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The Odd Couple: Female Edition takes the stage at Hugo Young Theatre

EMMALEE LAMOLINARA
Reporter

The Ashland University Theatre Department is excited to announce that after being canceled due to the global pandemic, they are showcasing their production of *The Odd Couple: Female Edition* that will be performed this semester at the Hugo Young Theatre on Thursday, Oct. 1 – Sunday, Oct. 4. The play is about Florence Ungar, a neurotic neat freak, who is kicked out by her husband, so her good friend Olive Madison takes her in. As the show goes on, it follows how their relationship is with one another, their friend group and of course with the attractive men who live down the hall from them.

“I think this play is about how even though we may drive one another crazy with our quirks and different personalities, at the end of the day friendship and connection with one another is way more important than disagreements” Tiffany Sims says.

Tiffany Sims plays the role of Florence Ungar, “a compulsive neat freak. Despite having good intentions, she drives everyone crazy with her obsession with cleaning and organizing. She likes life to be predictable and stable, but when her marriage suddenly ends, her life gets turned completely upside down.”

Sarah Graham, and plays the role of Olive Madison. “Olive is a television news producer who lives in a New York apartment. She is a

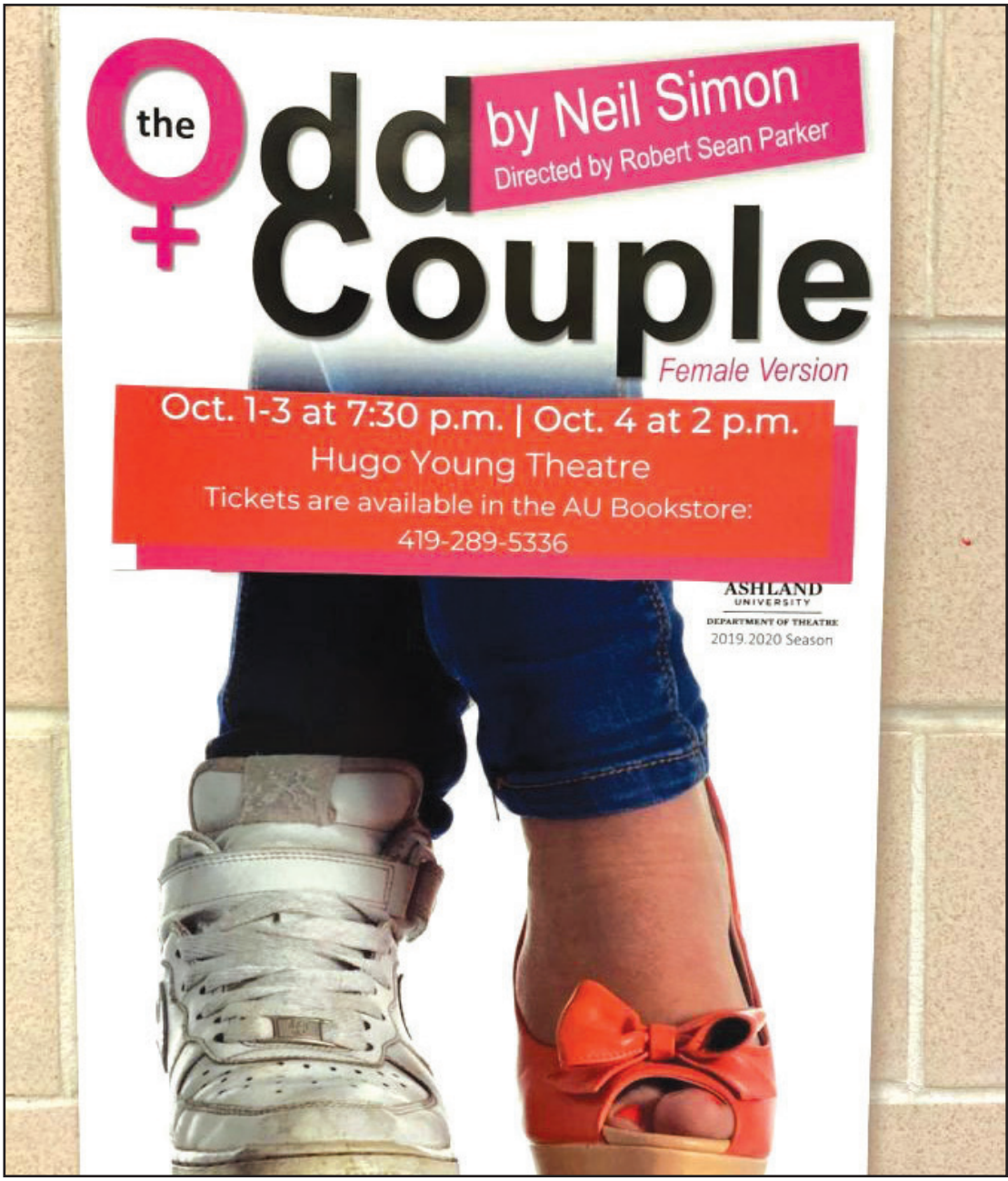
wise- cracking, intelligent, attractive skob who’s also a complete pushover for her ex-boyfriend. While she may make fun of them, she’s a good friend who really cares for those close to her ” Graham said.

