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The Ventresco Case

Students and faculty members alike are wondering why Ralph Ventresco, who was slated to be starting fullback on the football team, was declared ineligible to play. The reason is simple, **OUTDATED ELIGIBILITY RULES.**

Present rules state that a man shall be ineligible for inter-collegiate competition if he flunked more than 50 per cent of his credits the previous semester in school.

Should Ventresco, who won five combat stars in his four years in the Army, now be barred from because he did what so many others did when they knew that they were going into the service—let their studies slide?

Should we forget what he did to serve his country? Should we discount the days of hell he spent under enemy fire in the foxholes of battlefields? Should we say to him, "So sorry, but four years ago you didn't do so well scholastically and you now can't play football."

Should we do this, or should we forget what happened in 1941 and say, "Nice to have you back, Ralph. We're going to see to it that you play football so that you will have a better chance to get that coaching position you dreamed of while fighting in the mud and blood of Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio. We want you and all returning Penn Staters to have a square deal."

The answer is obvious. But what is going to be done about it?

Ventresco's is just an individual case that may be repeated many times during the course of the next few years. Others will come back—come back to an inhospitable and ungrateful Penn State—unless the rules are changed—NOW.

Collegian strongly recommends to the College Senate, who formulates the eligibility rules, that it revises its code to make every ex-GI, every man who fought to insure the future of this institution, eligible to compete in sports regardless of what their scholastic standing was when they left school.

The issue is now before Senate. Will they change these pre-war rulings and put out a welcoming hand to Penn State's returning heroes, or will they keep these rules, and slap their faces when they return?

Welcome Alumni!

This weekend promises to be the biggest homecoming weekend the College has seen since the beginning of the war, with many alumni, including men just discharged from service and men still in uniform, returning to see the campus.

There have been many plans made for entertaining the homecomers. The football game with Colgate, a big dance, a cider party, Players' production of "Blithe Spirit"—all add up to what is hoped will be a weekend of fun for the alumni, full of memories of "the good old College days."

It's good to see you back on campus. We enjoy having you as much as you enjoy coming back.

(Editor's Note—All contributions and letters concerning The Collegian should be addressed to the Editor.)

Penn Statements

By HELEN HATTON

Judd Healy announced to Cabinet this week that vandal who decorated the Lion Shrine with lipstick and brown shoe polish has confessed. According to Healy the mischief-maker is an AST and the College will have no authority to punish him.

Making amends for their fellow AST, Dick Bradley and Stanley Burris will stand guard over the Heinz Warnecke work of art tomorrow night. It's going to be cold, fellows. Maybe it would be a good plan for some of the fraternities to send their pledges up every hour on the hour with some hot coffee and doughnuts.

College Formula—

It was "Cwazy Cwiz" Zozzak who said that the first three semesters in college were spent in getting acquainted with your roommate, the next three in activities, the seventh in learning your way around campus, and the last one in work. At this stage of the game, we agree, finals or no finals—the profs can give a lot of bluebooks in a week.

Busy Bees—

If alumni try to attend all the social functions coming off this weekend, they certainly will be busy little bees. In addition to the pep rally and bon fire tonight, "Blithe Spirit", cider party, Colgate game, golf tournament, Dry Dock, Pigskin Prom, etc., etc., the Riding Club has a horse show lined up for Sunday.

Donations—

Dean Warnock has a good eye for business. When President Mike Lynch was stressing the point that the students should arouse enough feeling so that the

alumni coming back would realize that the greatest gift that they could give to their Alma Mater would be a student union building (since state appropriations would not cover such a project), Warnock made a speech to Cabinet saying that since some of us will be alumni soon, he was sure that the College could count on each of us for a contribution of say—\$100 or \$1,000.

That's All, Folks—

Coach Bob Higgins says that there are a few things that everyone thinks he can do better than anyone else—build a fire and coach a football team. There is a lot of truth in that statement, but I would like to add one more item to his list, that is, to run a newspaper. It is a cinch you can't please everyone—we know—at one time or another the Army, the Navy, the faculty, the students, or the politicians have been antagonized this semester. But we're sorry, and with that thought we'll sign this column.

