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IMMEDIATELY

On Wednesday, from 8:00 to 10:00 A. M. Representative John J. Hogan and also Democratic State Chairman, spoke to a class studying American Political Parties at Salve Regina College, Newport. The class is conducted by Professor Robert J. McKenna, Professor of Political Science and also Democratic Representative for Newport.

Mr. Hogan reviewed the history of the Democratic Party in Rhode Island since 1900 and noted many changes liberalizing the party since that time. He also remarked on the growing influence of younger people in the party over the past ten years.

Rep. Hogan also mentioned a number of electoral reforms such as the reduction of the ~~twelve~~ ^{two} month waiting period for change of party affiliation, reduction of the residence requirement for voting, the lowering of the voting age to 18 yrs. and the abolition of the electoral college. He also remarked that Rhode Island was one of the first states to respond to the call for more direct citizen participation in the selection of delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

After the two hour class session, Rep. Hogan then spent another hour in the student snack bar continuing discussion with interested students.