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DULUTH--George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan", under the direction of Robert Spanabel <sup>is</sup> being readied for a three-day engagement, Feb. 8-9-10, in UMD's Main Theatre with Ely's Shirley Klun cast in the leading role.

It marks the Theatre's first production of the winter quarter and Spanabel's "first major production" since arriving at UMD.

Miss Klun appeared in "Tall Story" while attending the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis in addition to high school roles. This is her first role at UMD.

"Shaw treats her(Joan) as a tragic heroine, which she is," said Spanabel. "And unlike the sentimental treatment given her by Maxwell Anderson("Joan of Lorraine")

"This is one of the great plays of the Western theatre," said Spanabel. "To me its a tragedy just as "Death of a Salesman" is a tragedy. . . just as "The Crucible" is a tragedy."

"Saint Joan" is a lengthy production-- $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Spanabel emphasized that brief intermissions would be utilized to cut down on time. In addition, curtain time will be 8 p.m. instead of the customary 8:30 p.m.

Ray Karkkainen, Duluth, will portray The Dauphin. He last appeared on the UMD stage as a deaf mute in "Madwoman of Chaillot".

Thom Peterson, Duluth, will lend his extensive experience to the roles of Captain La Hire and Brother Martin Ladvenu while Chuck Lundeen, a Duluth freshman, makes his UMD debut as The Inquisitor and Bertrand de Poulengy.

William Sonnenberg, Duluth, who played P.H. Lawrence in "I Rise In Flame, Cried the Phoenix," one of three fall one-act productions directed by Spanabel, returns as Robert de Baudricourt and Peter Cauchon, Bishop of Beauvais.

Richard Hossalla, Duluth, takes the part of Richard de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick. He also appeared in a Spanabel one-act, "This Property is Condemned".

Other cast members include:

William Nordstrom, Duluth (Steward, Assessor); Peter Thompson, Duluth (Bishop of Rheims); Rob Roy Ekstrom, Duluth (Mgr. de la Tremouille, Executioner); Jim Specht, Duluth (Court Page, Assessor); David Sapp, Duluth (Giles de Rais, De Courcelles).

Nancy Lee Maxim, Wrenshall (Duchess de la Tremouille); Bob Williams, Duluth (Dunois' Page, Executioner's Assistant); Robert Cohen, Duluth (Chaplain de Stogumber); Horace Stover, Duluth (Warwick's Page, English Soldier).

Dave Fedo, Duluth (D'Estivet); Tom O'Roarke, Duluth (An English Soldier, Knight); Jerry Romundstad, Duluth (A Gentleman of 1920, Knight, Assessor); Sid Slabodnik and Suzanne McDonald, both of Duluth (Ladies).

The set has been designed by Fred Meitzer with Mrs. Robert Spanabel handling the design and making of 41 costumes for the 21-member cast.