

The Inside Story



'Electra' to be presented here

"Electra," the classic Greek play by Euripides, will be presented at the Playhouse May 4-6 and 9-13. Tickets are available at the Playhouse box office. Electra will be played by Carmella Maurizi (graduate theatre). Jack Axelrod, assistant professor of theatre, will play the Old Man. See photo and related story on page 6.



Lion players tabbed by NFL

Four Penn State football players were picked Tuesday in the National Football League draft of college players. Tight end Mickey Shuler was taken by the New York Jets in the third round. Flanker Jimmy Cefalo was selected by the Miami Dolphins, also in the third round. Defensive lineman Randy Sidler was a fifth-round pick of the Jets, while Steve Geise was drafted in the sixth round by the Cincinnati Bengals. See story, page 10.



Photos: a day at the stables

In a photo essay on page 5, Collegian photographer Ken Kasper provides a portrait of a typical day at Capriola Stables in Pennsylvania Furnace: riders preparing their horses from saddle to bridle, then taking them through courses inside the training ring and out in open country.

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PSU workers may get another union on ballot

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A third union wants to be on the ballot if University technical service employees get to choose among unions.

The Pennsylvania School Service Personnel Association began advertising Tuesday to attract workers to an informational meeting scheduled for Thursday.

The employees currently are represented by Teamsters Local 8.

Council 83 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees has asked the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board to let the employees choose between Teamsters and AFSCME.

John S. King, PSSPA field consultant and central region president, said his union wants to be included in the pre-election hearing the PLRB is expected to schedule.

The hearing will determine the status of each union in the election and which employees are eligible to vote, PLRB election coordinator John E. Riley said.

A 15 percent show of support from employees, in the form of signed cards, would be needed to get PSSPA included in the hearing, Earl G. Lightwood, PLRB acting executive director, said. Only 1 percent support is needed to get PSSPA on the ballot, he said.

There are 2,600 employees, so PSSPA needs 26 cards to be on the ballot.

King said he has been meeting with University employees since January, when he was hired as a field consultant.

Frank Marino, PSSPA state director, is expected to attend a series of meetings for University employees Thursday at the

Nittany Lion Inn. The union will explain its dues structure and representation system at the 3, 4, 5 and 7 p.m. meetings. The 10,600-member union uses professional negotiators and is affiliated with the Pennsylvania State Education Association, King said.

"We're in a feeling-out process," King said, adding "they need an independent union here."

"As far as our chances, I don't really know. The meeting on Thursday will give us an idea," King said.

Jeff Zinser, an AFSCME organizer, said he does not expect PSSPA to seriously affect the election.

"When you have an opening... all the small people come out of the woodwork," he said. AFSCME needed 30 percent support to call an election.

AFSCME Council 83 director James Myers said his union is campaigning for the election through committees set up among the employees. He would not say who the committee leaders are. He said he prefers not to hold mass meetings because he said they isolate those employees who show interest in AFSCME.

Jane Pikovsky, Teamsters Local 8 president, said her union is starting to campaign for the election but she refused to say what actions are being taken.

New contract negotiations between the University and the Teamsters have broken off. The University does not want to negotiate further because of the uncertainty of the union's status, she said. The present contract expires June 30.

Pikovsky said she was not surprised that unions other than AFSCME would take an interest in representing University employees because of the large number of workers.



Happy winner

Although this youngster only took third place in his event at the Special Olympics, he was so overjoyed when receiving his award that he leapt into the arms of Rich Mauti, a member of the New Orleans Saints football team.

Photo by Pat Little

House passes solar power bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — On the eve of Sun Day promoting the promise of solar energy, the House Tuesday approved \$36.75 million in loans and loan guarantees to small companies involved in this field or in energy conservation.

The vote was 375-17, sending the measure to the Senate.

The bill's emphasis is on helping small firms build or market solar energy

equipment, but the assistance also may cover renewable energy sources, along with such things as building insulation.

"The time has come for the federal government to put in action our repeated promises on this exciting energy source," Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., said.

