

# Nuclear force in S. America topic of talk

• The film "Last Grave at Dimbaza" will be shown at 7 tonight in 111 Boucke. The film will be followed by a talk by John Lamperti on nuclear power and nuclear weapons in South America.

• There will be a seminar on measuring teaching success with Francis M. Dwyer of the University Division of Instructional Services at 3:30 p.m. today in 108 Forum.

• There will be a seminar commemorating Vocational Education Week by Charles Lebo, program specialist for the state Department of Education, at 7:30 tonight in 112 Armsby.

• Questions and answers related to dorm contract allocation policy will be handled by Phil Grosnick at 7 tonight in the Stephens Hall lounge.

• Dormitory contract procedures and room assignments will be explained and questions answered at 9 tonight in Waring lounge.

• Kathy Strelitzky will speak on

## notes

"J.R.R. Tolkien: Subcreator of Modern Myth" at 2:30 p.m. today in 323 HUB.

• The Student Dietetics Association will sponsor a wine demonstration at 7 tonight in the Living Center of the Human Development Building.

• An American cultural exhibition workshop entitled "From Protest Songs to Bob Dylan" will be held at 2 p.m. today in the HUB main lounge.

• WDFM's Sportstalk will feature Fran Fisher at 8 tonight.

• There will be a meeting of The Penn

State Dames at 7:30 tonight in 101 Kern.

• The Penn State Science Fiction Society will meet at 7 tonight in 308 Willard.

• There will be a meeting of the Monty Python Society to launch a quest for the Holy Grail at 7 tonight in 174 Willard.

• The College Republicans will meet to discuss Harrisburg at 7 tonight in 324 HUB.

• State Sen. J. Doyle Corman will speak at a meeting of the College Republicans at 7:30 tonight in 324 HUB.

## Mall could affect wells

By PAULA FROKE and FRED ZAHRADNIK Daily Collegian Staff Writers

The effect of the proposed Ferguson Township shopping mall on the University's water supply should be investigated, said University Director of the Physical Plant John D. Miller.

The proposed mall's drainage would feed into a watershed that adjoins the Big Hollow and Thompson farm areas (west of campus) where most of the University's wells are located, Miller said.

Unlike most large universities, Penn State relies solely on wells for its water supply and has no reservoir. The lack of a large reservoir is not unusual considering the University's rural setting, Miller said.

"We hope that engineering studies will be considered before the Ferguson supervisors make their (re)zoning decision," said University Vice President for Business Ralph E. Zilly. The bulk of the University's wells lie within an area that could be affected by the mall's drainage, he said.

GAI Consultants Inc., hired by the Oxford Development Co., has concluded that a shopping mall with a

stormwater management pond would not release higher volumes of stormwater drainage than a residential development.

The township supervisors have hired University professor of hydrogeology Richard R. Parezik to conduct a study of subsurface conditions of the proposed mall site.

"The University's well fields are a concern of the study" he said.

Parezik will submit a report on his findings to the Ferguson Planning Commission on Feb. 22.

In a related matter, township supervisors did not act Tuesday night on a citizens' group request for a hearing on the supervisors' earlier refusal to issue petitions to the group.

Chester Gnatt, president of the Park Hills Homeowners' Association, said last night the citizens are attempting to file the petitions in an effort to have the 100-acre tract along North Atherton Street rezoned as a combination of residential and general commercial land.

The citizens object to the Oxford Co.'s proposal to have the land rezoned for commercial use only, he said, because such a plan would not conform to the township's comprehensive plan for land use.

## PennPIRG petitions again students question legality

By LINDA HOELZLE Daily Collegian Staff Writer

The Pennsylvania Public Interest Research Group has begun a new petition drive calling for a referendum on the Undergraduate Student Government ballots on March 27 and 28.

Jeff Goldsmith, coordinator of PennPIRG, told a meeting of PIRG members last night that they have already received 3,000 signatures on another petition but said some students have questioned their legality since the petitions support PIRG instead of calling for a referendum.

Goldsmith said he is trying to get a hearing before the Supreme Court of USG asking them to accept the petitions PIRG already has. He said it only stands to reason if a student signed a petition supporting PIRG they would favor the referendum.

In order to get a referendum on the USG ballot, Goldsmith said, PIRG needs 1,500 signatures and are circulating the new petitions in case the Supreme Court rules against the old petitions.

By signing the new petition, Goldsmith said, students are not necessarily supporting PIRG but just supporting the question of having such an organization

put before the student body.

Goldsmith said if PIRG succeeds in getting the referendum on the ballot, 25 percent of the student body will be needed for it to pass. In the past, he said, only about 22 percent of the students have voted in the elections.

If the referendum is passed, Goldsmith said, PIRG's next move will be to gain administrative support by presenting the organization to the Board of Trustees for final approval in May.

"I think the referendum has a very, very definite chance for succeeding," Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith also reported that PennPIRG had been offered help at the North-Eastern PIRG Conference by PIRG organizations in Rhode Island, Washington and Massachusetts. PennPIRG has already received financial or organizational help from the Oregon, New York and Minnesota PIRG's.

Goldsmith said PIRG will have a table with Eco Action at registration in which interested students can sign the new petition. Petitions are also being distributed by PIRG members and one is located in the Organization for Town Independent Students office.

## Agencies available to help combat hunger

Continued from page 1. his welfare allotment in food stamps. His electric bill is currently \$90 per month.

Another student said, however, "We'll eat over anything. We won't cut our food over our bills."

Students are also involved in helping hungry members of the community as well as receiving assistance.

The Horticulture Club sponsored a canned goods collection last Christmas for the third consecutive year. Chan Hood (11th-horticulture) said that five baskets of food were distributed to

hungry people in the community. He said that six baskets were collected the year before and that there was less campus support this year.

Phi Mu Delta fraternity and Sigma Delta Tau sorority plan a canned goods collection in the spring.

The food collected will be donated to the Centre County Community Action Agency, Inc., an organization which provides emergency food to people in the area.

Many students are also involved in volunteering their time to organizations

that help needy people in the community. There are two local agencies which act as coordinators in placing volunteers in situations where they are needed: The Voluntary Action Center, 427 S. Allen St., and the Volunteer Service Center, 215 HUB.

Ann Carrick (11th-recreation and parks), a staffmember at the Volunteer Service Center, said that about 200 volunteers are placed by the center each term.

But there are opportunities for more students to volunteer. "We really need

volunteers awfully bad," she said. "We try to find something that will be good for them. We don't push them into anything. The hardest part is just to get them to volunteer."

Meals on Wheels is one hunger-related organization that is always looking for volunteers to either help deliver food, help in food preparation, or to be friendly visitors to homebound people in the community. The Centre County Community Action Agency also can provide opportunities for interested persons.

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