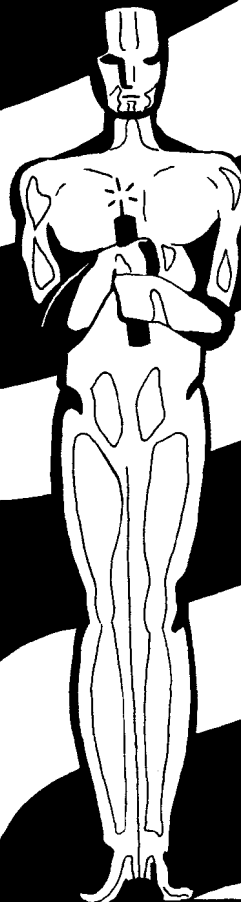


**GROVE PLAYERS presents U.T.B.U.**

**April 27 & 28, 1984—8:00 p.m.**

**April 29, 1984—3:00 p.m.**



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As the curtain falls on this our 47th season, we of Grove Players are proud of our heritage of providing the finest in "Family Entertainment." Since any organization is the sum of its members, that organization suffers proportionally to the contributions and stature of any member that leaves. The greater those assets, the greater the loss.

For the past 20 years, Irma and Chuck Balch have been stalwarts in Grove Players, contributing, in major proportions, more than time, talent, energy, and good cheer. Now that they are retiring and moving to San Diego, it is even more evident that their contributions are irreplaceable. There is really no appropriate way to express to them our appreciation, gratitude and love, but in honor and recognition of their highly valued friendship, we would like to dedicate this show to them.

When they leave sometime this summer, we will send with them our most heartfelt best wishes for health, happiness, and continued enjoyment from theatre, to both Irma and Chuck, in the nicest way possible; "break a leg!"

## Synopsis Of Scenes

**The Time is the Present, The City is New York.**

The Action Takes Place in the U.T.B.U. Office & The Manhattan Apartment of J. Francis Amber Overlooking the East River.

### ACT I

Scene I A Morning in Early Fall

### INTERMISSION

Refreshments are served in the lobby. **NO SMOKING** in the building, please.

### ACT II

Scene I The Afternoon of the Same Day

Scene II The Next Afternoon

## Grove Players presents U.T.B.U. *Unhealthy To Be Unpleasant*

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

## Cast (In Order of Appearance)

Madge Kempton	Jamie Lomax*
William Uggims	Richard Albright
Anastasia Amber	Melissa O'Brien*
Shirley Amber	Judy Seeley
J. Francis Amber	Robert Vonderohe
Connie Tufford	Carleen VanderKoy
Eugene Boyer	Larry Lauder
Valerie Rogers	Nancy J. Niebur
Miss Blank Rogers	Ann Jennings
Jimmy Newton	Jim Hoover*

## Production Staff

Director	Judy Hamontre
Assistant Director	Joan Nielsen-Ralph
Producer	Robert Vonderohe
Set Design	Melody Danley
Lighting Designer	Richard Ralph
Crew	Joe Gerlach, Ken Slauf, Kari Coventry
Stage Manager	Mardelle Vonderohe
Crew	Ed Danley
Properties Chairmen	Carter and Jean Lamb
Costume Coordinator	Elaine Albright
Crew	Judy Hamontre, Mardelle Vonderohe
Publicity Director	Joan Nielsen-Ralph
Crew	Melody Danley (Artist), Larry Lauder, Theresa Lauder, Richard Ralph, Terry Choate
Ticket Chairman	Carleen VanderKoy
Tickets/Box Office	Arthur VanderKoy
House Manager	Irma Balch
Make-up	Karen Weber-Slauf
Set Construction Chairman	Chuck Budach, Theresa Lauder
Crew	Dick Albright, Chuck Balch, Irma Balch, Kari Coventry, Ed Danley, Melody Danley, Rich Gannon, Carol Hansen, George Hanson, Ed Jacot, Carter Lamb, Larry Lauder, Theresa Lauder, David Michaels, Nancy Nieber, Joan Ralph, Andrea Seeley, Jenny Seeley, Judy Seeley, Tom Seeley, Carleen VanderKoy, Arthur VanderKoy, Bob Vonderohe
Hospitality Chairpersons	Cathy Gerlach, Nanci Gross, Theresa Lauder, Karen Weber-Slauf
Sound	Wally Kurtz
Photography	Terry Choate
Special Effects	Larry Lauder, Richard Ralph

