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Guest professional Ed Vaughan returns to Otterbein in Summer Theatre for the madcap musical farce "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opening Wednesday, July 2, at 8:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Arena Theatre. The show continues its run Thursday and Saturday, July 3 and 5, then reopens Tuesday, July 8, and runs through Saturday, July 12. Vaughan recreates the role of Pseudolus, which he played in Otterbein Summer Theatre's 1973 production of the Stephen Sondheim musical.

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'Forum' starting at Otterbein College

Ed Vaughan, general manager of the Country Dinner Playhouse, will recreate a role he performed in 1973 for Otterbein Summer Theatre.

Vaughan stars as Pseudolus this summer in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at Otterbein. The musical comedy opens at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and continues through July 12 in the Campus Center Arena.

Vaughan, a 1971 Otterbein graduate, has appeared in other plays at his alma mater, including "Harvey" and "The Runner Stumbles."

"Forum" is directed and choreographed by Doreen Dunn, who staged a Las Vegas production of "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Hello Dolly," starring Jean Stapleton.