



**BIG MOMENT:** Joe Bedenk, left, Penn State's new football coach, poses with his predecessor, Bob Higgins, in the latter's home Saturday afternoon following the College's official announcement of the change in the gridiron administration.

## Bedenk Succeeds Higgins As Head Football Coach

By Elliot Krane

For the first time in 19 years, Professor of Physical Education Robert A. Higgins concluded his classes yesterday on the opening day of spring football practice and then continued his activities as professor instead of donning his coach's uniform.

Higgins, who resigned Saturday morning, said, "I haven't felt as good as I should the last few years, and I think that football has been largely to blame. My family has worried about me, and I haven't liked that."

The 55-year-old Nittany coach had considered dropping out of coaching for some time, but did not submit a written resignation to James Milholland, acting College president, until last Wednesday.

Milholland approved the recommendation of the personnel committee of the Board of Trustees. He then appointed F. "Joe" Bedenk to the role of head coach after Higgins resigned. Bedenk will continue his duties as professor of physical education and head baseball coach.

### PREVIOUS RUMORS

The announcement of Higgins' retirement was not a complete surprise to most sporting circles since newspapers published a guess to that effect in January. Higgins denied the rumor at that time.

Both Higgins and Bedenk rose to football fame at Penn State through the All-American route. Bedenk was named to this highest honor in undergraduate football in 1923 and Higgins received his All-American title in 1919.

Higgins' coaching record at Penn State is one that is expected to stand unchallenged for many years.

The Nittany Lion pilot has amassed a record of 91 wins, 57 losses and 9 ties since he took charge of the Penn State grid team in 1930. In his last ten years of coaching, the "Hig" has built up the enviable record of 62 wins, 17 losses and one tie for a .726 average, one of the most remarkable coaching marks in the country.

With Higgins will go one of the longest present coaching reigns in the East. The 55-year-old World War I mentor has served the Blue and White team during more than one third of the entire grid history of the College.

### 1947 HIS BEST

The Golden Year of his 19 seasons on the gridiron was 1947 when his undefeated and untied team, the first in the history of the College, played Southern Methodist University to a 13-13

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### Push-Button Age Hits College Classroom

It won't be long 'til teacher will technically be able to read a student's mind.

A new "mechanical tester" known as the Classroom Communicator, now enables a student to flash the answer to a problem to the teacher as soon as he knows it.

The device, developed under the sponsorship of the Special Devices Center, Office of Naval Research, provides each student with a private "response station". Within the station are five keys, much like those of a piano, and the student indicates his answers to classroom questions by selecting and pressing a key.

Electrical connections between individual response stations and a control panel at the front of the classroom enables the instructor to follow the performances of individual students or the whole group; to obtain all types of scores and to control the time students are given to answer their questions.

At the front of the classroom is a display which flashes the correct answer after the question has been answered by the pupil.

The tester was developed by Frank T. John and J. B. Cannon of the Instructional Film Research at the College. Dr. Clarence R. Carpenter, director of the film project, explained that it will be used at Penn State to help research workers study the effectiveness of educational films.

### Seniors Submit Last Gift Ideas

Tomorrow is the final day for seniors to submit suggestions for disposition of the senior class gift fund.

Terrell Ruhlman, senior class president, announced yesterday that only suggestions turned in to Student Union before 4 p.m. tomorrow will be considered by the senior gift committee for recommendation to the class when it meets Sunday.

Ruhlman appointed Richard Weaver, a senior in the School of Home Economics, chairman of the committee. Anna Mae Addy, Frank Burnstein, Cynthia Doan, Dennis Hoggard, Albert Sheinfeld, and Malcolm White were named members of the group that will screen gift suggestions.

The senior class prexy added that at a meeting of the entire senior class has been slated for Schwab auditorium at 6:45 p.m. Sunday to discuss the committee's proposals and vote on their acceptance.

A motion supported by a majority of the class members present at the meeting is needed to add a gift suggestion to the committee's list at that time.

Actual voting by ballot for the gift will be held April 4, 5, and 6. Only eighth semester students will be eligible to cast votes for disposition of the sum estimated at approximately \$8,000.

Arrangements have been made to have seniors who graduated in January and those who are practicing teaching vote by post-card. Over 2,500 students, 1,900 in the June graduating class and 700 who have already graduated, will be eligible to participate in the election.

### Research Director Returns from Trip

Dr. Eric A. Walker, head of the department of electrical engineering and director of the Ordnance Research Laboratory, recently returned from a short trip to England where he took part in a conference on joint Anglo-American research and development.

