

Author Walker to speak on campus

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Alice Walker, short-story writer and author of *The Color Purple*, will speak at 8 tonight in Eisenhower Auditorium as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series (DSS).

Walker received the American Book Award and Pulitzer Prize in 1983 for her fiction novel *The Color Purple*, about the life of a poor black woman. In 1986, the book was made into a movie directed by Steven Spielberg.



Walker

DSS Committee Chair Matt Midles said students can expect an interesting lecture from Walker, whom he called "a groundbreaking figure."

"You can read *The Color Purple* in English, comparative lit or women's studies, or you can go to the event and meet the woman who wrote the novel."

Matt Midles
Distinguished Speakers Series Chair

Walker's writing is known for its portrayal of the lives of black women. Her novels and short stories deal with themes including rape, violence, isolation, troubled relationships, sexism and racism.

Walker has spoken for the women's movement, the anti-apartheid movement and the anti-nuclear movement. She has also spoken out against female genital mutilation.

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Rushton said Walker's appearance is an important addition to the series' lineup.

"This year alone has seen the series bring important players in the national political landscape and national media, and now Walker, who is one of our nation's most revered authors," Rushton said.

Tickets for the event are free and may be obtained at the Eisenhower Auditorium box office, the HUB-Robeson Center and the Penn State Downtown Theater Center, 127 S. Allen St.

If you go

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Date: tonight

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THE SCENE

Bar Bleu, 114 S. Garner St., will feature Blue Monday with Aaron Leese and friends. Specials include happy hour from 9 to 11 p.m. and \$1.25 Miller Lite drafts until midnight (237-0374).

Café 210 West, 210 W. College Ave., will feature \$2 iced teas from 4 p.m. to midnight, \$5 32 oz. liquor pitchers from 11 a.m. to midnight, \$2.75 32 oz. Michelob Ultra pitchers all day and happy hour starting at 10 p.m. (237-3449).

Crowbar, 420 E. College Ave., will feature Dr. Naqleus at 10 p.m. Specials include half-priced everything from 8 to 10 p.m. and \$5 Miller Lite pitchers from 8 p.m. to midnight (237-0426).

Lion's Den, 118 S. Garner St. Specials include half-priced mixed drinks from 10 p.m. to midnight and \$2 Sierra Nevada Pale Ale (237-5081).

The All American Rathskeller, 108 S. Pugh St., will feature \$2 Guinness pints and happy hour from 10 p.m. to midnight (237-3858).

The Darkhorse Tavern, 128 E. College Ave., will feature half-priced happies from 10 p.m. to midnight and \$3.75 Labatt Blue pitchers from 5 p.m. to midnight (237-0490).

The Dell's z-Bar, 113 Hiester St., will feature half-priced happies from 9 to 11 p.m. and \$6 iced tea pitchers until midnight (237-5710).

Zeno's, 100 W. College Ave., will feature Belgian night with one third off all Belgian beers. Specials include happy hour from 10 p.m. to midnight and a Guinness special all day.

To have an arts and entertainment event listed here, e-mail Arts Editor Ann Doyle at aed155@psu.edu two days in advance of the event.

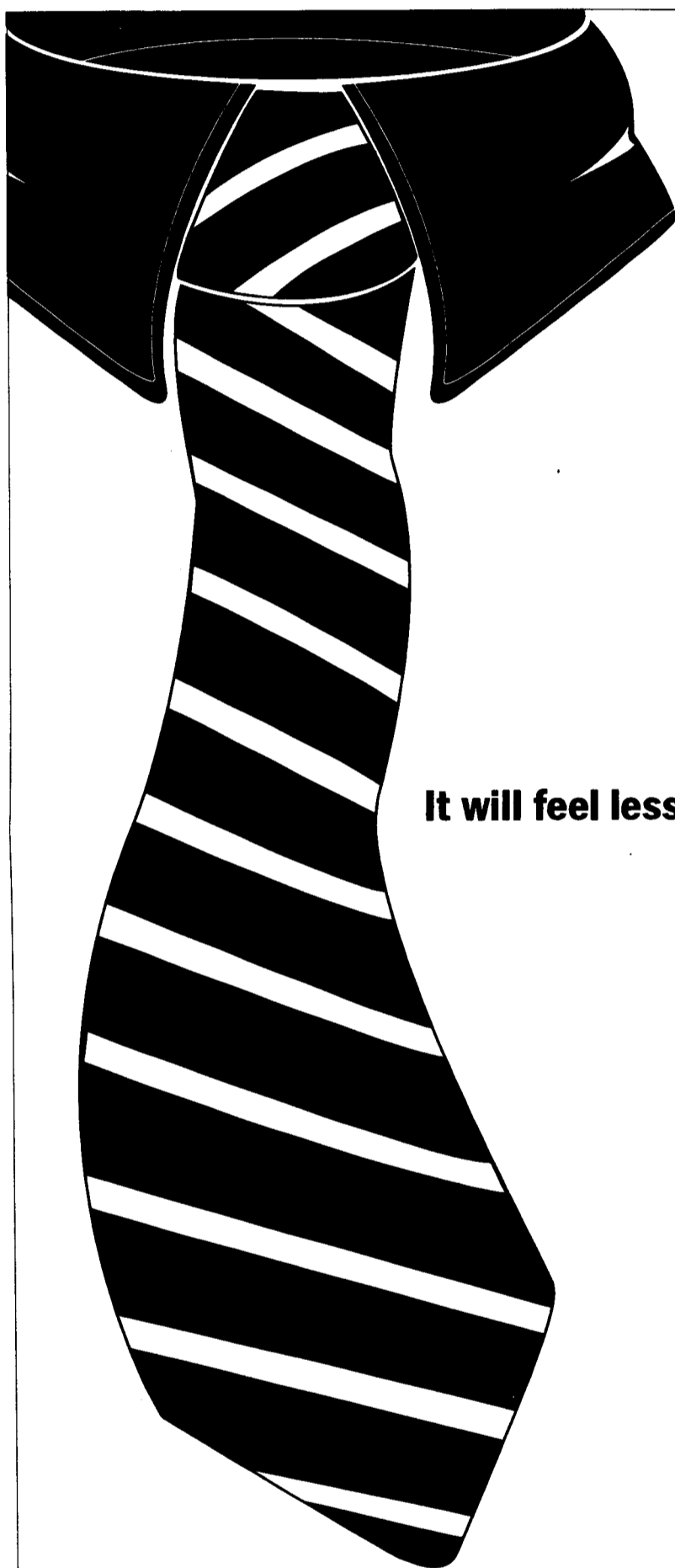
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