

Perkins To Head Center After July 1

Dr. Harold W. Perkins, associate dean of men, has been named administrative head of the Wyomissing Center of the University effective July 1.

Perkins has been on the staff of the Dean of Men's office for 10 years. He was named assistant dean of men in 1949 and two years ago was named associate dean of men.

President Eric A. Walker announced Perkins' appointment Monday and said that he will succeed T. Glenwood Stoudt, who has resigned to enter the engineering department of Western Electric Co. at the Laureldale plant.

The Wyomissing institute became part of the University's off-campus program last July and was previously the Wyomissing Technical Institute. During the past year the enrollment has included 46 full-time students registered for the two-year associate degree program and 65 students initially enrolled in the Berkshire Knitting Mills apprentice training program who have continued their work since the institute became part of the University's centers.

Evening classes enroll an additional 175 students and are designed for working men and women desiring training that will qualify them for new jobs and better positions.

Perkins, who is 39, was born in Sharon and completed work for his bachelor of arts degree in economics at Washington and Jefferson College. He obtained his master of science degree in psychology and his doctor of education degree from the University.

In addition to his duties as associate dean of men, Perkins is currently serving as adviser to Spring Week committees, Student Tribunal and Androcles, junior men's hat society.

While a student at Washington and Jefferson, Perkins was president of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and was active in campus, religious activities, dramatics, glee club, intramural sports and captain of the varsity tennis team.

Following completion of his undergraduate work in 1941, he was named alumni secretary at

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Frosh Averages Best in 6 Years

By BILL JAFFE

More than 44 per cent of the freshmen men compiled a 2.2 All-University average or better during the fall semester.

According to statistics released by the Bursar's Office, the freshman class average was 2.0 while the All-University men's average was 2.25.

The freshman class average was termed the best in the last six years by O. Edward Pollock, assistant to the dean of men in charge of fraternity affairs. Last year's fall semester averages for freshmen were considered the worst in the University's history.

The All-University fraternity men's average for the fall semester was 2.32. The senior fraternity men's average was 2.55; the junior men's average, 2.28; and sophomore, 2.12.

The All-University senior men's

average for the fall semester was 2.61; the junior men's, 2.28; and sophomore, 2.18. The All-University women's average was 2.57 and the mens' and womens' All-University average was 2.33.

The freshman class average was most surprising to fraternity rushing chairmen. Under the newly instituted deferred rushing system, freshmen were not permitted to rush until the second semester.

One of the reasons for the system was to help increase freshman scholarship. Edward Hintz, Interfraternity Council president, was pleased with the freshman averages; in fact, "mildly surprised."

"With all the rumors flying around at the beginning of this semester," Hintz said, "I was beginning to wonder if the deferred rush system really did help the averages." The higher freshman averages can definitely be attributed to the new system, he said.

Committee to Report Bookstore Unneeded

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The All-University Bookstore Committee will tell Cabinet tonight that the University doesn't need its own bookstore.

The committee report, to be presented at 7 in 203 Hetzel Union by Chairman Gerald Carlson, says a University Bookstore could not offer students better than a five per cent savings on texts and that the downtown merchants are "in line" with standard retail book prices.

Storm to Bring Morning Showers

Morning showers are expected to give way to partly cloudy skies and pleasant temperatures late this afternoon.

A storm system will pass through the state dumping up to an inch of rain.

Tonight will be clear and cooler. Today's high will be 66 degrees, tonight's low about 40.

Sunny and warm weather is the prediction for Friday and Saturday.

The "inadequate services" the committee reports it found are the shortage of textbooks usually occurring at the beginning of a semester.

The report explains that the reasons for these shortages are:

- The University does not provide the merchants with accurate enough estimates of book needs.
- The estimates are often not given in enough time.

•The merchants each must estimate the number of books he must buy, taking into consideration the estimates by the University and the merchant's own estimation of what his own share among all the dealers should be.

•On top of all this, the com-

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Stone Valley To Get Dam

The Stone Valley Recreation area, long in the development stage, took a step toward reality when the University announced yesterday that construction of the dam which will serve the area will be started before the end of the month.

The dam, to be built on Shaver Creek, will make possible a 72-acre lake for swimming, boating and fishing. Later development is expected to make the area useful for other recreational activities.

The announcement of the construction of the dam followed receipt yesterday of the permit for the dam from the Water and Power Resources Board of the State Department of Forests and Waters. It is expected that the dam will be completed by September.

The estimated cost in 1957 of developing the recreational area was \$250,000. The project was launched in 1956 to provide recreational facilities for the University's students, faculty and administration personnel.

Trees and stumps have already been cleared from the dam site, largely through the efforts of personnel of the 491st Engineering Battalion, the local Army Reserve unit. Fraternity men and women will help to further clear the area of sticks and other debris as part of the Greek Week work projects.

Lawrence J. Perez, professor of civil engineering and a member of the Stone Valley development committee, describes the lake that will be formed as an irregular body of water adjoining the Mineral Industries, Civil Engineering and Forestry camps. These camps are used for instructional purposes on the nearly 6500 acres of University land in Stone Valley.

The lake will be 1000 feet wide at the widest point, about 3000 feet in length and will have a shore line of about two miles. The maximum depth will be 30 feet with the average depth estimated at 17 feet.

The breast of the dam will be a mound of ground, 240 feet wide at the base, 15 feet wide at the top and 520 feet long.

The first work undertaken will be the building of the foundation for the gate and the construction of the concrete culver which is more than 240 feet in length.

Moneygram Gets Trio Out of Cuba

By DENNY MALICK

Three Beta Theta Pi's are probably headed back to campus from Havana, Cuba, today, but they needed a quick \$50 from a fraternity brother to get them on their way.

