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The University of Dayton Players Add Extra Performance to Schedule

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DAYTON, Ohio, March 12, 1970 --- The University of Dayton Players, as an extra in their 1969-70 schedule, will perform the U.S. Premier of Gunter Grass' *Highwater*, a translation from the German *Hochwasser*, Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Boll Theater. The translation to be performed is that of Dr. Robert C. Conard of the UD Languages Department.

Gunter Grass is not only one of the leading writers of Germany, but in the Western world as well. But while his novels the *Tin Drum* and *Dog Years* and the novella *Cat and Mouse* have become contemporary classics, his many dramatic works are virtually unknown outside of Germany. This performance of *Highwater* by the students of the University of Dayton will be one of the few productions of a dramatic work by Gunter Grass in this country. The closest thing to a Grass drama that has thus far been widely available on the U.S. stage is the very successful show *The World of Gunter Grass*, made up of selections from his plays and prose works.

*Highwater* is a play about the effects of a catastrophe on the lives of ordinary citizens. The characters are Noah, his relatives, their friends, and two rats. They are all absurdly involved in the rising waters of the flood suggested in the title. The absurd situation of the play provides Grass, through his characters, the chance to express some views on the nature of the state of the world that daily lives with the possibility of public disaster.

Tickets are $1.00 and may be purchased at the door or in advance at the Kennedy Union Box Office. For further information write: UD Players, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45409 or call: 229-2545.