Old Mania

By FAY E. YOUNG

About 20 Hamilton-Propeller "lady engineer" girls were back on campus last weekend for a reunion. Miss Hazel Fall, Sandwich Shop dietician, entertained them at a party at her home. This weekend will see the Curtis-Wright coeds back for a visit.

Two Hearts—

PhiKappasig went all out on a cabin party recently and Bill Beam gave delta gam Scotty Glenn a sparkler for her left hand...ex-prexy Jake Mills has bestowed his jewelry on Ethel Kirk, dg.

Ex-GI Harry Lander tells us he is the proud papa of a baby girl... Delta gam Peggie Quick is flying down to Florida to see Ensign Norm Marlin, Phi Kappa Sig, after graduation... Ditto for Elaine Miller, theta, to see Ensign Dave Young, phigam from W&J.

Around Town—

Seen around town last weekend were head cheerleader Guy Newton, deltasig... He's coming back this weekend too... AOPi Nancy McGeary and her fiance... Billy Cramer... Chio Sammy Sampson... Phi Kap Grant Davis, now Pvt. Davis... Phi Mu Ann Pfahler... AOPi Annie Blackburn... Alpha Phi Delta Robert Muzzi, U. S. Navy.

Also Regis Houston, ex-president of Triangle... Pvt. Carl "Long John" Widmer, alpha zeta,

just back from the ETO... Bob Kimmel, former editor on both the Engineer and Collegian staffs... Sailor Dey visiting his wife, Kappa "Irish" Matthewson Dey... Bob Lockwood and Capt. Dan Cherry seeing SAE Dick Lose... Ensign Lloyd "Thumper" Barkley, alphachisig.

And Kappa Peggie Weaver and Woody Bell treked up for the Collegian banquet... They have been elected managing editor and editor-in-chief respectively for the fall semester.

Coming Home—

Coming back to ye old alma mater this weekend will be PikkPhi Chuck Alcorn... ex-All-College President Karl Erdman, phisigmakappa... AGR Dale Bower and AOPi Peggy Lu Chapman... Specialist 3/c Lloyd Jones to see Blanche Liddicote... Phi Kap Earl Stevenson... AOPi's Kay McCormick and Charlie Scibetta... B. J. Cutler... and a host of others, both alumni and undergraduates. See you all at the Pig-Skin Prom...

So Long—

Since this is the last issue of Collegian for the semester, Maniac thinks it be the time to say farewell to all you gals and guys, good luck to the graduating seniors, and "keep 'em gossiping" to the underclassmen.

— Maniac

Faculty Limelight

Penn State's faculty starred in the Sunday supplements last week, with articles by two College professors appearing in print. Prof. William L. Werner of English literature wrote an article entitled "Stephen Crane and 'The Red Badge of Courage'" in the New York Times book section. In "Everybody's Weekly" in the Philadelphia Inquirer, a full-color picture of Dean Frank C. Whitmore of the Chemistry and Physics School appeared with an article by the dean on "Creating the Things We Want on the Road to Plenty."

Speakers at Initiation

Dr. Francis J. Tschan, professor of European history, will speak on "The Genesis of the Bernward Doors" at the fall initiation of Phi Kappa Phi Tuesday... Royal M. Gerhardt, professor of architectural engineering and assistant dean of the School of Engineering, will speak on "Post-War Housing" at the Faculty Lunch Club Monday and the Phillipsburg Rotary Club Tuesday.

Harold F. Alderfer, executive secretary, Charles F. LeeDecker, assistant executive secretary, and the staff of the Institute of Local Government, have published a Ten-Year Progress Report of the Institute. This booklet is dedicated to three public service majors who were casualties... Professor Ralph C. Wood of the German department was recently re-

-elected to a three-year term as member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society... C. O. Dossin, extension poultry specialist, will be guest speaker at a program of the West Virginia Poultry Association, Jackson's Mills, W. Va., Wednesday. His topic will be "Poultry Housing and Ventilation."

