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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT PERFORMS IN EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PLAY

CHARLESTON, IL--Tracy Lockwood, daughter of Jerry and Linda Lockwood of Plainfield, was recently selected to perform in an Eastern Illinois University theatre production of "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," by Paul Zindel.

"...Marigolds," winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the Obie Award, and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, is Paul Zindel's play about an embittered, vindictive widow and her two young daughters.

In the play, Lockwood portrays Nanny, a boarder who is "utterly wrinkled and dried, perhaps a century old. Time has left her with a whisper of a smile--a smile from a soul half departed."

Lockwood, a senior early childhood and elementary education major, is a 1988 graduate of Plainfield High School.

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