

## Exemption Plan OK'd By Cabinet

All-University Cabinet unanimously approved by a straw vote last night the basic plan to exempt eighth semester students from final examinations.

Joseph Hartnett, senior class president, said that student, faculty, and administration opinions are still being compiled so that a "good" report can be presented to the University Senate.

Since 1942, Hartnett said, student government bodies have been presenting exam exemption plans to the Senate and they have never been approved.

### Plan Favored

Individually, the majority of faculty and administration members favor the plan, Hartnett continued, but he will continue to take it to faculty and Senate committees for recommendations.

Whatever the verdict of the Senate, Hartnett said, the plan wouldn't be an educational policy because the final application depends upon each professor.

"We can't tell an instructor how to teach his class," he added.

### Purposes of Plan

Hartnett outlined three principal purposes of exempting eighth semester students from exams. They are:

1. To motivate seniors to study during their last semester and avoid "one of the greatest lags."
2. To give honor students a reward since they have already proved themselves.
3. To expedite the final grading process. Most seniors by exam time will have a job or will have been accepted by graduate school. Therefore final exams probably wouldn't make any difference.

## \$100,000 Dam Project Ends

The \$100,000 Whipple Dam improvement project has been completed, and the dam has been re-filled.

The project, under the direction of the state Forest and Waters Commission, was undertaken to improve the recreational facilities of the dam area.

The beach around the dam has been widened. The operation required the use of 3200 tons of sand, and the beach now measures 800 ft. A new concession stand is being built.

The bottom of the dam has also been improved. This was done by adding 12,500 tons of shale to the dam, making it 5 feet deep throughout.

With the completion of the project, the dam will now be available for ice skating.

### 'Heartbreak' Tickets

Tickets for the George Bernard Shaw play "Heartbreak House" are on sale at the Hetzel Union desk. Price is \$1.

The play will be presented by Players at 8 tonight and tomorrow at Center Stage.



# SAE Put on Social Pro Until June

## Expert Sees Peripheral Parking Partial Solution to Problem

By BOB FRANKLIN

Peripheral parking—possibly financed by fees paid for the privilege by individual students—would alleviate the campus parking situation, but would not be a sure solution to the problem, according to George Britton, a State Highway Department engineer.

Britton, who last night explained the 1954 campus parking survey, was commenting on a statement by All-University President Robert Bahrenburg advocating such a plan.

Bahrenburg said he could see only two alternatives for solving the campus parking problem—a further ban of student cars, or a peripheral parking plan—to store seldom used cars at points farther away from the center of the campus.

### 'Paying Basis' Suggested

Bahrenburg advocated a plan whereby each student would be assigned a specific parking space on campus "on a paying basis."

Britton said a peripheral parking plan is theoretically "the only solution," but is not a guaranteed answer because of a variable human factor. He called Bahrenburg's proposal "probably feasible."

Britton cited a great number of persons who might begin using the parking facilities near the center of the campus if little-used vehicles were moved farther out, creating congestion equal to the existing situation.

### Britton Rejects Ban

Concerning the other alternative named by Bahrenburg, Britton said: "I don't think your solution can ever be a ban on cars." But he emphasized this was purely a personal opinion and was not based on experience with campus parking situations.

The report on the survey, which covered an "average" parking day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., showed a total excess throughout the campus of 9576 space-time hours (the number of vacant spaces multiplied by the number of hours they remained vacant).

### Not Seen True Picture

However, Britton said, this figure does not represent a completely true picture of the situation, because it includes such times as the noon hour and after 5 p.m. when the demand for parking space is much less than during the rest of the day.

According to the report, the peak accumulation of cars on campus occurs at 11 a.m., and a second, slightly smaller peak occurs at 3 p.m. A total of 1540 vehicles, many owned by students living in dormitories, was already in parking spaces when the survey began at 8 a.m.

### Lack Cited

The report concluded that the problem was more a lack of distribution than a deficiency of spaces. It said: "... the demand for parking was, roughly, in center of the campus while the loca-

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—Daily Collegian Photo by Dave Havar

SEARCHERS RECEIVE instructions from Frank Park, forest ranger at Whipple Dam State Park, before starting their unsuccessful search for a lost hunter. The hunter walked out of the woods yesterday morning, uninjured but tired and hungry. Another picture on page 2.

## Lost Hunter Returns Home After Cold Night In Woods

By ED DUBBS

Collegian City Editor

A tired and hungry, but safe and sound, hunter walked into the warm home of the Whipple Dam forest ranger about 5 a.m. yesterday after spending a chilly, damp night in the woods.

Approximately three hours earlier, wet, muddy searchers were eating breakfast in a State College diner after their all-night search proved futile.