"This helps make it possible for small businesses to more actively participate

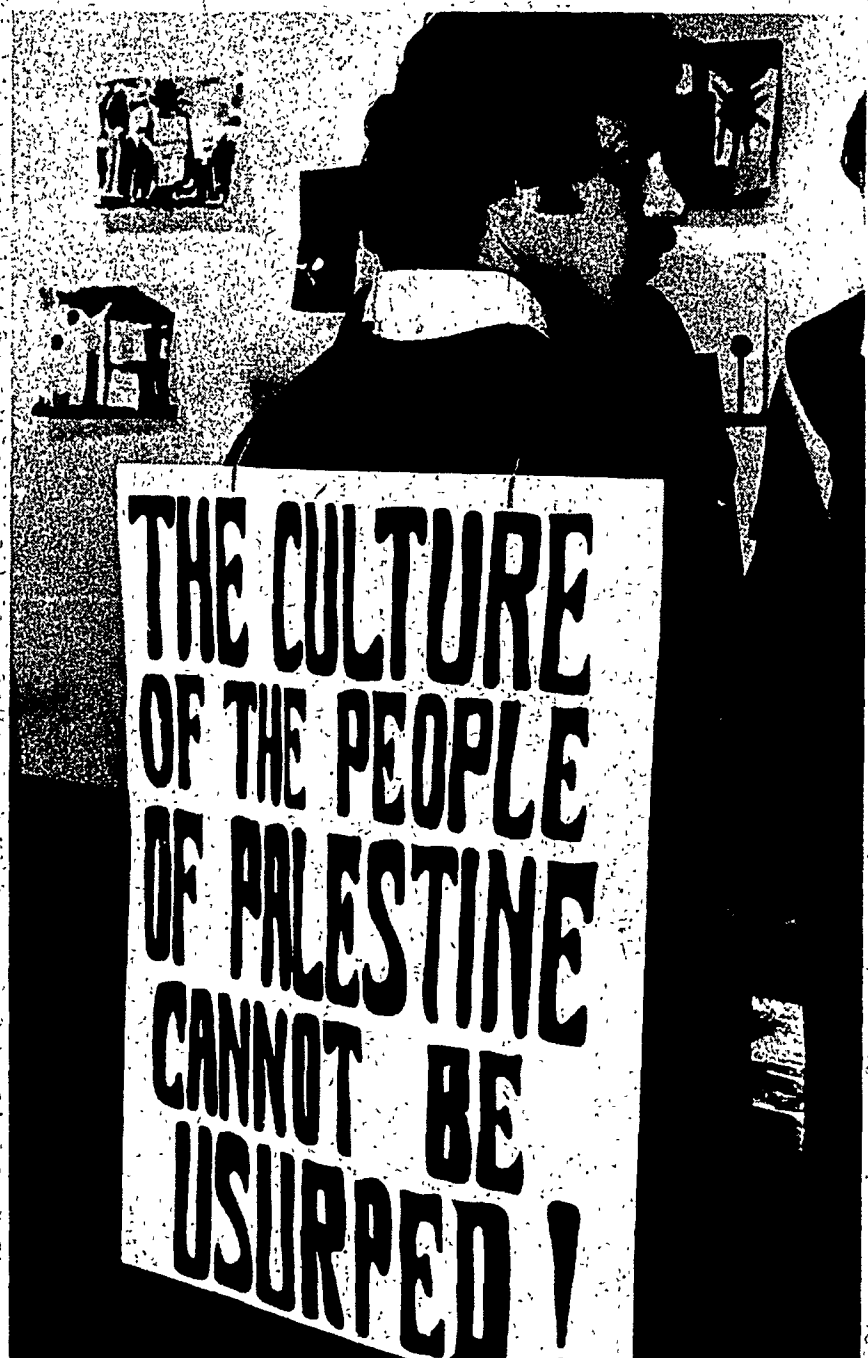
in efforts to solve our energy problems," Rep. Berkeley Bedell, D-Iowa, said.

