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## A Word From The Bard

Readers' Theatre presents "As You Like It" Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

# Originality To Be Tested In 'As You Like It' Play

Though Shakespeare's works are centuries old and have been produced a countless number of times, the theatre arts department is pumping new juice into their fall production.

According to Raymond J. Schneider, director of the Readers' Theatre Production, several new approaches are being taken towards the Bard's funniest spoof on country life and love.

**ONE OF THE** newest innovations is a modern dance choreographed by a member of the cast. Judy Bartlett, graduate student from Mattoon, will present a modern dance version of the wedding that takes place at the end of the play.

Her dance will be done to a reproduction of the music of the period in which the play is set.

Another approach in the field of music will be the character. Amiens, played by Greg Highland, who will sing several English madrigals throughout the play. Two of these are "Under the Greenwood Tree" and "Blow Blow Thou Winter Wind."

**THE SCENERY**, designed and

built by Peter T. Vagenas, technical director, will tend to be non-realistic. A great many of the effects will be produced by lighting and coloring.

Gay, medieval arches will give the stage the effect of a festive or carnival atmosphere. A part of the scenery will be projected into the audience, and lights will cleverly be used to give an impression of the forest of Arden.

A third aspect of the project of creating new approaches will be in the costumes designed by Douglas Koertge.

**IN ELIZABETHAN** times, the actors wore their modern day dress with some addition such as a shield to show what type of character was being portrayed and the period of the play.

For the play to be presented here at Eastern, the actors will wear modern day clothing with some addition such as a cape or ruff that will fit the character.

**IN THIS TYPE** of theatre, there is hardly any stage action except that which the actor leads the audience to imagine.

"As You Like It" will be presented at 8 p.m. Nov. 4 and 5 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. Tickets may be obtained at the box office. All students are admitted free upon presentation of their student ID's.