Frank Hoffmier, 40, of near Gap, had been hunting Wednesday with two friends in the Bell and Giddis Ridges areas, about eight miles from the state park. He left them about 3:30 p.m. to hunt the Bell Ridge area and was to meet them two hours later at the car.

When Hoffmier failed to return, his two friends, Kermit

Good, Coatesville, and George Morrison, Atglen, became worried and started to search the woods for Hoffmier.

Shortly after 9 p.m., the two decided to come to State College and seek help. The Alpha Fire Company sounded a distressed alarm at about 10 p.m.

The search for the 5-8, 250-pound hunter began with a briefing from Forest Ranger Ralph Park at his home.

The search party included about 20 Alpha firemen, 2 State Police-

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## Budapest Workers to Continue Strike

BUDAPEST, Dec. 13 (AP)—Thousands of Budapest workers decided tonight to strike until the Soviet-imposed regime of Premier Janos Kadar releases their imprisoned young leader.

There were reports that the Kadar regime had been virtually supplanted, and the real authority was being wielded on the scene by Gen. Ivan Serov, chief of the Soviet Union's secret police.

### Workers Defy Guns

Defying the guns of Hungarian soldiers and police, the workers walked out only a few hours after the end of a 48-hour general strike called to protest Kadar's dictatorial policies. That strike caused at least six deaths in clashes with Soviet troops and the Hungarian police.

The workers were angry over

the arrest of Sador Racz, 23, chairman of the Budapest Central Workers' Council—the body representing all workers in the Hungarian capital.

### Nehru Estimates Deaths

In New Delhi Prime Minister Nehru said Thursday that Indian diplomats who visited Hungary estimated that about 25,000 Hungarians and 7000 Russians were killed in the revolt that flared more than seven weeks ago. This was the first estimate of any official nature.

The new strike paralyzed nearly all the factories in the industrial 11th District of Budapest.

### Strike May Spread

There was a possibility the strike would spread to large plants elsewhere—notably to the huge iron and steel works on Ssepel Island south of Budapest.

There workers were debating a sympathy strike.

Several hundred Communist-controlled Hungarian troops and police occupied the Bajolannis electric factory, where Racz and Bari had been working. The plant is the former Budapest subsidiary of the Standard Electric Co.

### Racz, Bari Arrested

Racz and Bari were arrested Tuesday when they accepted a government invitation for new negotiations in the tank-surrounded Budapest Parliament building.

Budapest radio claimed Racz was held for giving incorrect information to Western reporters.

Seizure of the two leaders resembled the kidnaping of former Premier Imre Nagy when he left the sanctuary of the Yugoslav Embassy Nov. 23 under a promise of safe conduct.

## Action Taken For Stealing 11 Yule Trees

The Interfraternity Council Board of Control last night placed Sigma Alpha Epsilon on social probation for the remainder of the academic year and on Board of Control probation for the fall semester of 1957.

The penalty also included removal of two house officers.

The social probation, which will begin Sunday, will be the second such offense incurred by the fraternity this year.

The fraternity was tried before the board after a State College area woman charged members of the house with taking 11 evergreen trees from her property.

### 7 Men Took Trees

Seven men affiliated with the fraternity admitted taking the trees Monday from the property of R. M. Gearhart, on Branch Rd., near the Centre Hills Country Club. The two house officers had full knowledge of the actions of the men, according to Richard Shillinger, chairman of the Board of Control.

### Will Not Press Charges

The Gearharts have temporarily agreed not to press court charges against the men. Restitution for the trees will be made to the Gearharts, according to the dean of men's office.

The board's penalty must be approved by the Subcommittee on Discipline of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs before going into effect.

### Reasons of Board

The reasons listed by the board for the severity of the penalty were the intent of the students' actions, the prior knowledge of the house officers and the seriousness of the crime.

Under social probation, no social functions may be held by the house. The Board of Control probation, which will begin at the end of the social probation period, involves a strict surveillance of the fraternity by the members of the board.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was placed on social probation for three weeks from Oct. 4 to Oct. 25 and was fined \$50 for pledging a man with an average below a 2.0.

## Lion Shivers At Cold Front

The Nittany Lion could tell by his thermometer this morning that the long-awaited cold front had at last arrived in the State College area.

The cold front, which suddenly turned toward the north, had brought us rain and warm weather instead of the cold and snow that was expected.

Mumbling some remark concerning the University weatherman, the Lion returned to his den to warm himself by the fire.

Some snow flurries are expected this afternoon and tonight with a high of 25-30.

Last night's low was predicted at 15-20 degrees.



## LA Council to Conduct Faculty Evaluation Poll

The Liberal Arts Student Council will distribute letters to all the department heads in the college in order to make a faculty evaluation.

The questionnaires will ask for a list of the different number of courses in each department and the average number of students in each course.