FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.....

THE LARK, a skillful interpretation of the Joan of Arc story, by Jean Anouilh, directed by Gerald Sullivan, is the upcoming production of Eastern Illinois University's Theatre Arts Department. Opening Friday, February 15 at 8:00 pm, THE LARK will also be presented February 16, 22, and 23 at 8:00 pm, and February 24 at 2:00 pm.

Anouilh has placed his Joan in the center of a fascinating group of characters and has created for THE LARK a thoughtful medley of pathos, wit and vulgarity. As the play opens, Joan of Arc is in the presence of her judges and, as the questions continue, the episodes of Joan's life become the play.

The cast of THE LARK includes: Joe Allison, Jewett; Robert Armstrong, Burbank; Nancy Bitters, Champaign; Reece Brink, Lombard; Debbie Dare, Mt. Vernon; Jane Diercks, Sparta; Bob Dodd, Springfield; Richard Doherty, Midlothian; James Dowling, Paris; Sam Dyess, Kress, Texas; Susan Farwell, Belleville; B.J. Heft, Decatur; Barry Johnson, Charleston; Jim Kleckner, Decatur; Jan Lamos, Woodstock; Jon Malkovich, Benton; Connie Martinson, Rock Island; Michael McAssey, Wheaton; Bill Oye; Patrick Richardson, Lerna; Linda Rosenthal, Naperville; George Rowe, Franklin (cont.)
Park; Gerry Scogg; Anne Shapland, Champaign; Scott Stanley, Wheaton; Michael Vassen, Westville; Michael Welsh, Mattoon; Evan Williams, Washington. Jane Boyer, Charleston, is stage manager and assistant to the director for THE LARK. Connie Martinson is assistant stage manager.

Under the technical supervision of Clarence Blanchette, the setting is by Nancy Paule, Belleville, and the light design is by Marti Fagin. Costumes are designed by John Keough.

Reservations for THE LARK can be made at the Fine Arts Ticket Office, open 1-5 daily, beginning February 11, or by phoning 581-3110. Tickets are $1.50 for adults, 75¢ for children, and 50¢ for EIU students.