Resume Chess Games

Prof. R. H. Dotterer and his son, Captain John Dotterer, Army Medical Corps, have resumed their chess rivalry, which was interrupted by the war. They have been at it for 19 years... Captain William McGarry, new Navy skipper, made his first visit to the campus in the early 20's—he was a member of the Naval Academy track team. Kay Krell

Campuseer

For sixteen weeks, this column has worked hard at being funny, satirical, or downright sarcastic. Do you think you can bear it if Campy suddenly becomes serious and passes out a few bouquets that she thinks are in order?

First of all, highest commendations to Mike Lynch, who, everyone will agree, has done an excellent job as All-College president. He has worked hard and conscientiously to put through the sailors vote and to revive Dry Dock. Also, he has shown no party partiality in making committee appointments, but has chosen men he knew best-qualified for the jobs.

Next in line is the Dry Dock committee, headed by Junie First. That the student body appreciated their efforts in reviving the much-needed activity during a rather dull summer semester has been shown by the huge attendance in the Sandwiche Shop each week.

The student Postwar Planning committee, with V-12er Fred Kecker as chairman, has been working quietly but consistently for reorganization of the Liberal Arts School. Unknown to many students on campus, the committee will be ready to present a report early next semester that it hopes will put the College's LA school on par with the best in the country.

This can't go on any longer without injecting some sour grapes. Congrats to the Senate Committee on Athletics for disqualifying Ralph Ventresco from the football squad for something done four years ago, before he entered the army... and to the authorities for accepting many more freshman students for next semester than can be comfortably accommodated with present College facilities.

Back to the serious... The X-G-I Club has done much toward helping returned veterans re-orientate themselves to civilian and college life. It has also helped eliminate student enmity by sponsoring an All-College dance. Many thanks to ISC and the Engineer for the same thing.

Players' gave a very acceptable performance of "Guest In The House" halfway through the semester, and promise to repeat with "Blithe Spirit" this weekend.

The faculty, many of whom haven't had a vacation since the war began, have successfully carried through another summer semester, with the cooperation of the student body.

Senate of WSGA conducted the first successful frosh mixer to be held in several semesters, and is now promoting a successful drive for clothing for the peoples of war-torn Europe.

Big, bright orchids to Jim Casey for getting through the summer session successfully. If he does as well next semester, he'll be graduated. Just think... Penn State without Casey!

This is really "thirty," kids. It's been fun.

Dorothy Rutkin

Front and Center

This weekend may be official Homecoming but many servicemen visited the College a week early. Among those who returned for the Muhlenberg-game were Beta Theta Pi's First Lieutenants William Meyers '42 and Ronald Sutherland. Also on campus were First Lieutenant Shearer '42, who was recently liberated from a German prison camp, and Robert T. Kimmel '44, a member of the Merchant Marine.

Beta Sigma Rho brothers, Joseph Hodin '44 and William Hodin '43 were visiting early this week. Joseph, who served on Student Tribunal while at the College, is awaiting his discharge, while William has already been relieved from active duty.

Samuel A. Dum and John D. Morgan Jr. are both sporting newly acquired major ranks... Pvt. Phyllis A. Schoell '44 recently graduated as a laboratory technician at the William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Tex.

On the inactive list are Capt. Paul C. Maul '42, former physical trainer for Army medical personnel; First Lt. James W. Batcheler '39, Lt. William Christie, former member of State swimming team, and Sgt. Peter Danos.

First Lt. James P. Braniff '46 is stationed at Westover Field, Mass., as a navigation instructor... Lt. George Pettigout '45 is teaching future Air Corps instructors. He expects his discharge in the near future.

A Meritorious Service Plaque was awarded to the air force repair squadron to which S/Sgt. Richard M. Hertz '44 is attached. This group is stationed in Gioia, Italy... Pvt. George W. Constantine '44 is an aerial map photographer in Manila... Ens. Robert Scheifer Jr. '44 is serving in the Pacific aboard the destroyer, U.S.S. Hale.

GLORIA NERENBERG