"Pictures" production no big struggle for director

Collegian Staff Writer Neil Simon. For audiences, the

offices, many sales. And for the director, you may think an abundance of work. But for Robert E. Leonard, directing the Pennsylvania Festival

name means a lot of fun. For box

Theatre's production of "I Ought To Be In Pictures" has been no such struggle. "It's been almost an effortless chore on my part to direct this show," Leonard said. "(The actors) do so much of the work them-

selves that I am put in the very fortunate position of just having to sit back and select which choice is the funniest. And if something's not funny or doesn't seem to be working, we seem to have a way of all spontaneously agreeing about that at the same time.''

night at the Pavilion Theater, has only three cast members, professional actors Tom Markus and Jare E. Beckhard.

"I think we really all hit it off from the start," said Beckhard, who plays Libby. "It was our second day of rehearsal, and we had a company picnic, and we were just playing and having fun together. And people were saying, When did you people meet each other? Yesterday?' It helps us on the stage." Although Beckhard has performed with professional actors in the URTC production of "Tartuffe," she said the immediate click between herself, Moore and Markus was important for her.

"With 'Tartuffe,' I knew that

there were going to be a couple of

equity actors, but I also knew that



the Festival Theatre's production of Neil Simon's "I Ought To Be In Pictures."

thought I was going to be kind of at

While "Pictures" has its share of Simon-esque jokes, including the California water you can eat and a without fruit, Leonard pointed out

ard said. "I think he invested a lot of his own emotionalism into it. because it's a very sentimental play. He de-emphasizes the oneline wise-cracks in favor of devel-The movie version of "Pictures" appeared in the theaters little more

ran it within the last few months. It may seem risky to produce the play again so soon. "The fact is the play is in a constant state of development," Leonard said. "While there will be certain things that are constant

every night, there is that spontane-

ity of the first time, as opposed to

than a year ago. Home Box Office

film which has been captured forever on celluloid.' The production runs through July 3 with performances at 8:00 pm every evening but Mondays.



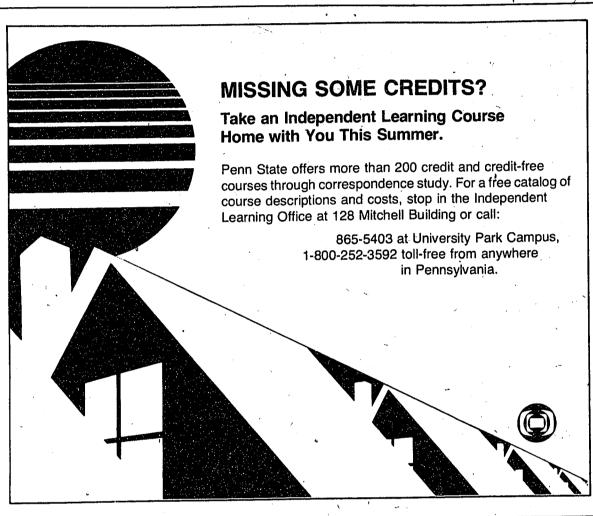
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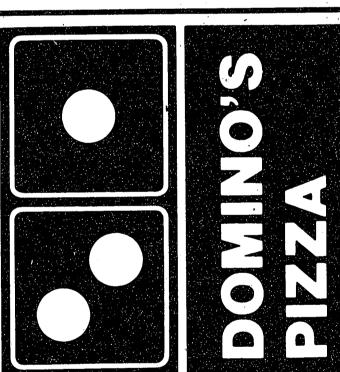
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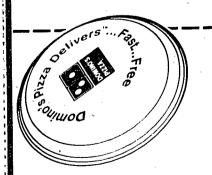




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Hot summer is expected for music industry

Collegian Staff Writer

(Note: This is the first in a two part series) This summer should prove to be hotter than ever on the record charts as several big name acts plan to release albums between now and Labor Day, typically a period of hot products and high sales. Elton John, The Kinks, Rod Stewart, Little River Band, and A Flock of Seagulls have been big releases in the past

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material by Crosby, Stills, and Nash; Peter Gabriel; Ricki Lee Jones; Loverboy; Stevie Nicks; and The Police. Elton John's Too Low For Zero, which contains the hit

single "I'm Still Standing," has reunited John with longtime collaborator Bernie Taupin. Too Low For Zero marks Elton John's return to fine form, and is undoubtedly his best album since Goodbye Yellow Brick Road. The Kinks' offer strong rock with State of Confusion,

single "Come Dancing," Rod Stewart's first studio album in well over a year is titled Body Wishes. "Baby Jane,"

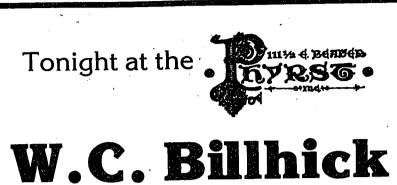
one of Stewart's freshest new songs in years, is included Little River Band has a new lead vocalist on The Net, but the plush harmonies are still the LRB trademark here, exemplified on the Top 40 hit "We Two." Also, the latest

contains the hit single "Wishing (If I Had A Photograph Of

offering from A Flock of Seagulls titled Listen which

New albums out this week include Allies, a live singledisk collection from Crosby, Stills, and Nash, a followup to last summer's excellent Daylight Again. A live 10-inch disk for Ricki Lee Jones called Girl At Her Volcano, is a

Loverboy will be trying for its third consecutive plati num album with Keep It Up. Loverboy's recent album contains the fast-breaking single "Hot Girls In Love."