\* New To Grove Players

## Acknowledgements

John Lafayette  
Edith Manley

Thank you for not taking flash photos during the performance. The audience is invited on stage to meet the cast and crew after the performance.

# Who's Who

**Judy Hamontre (director).** Along with this production, Judy has also directed "Count Dracula" and "Annie Get Your Gun" for Grove Players. She is on the faculty at Downers Grove South High School and has directed, choreographed and technically directed over 75 high school productions. Along with her directing talent, Judy has also appeared as Amy in "Company," Minnie Fae in "Hello Dolly" and as Maggie in "The Man Who Came To Dinner."

**Joan Nielsen-Ralph (assistant director).** Joan last assistant directed "Pirates of Penzance." Most of her activities with Grove Players involve doing costumes, properties and helping her husband do lights. She also serves as Publicity Chairman and is a Grove Players Board member. Joan is an engineer for General Foods.

**Melody Danley (set designer).** As a free lance artist, Melody lends her talents to the group in many ways. Many of the posters and program designs for the past three years have been hers. She has also helped design costumes and was co-set designer for "The Man Who Came To Dinner."

**Richard Ralph (lighting designer).** U.T.B.U. is the fifth show that Rick has designed lights for since joining the group three seasons ago. He says the key to good lighting is a little imagination and finding a good crew. Set construction and miscellaneous tasks keep him busy too. Rick is waiting for the right role to play on stage but if you happened to catch the 4th of July show you may have seen him trying out his acting as the man lost in New York City.

**Mardelle Vonderohe (stage manager).** This is a first for Mardelle after producing three shows, being costume chairman and in the cast of other shows. She is on the faculty at Downers Grove South High School and was last seen on stage as Mrs. Stanley in "The Man Who Came To Dinner." The stage manager runs the show tonight, so sit back and enjoy; Mardelle is in charge.

**Carter & Jean Lamb (properties chairman).** Carter and Jean are dedicated Grove Players members. Carter has had numerous roles with us and with other community groups. Jean was ticket chairman for many years but has changed responsibilities and is now the group's treasurer. Collecting all the show's props and insuring the actors have them is a hard job. We're glad this dynamic duo does it right.

**Elaine Albright (costume chairman).** Rather than having the actors play the show in the nude, Elaine graciously agreed to coordinate the costume committee. She is a past costume chairman and house manager. Music is a main interest to Elaine; she has had the leads in the "Music Man," "Sound of Music," and "Hello Dolly."

**Chuck Budach & Theresa Lauder (set construction).** Chuck's name has appeared over and over in these programs for set construction and set designer as well as for numerous roles on stage. Chuck most recently designed our exceptional "Deathtrap" set. Theresa shared in the duties by recruiting members to join in the set construction crew. Theresa was assistant director for "Deathtrap."

**Richard Albright (William Uggins).** Dick is a favorite of our various directors and we are sure he will be a favorite of yours after U.T.B.U. Recent Grove Players roles include King Sextimus in "Once Upon A Mattress," Sheridan Whiteside in "The Man Who Came To Dinner," and Elwood P. Dowd in "Harvey." His credits extend to various choruses and dramatic roles. Director, stage manager, set construction crew, and board of directors are all positions in which he has served Grove Players. Dick and his family live in LaGrange Park.

