

# Wilkes-Barre Campus Offers Three Technical Curriculums

(This is the seventh in a series of articles concerning the University's 13 Commonwealth campuses. Today's article features the Wilkes-Barre campus.)

Almost 45 years ago, University faculty members began teaching evening engineering courses in Wilkes-Barre in borrowed classroom facilities.

This is also the way many of the other Commonwealth campuses began at later dates. The Wilkes-Barre campus, however, is unique in that only the associate degree program is offered in three technical curriculums.

ALTHOUGH THE scope of the program was enlarged through the years, the actual establishment of the associate degree program did not become a reality until 1953.

In the present associate degree program the drafting, design, surveying and electrical technology curriculums have a total enrollment of 174 men and one woman.

Faculty members and students

now use a four-story brick building as the center of "campus" life and study. It is centrally located in this city of 60,000.

The building dates from the early 1900's and provides classroom and office space for faculty and students.

THE LOUNGE and recreation area in one part of the building were developed with student-donated funds.

While the University's Commonwealth campus offers only technical education, other colleges in the Wilkes-Barre area concentrate on offering liberal arts courses to their students.

In addition to the campus' associate degree program, the faculty members continue to teach evening classes which are geared for persons not seeking degrees. Before the associate degree program was established in 1953, a one-year full-time day program had been offered for six years.

GEORGE W. BIERLY, director of the campus, joined the faculty

in 1947 and began administrative work with the campus in 1949. He now heads a staff of 11 full-time faculty members.

## 71 Students Participate In Exchange Program

Seventy-one Penn State students attended spring term classes at the University of Strasbourg in France and the University of Cologne in Germany as a part of the Study Abroad Program.

The experimental program will be evaluated within the coming weeks and students will be chosen for the next spring term program, Dagobert de Levie, associate dean of the College of the Liberal Arts for the Study Abroad Program, said yesterday.

No information is available on the program's evaluation at present, de Levie said. He recently returned from Cologne where he taught a course in German literature to the program participants.

## WRA to Offer Aid in Activities

The Women's Recreation Association plans to offer its aid in helping students who want organized recreation activities this summer, Nancy Barnhart, president, said recently.

Members of the women's physical education staff will aid in the program, and the facilities of White Hall will be open if student request it, she said. Activities will not be planned until the staff knows specifically what the students want and if a sufficient number are willing to participate, she added.

The WRA cabin will be available for women's groups which wish to use it for a day or a weekend. A nominal fee will be charged for the use of the facilities in the cabin. It is located about 7 miles south of State College, Miss Barnhart said.

### Teaching Assistant Award

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