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The University of Dayton Players Present, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"

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DAYTON, Ohio, October 18, 1968 — "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" will open the 1968-69 season of the University of Dayton Players with two weekend performances, October 25, 26, 27 and November 1, 2, 3. This musical farce, based on a play by the second century B.C. comic dramatist, Plautus, is one of six productions scheduled at Boll Theater in the Kennedy Union.

The second production, "A Thurber Carnival", also has comedy as its theme but on the sophisticated level of the New Yorker magazine where its Ohio-born author, James Thurber, was an editor for many years. "Carnival" is scheduled for December 6, 7, 8.

Luigi Pirandello's "Six Characters in Search of an Author", which helped to win its Italian author the Nobel Prize for literature 34 years ago, is scheduled for February 14, 15, 16. Its theme is the enigma of personality and is as relevant today as it was when first produced. Characters in an unfinished play come to life and try to finish it.

"The Birthday Party" (March 29, 30, 31) scored its first success on the London stage in 1958 and placed its author, Harold Pinter, in the forefront of modern British drama. Theme of the play is the terror of insecurity.

Two years ago the U.D. Players adopted a policy of including one play for children. This season's offering is "The Beauty and the Beast" by Jesse Beers, Jr., May 6 through 10. Children's matinees are scheduled each day.

The sixth and last production is "U.T.B.U. (Unhealthy to be Unpleasant)" by James Kirkwood, June 13, 14, 15. The late New York Journal American rated it as having "overtones of 'You Can't Take It With You' compounded with the flagrant insanity of Olsen and Johnson."

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