**Robert Vonderohe (J. Francis Amber, producer).** Bob holds just about any of our production positions—leading man, producer, technical assistant for set design, and set construction crew member. How many can he do at once? We are not sure. Stage credits include Sir Harry in "Once Upon A Mattress," Count Dracula in "Count Dracula," and Father Kelleher in "Catch Me If You Can." Bob is Grove Players' President. He and his wife Mardelle reside in Downers Grove.

**Judy Seeley (Shirley Amber).** After the big job as producer of our last production, "Deathtrap," Judy has shifted gears stepping into her role as the feisty, but failing grandmother. Judy always supports Grove Players filling roles on and off stage in choruses for various musicals, properties, publicity, etc. She and her family live in Downers Grove.

**Melissa O'Brien (Anastasia Amber).** This is Melissa's first role for Grove Players. She is a junior at Benet Academy where she is already compiling lots of acting credits including Bensinger in "The Front Page," a jury member in "The Witness For The Prosecution," and Ida (the maid) in "See How They Run."

**Carleen M. VanderKoy (Connie Tufford).** Last seen as an excellent Ruth in our 1982 production of "Pirates of Penzance," Carleen brings an extensive background in music and theatre to Grove Players. She has been in community theatre since the age of 10 and has been singing since age 12. Chicago Children's Theatre, Society of American Women's Clubs, Mac Dowell Artists, and Chicago Symphony Chorus (seven years) are all organizations Carleen has been active in.

**Jamie Lomax (Madge Kempton).** Jamie takes on this role as her first since a student. However, she has directed a number of high school productions including "Winnie The Pooh," "Just The Two Of Us," "The Verdict," and "Plaza Suite." She is on the Lemont High School faculty as a speech teacher and drama coach.



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**Nancy Nleber (Valerie Rogers).** Nancy has been active in community theatre for some time but just recently in the Downers Grove area with us. She made managing the house at Lincoln Center for "**Deathtrap**" look easier than it really was. The orchestra was where Nancy was found in "**Once Upon A Mattress**" and she was the Dark Witch in "**Dark Of The Moon.**" She holds the position of Recreation Supervisor for the Downers Grove Park District.

**Larry Lauder (Eugene Boyer).** Larry designed and directed lighting for Grove Players' last production, "**Deathtrap.**" He's been active on technical crews for the last two seasons. This is Larry's first major stage role, although those who attended the 4th of July show remember him as Lassie and the detective in "**The Costume Caper.**" Larry and his wife Theresa reside in Downers Grove.

**Ann Jennings (Miss Blank Rogers).** Ann has had theatre training at Goodman Summer Theatre Workshop and Cherry County Playhouse. Her credits include Lisa in "**David & Lisa,**" Edna Summey in "**Dark Of The Moon,**" Tillie in "**Effect Of Gamma Rays On Man In the Moon Marigolds,**" at South High School, Grove Players, and Cherry County Playhouse. Ann has assistant directed, assistant stage managed, and worked set and light crew to round out her background. She is a Downers Grove South High School Senior.

**Jim Hoover (Jimmy Newton).** Jim is a natural for the part of Jimmy Newton, having studied piano for ten years and being assistant organist at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. He has been in the choruses of "**Nouveau**" and "**Pippin,**" and the jailer in "**Voltaire and the Witches,**" all for Carnegie-Mellon University. Jim is an editor at Inter-Varsity Press.



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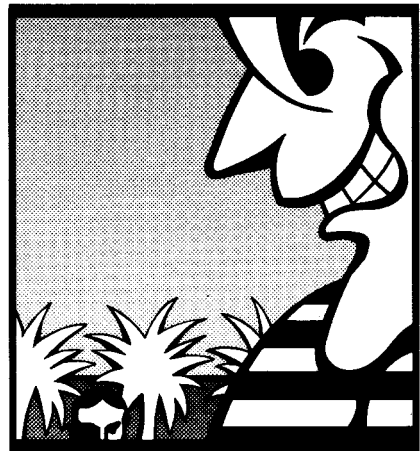
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