

# Conover Provides Scholarship Fund

Establishment of a \$5000 scholarship fund at the College for a worthy New Jersey student-athlete is proposed in the will of the late Larry Conover, former Lion football player and coach.

Under the terms of this offer, which will be formally acted upon at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, the principal of the fund will be invested by the College, and the interest or income thereof will be awarded annually to the New Jerseyite "who attains the best record in football and scholarship."

The will adds that the need and ability of the student shall be determined by a committee composed of the football coach and registrar of the College.

Conover, a native of New Jersey, was a member of the Nittany gridiron varsity in 1916, 1917, and 1919, and captained the team in 1917. A victim of a fatal heart attack six weeks ago while attempting to revive a drowning victim on the Atlantic City beach, he had served as life guard captain there for more than 25 years.

After completion of his college career, Conover played professional football and led a varied coaching career, during which he returned as a member of the Lion staff, was head coach at Clemson University, S. C., and assistant coach at the University of Georgia. More recently, he achieved prominence as a college and professional football official.

(Sports Editor's Note: Upon receipt of the news of the Conover Scholarship Fund, Bob Higgins, head football coach, and Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, made the following comments.)

**Coach Higgins**—"I think that Larry Conover set a precedent in establishing this fund and I'd be happy if other old athletes would follow suit. I knew Larry before I was a student at State as we played against each other when he starred for Atlantic City High and I was at the Peddie School. He was a fine man."

**Dean Carl Schott**—"I was deeply touched when I first heard of the scholarship. There was a marvelous spirit on the part of Conover to do that. As far as I know, he never made an indication during his life of this bequest to Penn State. We owe him a deep voice of thanks for this gesture towards his alma mater."

# Photos of Gridiron Greats Grace Rec Hall's Walls

Now that the 1945 football season is just around the corner, thoughts go back to the gridiron greats of State's history. And especially we think of the men who achieved All-American recognition.

In the lobby of Recreation Hall are pictures of six Nittany players who gained such fame. The famous Walter Camp chose five Lions on his All-American teams: "Mother" Dunn, Bob Higgins, Charley Way, Glenn Killinger, and Joe Bedenk. The other gridder is Leon Gajacki, who was picked by NEA Service.

**"Mother" Dunn**  
"Mother" Dunn, christened William T., was one of the great centers that donned the Blue and White. In 1906, Camp deviated from his usual practice of picking only Ivy League players for his mythical team and named Dunn, the first Penn State to be so honored.

After graduation, Dunn stayed at the College as an assistant coach, and a few years later became a doctor. At present he is practicing medicine in Hawaii.

**Bob Higgins**  
Easily the outstanding end in intercollegiate football in 1919, Robert A. Higgins was a unanimous choice for All-American honors. Previous to his entrance into the Army, he played varsity ball in '14, '15, and '16. Grantland Rice picked him as the outstanding end in the AEF after seeing him perform with the 89th Division team, overseas champions. With his collegiate career over, Higgins turned to coaching, serving with the Canton, Ohio, Bulldogs, a pro outfit, West Virginia Wesleyan, and Washington University before re-

# Intercollegiate Sports Resumption Is Delayed

"The resumption of a full schedule of intercollegiate sports depends on two factors," announced Dean Carl P. Schott of the School of Physical Education and Athletics. "These factors are student enrollment and financial conditions."

These two items are dependent on each other, the Dean pointed out. The money to finance the sports comes from athletic fees and gate receipts. When manpower conditions return to normal we will have the necessary funds, he added.

A curtailed sports program has been in effect several years, with only eight sports continuing uninterruptedly throughout the war period. Schedules have been carried out for football, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, boxing, wrestling, baseball, and track. Resumption of other sports will await the new budget period, beginning July 1, 1946. Dean Schott indicated that the nine sports curtailed for manpower and economic reasons would be resumed as soon thereafter as is practicable.

The question of returning to freshman sports was aired by the Dean. He expressed the opinion that there would be frosh contests by Fall, 1947, or possibly sooner. The decision to go back to the old freshman rule depends upon the actions taken by the Senate Committee on Athletics.

# Cagers Begin Practice; Five Veterans Due Back

Candidates for the varsity basketball team will report for the first practice of the season in Recreation Hall, 6:30 p. m. Tuesday. Drills will be held nightly thereafter, except for Saturdays and Sundays, at the same hours.

