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An Open Letter to the Illinois State University Community
from Ron Dow, Guerrilla Theatre Troupe Coordinator:

Guerrilla Theatre began in March 1992 (over 17 years ago). I have had the pleasure of coordinating the troupe for the last 13 years. During that time, the troupe has had 243 members. The troupe had 419 performances and reached over 48,641 people.

Guerrilla Theatre has become an integral part of the campus, freshmen orientation, and other programming efforts. The troupe began with a mission to create change through the use of theatre and music. Seventeen years later, we (as a campus and a world) still face many of the same problems. What has changed, however, is that many individuals were touched emotionally by being at a performance or through participation in the troupe. The world may not have changed a lot, but some individuals have.

It is with all of this in mind that I sadly inform you that Guerrilla Theatre will not be operating this year. Guerrilla Theatre's future after this next year is unknown. One of my favorite quotes is from Dr. Seuss who said "Don't cry because it is over. Smile because it happened." The decision to suspend Guerrilla was not an easy decision. This decision had nothing to do with the troupe or the effectiveness of the program. Our performance requests continued to grow every year I was here.

Feel free to contact me or other staff in Student Counseling Services if you have other questions. However, one of the reasons that Guerrilla Theatre will not be operating this year is that I will be leaving the university soon. I will try to get this information out to everyone I can before I leave, but please pass it on to others that you work with, especially if you work with people who would normally request a Guerrilla Theatre performance.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Dow