

Cherry Orchard: Interesting

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The Drama Club sponsored a trip to New York to see Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard on February 5.

This play, which was performed in The Vivian Beaumont Theater, was interesting. The sets were beautiful and gave one the feeling of actually being in a cherry orchard. Irene Worth, as the matriarch of this Russian family, proved that she deserved the "Tony" Award which she received for best actress

in 1976. She and the supporting cast helped make The Cherry Orchard an enjoyable experience for all.

In addition to seeing a play, everyone had five hours of free time in New York. Thanks to Dr. Dill and Mr. Breckenridge for helping to make this a "smashing-good" trip.

The Drama Club is planning a trip for spring term, also.

David reveals delays

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contractor, the electrical contractor blamed the delay on the plumbing contractor, said David, and "round and round it goes." "They were fighting for six months over what kind of grading to use" in the swimming pool.

David attributed the occupancy of the building that finally came last month to "a concerted effort on everyone's part to get the building opened." "It's a matter of finally getting all the parties working together properly and resolving these problems that piled up," said David on February 2. "The University pointed out the seriousness of the delay and how it was effecting the scheduling of classes. The state finally got determined to not let the contractor delay any longer and got their big guns into play from Harrisburg."

David pointed out the reasons for the delay in the use of the swimming pool. "The hangup in the swimming pool is the grading around the perimeter of the pool." The stainless-steel grading is like "a knife-blade," said David. "We can't have

people walking around in bare feet and slicing the bottoms of their feet."

David said the problem in the completion of the pool for use is that the contractor is blaming the architect and the architect is probably blaming the contractor. "They're meeting this week (the week of February 2) to resolve this question."

David explained one method that the state is using to get the contractor to complete the pool, "the state is still holding back a certain sum of money as a guarantee of good performance," said David. "Until the contractor has fulfilled his complete obligation in building the building he doesn't get paid off completely. There's leverage there."

David projected the completion of the swimming pool for sometime this week. "It's a guessing game. If the parties finally this week (week of February 2) say, 'okay, I'll do this and you do that' then in two weeks will'll be in the swimming pool."

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and federal levels will not be affected.

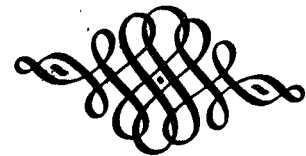
In response to the question if Highacres would revert back to coal as a major source of fuel if an oil embargo was forced upon the country, David said, "Yes, there is an over abundance of coal in this area alone, which realistically could supply the entire nation for the next 500 years."

"Eventually the rich deposits of anthracite coal will have to be mined for the economy and for the future of this country," said David on February 2, "the reason coal became obsolete was because of the way it was being mined. It became too costly for the consumer and to the environment."

"The only way we would revert back to the usage of coal, said Cerula, "would be, if it became economically feasible in both price and quality. Right now oil and electricity are less expensive and this is the main reason they are being used."

President Carter declared Pennsylvania a disaster area as a result of the severity of the winter. This entitles the state to get federal relief money, due to the lack of propane. If so, he said, it will be portioned out by Robert A. Patterson, Senior Vice-President for Finance and Operation or Ralph E. Zilly, Vice-President for Business, both of Penn State.

The influx of cold weather is directly attributable to the jet streams, found at 20,000 to 30,000 feet in the atmosphere which have been gradually moving southward, according to "Long Island Newsday." These jet streams dictate the weather patterns. As a result of the southward moving of these jet streams a cooling trend is taking place on the earth over a period of many years.



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