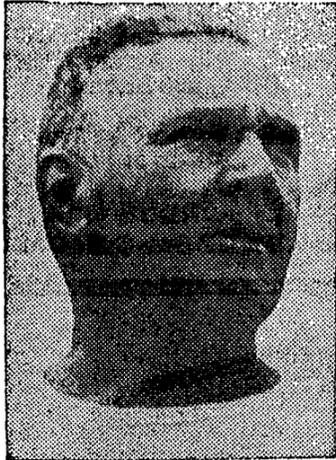


### Bob Higgins Elected Head Alumni Club

R. A. "Bob" Higgins of the Class of 1919 was elected president of the Penn State Alumni Club of Centre County at the organization meeting in State College, Monday, March 20. More than 150 persons, including graduates, former students and friends of Penn State, were present at the session at which Dr. R. Wallace Brewster



of the political science department presided as chairman and C. S. Wyand, administrative assistant to the president of the College, was guest speaker. One hundred and 25 of those present indicated a desire to participate as active members of the new Penn State Alumni Club. Other officers elected were: Musser W. Gettig of Bellefonte, two year term, Frank Neusbaum, State College, and Reuben E. Jaffee, both one-year terms, as vice-presidents; Daniel A. DeMarino, State College, secretary for one year; and William R. Young, State College, treasurer for two years.

### Optic School Offers Grant

A \$1800 scholarship is being offered by the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry in Philadelphia to graduates of Pennsylvania colleges interested in continuing their education in optometry. The four-year scholarship was announced by the board of trustees, and will become effective with the school term next September. To qualify for the scholarship, an applicant must hold a bachelor's degree and meet other requirements including a minimum of one year's credits in English, general chemistry, biology, and mathematics.

## Student Politics Show Return To Normalcy

(First in a series of articles tracing the history and development of student politics at Penn State since the war.)

By JACK BODDINGTON

Probably one of the best barometers of return to pre-war "normalcy" in campus activities has been the re-birth and continued progress of student politics since the fall of 1946.

Quite naturally, much of the color and "rah-rah" spirit which pervaded the political scene until the mass migration of students into the service had disappeared. In its place came a new and more objective attitude, tempered by the influence of an older and essentially more mature student body. Thus began the era of the ex-G.I. at Penn State and a local "Renaissance" was felt as many forms of student activity were at last revived.

The new attitude was aptly summed up by a Daily Collegian reporter who, in his "Political Roundup" column of Oct. 4, 1946, observed: "Gone are the days when students would vote blindly because one party had a group of famous football players. They want reasons today."

#### Activity Begins

One of the earlier signs of activity that fall was the attempted revival of the Campus clique, whose control of student government had been interrupted by the war. The attempt met with failure. Only a handful of interested persons appeared for the organizational meeting and little remained to select a slate of candidates and formulate a campaign platform for the coming all-College and class elections, then held in October. The failure was particularly significant for it marked the end of fraternity-vs.-independent politics, the Campus clique having been a fraternity-backed party.

Meanwhile, two other cliques, the Nittany and Key parties, began drawing lines for the pending campaign. The Nittany party became known as the Nittany Independents and the Key party changed its name to Campus-Key. Both were composed of independent as well as fraternity elements and both adopted policies insuring equality or near equality for the two factions within their party structures. The fraternity-independent political fissure has been healed in favor of issues considered greater by more recent parties, so that it is often hardly noticeable today.

#### Representation

The Nittany Independents were the more specific in their intent to allocate political positions between fraternity and independent groups. An unofficial party agreement provided that 40 per cent of their candidates should be independents and 60 per cent members of Greek letter organizations. The inequality was a reflection of the critical housing situation

and the relatively large fraternity and sorority membership which resulted.

Although the Campus-Key clique was not so definite in its provision, it proved to be more equally representative and failure of the Nittany Independents to meet the 40-60 ratio later became an informal campaign issue.

Next article: The campaign and the victory.

### Meeting to Prepare For Reading Festival

In preparation for the second Inter-collegiate Reading Festival at the College in May, a preliminary meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday in 305 Sparks.

Prof. Harriett D. Nesbitt of the speech department announced yesterday that instructions for the readings will be given at the meeting. Readings will include prose, poetry and drama.

The first festival held at the College last year was part of a Combined Arts Festival participated in by a number of departments. Readings were given in narrative poetry, short stories, Shakespearean sonnets, lyric poetry and plays. They are not organized as contests.

### Five Students Make D.I.R. Dean's List

Five students made the dean's list of the Division of Intermediate Registration Dean H. K. Wilson announced recently.

The students attaining an average of 2.5 or better are George R. Spalding, Richard Ray Mays, John S. Kennedy, John T. Ferguson, and Harriett C. May.

### Radio Broadcasts

The second program in 15-minute radio broadcast series will be presented at 7:45 tonight over WMAJ. The subject of this program will be agricultural policy.

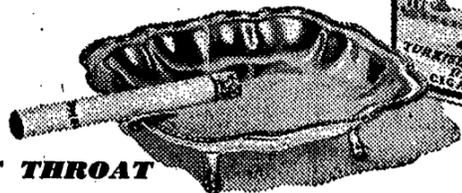
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