

Reports on Independent Due Tonight

Reports on the Independent, newsletter for independents, will be presented to the Association of Independent Men Board of Governors at 8 tonight in 102 Willard Hall, according to William Shifflett, president.

Melvin Rubin, secretary of AIM and chairman of the publication committee, said he has asked "three or four" persons who represent differing opinions on the publication to give reports. Rubin said recommendations concerning the Independent will be made after the reports are presented.

Two opinions cited by Rubin are that the Independent should print only the minutes of council meetings, and that no matter what the cost the publication should be suspended so the money can be used for recreational purposes.

Investigation of the Independent and the subsequent report were prompted by a motion Nov. 19 by Thomas Kidd, parliamentarian, to suspend publication. Kidd then asked to have the motion tabled until the next meeting, Dec. 4. At the Dec. 4 meeting, Kidd received permission to withdraw the motion.

Kidd said he introduced the motion because he knew that possible suspension was under consideration and that he wanted the Board of Governors to be able to give the motion careful consideration.

La Vie Junior Board Lists 46 Promotions

Forty-six students were promoted to junior board of La Vie recently, according to Jacqueline Becker, managing editor.

They are Jane Albrecht, Walt Back, Grace Bickelhaupt, Joan Chapman, Carolyn Carey, Mary A. Catino, Robert Cox, Elsie Devlin, Lynn Duffenderfer, Carol Duritsa, Sally Eisen, David Fishburn, Nancy Gemmill, Janice Gladstein, Herman Golomb, Alma Gratz, Gwen Griffith, Henry Guilian, Eleanor Hennessey, Ronald Isenberg, June Jarman, Joyce Johnson, Richard Kirschner, Kay Lang, Ronald Lench, Joanne Lob, Nancy Lusk, Joan Maher, Jean Marohnic, Beverly Morgan, Alice Murray, Shirley Musgrave, Charity McClellan, Ilene McKenzie, Leota Nash, Eleanor Nicastro, Frank Nowak, Dorothy Pennick, Donald Pripstein, Jane Reber, Harry Shank, Shirley Stuckey, Ruth Townsend, Ethel Wilson, Jane Yahnnes, and Sidney Ziff.

Miss Becker said new office hours for members of the La Vie staff will be announced.

Professor's Stolen Car Found in Punxsutawney

The automobile stolen last Friday belonging to Professor of History A. G. Pundt has been reported abandoned in Punxsutawney, Capt. Philip Mark of the Campus Patrol announced yesterday.

The car, a blue and grey Henry J., was stolen from the parking lot behind Sigma Nu between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

TODAY'S WEATHER

FAIR AND Milder



Folk Dancers



—Photo by Boyles

SCHUHPLATTLERS, a Bavarian dance group, express their love in a "Dance of Courtship" at the Splinterville Review, presented last night in the TUB by the Barons, Nittany-Pollock social organization.

'Splinterville' Revives Oldtime Vaudeville

By CHIZ MATHIAS

The ghost of the old-time Saturday matinee at the local vaudeville house was revived last night when the Barons, Nittany-Pollock social organization, presented the third annual "Splinterville Review" in the TUB.

About 300 enthusiastic students poured into the ballroom of the TUB to witness the informal variety show.

Making no pretense at professional entertainment, the cast relaxed with the audience and had an hour's fun through seven skits of singing, dancing, and impersonations.

Dances Tell Story

The program started out in high gear with two folk dances, "Hau-shamer" and "Dance of Courtship" by the Schuhplattlers, Bavarian dance group. The authentic folk dances were handed down by generations of Alpine folk in Europe who gathered every year to try and out-do each other in folk dance festivals.

The dances tell the story of an Alpine youth's love for his highland lass. As a symbol of this love he risks his life to climb a high peak in the Alps to pick a delicate "Edelweiss flower" to give his maid. While in the mountains he encounters an "Auerkand" bird which claps his wings and struts wildly about to win a mate. The youth decides to use the same tactics to win his love.

Participating in the colorful dances were Warren Hommas, Elizabeth Byrem, Samuel Bolan, Lilly Elander, Duane Holm, Janice Holm, Robert James, and Martha Darlington. Accordionist Gus Greyhasky accompanied the dancers.

Steal Spotlight

Emceed by Randolph Wertz, third semester student in bacteriology, the bill continued with clarinet soloist, Donald Haas playing "Five Foot Two," "After You've Gone," and "Margie."

Thespians, Thomas Dennis and Philip Lang stole the imaginary spotlight with their impersonations of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis impersonating Bing Crosby (Continued on page eight)

Synge's Tragedy On Stage Tonight

John Millington Synge's high tragedy "Deirde of the Sorrows" will be presented at 7:30 tonight and tomorrow at the Little Theater in Old Main by Yvonne Voigt, graduate student in arts and letters, to fulfill requirements for her master's degree.

