

# Theater group holding open auditions for new play

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The University Theater will hold open auditions for "Once More Unto the Breach," an original script written by Eastern student Robert Caisley.

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in the Playroom at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Theatre Arts professor C.P. Blanchette is set to direct the performance.

The play features four characters and it revolves around their ability to cope with one character who has Hodgkin's disease, which is a neoplastic disorder characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes.

Cailey, a senior theater arts major, arrived at Eastern just this semester after attending Rockford Community College.

Cailey said he chose Eastern for a couple reasons. One reason is he had friends already attending, and the second reason is he

holds Eastern in high esteem, calling Eastern "a theater mecca and the hub of the Midwest."

This is the 21-year-old Cailey's first attempt at drama. He said he is, by nature, a poet and hopes to get a book of poems published soon.

Caisley said the play is about the two voices of struggle, "the truculent (fierce) side and the lighter side."

Although the play is a drama, Caisley said it is spiced with comedy.

"It started as a comedy, but comedy just doesn't work with cancer (as a subject matter)," Cailey said.

Not only did Cailey write the play when he was at Rockford, but he also acted in, starring in the original production.

"Acting," Cailey said, "is my first passion," calling himself a better writer than he is an actor.

The script is being produced to benefit the Theater Arts Scholarship Fund and has been entered as a participating entry in the

American College Theater Festival.

Auditions are open to everyone. Those people interested in auditioning must prepare a three to five minute humorous, but not farcical, monologue, Cailey said, noting that the monologue can help gauge the person's ability.

Performances of "Once More Unto the Breach" are slated for 8 p.m. October 24 to 28 with a 2 p.m. performance on October 28.

For more information call 581-3110.