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A modern Gothic tale of a man trapped by agents of an inexplicable retribution, will be told in the Eastern Illinois University Theatre's next play, "The Birthday Party," a highly reputed success. It is to be presented April 18,19,25,26, and 27 in the Fine Arts Theatre, with Robert Bacon, Bob Dodd, and Dan Dailey heading the cast.

"The Birthday Party" has been written by Harold Pinter, the British author also of "The Caretaker," "The Homecoming" and other plays bearing his special brand of tantalizing, nameless menace, enigmatic mockery, laughable absurdity. Pinter has become famous for his elliptical manner of writing plays, in which inscrutable non-sequiturs and vaguely identified characters diffuse a grotesque sense of ominous dread, while also evoking laughter by their absurdity.

You won't want to miss this comedy of terrors, tickling the funnybone with the feather of the apparently common-place, jolting the emotions with mystery and menace when it opens April 18. See it!

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