

The first President of the University Outing Club - Dr. Earle B. Perkins.

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Dr. Earle Bryant Perkins was born on May 21, 1901 in South Portland, Maine. After graduating from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine he pursued and was awarded his doctorate in zoology from Harvard University.

Dr. Perkins worked as an assistant professor of zoology at Rutgers in the College of Agriculture during the 1920's and founded the Rutgers University Outing Club in 1931, serving as its first President and serving again as President in 1939-1940. In 1933 he embarked on the journey of a lifetime with the **Second Byrd Antarctic Expedition 1933-35**. As one of four biologists he held the title of assistant senior scientist. He studied plankton, bacteria, and seals, and made several films capturing the Expedition adventures. Members of UOC contributed funds for his purchase of photographic equipment and film. His work was published in *Scientific Monthly* and the *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society*.

The **Perkins Glacier** on the coast of Antarctica's Marie Byrd Land is named for him. The glacier is a broad, low gradient glacier 8 nautical miles south-southeast of Cape Burks on the coast of Marie Byrd Land. It drains west from McDonald Heights into the east side of Hull Bay. It was mapped by United States Geological survey from surveys and U.S. Navy air photos, 1959-65. It was named by the Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names for Earle B. Perkins, biologist with the Byrd Antarctic Expedition 1933-35.

Rutgers has an excerpt of his film *"Animal Life in Antarctic" 1933-1934* available for viewing at <https://timeline.rutgers.edu/#event-prof-earle-b-perkins-and-adm-byrds-2nd-antarctic-expedition>. In 1939 Perkins was head of the Department of Biophotography.

Dr. Perkins died on March 22, 1985 in Cox's Head, Maine at the age of 83. Much earlier he had returned to Maine where he devoted his time to a rehabilitation center and a children's home.

Dr. Perkins was a longtime friend of the Marshall Smith family who were members of the Outing Club from its inception. Peggy Smith, daughter of Marshall Smith M.D. , was a past officer and active in the Outing Club until her move to Maine a number of years ago.



Dr. Earle Perkins on 2nd Byrd Antarctic expedition 1932-1935
At his camera and searching out Antarctic life

Perkins as Head of Dept of
Biophotography in 1939