

EIU theatre to present 'Crucible'

CHARLESTON, Ill. — Eastern Illinois University Theatre in Charleston will present "The Crucible," by Arthur Miller Feb. 16, 17, 19 and 20 beginning at 8 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Theatre.

The play is directed by Gerald Sullivan, with settings and lighting designed by Bill Bielby, and costumes by John Keough. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children.

The Crucible tells how small lies — children's lies — build and build until a whole town is aroused, and 19 men and women go to the gallows for being possessed of the devil.

Miller wrote the play in 1953 as a parallel to the alleged political witch-hunting of Sen. Joseph McCarthy. The play was revived by the Lincoln Center Repertory Theatre in 1972 and the New York critics felt it was even more timely nearly 20 years after its first Broadway production.