Free tickets for tomorrow night's performance are available in the Dramatics office in Schwab Auditorium. Robert D. Reifsnieder, associate professor of dramatics, is adviser.

Froth on Sale Today

Froth will be sold today at all circulation points on campus and at the Corner Room. This month's exchange issue features stories from other college humor magazines.

'Grain' Contest Now Underway

A contest requiring the submission of an analysis of some aspect of grain marketing trade is open to all undergraduate and graduate students.

Rules for the contest, including the prescribed form of the manuscripts and the basis for judging, may be found on the bulletin board of the Horticulture Building.

The contest, consisting of 14 prizes ranging from \$25 to \$300, is sponsored by Richard F. Uhlmann, president of the Uhlmann Grain Co. and the Chicago Board of Trade.

MacRae Committee Ceases Operation

William L. Werner, chairman of the special faculty committee which was formed to press for the reinstatement of Wendell S. MacRae, said yesterday that the work of the committee was at an end.

The group is no longer organized and can do nothing to secure back pay for MacRae, Werner said.

MacRae was reinstated as publications manager in the department of public information Dec. 7 after a more than four-month-long fight for his reinstatement by the Werner committee and other groups. MacRae was dismissed Aug. 28 because he was not certifiable as loyal as required by the state Loyalty Oath Law, known as the Pechan Act.

His reinstatement came after a report by Earl G. Harrison of

Truman Calls Defense Cut 'False Economy'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—President Truman said today it would be "false economy" to cut the nation's multi-billion-dollar defense buildup in order to reduce taxes.

Without mentioning Soviet Russia by name, the President said the United States is confronted by "a potential enemy that is very hostile and very powerful."

Four Fined In Action By Tribunal

Four students were fined \$1, 19 students were issued \$1 suspended fines, and two warnings were made last night in actions taken by Tribunal.

Handling a rash of cases involving students who brought cars to campus Nov. 24-25, the period between the Penn State-Pitt football game and the start of Thanksgiving vacation, Tribunal set a policy under which \$1 fines were invoked but suspended and a first offense listed. In the event of a second offense, the fine is subject to recall.

Members of Tribunal declared that this policy may not be followed in the future. When students bring cars to the campus for short periods, temporary parking permits should be secured from the Campus Patrol, they stated.

Tribunal took no action in two cases pending further investigation of the circumstances involved.

A recommendation to issue a permit to a student who, for physical reasons, can not be exposed to inclement weather was made to the Campus Patrol.

Warnings were given to two students who did not incur violations large enough to warrant fines.

Members declared that at the end of this semester a reevaluation of the new parking system will be undertaken. The Campus Patrol has continually conducted parking surveys in an effort to insure maximum use of facilities, which are limited. Students were warned that, in order to make the new system work, Tribunal may be more stringent next semester. With student cooperation, members declared, the campus parking situation may be eased.

Fruit Cake Sale

Phi Upsilon Omicron, home economics honorary, will hold a fruit cake sale 1 to 4 p.m. today in the Home Economics Living Center. Members of the honorary baked the cakes the first week of December. Two-pound cakes are \$2.25, and one-pound cakes are \$1.15.

"And that potential enemy," he said, "is putting a far greater proportion of his national product into the building of military strength, year after year, than we are."

Addressing the Alumni Association of the Armed Forces Industrial College, the President did not say whether he was opposing the budget reduction promised by President-elect Eisenhower. The latter declared during the campaign that sizable savings can be made in the spending for national security "and these savings can be made without reduction of defensive power."

Truman scoffed at unnamed critics who say the defense program is too big for this country to carry. He said they use such words as "national bankruptcy," "economic collapse," and "the crushing tax burden."

"I say to you very seriously that our present defense mobilization program does not even approach the limit of what our country could do if we had to," Truman said.

"Nevertheless, there has been a great deal of talk about the country's so-called inability to continue a defense program of the magnitude of this one.

"That is very dangerous talk, because it could conceivably lead this country to a decision to cut back the defense program to a point below the minimum needs of our national security."

The President's prepared text was given out in advance. Reporters were not admitted to hear him deliver it—indicating that he may have talked off the record on some points not included in the text.

With a touch of pride, Truman staunchly defended the policies he has charted during his years in the White House.

Blue Key Raises Display Awards

Prizes in the Nittany-Pollock window display contest have been raised to a total of \$30, John Flanagan, representative of Blue Key, sponsoring organization, announced.

The money will provide a \$15 prize to the winning dorm in each area. Judging will be done at 7:30 tonight by J. Y. Roy, assistant professor of fine arts; Milton S. Osborne, professor of architecture; and John Laubach, All-College president.

Glee Club, Chorus To Carol Tonight

The men's Glee Club will combine talents with the Women's Chorus for Christmas caroling on campus from 9 to 11 tonight.

The caroling tour will begin with serenading at the women's dormitories and the Infirmary and continue to fraternity houses on campus.