# 'The Wait' brings strength



Two members of the cast of fillment. The play was "The Wait" project the suffer- presented last night as a part ing of the search for self-ful- 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

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

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

They look for answers in

# OTIS conducts apartment poll

By JAY SCHONTHALER Collegian Staff Writer

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

They will take office along with president-elect Steve Kufrovich (8th-division of undergraduate studies) spring term. Kufovich 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 shamming tenants just to save a buck," he said. "I think if somebody gets hurt we ought to prosecute them (the owners) to the

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, Kufrovichy 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

- 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

#### Forecasters promise warmup

## Jobs resume but crisis lingers

Hundreds of thousands of winter-idle workers and school children began returning to jobs and classrooms in the East and Midwest yesterday. Forecasters promised a warmup would replace record low temperatures that chilled

a broad belt from the Mississippi Valley to the south Atlantic coast.

But the White House warned the weather-induced energy crisis is not over and Americans should not "be lulled into a false sense of security . . . our emergency still exists and will continue to exist even if we are blessed with an easing of the weather.

The turn to warmer weather was expected to send the mercury into the low 40s with rain in western Pennsylvania by Thursday. It pointed up a new problem floods — which could follow the deep snows and heavy ice

The

More than 370,000 workers 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. accumulations of the bitter 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 weatherrelated problems in the state last week. State Development Director James Duerk now places the figure at 800,000 to

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.

impact of the winter's exmercury to a record 11 below zero in Indianapolis Monday will be felt long into the

"We may have shortages of said, and there may not be rain.

enough propane gas for grain drying next autumn.

Dubuque, Iowa, had its 43i'd day this winter of zero temperatures or below. Chicago was rounding out its 42..d 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 al. Charleston, S.C., and 27 at Jacksonville, Fla.

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

It is "too early to predict," Indiana energy coordinator ' he said, but "the combination William Watt predicted the of deep-frozen rivers, high water content in the heavy treme cold - which drove the snow accumulation, and frozen ground is of concern.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service said the worst thing that could happen would be rapide gasoline next summer," he thawing combined with heavy

### cartel may roll back prices

Common Market, Japan start trade war

upheld charges by European posed an anti-dumping duty of

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

"dumped" steel bearings on

An investigation begun by

Common Market's

the Common Market.

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,

executive commission Nov. 13

of a trade war, the European steel manufacturers that 20 per cent on all but two

Common Market yesterday Japanese price-slashing had Japanese manufacturers

slapped heavy duties on caused serious production exporting ball and tapered

"Dumping" is the sale of a

product on export markets at

a price below the one applied

domestically.

Japanese manufacturers who cutbacks and unemployment roller bearings to the Comin the Common Market.

American factors," the by 5 per cent in exchange for said, quoting newspaper

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

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

The Common Market im-

The duty was set at 10 per

cent for Koyo Seiko Ltd. and

Fujikoshi Ltd., whose degree

price-undercutting was

agreement by the other OPEC members to drop the 5 per

their lives as various illusory

characters offer religious

fanaticism, glamour and

A wife does not have power

over her own body; only her

husband has the power, "the

In the end the women reject

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;

When one woman tells the

others to stand by their men,

even if their men cause them

misery, Lettie, another woman, defies her. The

The voices of the men heard

throughout the play, writes

Hightower, "are not all men.

but those who - sometimes

unwittingly and subtley -

behave in ways that aid and

women denounce this dehuman-

ization 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 suf-

"If we want something to happen," Essie shouts, "we

As the play ends one woman

remains on the stage singing

a gentle reassurance to a new-

"I'll be all right someday."

the forces of

finally

they're too black for me.'

audience cheers.

dehumanization."

fering and hope.

born child:

gotta make it happen.'

The

this glamour and magic.

voice tells one

magic in Act Two.

bishop's''

woman.

cent increase slated for July. It said any compromise probably would be worked out through quiet negotiations and then ratified at a special OPEC conference.

"The optimists are betting on a meeting date late in March or early in April, while others consider it improbable that a meeting will take place before mid-year,"

considered less serious.

addition to the normal 9 per

cent import levy on Japanese

force for three months while

the Common Market's council

of ministers decides whether

to take more definitive action.

#### 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 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 prelimary 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 a

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

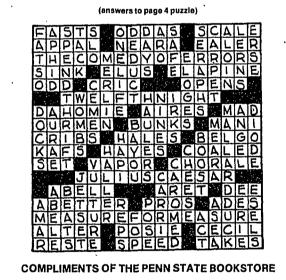
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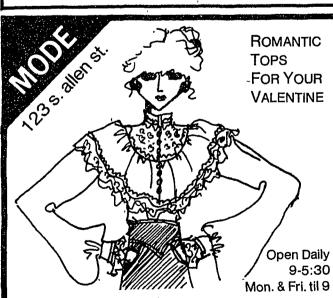
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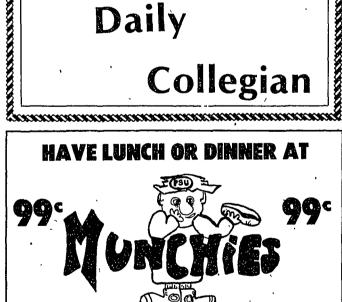


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### Diorio elected president of Interfraternity Council

Stephen J. Diorio of Phi Kappa Phi fraternity last night was elected Inter-

fraternity 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 secretarytreasurer. "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 act tivities and the spreading out of drinking games over a few



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