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### SMITH IN "BIRTHDAY PARTY" CAST

CHARLESTON, IL--Michael Smith, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Allen Smith, live in Charleston, is responsible for props in

Eastern Illinois University's production of "The Birthday Party."

"The Birthday Party" by Harold Pinter is one of the most celebrated plays of modern times. It is a story of a fugitive whose life depends upon how well he can fool his captors. Set in England, the play is part suspense drama, part comedy and part political intrigue.

ADD 1/1/1/1 SMITH

The Eastern production is directed by Jerry Eisenhour, with the set design by C.P. Blanchette, both of whom teach in Eastern's Theatre Arts Department.

Smith, a 1990 graduate of Charleston High School, is a freshman theatre arts major.