

# 'The Wait' brings strength



Two members of the cast of "The Wait" project the suffering of the search for self-fulfillment. The play was presented last night as a part of Black History Week.

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"I'm a strong woman. I made it just like I been making it all these years," Essie Lee Pierce says at the beginning of the play, 'The Wait.'

Essie and the other black women in the play wait for fulfillment and finally realize at the end of the play that they do have the strength and courage to succeed.

The two-act surrealistic drama, written and directed by Robert Hightower, was performed last night by the Black Actors and Designers Guild to a full house in Schwab Auditorium as part of black history week.

The Wait's black female cast begins the play by waiting for their men who symbolize their hopes for freedom, security and fulfillment.

"Nothing real special about me," Essie tells the other women. "I reckon I been through it all."

She and the other women involve the audience in what American black women have experienced throughout history. They use flashbacks, and stroboscopic and sound effects to bring to life the horrors of the slave auction block, rape, and the actions of the Ku Klux Klan.

"No more auction block for me, no more driver's lash for me," they sing as, at the end of Act One, they renounce the oppression of the white man's word.

They look for answers in

their lives as various illusory characters offer religious fanaticism, glamour and magic in Act Two.

A wife does not have power over her own body; only her husband has the power, "the bishop's" voice tells one woman.

In the end the women reject this glamour and magic.

They realize some of their men cannot bring the security and happiness they wait for when they say, "I don't want them; you can have them; they're too black for me."

When one woman tells the others to stand by their men, even if their men cause them misery, Lettie, another woman, defies her. The audience cheers.

The voices of the men heard throughout the play, writes Hightower, "are not all men, but those who — sometimes unwittingly and subtly — behave in ways that aid and abet the forces of dehumanization."

The women finally denounce this dehumanization at the end of Act Two. They leave the stage, no longer willing to wait for fulfillment. And they leave the stage secure in the knowledge of their love for each other, born out of suffering and hope.

"If we want something to happen," Essie shouts, "we gotta make it happen."

As the play ends one woman remains on the stage singing a gentle reassurance to a newborn child:

"I'll be all right someday."

## Oil cartel may roll back prices

NICOSIA, Cyprus (UPI) — Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that raised their oil prices 10 per cent for the first half of 1977 are considering rolling back prices to the 5 per cent increase level of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, an economic survey said Monday.

The Middle East Economic Survey said the reduction is one of two proposals under consideration by members of the oil cartel to end their oil

price rift and bring the net price increase for the year to about 7.5 per cent.

In Kuwait, the newspaper As Siyassa said Saudi Arabia will not change its position on oil prices, at least until after Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's scheduled tour of the Middle East this month.

"Saudi Arabia will not rescind its decision to raise its oil price by only 5 per cent because that was basically a political decision prompted by international, particularly,

American factors," the newspaper said, quoting sources.

The oil industry newsletter said the reduction proposed for the first half of 1977 would be followed by a 5 per cent increase in prices by all members for the second half of 1977.

Another proposal under consideration is that "matters should be left as they are until mid-year," when the Saudis and Emirates would raise their 1977 price increase

## Common Market, Japan start trade war

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI) — In an opening salvo of a trade war, the European Common Market yesterday slapped heavy duties on Japanese manufacturers who Europeans say have "dumped" steel bearings on the Common Market.

An investigation begun by the executive commission Nov. 13 upheld charges by European steel manufacturers that Japanese price-slashing had caused serious production cutbacks and unemployment in the Common Market.

"Dumping" is the sale of a product on export markets at a price below the one applied domestically.

The Common Market imposed an anti-dumping duty of 20 per cent on all but two Japanese manufacturers exporting ball and tapered roller bearings to the Common Market.

The duty was set at 10 per cent for Koyo Seiko Ltd. and Fujikoshi Ltd., whose degree of price-undercutting was

considered less serious.

The anti-dumping duty is in addition to the normal 9 per cent import levy on Japanese bearings.

The tariffs will remain in force for three months while the Common Market's council of ministers decides whether to take more definitive action.

## OTIS conducts apartment poll

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Jeremy Abrams (5th-psychology) was elected Monday night as vice president of the Organization of Town Independent Students (OTIS) and Peter Lee (8th-accounting) was voted treasurer.

They will take office along with president-elect Steve Kufrovich (8th-division of undergraduate studies) spring term. Kufrovich was elected earlier this term.

Outgoing President Dean Moore said that about 50 per cent of the apartments studied in a random check by OTIS did not have fire extinguishers.

"I think it's really low the way owners are shaming tenants just to save a buck," he said. "I think if somebody gets hurt we ought to prosecute them (the owners) to the hilt."

Jim Scarantino, Housing Study Committee chairman, said he has received the initial findings of a survey given to residents of Eastgate, Beaver Hill and Lions Gate. About 75 per cent of Eastgate tenants indicated that they didn't feel they were getting their money's worth by living there, he said.

Scarantino said results of the survey are not yet complete, but that it seems to conclude residents think

"Eastgate is a real dump."

