Singing fares better than acting in production of 'South Pacific'

Collegian Staff Writer While it didn't exactly make for some enchanted evening, last night's Penn State Thespians' production of "South Pacific" was generally enjoyable and entertaining

The cast of the well-worn Rogers and Hammerstein musical was fairly proficient overall, making up for individual weaknesses in singing and acting with a good deal of en-

The performances of the large cast varied greatly. Most of the singing was in the good to excellent range, with a few weak spots.

play review

The acting was of somewhat lower quality overall. A few good performances were interspersed among a majority of just adequate ones.

Helen Lee Eckard did some strong singing in her lead role of Nellie Forbush. She managed to achieve a wide range of moods in skipping from love songs to comical numbers. Eckard's co-lead, Harry Zimbler, was rather colorless in

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first, but it became much richer in the second half. somewhat jerky and weak at first, but it became much richer in the second half.

Several other performers improved a great deal as the show wore on. Thomas A. Glantz, who was quite strong musically as Lt. Cable, lost much of his dramatic woodeness later on.

Outstanding roles include P.J. Bayless, who created a striking Bloody Mary. Through gestures and voice she made Mary into more than just a caricature. Peter T. Dragon, as Luther Billis, probably gave the most

unaffected performance of the cast. The most enjoyable parts of the show were the big song and dance numbers. The sailor group pooled some very good talent for the energetic "Bloody Mary" and "There Is Nothing

Like A Dame.' Bobbi Burger choreographed these routines excellently, generating a great deal of color and excitement.

The set could have used a little of that vitality. Again, "South Pacific" was staged with cardboard palm trees. If you like light-hearted musicals with a little philosophy about ethnocentrism and freedom thrown in, "South Pacific is worth your time.

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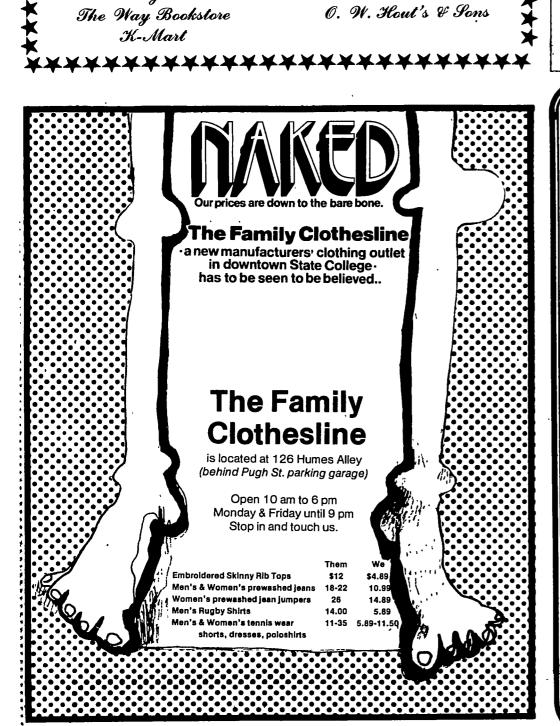
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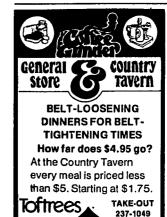
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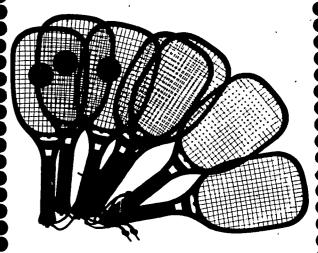
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