

Severo Ballet Dances Campus 'Nutcracker'

The Detroit Severo Ballet will make its first appearance on campus at Oakland University, Sunday, Dec. 20, with performances of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" scheduled at 2 and 5 p.m. in the Little Theatre, Rochester.



TO BE ARABIAN DANCER
Natasha Markovich

Tickets for both performances are already sold out. The Christmas classic has become a tradition as choreographed by Mme. Severo. The music for children and parents was introduced in 1892 at the Imperial Opera House of St. Petersburg, Russia.

Ivan Allen, a leading dancer with the Metropolitan Opera Company, will star in the roles of the Snow Prince and the Sugar Plum Cavalier. A former student of Mme. Severo, Allen joined the American Ballet Theatre Company, and after a successful tour of Russia in 1960 was elevated to the position of premiere danseur.

He has appeared as soloist with the Ballet Nacional de Venezuela and the Andre Eglesky Ballet and numerous television shows. Last year he made his Broadway debut in Noel Coward's "The Girl Who Came to Supper."



SHE'LL GO SPANISH
Sally Sanders

Salad Days Arrive

Mix together one pint of cottage cheese, one-quarter cup crumbled blue cheese and two tablespoons chopped pimento. Chill the mixture. Serve on a bed of crisp lettuce leaves.

FROM THE BOOKCASE

Behind-Election Tale Proves to Be a Loser

A FLAG FULL OF STARS by P. Robertson, Doubleday, N.Y., 1964; 210 pp., \$5.95.

Reviewed by
MARION TRAINOR

The time was Nov. 2, 1948, Election Day. A day of history. A day when the underdog from Missouri was elected President of the United States over the man on the wedding cake.

Around this event in contemporary history, Robertson has written a sprawling, rambunctious, kaleidoscopic novel which covers two days in time and 510 pages of print.

In a "Grand Hotel" approach, he trains his peripatetic lens on several characters in various sections of the country who have one interest in common—the national election.

THE BOOK is a series of "takes"—sheets torn from teletype machines which stamp out stories complete with time and distance, except that here we are kept informed of the progress of each character rather than news events per se.

We are rushed back and forth from Chicago to Hollywood, from New York to Georgia, from Vermont to Ohio to keep abreast of the antics of characters like Paul Weber, a small-time Chicago gambler who bets his \$700 stake on Truman at 10 to 1; Donores Free, a movie star ready to make any sacrifice to save her brother from the clutches of the Un-American Activities Committee; Donald Caldwell, Cleveland newspaperman who has been maneuvered into betting his cherished bachelorhood on the outcome of the election and Charlie Oesterricher, son of the outcast king, whose wife is a lush and whose teen-age daughter escapes by eloping with a subsidized beatnik-type poet.

THERE ARE others who flash through the narrative but we see

Residents Attend Institute Dinner

Birmingham - Bloomfield area residents attended a dinner honoring benefactors of The Detroit Institute of Arts Monday in the Great Hall of the museum.

Following cocktails and dinner, guests previewed "The Institute Collects," which opened to the public the following day and is continuing through Jan. 3.

From the Birmingham - Bloomfield Hills area were benefactors Mrs. James A. Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Winston, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Donovan (Representing the Detroit Grand Opera Association) and Mr. and Mrs. Benville Wheat (Representing the McGregor Fund).

Trustees attending included localities Mr. and Mrs. William H. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Engel, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Shenefeld, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford C. Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. Alan W. Joslyn and Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Laidlaw.

Soprano, Husband Will Give Recital In Six Languages

Soprano Diana Henry will present a recital in six languages at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in Oakland University's Little Theatre. She will be accompanied by her husband, Clive Henry, instructor of music at Oakland in Rochester.

A recent graduate of Indiana University's School of Music, Mrs. Henry has had musical experience in a variety of national idioms. She is pianist as well as vocalist.

In addition to numerous recitals at Indiana University, Mrs. Henry has recorded a collection of Serbian songs for Columbia Records and has performed in Chicago's International Cafe and elsewhere.

MRS. HENRY'S first Michigan appearance will present a fare representative of many different musical styles and forms. The first half of the program will feature arias by Mozart, Wolf and Dvorak and five Greek songs by Ravel. The second half will include two songs by Benjamin Britten and be concluded with Bach's Wedding Cantata.

Henry was appointed to the Oakland faculty in the fall of this year. Prior to that, he studied at Indiana University where he received a master's degree in music education. He is a native of northern England and received a bachelor's degree in music, history and English from the University of Sheffield.

The Henrys' performance is part of OU's Concert Lecture series and is open to the public. There is an admission charge.

Warm Grapefruit Topped with Cheese

Cut a fresh grapefruit in half and loosen sections. Crumble American blue cheese on top and broil just until blue cheese begins to melt. Serve warm.

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them in a blinding glare. They are never clearly illuminated.

We scarcely have time to focus on one when we are rushed on to another. We are shown a lot but we see little. The book spins and so does the reader.

However, the author has captured a great deal of the spirit of the time—the straight-down-the-middle attitudes toward the election—and no veering to the left or right.

THERE IS much emphasis on sex. Every character from Maine to California is preoccupied with it, often in four-letter words.

Robertson is a great man for details. He loves them so much that he can't bear to leave anything out, even for the sake of creating an effect. As a result his novel is a giant exercise in complete recall. Incidents are there in total. They just add up to zero.

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