A bright season looms for the Lawthermen this year—possibly one of the best in recent years. Herb Currie, Ernie Nugent and Dick Light of last season's varsity will be on hand for practice in addition to the usual large number of untested hopefuls. Returning for the fall semester to bolster the squad will be Herb Funk, who last saw varsity service in 1943, and Irv Batnick, high scorer of the 1944 squad.

turning to his alma mater. 1945 marks his 35th year of football, his 25th with State, and his 16th as the Nittany head coach.

**Charley Way**  
Charles A. Way was also a member of the great 1919 eleven. This alone is significant for State's only setback that year was by Dartmouth. In this game, Way scored both touchdowns. He returned the kickoff for 90 yards, and later recovered a fumble and scampered 85 yards to his second tally. Way had a way with kick-offs—he liked to return them for touchdowns. In 1920 he returned a Ursinus kickoff for 95 yards and a touchdown. In recognition of his great ability as a broken-field runner, Camp placed him on his 1920 team. The Internal Revenue Department in Philadelphia is his present employer.

**Glenn Killinger**  
In 1921, Penn State's contribution to gridiron greats was W. Glenn Killinger, now a lieutenant commander in the Navy. Not alone satisfied with his football prowess, he was a great basketball and baseball performer. Killinger too returned to the College as a member of the coaching staff in '23, '24, and '25. Previous to that he was the strategist at West Chester State Teachers' College where he also became Dean of Men.

**Joe Bedenk**  
All-American guard in 1923, F. Joseph Bedenk was captain of the only Penn State team to go to the Rose Bowl. As irony would have it, a sprained back which he received the night before the game prevented him from playing in the

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# Navy Sinks Army Team In Softball

You've heard of the famous Army-Navy game. Well, Penn State had one Tuesday. The only difference between it and the more popular contest was that it was a softball game.

AST unit champions, Barracks 8, and V-12 unit victors, Barracks 37, engaged in the military championship contest. The Navy sank the Army with a three-run fourth inning that proved to be the clincher. The V-12ers also scored a run in the second inning, while the soldiers pushed across single markers in the third, fourth, and sixth to bring the final score to 4-3.

The contest was a pitcher's battle all the way, with Bob Gibson tossing them over for the ASTs and Bill MacHale hurling for the sailors. Runs and hits were held to a minimum by their excellent pitching.

MacHale was really in trouble in the last of the seventh inning when he issued passes to two soldiers before any outs had been made. One more run would have meant extra innings, and two would have been the game, but he buckled down and no runs were scored.

# Intramurals

**IFC Softball**  
In the playoff of a 5-5 tie game between Phi Sigma Delta and Phi Delta Theta, the Phi Sigs and the Phi Deltas again fought to a 3-3 stalemate. The contest had to be postponed again because of darkness.

Stan Beals pitched himself out of a hole in the last inning of an Interfraternity softball tournament contest to lead Phi Sigma Delta to a win over Beta Sigma Rho, 4-2. In a game which began with a nine-run first inning, Alpha Chi Sigma, paced by Larry Miller's pitching and honer, out-slugged Phi Delta Theta, 15-9.

Jerry Cooper broke up a contest, played on wet grounds, between Phi Epsilon Pi and Beta Sigma Rho with a two-run homer in the sixth inning, giving the Phi Eps the edge, 8-7. Pi Kappa Alpha forfeited to Theta Chi.

The standings to date follow:

LEAGUE A		
Team	Won	Lost
Theta Chi	1	0
Sigma Chi	1	0
Sigma Phi Epsilon	0	0
Sigma Pi	0	0
Pi Kappa Alpha	0	2
LEAGUE B		
Team	Won	Lost
Alpha Chi Sigma	2	0
Phi Sigma Delta	1	0
Phi Epsilon Pi	1	0
Phi Delta Theta	0	1
Beta Sigma Rho	0	3

# V-12 Softball

Barracks 37 scored in the last half of the last inning in their final game with Barracks 13 to capture the V-12 unit softball championship for the second semester in a row. The score of the final game was 2-1.

Barracks 26 had lost their chance for a crack at the title by losing to Barracks 13 in an extra-inning game, 3-2.

The final standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Barracks 37	7	1
Barracks 26	6	2
Barracks 13	4	3
Barracks 9	2	6
Barracks 36	0	7

**ASTP Golf**  
Lee R. Crawford and Edward Gwin, Company A, emerged champions in the ASTP Battalion Golf Tournament this past week by beating Don May and John Shott of Company B; two up at the end of 18 holes.

The winners have had little golfing experience prior to coming to the College, although Gwin once captured runner up honors in the Junior Tam o'Shanter Tourney for Illinois High School golfers. Both of the winners shoot consistently in the high 80's.



