

USI THEATRE TO PRESENT
THE TIMELY *ANTIGONE*



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The war in the Middle East and the Eastern European struggle for democracy makes Jean Anouilh's *Antigone* a timely presentation for USI Theatre.

The play originally was staged in Paris in February 1944 when, like the political climate of the Sophoclean *Antigone*, the French capital was filled with unrest and uncertainty due to the German occupation of France. Anouilh used *Antigone* to construct an indictment of the Nazi political machine, but the brilliance of his play is found in his ability to create sound arguments for both sides of the issue -- state rule vs personal or individual rights.

In an effort to insure production of the play, Anouilh created a Creon -- the state representative -- whose superior intellect and keen skills in debate enabled him to investigate the intricacies of the issue with finesse; the Nazis found in him a learned dictator and champion of dictatorial rule. At the same time, Creon's brutal tactics were identifiable with Hitler's thugs; the French resistance could find inspiration in the plight and character of Antigone. Anouilh's dynamic treatment deals with the anxieties of war and political unrest, as well as the struggle for peace and human understanding.

Steven Williford, director of theatre, is directing the production. David Angle and Darla Burlash, USI Theatre veterans, have the lead roles of Creon and Antigone in the all-student cast (see back side for listing). Alan E. King, assistant professor of communications, is designing sets and lighting, while Evansville native Pat Tapp, who recently completed graduate work at Brandeis University, has joined the group as costume designer.

The play will be presented at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, February 26-March 2, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at USI Theatre, 3001 Igleheart. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students, with special rates for groups of 12 or more. Call 812/464-1734 for tickets or information.

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USI THEATRE - cast for *Antigone*

David Angle, 1414 Ewing, Evansville
Darla Burlash, RR 2, Frankfort Indiana

Jeremy Beck, 7300 Oakdale, Newburgh, Indiana
Theresa Burnell, 223 Lucretia, Oakland City, Indiana
Gary Conder, 331 1st, Oakland City, Indiana
Cris Cunningham, 931 Joan, Evansville
Elizabeth Dietsch, 30 W. Sunrise, Evansville
Shane Foster, 6633 Kolb, Evansville
Wendy Knipe, 2801 Brittany, Evansville
Tom Kough, PO Box 6350, Evansville
Leslie McKibben, 408 E. William, Washington, Indiana
Randy Murray, 1107 Bryan, Evansville
Tiffany Schriber, 2355 Trail, Evansville
Daniel Uhde, RR 2, Rockport, Indiana