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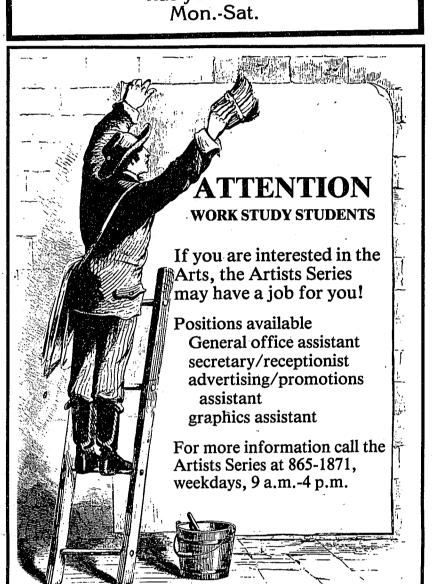
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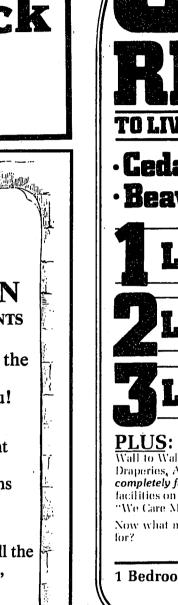
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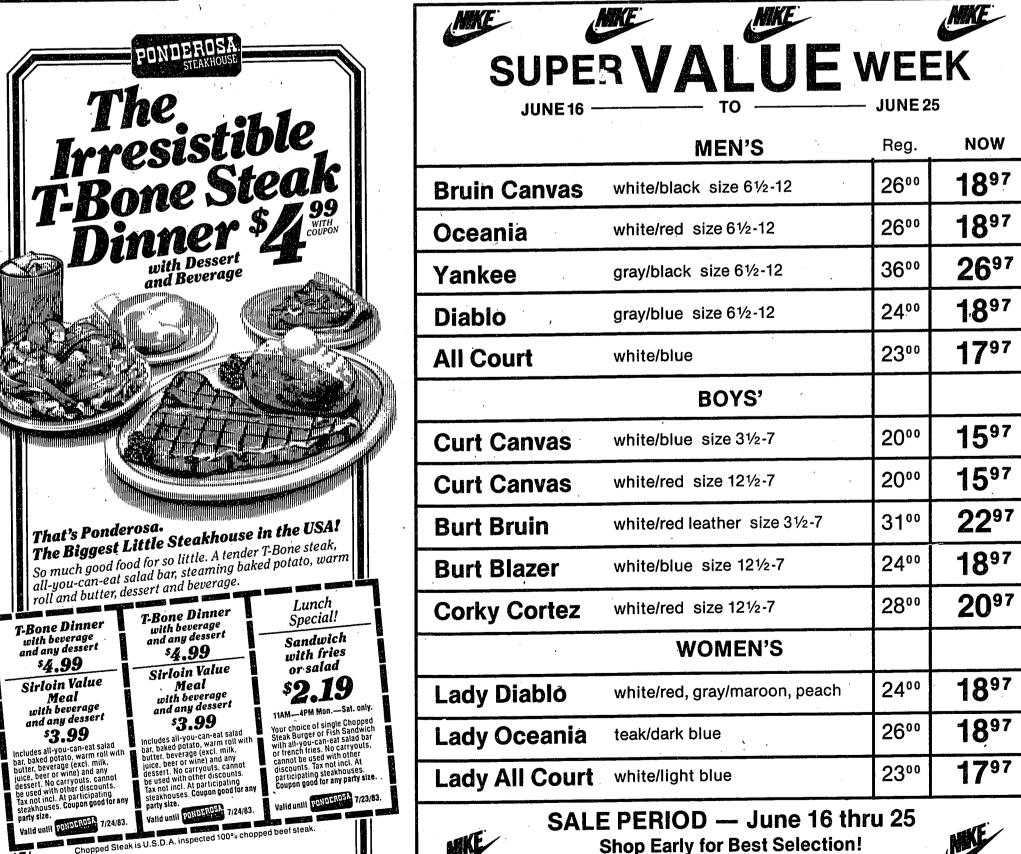


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