

Bonham, Kratzke, Ventresco Will Enter United States Military Forces

Others Will Follow Soon, Higgins Says

Football players make good soldiers. At least that was Uncle Sam's opinion as he asked Jim Bonham, Ted Kratzke, and Ralph Ventresco to join his side and play the kind of game the armed forces do.

Coach Bob Higgins mentioned yesterday that this was not the first blow struck at Nittany football fortunes. Several players entered the service last fall. He said that he expects to hear of more draft calls among his players.

Selective service laws caught up with Kratzke during the vacation and Bonham and Ventresco expect to be called for service within the month.

Kratzke was inducted on Monday and did not return to College from his vacation. With him goes no small share of the strength of the Nittany Lion line. The scrappy sophomore guard and a transfer from Pitt, developed fast during the season and was probably slated for a first-string berth next year.

Bonham, another sophomore guard, will take his second physical examination today. He has indicated that he will try to enter the Army Air Corps. Bonham saw much service during the past grid season and was elected honorary captain of the Lion gridgers in his freshman year.

If he passed the second physical examination yesterday, Ventresco will be inducted immediately. Hampered by injuries through the past season, Ventresco was to have been one of the main sparkplugs next season at his tailback post.

Coach Marty McAndrews, mentor of the freshman squad, said that his only drafted player so far was Clarence Smith, giant yearling tackle, who was inducted late in November.

Four Contests On Weekend Card

Penn State's winter sports card will make its 1942 debut Saturday when four teams—varsity basketball, frosh basketball, wrestling, and swimming—vie for victory on both home and foreign soil.

Three of the four outfits will take to the road, while only one, the freshman cagers, will play here. The frosh courtmen are carded to battle the Cornell yearlings in Rec Hall at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Charlie Speidel's wrestlers will embark Thursday evening for Ann Arbor where they will engage the University of Michigan in a dual meet Saturday night. The Lion starting lineup is still indefinite as the matmen prepare for their initial trial of the season.

Seeking their fifth victory of the present campaign, the varsity basketball quintet will battle American University in Washington, D. C. Saturday night. The Nittany courtmen enjoyed only a short Christmas layoff, and have been practicing since December 29.

The fourth encounter on the weekend schedule finds the Blue and White swimmers traveling to Philadelphia where they will open the 1942 season against the us-long mermen of the University of Pennsylvania. Last year the Lions lost to the Penn na- a 42-33 count.

The Movies

THAUM: "Tarzan's Secret Treasure"
STATE: "Suspicion"
NITTANY: "One Foot In Heaven"

Peters Places Fifth In X-Country Race

Max Peters, captain of Penn State's varsity skiers, placed fifth in the intercollegiate cross-country ski race at Lake Placid last week.

With 47 skiers contesting in the event, Peters was excelled by only four. He finished three minutes behind Ralph Townsend, present national champ.

Other State men who took part in the meet were Harry Funston, Ed Fairchild, Jack Chambers, and Howard Menderhall. Official results on other events have not been released yet. Despite Peter's showing, Penn State placed seventh out of eight contesting teams in the cross country events.

Peters was introduced in the Lake Placid Club by Lowell Thomas and presented with a trophy by the sports editor of the New York Times for fifth place in the event.

Fencing Coach To Leave

Dr. Harry M. Krutter, Penn State fencing coach and assistant professor of petroleum and natural gas engineering, will leave the college sometime in the near future to do research work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, it was announced Monday. Dr. Krutter is in his sixth season as fencing mentor and expects to be here for the fencers' opening meet with Navy, February 7. Dr. H. Arthur Meyer, assistant professor of forestry, has been mentioned as a possible replacement.

Rifle Team On Top

Penn State's varsity rifle team and the ROTC marksmen were both high scorers in recent telegraphic matches. The varsity team defeated Columbia University, New Mexico, and Rose Polytechnic while the ROTC riflemen won over West Virginia and Detroit Universities.

Krouse And Smaltz Expected To Return To College Tomorrow

Penn State's two senior grid stars, Captain Len Krouse and Bill Smaltz are expected to return to State College tomorrow after participating in the East-West football classic in New Orleans Saturday afternoon.

Both Lion backfield men were outstanding for the favored Eastern eleven, which was held to a 6-6 tie after the Westerners came from behind with a second-half touchdown.

Krouse, carrying the ball five times, gained 13 yards in addition to the 17 he added on a pass from Smaltz in the second period.

Although Smaltz carried the ball but once, he threw three successful passes out of six tries for a total of 33 yards to lead the East's second-quarter drive. Smaltz alternated at his fullback berth with Michigan's Bob Westfall, who was one of the big guns in the Eastern attack.

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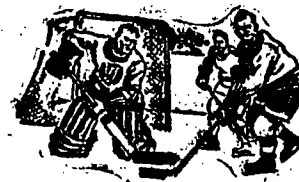
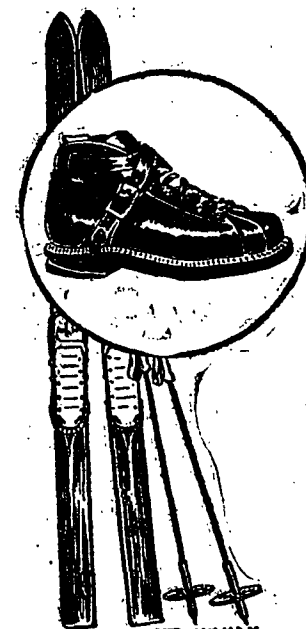
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