

Comedy Scheduled at Eastern

CHARLESTON — Two of the best-known nobodies in stage history are the subjects of the comedy "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead", to be presented at Eastern Illinois University Oct. 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 19.

They are the old school chums of Shakespeare's Hamlet, minor figures in the classic tragedy but the leading characters in this re-

interpretation by British playwright Tom Stoppard. The play was a hit in New York and London in 1967 and 1968.

Jim Davis and Kevin T. Kelly will portray the immortal stooges, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, who are mysteriously called to Elsinore to jolly up Prince Hamlet and get his mind off his father's murder.

On their way to Elsinore they encounter a troupe of bedraggled strolling players—the players who later are to "catch the conscience of the King". Stephen D. Griffith will be seen as the Mephistophelian leader of the troupe, with Eddie Eldred, Frank Calo, Michael Drake, James E. Evans, Lafayette Wilson and John Hightower portraying other players.

E.G. Gabbard is directing the comedy for the University Theatre with C.P. Blanchette as scene designer and Cindy Russell as costume designer.

Tickets will be available at the Fine Arts Ticket Office beginning Monday, Oct. 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. daily.