

SRO Audience Witnesses Foods Ring of Tradition Poet's Authentic Autopsy

By ROCHELLE MICHAELS

Archibald MacLeish presented an "authentic autopsy" of his generation to a standing-room only audience of students in Schwab last night. The program was sponsored by the University Lecture Series.

MacLeish saw six phases in his "autopsy," beginning with the "disillusioned young soldier of the first world war" and ending with the decade of the sixties "when we are all dead." For each period, he read selections from his works.

The interim years were the twenties, characterized by the "expatriots living in Paris." "Although," he commented, "when I was in Paris I didn't know I was an expatriot until I began reading about it in books." The period of the "well-turned radicals" followed in the next decade. "This is the time when we formed attitudes that are now deplored by our betters, or at least by our critics," MacLeish explained.

The "eve of the second world war" prompted the poet and politician to read his version of "Brave New World." MacLeish explained that at the time of his writing this poem he felt a "wrongness in the reaction of my contemporaries" to the events in Europe. "A wrongness, alas, that is still with us," he philosophized.

"The days of McCarthy" was the fifth of MacLeish's autopsy phases. It was immediately followed by old age, "when we are almost dead" and then the decade of the sixties "when we are dead."

MacLeish spent a large portion of his 90-minute lecture and poetry-reading discussing Ernest Hemingway and his mysterious death. "What was important about Hemingway was

that he was a very great artist and he did move from a sense of annihilation toward a sense of forlorn so that 'each man's death did truly diminish him'."

"Hemingway's greatness was that he seized upon the time and held it still and gave it meaning," MacLeish concluded.

By CAROL KUNKLEMAN

Being home at Christmas means many things to students looking forward to vacation, and few will deny that one of these is the traditional festive foods they will be served for the holiday.

According to Dr. Miriam A. Lowenberg, head of the department of foods and nutrition in the College of Home Economics, most Pennsylvanians still carry on the traditional eating customs of their ancestors.

"The tradition may be varied," she said, "because groups have standardized or mixed their customs with another cultural group, so that now there is a

blending instead of a pure custom," but most customs are still evident.

Because Pennsylvania is a kind of "melting pot" for various cultural groups, she said, it is hard to point out a distinct food that is typical for the state. However, she added, certain cultural groups are more predominant than others and so are more associated with Christmas dishes.

"I would say that the two main groups are the Central Europeans, who live in the coal-mining and steel areas of the state, and the Pennsylvania Dutch, who inhabit Lancaster and the eastern part of the state," she observed.

Of the Central Europeans, she said, the Lithuanians are one of the most-represented peoples. To this group, the pig and its products figure largely on Christmas menus.

"A typical Christmas menu consists of soup—clear beet bouillon or mushroom soup; roast suckling pig with sauerkraut, pan-roast potatoes and baked apples; a spring salad with sour cream, and apple-

cake," Dr. Lowenberg said.

To the Czechoslovakians, carp is the traditional Christmas Eve dish, while roast goose adorns the Christmas Day table, she said.

Not to be outdone in the pastry line, all people of Slavik extraction usually tempt visitors with dainty kolacky (small nut or fruit-filled rolls) and vanočka (braided coffee cake).

To the Pennsylvania Dutch, roast goose or duck, green kale or sprout, Christmas cakes and candies are signs of the fast-tempting aspect of the holidays, according to Dr. Lowenberg.

"Although the Christmas tree originated in Germany and is traditional in almost every home today, the real symbol of Christmas to the Germans is animal-shaped cookies," she said.

Images of animals were made by cutters because the Germans no longer ate or sacrificed animals for the occasion, she explained.

Christmas is also a season dear to the hearts of all Scandinavians, Dr. Lowenberg said, and it is at this time that the Swedish housewife puts forth (Continued on page six)

Graduate Student News

GRAD COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

David Donohue, graduate in petroleum and natural gas engineering from State College, has been elected president of the Graduate Student Council.

Richard Hedrick, graduate in elementary education from University Park, was elected vice president.

The remaining slate of elected officers includes Mary Lou Selker, graduate in clothing and textiles from Clarion, secretary and William Ryon, graduate in business administration from University Park, treasurer.

Dr. Fred Kniffin, associate professor of marketing, was appointed advisor for 1961-62.

Council representatives are as follows: Agriculture—Jodie Whitney; Business—Albert Aftoora; William Ryon and George Swartz; Chemistry-Physics—Robert Peterson; Education—Jean Beaumenderfer, Richard Hedrick and Bertha Wakin; Engineering—John Corrigan; Home Economics—Virginia Campbell, Lillibelle Redman and Mary Lou Selker; Liberal Arts—James Sieber; Mineral Industries—David Donohue, Syed Raza and David Vaughan; Physical Education—Ethel Docherty.

Merrill Melnick and Richard Rivenes; Grange Hall—Blair Martin; and Irvin Hall—Harvey Schmelter.

Several colleges have unfilled representative's seats on the Council.

Two representatives must still be elected from Agriculture, Chemistry-Physics, Engineering and Liberal Arts.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED

The Council announced that a mixer is planned next term and that bridge and chess activities will continue as in the past.

Graduate students interested in the Square Dance Club should contact Phoebe Harris at AD 7-4381.

Anyone interested in athletic activities, such as softball, should contact Jodie Whitney at AD 7-2300. Graduate students are also eligible for such activities as the Penn State Outing Club and the Nittany Grotto.

GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER Antony Werner, outgoing treasurer of the Graduate Student Council spoke out for the provision of a Graduate Student Center.

The increasing number of graduate students on campus and (Continued on page twelve)

Constitution--

(Continued from page one) an, answered Hill's statement: "In America, the democratic system is that of direct representation. You naturally run a gamble of getting no-good people. I don't believe your system is representative of democracy in America. It seems to parallel the system of democracy in the Soviet Union."

The constitution approved by the interim government will be reviewed by the joint University Senate Committee on Student Affairs and Organization Control on Thursday.

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HILLEL CALENDAR

Friday Evening Services

Speaker: Dr. Allen Rogers

"Report from Russia"

8:00 p.m.

Hanukah Latke Party

Sunday Morning — 10:30 a.m.

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Miss Marty Lansberry

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