Over the summer, Graham took steps to prepare for her role should they have been able to perform in the fall. “I read through the script every now and then to make sure I kept something fresh in my mind. I would also work through some of the scenes with my parents by giving them the script so they could read the other parts for me and I would try to memorize my lines.”

The cast and crew took many things into consideration due to all the guidelines needing to be followed due to the pandemic. For instance, “my character Florence, is such a neat freak, I’ll be spraying things down on stage with disinfectant spray. Where before Covid, I was just going to be polishing the furniture on stage, but we decided to incorporate some Covid cleaning practices within my character” Sims said. “We also had to completely start over our blocking for some scenes for the show so that everyone would be six feet apart while on stage” says Graham.

This semester, can also look forward to seeing the AU theatre department perform Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night* in November.

Tickets are available for purchase at the AU Bookstore or by calling (419) 289-5336.



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The Odd Couple Female Edition will be performed Oct. 1-Oct.4 at the Hugo Young Theatre.

Ashland MBA programs partner with DoorDash

DEAN PAOLUCCI
Reporter

On Sept. 9, the Ashland University Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs partnered with the food delivery company DoorDash to assist those involved with the programs in virtual learning.

The One-Year International MBA Program involves providing in-person classes on Saturdays for those working full-time jobs, including two international study tours. The program also provides breakfast and lunch during class sessions free of charge.

However, Ashland University and the MBA programs announced that all in-person would be suspended and that the programs would go to virtual learning. The situation put executive director of MBA Programs at Ashland University, Ronald Mickler, in a precarious situation.



SUBMITTED BY: RONALD MICKLER

The partnership with DoorDash makes Ashland University the first university in the state of Ohio to partner with the company.

“We were faced with the difficult situation of how we were going to provide meals to students,” Mickler said. “That’s one of the main features of this program. With keeping our students safety in mind for those in quarantine, that was how this partnership was born.”

Mickler said that all the students involved in the One-Year Inter-

national program will receive five hundred dollars in DoorDash credit while also receiving a free DashPass subscription, which those in the program will be able to use until graduation.

“Students with that five hundred dollar credit will be able to use it however they want,” Mickler said. “If they wish to use that money to

buy food for them and their families, they are more than welcome to do so. This is their money and they can use it however they want with DoorDash and their affiliates.”

The Dauch College of Business Administration is home to the MBA programs. (Dean Paolucci)

Mickler said that the only responses that the executive direc-

tor had heard were predominantly positive by those in and around the One-Year International MBA program. Mickler also stated that the main reason the program chose DoorDash was due in large part to the responsiveness of the company, something that Mickler stated other companies lacked.

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“It all depends on the feedback from the students,” Mickler said. “If they are not receiving the same level of responsiveness that I have received, we will not hesitate to look for a different vendor. If we go back to in-person classes, we may go back to our previous catering setup. There is still so much left to be determined and this whole pandemic makes this situation very fluid.”

Darrell Kick (R), State Representative for the 70th District

CHRISTINE JENKINSON
AU-Live Breaking News

Darrell Kick is the State Representative for the 70th District, which includes Ashland County, part of Medina County and part of Holmes County.

He is running for re-election and is making strides to get his name out to college students.

The coronavirus has pushed virtual traffic to Kick’s Facebook page, though Kick is still responding to letters and taking calls.

Kick bases his political views and philosophy on certain goals and beliefs.

“The Second Amendment is always being attacked, I didn’t realize

the First would be attacked. That’s frustrating. It’s hard to say what you really feel because you’ll be canceled,” Kick said.

Social Care is another special topic for Kick, especially fostering and adoption. Kick and his wife were foster parents. They have also helped with respite care, which is short-term relief for the primary caregivers of children, and have assisted in caring for children who age out of the foster system.

“As frustrating as it is in public office, I feel like I am called to be here. I have not regretted it one bit,” Kick said. “I love serving people and being that voice of reason.”

KICK’S PHILOSOPHIES

- STAY WITHIN THE STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.
- FIRM BELIEVER IN THE FIRST AND SECOND AMENDMENT. HE DOES NOT WANT TO SEE THOSE RIGHTS INFRINGED UPON.
- BELIEVES THAT THE 17TH AMENDMENT SHOULD BE UPHELD (U.S. SENATORS ARE APPOINTED).
- AGRICULTURE (WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS), FAMILIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES ARE VERY IMPORTANT.
- EDUCATION SHOULD ALSO FOCUS ON TECH AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.



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