But Rep. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., said the Small Business Administration already is empowered to make such loans to small business, and that since the legislation would dictate SBA lending policy it "is a bad bill... a serious mistake."

Small businesses could get SBA loans up to \$350,000 for plant construction, conversion or expansion or for buying equipment, so they could start designing, making or distributing solar and conservation equipment.

Splendid Sun Day

True to its name, Sun Day will feature sparkling morning sunshine with only a few puffy afternoon clouds and a warm 65. Clear and cold are the weather words for tonight with a low of 35. Tomorrow, morning sunshine will slowly fade behind high clouds as the day progresses with a high of 69.



Art protestor

A member of the Organization of Arab Students is shown protesting an Israeli cultural exhibit Tuesday in the HUB.

Photo by Mark McIntyre

No help for canceled contracts

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The University can't help the 900 students who had their dorm contracts canceled for Fall Term, Director of Residential Life M. Lee Upcraft said Tuesday night.

Upcraft, speaking in the FUB Recreation Room, told a group of students, most of whom had their fall dorm contracts canceled, "There is no short term solution to the contract problem." He said the dorm contract system must be changed next year, but said he does not know what specific changes will be made.

Upcraft said there were 2,000 more dorm applications than the University

could accommodate. He said the people whose contracts were canceled were applying for a room change.

"There was a dramatic increase in the number of people who wanted to move from one building to another," he said. Students who requested to be reassigned to the same room received contracts, Upcraft said.

He said the University could not anticipate the room shortage because the number of students applying for contracts varies each year. "Last year 400 students had their contracts canceled," he said.

Students without housing for Fall Term still can find space in some apartments, Upcraft said. Director of

Housing Services Donald Arndt said a short term alternative is for students voluntarily to put three persons in a double room. Anyone going into a voluntary triple will be put on the room waiting list behind students in temporary housing, he said.

Upcraft said students could also try to apply for contracts for next winter, but said they would probably have to be in the front of the line to receive one.

Many students at the meeting were visibly upset. One said she may have to transfer to another college because she said she cannot find housing here.

One student mentioned the possibility of constructing temporary dorms for

next fall. Upcraft said this would not be a good investment.

He also said it is unlikely the University will build any more permanent housing facilities.

"If the University was convinced they could build a facility which would be filled until the year 2000, they'd do it," he said.

Another student asked about tearing down Nittany Halls and building dorms there. Arndt said the University has been putting money into the Nittany dorms to prolong their use and said they should last into the foreseeable future.

Upcraft said if the University put new dorms where Nittany is located they probably would be low rise buildings.

Congress warned to hold spending target

WASHINGTON (UPI) — With a warning from President Carter to veto any "budget busting" legislation in order to curb inflation, House leaders Tuesday began steering a half trillion dollar 1979 budget proposal through the House.

Carter issued his warning at a breakfast meeting with House and Senate Democratic leaders, before the House was scheduled to begin its budget debate.

Speaker Thomas O'Neill said later the

president stressed that curbing inflation is his "No. 1" priority.

"We can anticipate vetoes on anything that is budget busting," O'Neill told reporters.

Before the House — with actual voting not scheduled until Wednesday — was a \$501 billion spending figure proposed by the House Budget Committee for fiscal year 1979, which begins Oct. 1. As such things go, this was not far from the \$500

billion proposed by the president. The Senate recently called for \$499 billion.

In proposed "budget authority" — some of which would not be spent until later years — the House proposal of \$568 billion was almost identical to the president's.

The president cannot veto Congress' budget resolution — which will guide the House and Senate in passing specific bills this summer.

But he could veto specific bills to

implement it if he feels the total greatly exceeds his own budget goals.

House leaders sought to discourage floor amendments which would raise the totals, such as one to add \$2 billion for defense and another to add \$1 billion for veterans.

"The budget resolution is not and should not become a Christmas tree of goodies for everybody," Democratic Leader Jim Wright of Texas said in a letter to all members.