Accompanying Doctor Walker were Admiral C. M. Bolster of the Office of Naval Research, Sir Charles Wright of the British Scientific Commission, and J. S. Coleman of the National Research Council.

The group met with Sir William Tennant and Captain McCoy of the British Atlantic Naval Forces to consider the problems of sites, personnel, and methods of operation. The object of the joint operations is to prevent duplication of effort, with the present shortage of scientists.

## Lions Reject Proposal To Expand Party Politics

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The Lion party will not support a proposal to introduce party politics into student council and other college elections not now affected by open political campaigns.

Accepting the recommendation of its steering committee, a plenary session of the Lion clique voted Sunday night to support a motion "to keep political parties openly out of student council, hat society, and honorary elections."

This means that the Lions will openly campaign for party nominees only in those elections which have ordinarily been dominated by campus politics. Such elections include those for all-college and class officers.

The motion was unanimously approved after long debate by a sparse gathering of party representatives in 121 Sparks. During the course of the discussion the motion was first tabled and then brought back for further reconsideration after Lois Kenyon, junior class clique secretary-treasurer, and Lewis Shallcross, all-college clique vice-chairman, argued for its final disposition at the meeting.

Sunday night's action added one of the finishing chapters to a proposal that has been hanging fire since last semester.

Last November Robert Keller, then State Party clique chairman, proposed that both parties enter

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## An Hill Plans Inital Mixer

More than 1000 persons are expected to attend the Ag School student-faculty mixer in White Hall at 8 p.m., Friday. Dr. Kenneth Hood, extension specialist in agriculture economics, will act as master of ceremonies. This is the first event of its kind ever attempted on the Hill.

Heading the student subcommittees for the mixer are Carroll Howes, entertainment; Edgar Loy, arrangements and publicity; and Eugene Wolff, refreshments. Assistance will be lent these committees by representatives from departmental clubs.

Prof. Paul H. Margolf, faculty adviser to Ag Student Council, Vice Dean Harold K. Wilson, Miss Mable Satterthwaite, and Miss Sara Warren will represent the faculty.

Supervising planning will be the standing Ag Student Affairs Committee composed of Dr. Anthony C. Richer and Professors Paul H. Margolf, Glenn O. Bressler and Elton B. Tost.

### Five O'Clock Theatre

Five O'Clock Theatre will present "A Family Story" by Edward Breining, in the Little Theatre, Old Main, this afternoon.

The cast is composed of Shirley Beits, Inge Hoffmann, Thomas Lyon, Daniel Wargo and June Wiley. Steve Perialis is student director.

## WSSF Earmarks Part of Funds For Textbooks In Philippines

A portion of the funds the campus committee of the World Student Service Fund expects to raise in this year's campaign was earmarked for use in the Philippines.

The action followed a clash with All-College Cabinet which refused to turn over to the committee funds to be raised from the Spring Week carnival March 31, should the money be slated for use behind the "iron curtain."

### Plans Changed

Originally the committee had been given the job of operating the carnival, but when it planned to use funds raised for a project in Bulgaria, Cabinet handed responsibility for the carnival to the Spring Week committee. WSSF was to receive funds from the carnival if the allocation was approved by Cabinet.

Before voting to earmark funds for the Philippines, the committee voted to drop the Bulgarian project from consideration. The vote on the Philippines, where the money is to be used for textbooks, was without dissent.

### \$3000 Expected

The committee hopes to raise \$3,000 this year through the carnival, a faculty talent show and personal solicitation. It voted to send \$2,400 to the Philippines and the remainder to the WSSF general fund, with the proviso that it not be sent to countries behind the "iron curtain."

Cabinet approval of the new allocation was almost assured, since Cabinet, at a meeting last week, had expressed sympathy toward the plan.

The committee also heard reports on plans for its regular drive, April 4 to 9, and saw a film, "This Is Their Story," on international student problems.

## Penn State Club Plans Activities

The Penn State Club will sponsor a roller skating party March 19. The club will pay one-half the admission price for members but not for guests.

Other activities for March include attendance at the Centre Theatre Stage production and preparations for a booth for the Spring Week Carnival.

April events planned are a bowling party, cabin party, initiation of new members, and a semi-formal initiation dance.

Ernest Sladics, president, appointed George Armstrong, chairman of the initiation committee to replace James Richards who resigned. Robert Richardson and William Zaker were also appointed to the committee.

### Belles Lettres Club

"Why Art?" will be the topic of discussion at the Belles Lettres Club meeting in the Northeast Lounge of Atherton at 7 p.m. today. Dean Ben Euwema, Profs. Andrew Case and Aaron Druckman, will lead the discussion.