

Theatre Spotlight

BY MIKE SCOTT

THE EARLY GIRL

Caroline Kava's *The Early Girl* had the opening night audience in a state of shock! All that talk about "sucking and fucking," but what would you expect from seven working girls in a Midwestern house of prostitution? I got a big kick out of it! These girls work hard for their money and can make as much as \$20,000 a month. The top girl of the month gets a great gift from the madam and everyone is happy. The bottom girl becomes the early girl and gets the leftovers. There's not much action on the early shift so these ladies try their hardest to be "number one." Caroline Kava has done her homework and this play rings true.

Director Allan Miller gets the most out of his girls: Denise Gordy, Kim Lankford, Morgan Lofting, Siobhan E. McCafferty, Lisa Pelikan, Debra Sandlund and Tracy Shaffer, but it's Miss Kava's script that keeps the action flowing. One of the more interesting plays to hit Los Angeles in a long time!

Back Alley Theatre, 15231 Burbank Boulevard, Van Nuys. (818) 780-2240, thru September 27th.

