'It's Raining' starts Oct. 5

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If you have passed by the Performing Arts Center lately and thought the marquis looked like it hadn't been changed since last spring, you are wrong, but you are not crazy.

The performing arts department is preparing to do a revival of last spring's hit "It's Raining In My House" from Oct. 5-9.

According to Dr. Suzanne Dieckman, the department decided to perform the revival again because of the great responses they received from audiences last spring.

"Since it is the American premiere of this script, we are going to enter it in the American College Theatre Festival," Dieckman said.

Dieckman said she became interested in the play while she was on sabbatical in Brussels, teaching at the National Theatre Institute. While visiting a professional theatre there, Dieckman said they were rehearsing "It's Raining" under the direction of Pierre LaRoche, the original director.

"I was strongly influenced by his work because he was the original director, the one who brought this play to life," Dieckman said. "We have a connection with the theatre in Brussels. I feel it is part of an international exchange program.

"This is the first time this play has been presented here. We have the playwright, Paul Williams, and the composer of the original score coming to Omaha to work with us."

The only changes this year are the addition of a new cast member, Kevin Lawler, who will replace Judson Jones in the role of Herman. Jones is now a first-year medical student.