

EIU returns to Theatre Festival

CHARLESTON — Eastern Illinois University will return to the American College Theatre Festival Jan. 12, after cleaning up at the regional competition last year.

This year's entry is Moliere's *The Doctor in Spite of Himself*, starring Elwyn Webb. Like last year's big winner, *Seduced*, the play is directed by E.G. Gabbard.

Doctor will be up against five plays from the Midwest at the competition, which is to be held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Jan. 12-16. Scheduled are *The Trojan Woman* by

Illinois Wesleyan University, *Hay Fever* by Illinois State University, *The Elephant Man* by Northwestern University, *Pippin* by the University of Wisconsin — Stevens Point and *Quilt Pieces* by Southern Illinois University.

This year's festival critic will be Marilyn Stasio, theater critic for the New York Post.

After winning best play at the regional competition last year, *Seduced* became one of six plays in the nation to be invited to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.