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FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

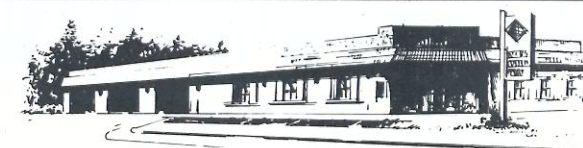
Oh woe is me . . . it seems it ends so soon. *Norman*, the last play for this season, followed by *The Ransom of Red Chief*, the children's play, and then my year as President will come to an end. As sad as it is for me, it's "down with the old, up with the new." The plays for next season have been selected: *The Odd Couple*, (female version), *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Gail West will be our new President and remember, 1500 members is our goal. Membership prices will remain the same (\$12.00 for adults, \$60.00 for a Sponsorship, and \$7.00 for students). Buy a membership, sell a membership to your friends, or give a membership as a gift.

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Director - Gaye Garner

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Gaye Garner

Red Mask chooses the plays it produces for many reasons, but the first and most important reason is for their entertainment value. We may be entertained by something which moves us to tears or to laughter or that which causes us to think. Red Mask constantly strives to reach us in all of these ways. Certainly, the last show moved us deeply emotionally and caused us to think about family relationships and aging. This show rounds out our season on a humorous, upbeat, laughter-filled note. We have a rather unusual young couple here, two homosexual young men, whom we can laugh with as they sort out their problems. The previously uninformed father of one of them adds this new worry to one he already has due to his wife running off with his brother. With all these problems, indeed by the subject matter itself, one might think that this must be a serious play. Nothing could be further from the truth. This is a comedy of relationships in which we can all see and laugh at our own foibles as we laugh with the characters.

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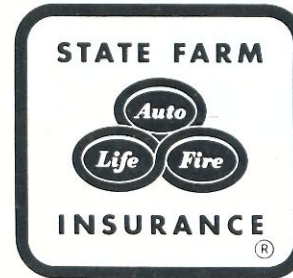
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DIRECTOR...

Gaye Garner

This is Gaye's first time as a director of a full-length play for the Red Mask stage. Gaye has directed one-acts, stage managed, acted and done all sorts of back stage jobs in school and community theater for many years. The pulling together of a wide variety of people into a real family as they work together is what draws Gaye back to this second home time and again. Gaye is a transplant to Danville 5 years ago and she has since married fellow Red Masker David. Her "real life" job is the practice of law as an assistant Public Defender.

PRODUCERS...

Duane & Carla Prentice

Though this is their first attempt at producing a show, being involved in community theater is nothing new to Duane and Carla. She was in her first Danville Light Opera show in 1975 and he in 1976. They met one another during *The Music Man* and later married. They have each been in a Red Mask show - Carla was in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* and Duane in *Night Watch*. She is a past board member of Danville Light Opera and Duane is currently serving as vice president of Danville Light Opera and is a past president. Duane is a salesman at Carter's Furniture and Carla is the manager of Gloria's, a newly opened shop at 1013 W. Williams. They have a son, Christopher.

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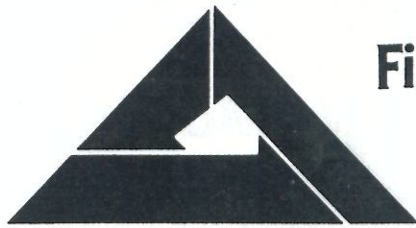
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CAST OF CHARACTERS . . .

Norman Chambers	Edward A. Van Duyne
Garson Hobart	Darrin Deck
Ben Chambers	Bob Tolliver
Mary	Cyndi Deck
Beatrice Chambers	Debbie Tolliver

THE TIME AND THE PLACE . . .

The action takes place in a New York apartment. The time is early October.

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	Scene 2	Later that Day
	Scene 3	Later that Night
Act II	Scene 1	Later that Night
	Scene 2	Several Days Later

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Larry Norton

This is Larry's first effort at being a stage manager after some scenery work and appearances in *Night of January 16th* last year and *I Never Sang For My Father* this year. "A dynamic cast and supportive crew make the job enjoyable as well as challenging." Larry is Materials Manager at Bohn Heat Transfer and his wife Gayle is office supervisor for Kelly Services. The Norton's have two children: Shay, a junior at Danville High, and Sherry, an eighth grader at North Ridge.



The cast of "Norman, Is That You?"



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ON STAGE . . .

EDWARD A. VAN DUYN (Norman Chambers): Tah-dah! This marks the debut of Ed's Red Mask performances. Ed assures us that his and Norman's interests aren't the same. "I don't dress windows and I sure don't date boys!" Ed is 20 years old, single, and in the "real world" is a computer programmer. His future plans include continuing his education in computer science until he is "discovered."

DARRIN DECK (Garson Hobart): This makes Darrin's 4th appearance at Red Mask. In addition to his onstage credits he has also worked as sound person and stage manager and serves on the Board of Directors. Darrin says this show "has shattered my life – the director is Gay(e) and my wife is a 'hooker' – no wonder I'm a homosexual." Darrin and wife Cyndi are also active with Sunshine II and Danville Light Opera. "It's good to keep her busy – it keeps her off the streets!"

BOB TOLLIVER (Ben Chambers): Bob, a two time Katy award winner, past president and current board member, has enjoyed acting in 11 Red Mask shows including *Harvey*, *The Impossible Years*, *Tribute*, *Deathtrap*, *You Can't Take It With You*, and *Cactus Flower*. This is the second show that Bob has been cast in the role of Debbie's husband. In *Deathtrap*, Bob looked forward to the moment when he caused Debbie's death. Bob says that the role of Ben comes naturally to him because he finds himself constantly arguing with Debbie. She is always wrong! Bob is an account executive at Danville Steel.



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ON STAGE . . .

CYNDI DECK (Mary): This is Cyndi's second performance at Red Mask. She played Nurse Halsey in *I Never Sang for My Father*. What a switch – from a nurse to a hooker! With a homosexual husband, can you blame her? (Her husband, Darrin is playing the role of Garson Hobart). When not at Red Mask you can find Cyndi and Darrin at Danville Light Opera, Sunshine II or at home with the phone off the hook! Cyndi is employed at Professional Marketers, Inc. in Savoy, Illinois.

DOROTHY (DEBBIE) TOLLIVER (Beatrice Chambers): Debbie has previously appeared in the Red Mask productions of *Curious Savage*, *The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild*, *A Majority of One*, and *Deathtrap*. She is also a member of the Red Mask Readers Theater group – The Amalgamated Unicorn. This is the second show that Debbie has been cast in the role of Bob's wife. In *Deathtrap*, Bob got to kill Debbie. In this show, Debbie makes him wish that he was dead. Debbie says the role of Beatrice comes naturally to her because she finds herself constantly arguing with Bob. He is always wrong! Debbie is the Head Librarian at the Danville Area Community College Library.

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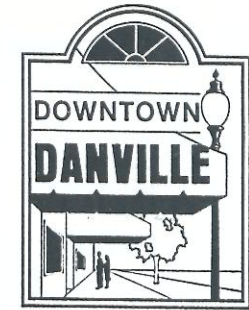
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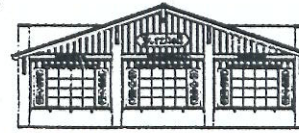


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