

# Labor coalition seeks support

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The Labor Action Coalition tonight is expected to seek USG endorsement for its support of local boycotts through picketing and leaflets.

The organization now is aiding the Farm Workers Support Committee in picketing and leafletting the A&P Market in the University Shopping Center because A&P stores are selling non-union lettuce. The lettuce boycott has been in progress since 1970. Picketing in State College is in its third month.

The coalition said it will be at the store every Saturday. Clark Everling, a member of the coalition and the Alliance for Labor Action, said the picketing seems to be affecting A&P's patronage. Within a two-and-a-half hour period last Saturday morning, he said, about 40 people decided not to enter the store because of that picketing.

Other coalition activities include picketing and distributing leaflets at the Ma-Jik Food Market at Beaver Avenue and Garner Street. The coalition has been protesting the wages being paid to construction workers at the site of a new branch store in Clearfield for the past month.

The coalition will meet Wednesday night with a representative of Amalgamated Clothing Workers. Bernie Dinkin, coordinator of the Farah Slacks boycott, will discuss the boycott and its position in State College.

Dinkin will organize local support of the boycott if it is necessary, Everling said. Stores will be requested to discontinue selling Farah pants. Establishments that do not agree will be picketed and leafletted, and the public will be encouraged not to buy the pants, according to Everling.

The coalition formed in February from members of previously existing groups, including the Farm Workers Support Committee, the Alliance for Labor Action, the Penn State Labor Studies Club and workers for the Farah boycott.

The coalition said it is independent of the University because it believes the base for its work is broader than the campus. However, it encourages student participation.

"We feel that students and workers in this area have too long been isolated in their struggles and that the time has come to bring them together for mutual support of their true and common interests. If students are interested in organization they should logically have a place to turn to," Everling said.



LOCAL PICKETERS on Saturday protested the sale of non-union lettuce. Members of the Farm Workers Support Committee and the Labor Coalition were stationed in front of the A&P in the University Shopping Center.

# Giovanni discusses life

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"Listen here, I wanna take you higher." A little woman stood behind the pedestal in Walnut Building Friday night, when she spoke, Nikki Giovanni did take the overflowing crowd higher.

The "Princess of Black Poetry," beginning her speech with an informal chat, quipped, "I didn't expect to see so many blacks" in the audience.

Taking the viewpoint of a black, Giovanni defined a number of problems applicable to all students.

Giovanni said sororities and fraternities are good because they bring people together. "Everybody needs a group to relate to in any way, shape or form," Giovanni said.

Giovanni said President Nixon is a "drag on everybody." The all-volunteer army is a mercenary army, bringing poor people into the army, she said. "No nation has ever been able to survive with a mercenary army," she added.

Prisoners of war, she said, who complain about solitary confinement where they had to

eat gruel with one hand, faced a situation common to people in the black community. Pilots who were shot down and taken prisoner expected to receive a reward for killing people; now they will become "auxiliary police," treating people as they treated enemies, she said.

Giovanni advised young people to enjoy people, learn languages and travel. All blacks should travel around the world, especially Africa, she said.

Giovanni read poems she had written about love, communication, helping one another, revolution and experience.

One of the topics on which Giovanni spoke, women's liberation, was a major topic students discussed with her during the reception following the speech.

Giovanni, in her poems, advised people to be themselves, not to be paranoid about skin color.

One of Giovanni's books of poetry, "Gemini: An Extended Autobiographical Statement on My First 25 Years of Being A Black Poet," has been nominated for the National Book Award.

# Kern features concerts

There will be a series of daily concerts at 12:30 p.m. this week at the Kern lobby. Monday's concert will feature "Lothlorien."

The student chapter of the American Nuclear Society is

Forrest Remick, associate professor of nuclear engineering, 7 p.m. Monday in 102 Forum.

The Council for Exceptional Children will meet 7 p.m. Monday in McElwain Lounge. The topic will be "Vocational Training."

OTIS will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday in 203 HUB.

The Bridge Club will meet 6:30 p.m. in the HUB Card Room.

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Monday in 203 HUB.

There will be a speaker and slide-tape presentation on the spiritual knowledge of Satguru Maharaj Ji, sponsored by Divine Light Mission, 7:30 p.m. Monday in 26 Mineral Sciences.

The USG Senate will meet 7:30 p.m. in HUB Assembly Hall.

Melvin Brown, agriculture agent, will lecture on gardening 7:30 p.m. Monday in 112 Kern.

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