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WKU Western Players

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Western Players presents a reading of

from George Bernard Shaw's

*Man and Superman*

Wednesday, March 13, 1963

7:30 P.M.
NOTES

In the third act of MAN AND SUPERMAN John Tanner, the play's approximation of the superman, falls asleep in the mysterious Sierras of Spain. He dreams ("This is a strange country for dreams.") and his dream is of Don Juan in Hell—Don Juan who is bored and revolted by Hell and who carries on a philosophical discussion about Life, death and Man with the Devil, a deceased Spanish nobleman and his newly arrived daughter. In this imaginary dialogue we run across questions which bothered Shaw all his life: the real relation between man and woman, between life and death, and the emptiness and artificiality of conventional morality and respectability. The piece is also typical of Shaw's unique wit and masterful conversation. Typical too is the enigma posed for the audience as to who in the dream Shaw wishes us to believe or admire. Even at the end when Ana raises her cry to the universe, we cannot be sure that he is not ridiculing her and everything that Don Juan stands for as well, just as he has had Juan debunk any other view. Perhaps the last word on this dialogue can be but that its manner pleases by sharpness and its theme provokes by inconclusiveness.

Adapted and Directed by
John H. Adams

THE CAST

Don Juan . . . John H. Adams
Dona Ana . . . Mary Ellen Pitts
The Statue . . . . Walter Jacobi
The devil . . . . . . E. G. Monroe

Production Staff

Lighting . . . Joe Williams
Publicity . . . Judy Averitt
House Committee. Jean Lyle

Janet Brooks
Judy Averitt
Ann Downing

Jean Curtis

Credits

Sharon Stanley We wish to thank Dr. Thomas Stone and Mr. Bennie Beach of the Music Department, Dr. Marvin Russell of The Physics Department, Mr. Rhea Lazarus, the Registrar's Office, and Larry Siria for the loan of various equipment and assistance; and the Park City Daily News, the College Heights Herald, and the Nashville Tennessean for publicity.