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USI THEATRE GETS FESTIVAL BID

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Both of USI Theatre's fall productions -- *More Fun Than Bowling* directed by Elliot Wasserman and *Buried Child* directed by Steven Williford -- have been recognized for excellence by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Executive Committee, based on recommendations by ACTF adjudicators who attended and critiqued the two plays.

The USI productions were among 140 entered from Region III (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin). The USI theatre faculty have been invited to present a scene from either production at a regional festival to be held January 6-9 at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Winners in eight regional competitions are selected for noncompetitive national showcasing at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Williford said the staff agreed to present a scene from *Buried Child*. In addition, they will take 16 USI theatre students, the largest USI group to date, to participate in workshops and seminars and see the other productions.

Four of the students -- Darla Burlash, Gary Conder, Jack Jones, and Christina Ulrich -- were selected by the ACTF adjudicators to enter competition for the National Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship. The male and female winners from each region go to Kennedy Center, where national male and female winners are selected. The scholarship carries both monetary and professional reward, since the "Evening of Scenes" competition at Kennedy is viewed by directors, producers, and casting agents.

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Jack Jones, 1201-A First Street, Evansville
Christina Ulrich, 5411 Happe Road, Evansville