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Jefferson College Players  
Joe Wilson, Director

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Ron Cowen

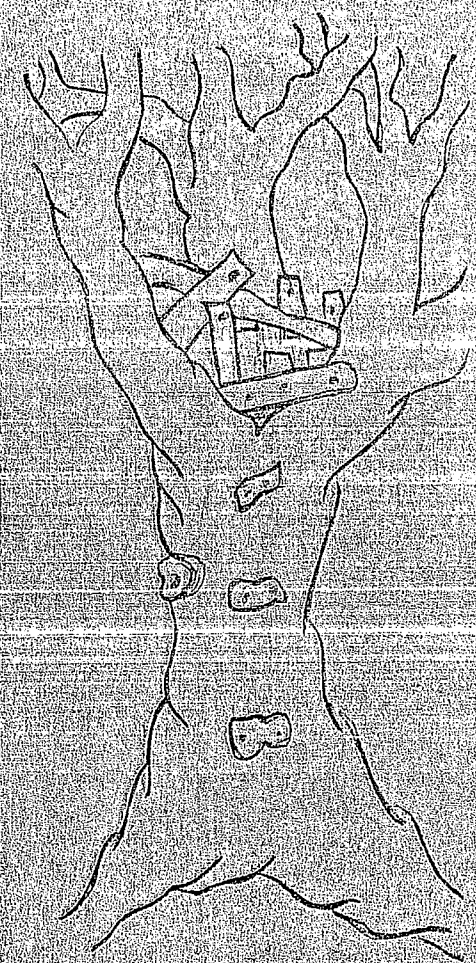
Nov. 5, 6, and 7, 12, 13, and 14  
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Curtain time 8:15 p.m.

Jefferson College Little Theatre

Production Staff

Scene Design	Joe Wilson
Costume Design	Linda Larson
Set Construction	Bob Crespi
	Darlene Boehm, Nell Davidson, Terry Brooks, Ken Taylor, Denton Wain, Gayle Fasnut, Frances Schlereth, Terry Hensley, Carol Gregory
Student Assistant	Roger Fowler
Sound	Roger Elstiot Bill Pagano
Lights	Gayle Fasnut Denton Wain, Patil Day
Properties	Denton Wain Roger Fowler, Norma Basch
Costumes	Gilda Tyler Nell Davidson, Carol Gregory, Linda Larson
Propidity	Kay Penniston Norma Basch, Sheila Hoffmeister
Usher	Phyllis Phillips
	Norma Basch, Dick Harper, Ron Miller, Bob Clark, Bern Perin, Brenda Queen, Mary Dean, Louis Platt, Kathy Eades, Terry Hensley, Carol Briley, Donna Moutray
House Manager	Kay Penniston
Coat Check	Ron Miller Jeanette Stapleton
Box Office	Linda Woods Denton Wain
Reservations	Judy Westfall
Program and Poster Design	Bob Clark



## SUMMERTREE

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### The Author

Ron Cowen, now twenty-four years old, achieved instant success as a playwright with *Summertree*, his first full-length play. This work received the Vernon Rice Award in 1968 as the best off-Broadway Drama of that year.

The play is concerned with the problems and fears of young people in today's uncertain world. In a most unique way, *Summertree* expresses joy in the good things of life and at the same time makes a powerful indictment of the seemingly senseless waste and personal devastation of war.

Although the author primarily presents the attitudes of the Young Man, through the other characters we can also see the opposing points of view. Thus, there is something for most everyone to respond to, both positively and negatively.

Finally and simply, Mr. Cowen presents quite candidly a play that, because of its powerfully dramatic housing, must make a moving impression on those who see it.

Young Man  
Girl  
Mother  
Father  
Little Boy  
Soldier

Greg Dorshorst  
Frances Schlereth  
Darlene Boehm  
Terry TenBroek  
Barbara Crespi  
John Moore

### Cast of Characters

Plan now to attend the next Jefferson College Drama Department production. On December 4 and 5 a Reader's Theatre production of Kahlil Gibran's *The Son of Man* will be presented. The script has been adapted and will be directed by Miss Linda Larson.

*Summertree* is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

### Synopsis

By the use of simultaneous settings and a series of flashbacks the Young Man is seen in his own backyard, in his bedroom at college, and on what we may assume to be a Vietnam battlefield.

Going backward and forward in time, the action of the play is mostly what happens in the mind of the Young Man as he surveys his life up to this particular afternoon. His memories show his relationships with his well-meaning but materialistic father, his loving but possessive mother, and his compliant but unsentimental girl friend. The Little Boy represents in effect both the Young Man as a boy and the hero's little brother. The Soldier helps spell out the true location of this summertree.

*There will be a ten-minute intermission between acts. The audience is invited to meet the cast in Lecture Halls 1 and 2 following tonight's performance for refreshment.*

### Acknowledgments

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