Herman Weber, sophomore in architecture from Erie, wired the money to the wandering trio yesterday in response to a frantic telephone call from Havana Tuesday night.

"We have a little problem and we need \$50 right away," Robert Kaul, senior in business administration from Cranford, N.J., told Weber in the short conversation.

He asked that the money be sent to the Western Union Office in Havana, Weber said last night.

Alvin Clemens, senior in business administration from Harleysville, and Erich Fichtner, junior in Division of Counseling from Reading, were with Kaul when he made the call.

Weber said they told him they could not talk too long. They didn't say why they needed the money.

Weber was unable to wire the money Tuesday night and couldn't cash a \$50 check yesterday morning. Instead, he had to cash five \$10 checks.

According to other members of the fraternity, two coeds may have been waiting in Florida to ride back to campus with the three Betas.

Sherry Parkyn, junior in secondary education from State College, and Virginia Dunkerton, sophomore in elementary education from Short Hills, N.J., went to Florida with Clemens and Kaul and it is believed they planned to return with them.

Gridders Begin Spring Practice

By SANDY PADWE

A lot of problems and questions concerning Penn State's football team will be answered starting today when Rip Engle's Nittany Lions open spring drills.

Sixty-five candidates, including 18 lettermen, will be on hand for 20 days of drills which end May 2 with the annual Blue-White game.

"Spring practice is the time to find out who can play where," said Engle "and it gives us a good idea of what we have for next season."

Engle described his footballers as "moderately inexperienced but high on enthusiasm and potential."

Engle also said that this is the time for experimenting to see who can fill the gaps left by graduation.

Engle's biggest experiment will be at tackle, where Stu Barber, an end last season, will try to plug the hole left by graduating senior Joe Bohart.

"Bohart was one of our top performers last year despite his bad knee," Engle commented, "and finding a suitable replacement will be a tough problem."

But I feel that Barber might be the one."

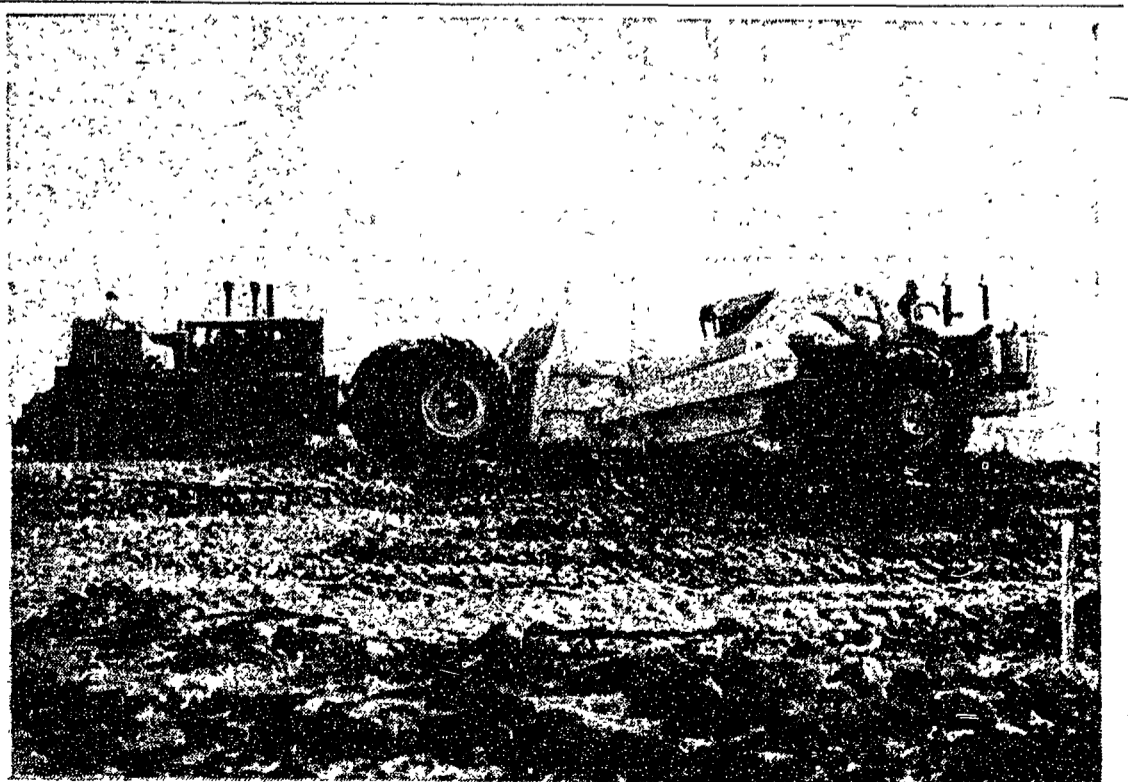
The replacement problem doesn't end there for Engle must find personnel to fill the shoes of other departing starters—Maurice Schleicher, Dave Kasperian, Charley Ruslavage, Steve Garban and Bill Wehmer.

Engle will probably promote members of his "alternate unit" to fill in.

At end, where Schleicher gained All-East honors last year, Engle has a strong group of returnees headed by lettermen Norm Neff and John Bozick.

Four sophomores—Dave Alexander, Dave Truitt, Jim Schwab and Henry Opperman—will also be on hand. All four played last season and Engle will be

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THE GROUND HAS BEEN BROKEN—Grading machines being pushed by bulldozers can be seen at the sight of the Beaver Field 'to-be.' The graders cannot pull through the soft dirt even with their large tires, so the caterpillar tractors must help pick up the loads.

—Collegian Photo by Marty Schertz