# Football Practice Resumes Tuesday

## Football Renaissance Seen By Higgins In '47

It'll be 1946, perhaps 1947, before the return of pre-war talent produces the long-awaited football renaissance on college campuses, Coach Bob Higgins says.

The Lion mentor, a veteran of World War I who attained all-America honors as captain of the Lions' crack 1919 eleven, believes it will be a year or more before the influx of former grid stars assumes sizeable proportions.

"There will be better football in 1946," the 51-year-old grid strategist explains, "but it may be 1947 before all teams are equally manned, and competition returns to its former level."

Higgins, who played football overseas for four months before

Football practice will resume Tuesday after a four-week layoff. Coach Bob Higgins expects about 50 men to report for the drills which start at 4 p. m.

"We will begin again with fundamentals," said the mentor. "In a month's time most of the fellows have forgotten the plays they went over, and we'll have to start from scratch."

Present plans call for practice from 4 to 6 p. m. daily. However, Coach Higgins pointed out, if there are a good number of engineers on the squad and it is impossible for them to get out more than three days a week in the afternoons, he is considering going back to twilight sessions if it doesn't affect the schedule of the rest of the men.

Eligibility again looms as a threat to the Lion gridders as Higgins reports that "some of the stars are not doing well scholastically."

"It isn't that they can't do the work," he added, "but rather that they're not putting enough time on their studies. They had better hit the books soon before it's too late."

The squad suffered a loss as Charley Stapel, promising tailback, dropped out of school. Stapel, who has made three attempts to play college ball, found out during summer practice that his injured knee wasn't well enough to permit him to play this fall.

Stapel, rated by Coach Higgins as an outstanding prospect in 1942 and a triple-threat man, has undergone a series of operations during the past year, but it will not be for another season that he dons the Blue and White.

## Grid Managers To Meet

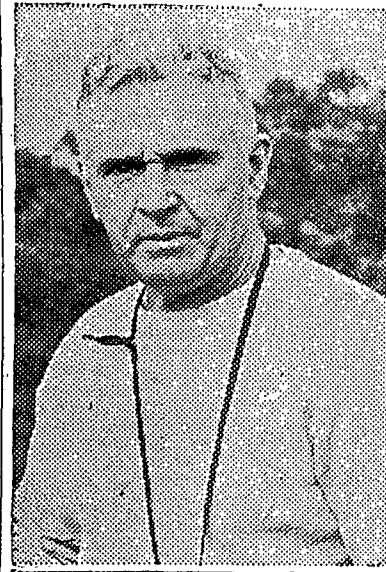
Men students who are interested in becoming second managers for the varsity football team should sign up in the Athletic Office, Old Main, as soon as possible, Head Manager Paul Burns announced today.

There will be a meeting of all first and second assistant managers at the Theta Chi house, 7 p.m. Thursday.

Penn State will play an eight-game football schedule in 1945, opening against Muhlenberg September 29.

Manager Judd Healy has requested that all candidates for assistant managership sign up at the Athletic Association office and report Tuesday night.

return before the 1946 season. Japan's capitulation is expected to hasten the return of others.



BOB HIGGINS

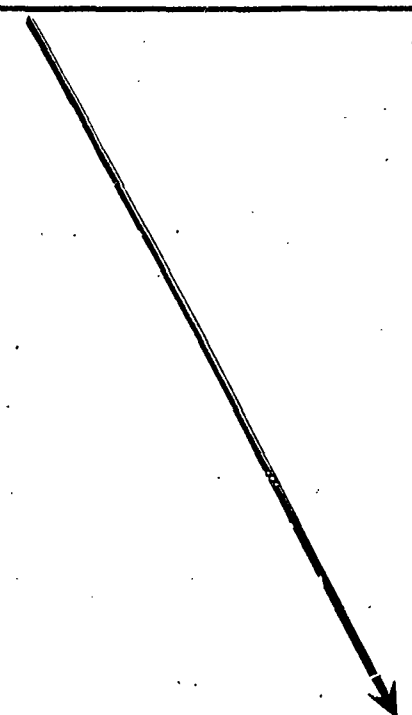
rejoining the Nittany Lions in the fall of 1919, looks for a steady improvement in football during the next two years, with competition reaching its pre-war intensity in 1947.

"The combination of new talent, plus older, more seasoned performers, should produce another Golden Era in football," adds State's head man.

Higgins, who is looking forward to his 16th season at the helm of the Nittany Lions, expects from 40 to 50 ex-gridders to return to the College campus during the next three years.

Only two pre-war performers, Ralph Ventresco of Pitcairn and Nick Ranieri of Philadelphia, will be available for the 1945 season, but at least six others have indicated their intention to

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