

Named Dean of Newly-Created School of Physical Education; No Successor to Post Chosen

'Grand Old Man' Steps Out of Picture at Sacrifice

CAME TO PENN STATE FOR 1 YEAR; STAYED 12

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"There are the boys we must depend on in future years," he explained, "and our job is to prime them for what's coming."

Asked if he would ever return to coaching again, he said he would only in the event of an emergency. He plans to close his coaching career with the baseball team this spring, after which he intends to put every ounce of effort into a comprehensive system of intramural athletics.

IMPENDING TRUSTEE ACTION SHROUDED IN DEEP SECRECY

Hugo Berdek's retirement as head football coach came as a shock to the campus yesterday afternoon. Although the matter was thrust out finally at a meeting of the Athletic Board of Control January 9, 1930, the impending action was shrouded in deep secrecy until late last night. The first indication that the Board of Trustees would return a momentary decision from yesterday's meeting, was evidence of the rumors that were circulated in the late afternoon. The bright outlook for the 1930 football season exemplified that report from the long list of possibilities.

PRESIDENT HEITZEL REPORTED RESIGNED. GIFT IS REMOVED

Reports that President Ralph D. Hitzel would submit his resignation to the Board of Trustees yesterday, was one of the countless rumors that started the campus before the Board's action on Berdek's retirement was announced.

Another report was that the College was to be the recipient of a large endowment fund.

COLLEGE SENATE APPROVES ATHLETIC COACHING COURSE

A credit course in athletic coaching, to be conducted throughout the year with coaches as instructors, is the first proposal of the new School of Physical Education and Athletics to gain Senate approval.

Other courses under consideration include special instruction for students who are afflicted with physical defects, for students who are backward in entering athletic competition, for student who would specialize in competition if they had the right opportunity, and for all students in the proper care and maintenance of the body and their physical health. It is expected that expansion in personnel and in facilities for the new school will intensify the intramural athletic program.

Athletic Board Lauds 'Vision' of Director

Herein is published an extract from the minutes of the January 9, 1930, meeting of the Board of Athletic Control. "On motion, approved unanimously by the members of the Board of Athletic Control, present at the January meeting, the Secretary was directed to convey to Mr. Berdek their appreciation of his wholehearted attitude in suggesting the readjustment of his duties to meet the changing needs of Intercollegiate Athletics and Physical Education at the College. The members of the Board have continually valued the fine cooperation of Mr. Berdek with the policies and objectives of the Board, but on this occasion the evidence of his unselfish interest in promoting the larger program of the College is deserving of this special vote of appreciation. The Board approves this vision of the importance which Physical Education may occupy, and commends Mr. Berdek for his far-sightedness at the same time that it extends to him its best wishes for his success in this broader field of influence."

JOHN BEAVER WHITE GROUP SUGGESTED CHANGE IN 1927

The alumni committee that suggested the creation of a new School of Physical Education and Athletics with Hugo Berdek as its director in 1927 was known as the "John Beaver White committee." Members of the committee headed by John Beaver White '21 were George R. Meek '20, Boyd A. Musser '21, Arthur W. Mitchell '21, William Way '27, Emerson F. Davis '13, J. O. Keller '14, George E. Hesselbacher '16, and Alan B. Helfrich '25.

ALUMNI COMMITTEE PROPOSED CREATION OF ATHLETIC BOARD

Formation of the Athletic Board of Control with one trustee, five alumni, four faculty members, and three students, was the first suggestion of the "John Beaver White committee" to be adopted by the College.

This Board replaced the former "Alumni Athletic Advisory committee."

Members of the Board at present are Chairman A. N. Diehl '28, Vice-Chairman Dean Robert L. Sackett; Leop. Arthur R. Wainock, Prof. R. Adams Dutcher, Prof. O. F. Smith, H. C. McIlveen '27, J. L. Mauthe '12; V. H. Teas '27, William Way '27; P. H. Blythe '12, Martin S. McAndrew '30, P. Bruce Baldwin '30, and Adair E. Hreklein '30.

Changes Go Into Effect July 1—Trustees Okay Plan

EXPANSION OF ATHLETIC PROGRAM IS PROPOSED

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ten dozen organized sports, but rather to supplement this vigorous activity with an extensive program of play and education which shall touch every student in the College.

"Professor Berdek has recognized the great opportunity that lies in the program of this new school, and has asked to be relieved of his coaching duties in order that he may devote his full time and energy to the promotion of this program. His request was approved at a recent meeting of the Board of Athletic Control, and has been granted by the trustees."

Retirement of Berdek after twelve years as football coach, at his own request, is held to be at quite some distance to his coaching ambitions at the close of one of the most successful football seasons the College has had since the championship days of 1919, 1920, and 1921.

Berdek heartily advocated the proposal when it was presented at a recent meeting of the Athletic Board of recommendation to the trustees.

The activities of the department that is now to become a school of the College," he said, "have grown so that it is desirable for the director to concentrate all his thought and effort on the more thorough organization, to broaden them in scope and to add such other programs as will benefit most the unobtrusive individual in the student body who needs such supervision."

"Plant equipment, readjustment of facilities, and expansion require the director's full time and attention," he asserted. "The greatest good will come to the College through this type of work. Penn State is growing rapidly and I anticipate a great future with the new plan in operation. Intramural athletics will be stressed more than ever, and I see earlier realization of my original plans to give Penn State the best there is in the physical development of young men and women."

RETIRED HEAD COACH FIRST CAME TO COLLEGE IN 1919

After winning national prominence as a football strategist at Oregon and Arkansas, Hugo Berdek became head football coach at Penn State in 1919.

He also coached the S. A. T. C. eleven here in 1918.

The retired football head produced Southwest champion at the University of Arkansas during his 1908-1913 regime. The defeat of Pennsylvania in the Tournament of Roses game climaxed an undefeated season at Oregon university in 1916, after the Oregonians had won the Pacific coast title. He coached there from 1913 until his feats earned him the managership of the Pittsburgh baseball club in 1917.

Berdek won acclaim with Walter Eckersall in the backfield of Stagg at Chicago in 1907, after one year as head coach of the football, basketball, and baseball teams at Oregon university.

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