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Several newcomers to the theatre demonstrated their ability in filling difficult roles. Combine this with excellent performers of the past, and a fine director, this production was a fantastic success.

Perhaps the finest perform-

ances of the evening were given by the Rustics. With Oliver Mattas playing the role of Bottom, Wilbur Decker as Quince, Harrison Hamlin as Flute, Rick Torgeson as Starving, Robert Horak as Snout, and Peter Hurec as Snug, this sextet not only held the production at a peak, but drew wide acclamation from the audience.

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Keeping the general theme of the show couldn't have been handled better than the performances of George Rhymestine in his role as Oberon, and Pamela Swartz as his fairy queen, Titania. The lighting and general effects of the Sprites and Fairies (Pat Cheek, Paula Stetts, Carol Kupko, Marie Marcotte, Ron Fertile, George Rosenfelter, Ed

Hoffman and Mike Remaley) made these scenes most effective.

Robert Marasa and Franca Moody as Theseus and Hippolyta respectively, brought the show back to the realistic in a very adequate manner, while Thomas O'Brian brought forth the stereotype Philostrate. William Price was a forceful Egeus. His projection was always excellent, making for a diversified cast of characters.

Cast as the confused lovers were Paula VanHorn as Hermia, Mark Wallace as Demetrius, Donald Swartz as Lysander and Doris Geringer as Helena. Miss VanHorn contributed a fiery characterization with interesting tone combinations. Mark Wallace demonstrated an acute stage presence which added greatly to the overall production. Donald Swartz kept many scenes alive with his amusing, terse sentences. Some of the finest verse in the show was delivered by Miss Geringer.

Technically, costuming and lighting must be considered the finest features of the show. The costuming was done by Mrs. Hazel Ray Ferguson and Claudia Wasko. It was a great topic for discussion at intermission. Remarks were made ranging from "beautiful," to "The finest I have ever seen." At least it must be the best costumed show in years and perhaps in the history of the college.

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PRODUCTION STAFF

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| MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT | Frank Vaughn |
| CHOREOGRAPHY | Pat Cheek |
| STAGE MANAGER | William Roy Price |
| ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER | Victoria Andrus |
| PRODUCTION MANAGER | Harry Callahan |
| LIGHT DESIGN | Robert L. Peace |
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| WARDROBE MISTRESS | Claudia Wasko |
| HAIR STYLES | Lynn Thompson |
| PROPERTIES | Pamela Swartz |
| HOUSE MANAGER | Douglas Dow |

COSTUMES AND MAKE-UP

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| Janice Siciliano | Pamela Swartz |
| Joanne Capirchio | Thomas O'Brian |
| Ann Logue | Delores Zarate |

STAGE CREW

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| William Dean | Harold Markley |
| Jackie-Jo Enlow | Arthur Schwieder |
| Ann Logue | Betty-Jo Shaffer |

CONSTRUCTION CREW

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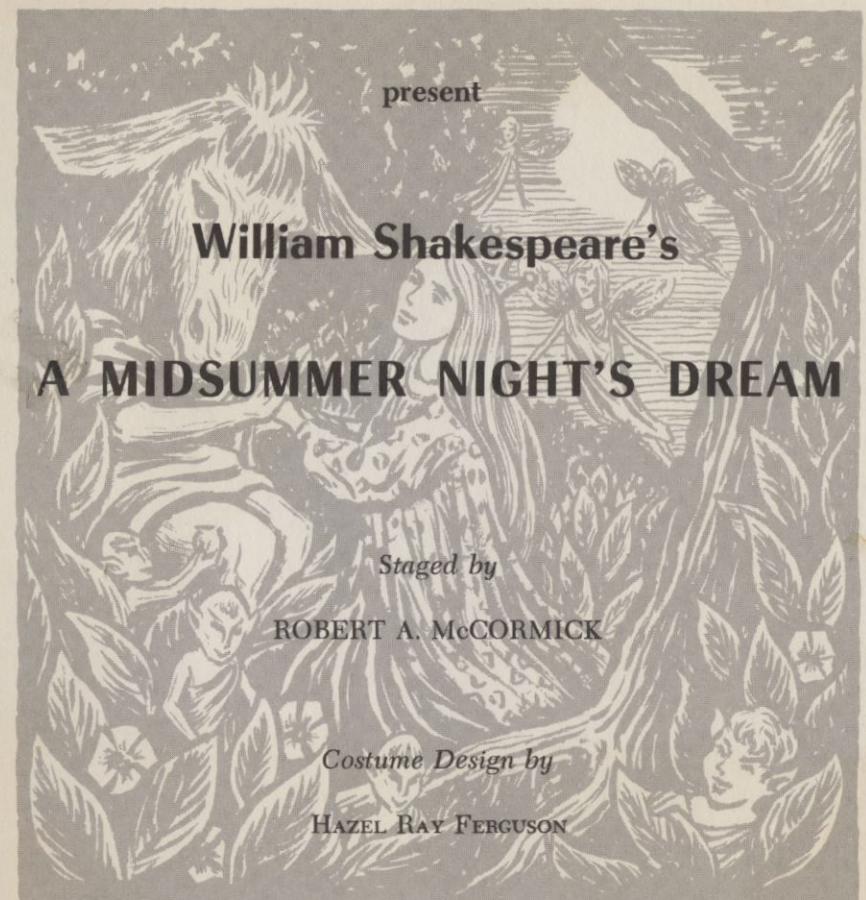
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LOCK HAVEN STATE COLLEGE



PRICE AUDITORIUM

MARCH 24 AND 25

1965

8:15 P.M.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(In Order of Appearance)

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| THESEUS | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Robert Marasa |
| HIPPOLYTA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Franca Moody |
| PHILOSTRATE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Thomas O'Brian |
| EGEUS | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | William Roy Price |
| HERMIA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Paula Van Horn |
| DEMETRIUS | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Mark Wallace |
| LYSANDER | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Donald R. Swartz |
| HELENA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Doris Jean Geringer |
| QUINCE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Wilbur Decker |
| BOTTOM | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Oliver Mattas |
| FLUTE | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Harrison Hamlin |
| STARVELING | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Richard Torgeson |
| SNOUT | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Robert Horak |
| SNUG | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Peter Hudec |
| FAIRY | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Pat Cheek |
| PUCK | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Ricardo Reyes |
| OBERON | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | George D. Rhymestine |
| TITANIA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Pamela Swartz |
| SPRITES & FAIRIES . . . | | | | | | | | |
| | Paula Stetts, Carol Kupko, Marie Macotte, Ronald Fertile, | | | | | | | |
| | George Rosenfelder, Ed Hoffman, Mike Remaley | | | | | | | |

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