

## "Godspell" is back

Eastern Illinois University Summer Theatre Company '82 is now in rehearsal for "Godspell", the modern musical adaptation of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Acclaimed by clergy, critics, educators and audiences in the U.S. and other countries for its joyful message, loving spirit, youthful exuberance and simple sincerity for the past eleven years, "Godspell" will mark its second appearance on the Eastern stage.

The musical as first produced here by Summer Theatre Company '75 and played to six sold-out performances enjoyed by nearly 2,000 audience members.

Also marking a return to the stage is Bill Nicholls, the young man who plays Jesus in the production, who garnered excellent reviews in the same role.

"Godspell" is being

directed by B.G. Gabbard with musical direction by June Johnson. C.P. Blanchette and Nancy Paule are arranging the set and costumes, respectively.

Performances are scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. July 9 in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center and continue through July 14.