In other business:

— Moore said that by talking with landlords and asking them to simplify their leases, he believes it has had a "real impact" on them to do so. Moore, at a meeting last month of landlords and owners, criticized them for using complicated leases that many students don't understand.

— The new housing list with updated prices for fall term should be ready in about three weeks, Kufrovich said. Landlords have been slow in sending new prices to OTIS, and this has delayed publication of the list, he said.

— OTIS has received \$165 in interest from its bail bond fund, according to a financial statement read at the meeting.

— Another voting member was added, bringing the total to 35.

— Members voted to study the possibility of having an OTIS-sponsored pool tournament spring term.

— Moore asked members to continue urging landlords to provide prospective tenants with a lease to study before they put down a security deposit on an apartment. "I still say they cost five cents apiece," Moore said, in response to landlord claims that leases are too expensive to give away.

### Forecasters promise warmup

## Jobs resume but crisis lingers

By UPI

Hundreds of thousands of winter-idle workers and school children began returning to their jobs in northern New Jersey and upstate New York. Gov. Brendan T. Byrne permitted industries to reopen in north Jersey but kept plants closed for another week in south Jersey while utilities tried to build up fuel reserves.

New York state officials gave the green light for nearly 220,000 industrial workers and 500,000 school children, who had been idled by natural gas shortages, to start back to work.

East Ohio Gas Co. of Cleveland lifted its near 100 per cent curtailment of gas for large industrial users Columbia Gas of Ohio considered whether to continue sharp curtailments to industries and large commercial users past Wednesday.

Gov. James Rhodes again asked President Carter to declare Ohio a disaster area. In a separate message, he

asked the President for a \$90 million grant to help needy persons in the state pay sharply increased fuel bills.

Ohio officials revised downward their estimate that from 1.2 million to 1.5 million persons were idled by energy shortages and other weather-related problems in the state last week. State Development Director James Duerk now places the figure at 800,000 to 900,000.

Layoffs in Indiana dwindled when natural gas service was restored to about 80 per cent of demand in 2,500 industrial customers in the state's northwestern steel-making complex.

Indiana energy coordinator William Watt predicted the impact of the winter's extreme cold — which drove the mercury to a record 11 below zero in Indianapolis Monday — will be felt long into the future.

"We may have shortages of gasoline next summer," he said, and there may not be enough propane gas for grain drying next autumn.

Dubuque, Iowa, had its 43rd day this winter of zero temperatures or below. Chicago was rounding out its 42nd straight day of freezing weather. Record lows included 17 below at Moline, Ill., zero at Charleston, W.Va., 19 at Wilmington, N.C., and 21 at Charleston, S.C., and 27 at Jacksonville, Fla.

Dr. Robert White, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington, warned that heavy flooding could come in March or April.

It is "too early to predict," he said, but "the combination of deep-frozen rivers, high water content in the heavy snow accumulation, and frozen ground is of concern."

A spokesman for the National Weather Service said the worst thing that could happen would be rapid thawing combined with heavy rain.

## Spider-Man loses in TV vitamin tussle

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Trade Commission gave final approval yesterday to a precedent-setting decision ending the direct advertising of "Spider-Man" vitamins to children.

The action, originally announced and approved in preliminary form last October, ends a case that began nearly 2½ years ago with a complaint the commercials posed a danger to young children by employing the cartoon character to distort the medicinal content of the product.

Meantime, the manufacturer, Hudson Pharmaceutical Corp., dropped the commercials voluntarily.

In announcing Hudson had signed the preliminary consent order last fall, the FTC said "children are unqualified by age or experience to decide for themselves whether or not they should use multiple vitamin supplements in general or an advertised brand in particular. Thus the directing of advertising of multiple vitamin supplements to children is in

itself an unfair practice."

The order also forbids the company from advertising the vitamins in comic books or on television before 9:05 p.m. local time if Spider-Man or another hero figure is used.

The major nonprescription drug makers now have a policy against direct advertising of drug products to children, and the National Association of Broadcasters has revised its voluntary code to discourage that type of sales pitch.

Peggy Charren, president of the Boston-based Action on Children's Television which filed the Spider-Man complaint, said her group still feels there should be some general rule against advertising any drug products on programs to which children are exposed, even if the ads are not aimed directly at children.

She criticized the FTC's approach to considering advertising on a case-by-case basis, saying "this is a ridiculous way to protect children."

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## Diorio elected president of Interfraternity Council

Stephen J. Diorio of Phi Kappa Phi fraternity last night was elected Interfraternity Council president.

In other elections, Kevin Steinberg of Kappa Delta Rho was elected administrative vice-president, and Jeff Hembrock of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was voted secretary-treasurer.

"The IFC has really been successful and we're going to keep moving ahead," Diorio said after being elected.

In other action, Don Mains of Kappa Delta Rho thanked everyone for their participation in the Dance Marathon. He said the pledges are due Thursday at noon and total \$28,855.

The IFC also discussed methods of improving Greek Week. Suggestions for improvement included better publicity, the appointment of a separate chairman to handle activities, deadlines for the organization of activities and the spreading out of drinking games over a few days.

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