

Outdoor Rec Area Planned

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Walker Announces Huge 70-Acre Site

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A 70-acre, man-made lake will be the center of a huge new outdoor recreational area on University property in Stone Valley, according to an announcement made yesterday by President Eric A. Walker.

The lake, which will be suitable for swimming, boating, and fishing, will be the result of a \$250,000 dam on Shaver Creek, 12 miles from the campus.

The project has already gained approval of the Board of Trustees and plans are underway to determine the feasibility of the project.

In his public announcement Dr. Walker said, "If we find this idea practical, we hope to be able to begin construction of the dam in the Spring of 1958. Meanwhile, the project has been promised the full and complete support of our alumni through the Penn State Foundation."

\$5000 Already Voted
The Foundation, an alumni fund-raising agency, already has voted \$5000 for engineering tests and foundation borings."

Bernard P. Taylor, executive director of the Foundation, said the project would be accorded a high priority on the 1957 fund-raising list. He anticipates solid alumni support.

Lawrence Perez, professor of civil engineering, outlined the technical details to a group of student leaders and administrators yesterday.

To Cover 70 Acres
The drawings showed that the lake would be irregular in shape, having more than two miles of shoreline and covering over 70 acres on land immediately adjoining the already-existing camps for students in Mineral Industries, civil engineering, and forestry. It would be 1000 feet wide at its widest point, 3000 feet in length, with a depth ranging from 10 to 35 feet.

The camps were established years ago in the Stone Valley area of which the University owns over 6000 acres of land. The school of forestry has been active in the area for 15 years and has brought about a remarkable improvement in the forests in the area according to William C. Bramble, acting director.

It would be about three times larger than nearby Whipple's Dam, now the sole area in the vicinity for outdoor recreational activities for students.

Replaces Beaver Dam
The lake project will take the place of the once-proposed Beaver Dam recreational area to which All-University Cabinet donated \$5000 last year.

The initial cost of the project (Continued on page eight)

Health Staff Discontinues Check-ups

Students admitted to the University beginning with the fall semester will have their physical examinations performed by their local home physicians rather than by the staff of the University Health Service.

The new procedure, which is in effect at many colleges and universities, is the result of the growing number of new students.

No Longer Practical
For many years, new students received their physical examinations during the Orientation Week program that precedes the opening of classes. With larger enrollments of new students planned, it is no longer considered practical to complete the physical examination during Orientation Week, unless the orientation period would be extended. Under the new plan the University Health Service will continue to give X-rays, certain laboratory tests, and dental examinations for all new students. Students will not be requested to include these in the examination made by their home physician.

Admission Not Affected
Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, director of the Health Service, said that when a student is granted admission for the fall semester, he will be mailed the physical examination form. A part of the form includes a medical history to be completed by the parents. The other part will be completed by the physician.

While a physical examination is required of all students, the admission of a student is not affected by the results of the examination, which is given after the student has been admitted.

Results of the examinations are used in providing medical service for students needing it and in helping the Health Service carry out its program of conserving, maintaining and promoting the health of the student body.

Clear Roads Forecast For State

Driving conditions in Pennsylvania for the next 48 hours should be favorable to students traveling home, according to the University weather station.

Weather predictions for today and tomorrow include partly cloudy skies with mild temperatures today and clear and turning colder on Saturday.

Today's high is expected to reach 55 degrees and a low tonight of 40 degrees.

Recess Begins

Christmas recess will officially begin at 11:50 a.m. tomorrow and will end at 8 a.m. Jan. 3.

Dormitories will close at 5 p.m. tomorrow and will re-open at 1 a.m. on Jan. 2.

Temporary arrangements have been made for 11 students to remain on campus over the holidays.

Dormitory dining halls will close after the noon meal tomorrow and will reopen for breakfasts on Jan. 3.

University offices will be closed from noon tomorrow until 8 a.m. Thursday, and also on Dec. 29, and for New Year's Day on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Last Issue

Today's issue of The Daily Collegian will be the last before vacation, Michael Moyle, editor, has announced. Publication will be resumed Jan. 4.

The Pattee Library will observe the following schedule. Tomorrow, 7:50 a.m. to noon; Sunday through Wednesday, closed; next Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 29, to noon; Dec. 30, closed; Dec. 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jan. 1, closed; Jan. 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Jan. 3 it will resume regular hours from 7:50 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Food Centers

The Lion's Den and Terrace Room of the Hetzel Union Building will close at 1:15 p.m. tomorrow and remain closed until Jan. 2 when the Lion's Den will open at 4 p.m. and the Terrace Room at 5 p.m.

The HUB will be closed from noon Dec. 23 through Jan. 1, but the Hetzel Union desk will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Thursday and Friday and Dec. 31.

Timetables Available

Timetables for the spring semester and student and faculty directories are still available in 4 Willard.

Student Directories are also being sold at the Book Exchange in the basement of the Hetzel Union Building.



—Joe Patton Photo

EDITORIAL

Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus

(The following editorial, a newspaper favorite, was published in the New York Sun on Christmas, 1897. It was a reply by Francis P. Church to a letter from one of the Sun's readers. It imparts some of that Christmas feeling we too often forget.)

"Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Clause?"—Virginia O'Hanlon.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



Nehru, Eisenhower Talks Climaxed by Agreements

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru and President Eisenhower climaxed their four days of talks today by announcing a "broad area of agreement" and "greater understanding."

That was the gist of a formal communique issued on their behalf as the Prime Minister boarded Eisenhower's personal plane, Columbine III, and flew to New York. From there he will go to Ottawa for the weekend and then to London on his way back to India.

Began Talks Sunday
The 67-year-old Indian leader began his talks with Eisenhower last Sunday, continued them for more than 12 hours Monday at Eisenhower's Gettysburg farm, and wound them up yesterday. Exactly what they discussed has been one of Washington's best-kept secrets thus far.

Official sources insisted no specific agreements were reached. But from the American viewpoint the big accomplishment seemed to be the attitude that Nehru disclosed at a news conference yesterday: that U.S. policy "is not as rigid as I thought."

From the Indian viewpoint, the big gain seemed to be what Nehru called a greater understanding,

and, possibly some appreciation of India's policy of neutrality in the cold war between Russia and the Western Allies.

In any event, Nehru left Washington in an apparently happy mood.

Diplomats of both countries were quick to hail the Eisenhower-Nehru talks as possibly the beginning of a new U.S.-India relationship. As the official communique put it:

Talks Confirm Agreement
"The talks confirmed the broad area of agreement between India and the United States, which are bound together in strong ties of friendship deriving from their common objectives and their adherence to the highest principles of free democracy. The principles and policies of the governments of India and the United States have evolved on the basis of respect for the dignity of man and of the need to improve the welfare of the individual."