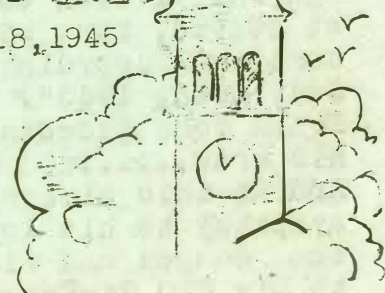


Dear friend with the colors :

Recently the Board of Trustees met and out of over 20 applications elected Dr. DALE W. HOUK as our new president, succeeding Dr. Entz, who had resigned some time ago. Dr. Houk for some years was Supervising Prin. of Forrest Hills, and lately has been one of the Asst. Supts. of Allegheny CO.

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He spent one year as a student at Slippery Rock, several years at Waynesburg, graduated at Park College, Missouri, received his Master's and Doctor's degrees at the U. of Pgh. He holds a number of important executive offices in Educational organizations. Mrs Houk also has been active in various kinds of war work and is keenly interested in church work as well. Their daughter Betty Jane is a Junior at Pitt, and Glen Leland is in grade 8. Victory Bell welcomes the Houks to the campus, where you will eventually become acquainted with them, and likewise bids God Speed to the Entzs. Dr. Entz, after 42 years as a teacher, and 16 years as a member of the S. R. faculty will go into retirement, and will leave about January 1st.

.....Well, this is your 48th V.B. ...that means one newsletter a month for 4 straight years without a break. As you would naturally expect, the men and women are returning home from the war and it has been thought wise to have VB appear in the ROCKET, in print, instead of in the familiar green paper newsletter in the likewise familiar manilla envelope that found you all over the world. After V.B. had been going about 15 months, and when the circulation mushroomed out of all dreams (when it was started) the student body, of their own free will came asking to shoulder the financial responsibility. They have done so gloriously; not only that, they have helped graciously with the work that had to be done when the issues were to be gotten out. At no time was it a headache to get out...there were times when, on account of schedules, they could not come just when we were ready but that was to be expected. We wish to thank each and every one of them that aided, and there were many who did. SO, this will be the last VB in this form--watch for it in the ROCKET, and KEEP WRITING IN JUST THE SAME. We know there are still many of you away out there and we are not going to forget you !!! As this is now being written we have 6" of downy white snow covering this very familiar campus. It is not cold, and really it is delightful winter weather. Next week college will close for the two week Xmas holiday season which brings us to the subject of CHRISTMAS in general---and YOU in particular!!! We all unite in extending this your first peaceful Xmas in four war-torn years!!! May you, away out there in India, or in Korea, or in Japan, Germany, England..or be you in a camp in America...or at home with your loved ones..MAY THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AND DEEP UNDERSTANDING ABIDE WITH YOU. MAY YOU ENJOY THE NEW YEAR!!!

Merry XMAS!



Many have visited the Campus lately: Russell Reed, Major "Wild Bill" Hastings and his wife Mary (of 3805 Duncan St, Columbia S.C), Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ristich and wife Ruth (287 Veranda St, Portland Me), Chuck Burch, Tony Longo, and many whose names I fear I have missed this time. All of them are welcome--and we were glad to see them. Eddie Vail (was Fester) and wife of Baltimore came, as did Bob McClymonds and others. MARRIED : Marjorie Wagner is now Mrs Bowers (309 W. Spruce St Titusville.) Capt "Dick" Hammerle and "Pat" Wilson in a beautiful ceremony attended by many S.R. people. Congratulations !!! Steve Swetak and wife Alice had their 2 year old baby girl are living near Cambridge Springs at Highland Acres. Roy VanHorn is coaching at Titusville H.S. John Cheelman is with the YMCA in Oil City, Dick Hammerle will teach in Leetsdale H.S. Carl Mallon is Athletic Director of Salem College, Salem W.Va. I am sure there are many other new positions and many changes---will YOU, as soon as you read this, WRITE THEM IN--We are ALL interested in where our own folks are located!! AND now for some letters in the OLD MAIL BAG : From Lt. Jess Worley (Comphilsaeron Staff Box 6 FPO 3 San Fran) "I am leaving the Philippines tomorrow, and I expect to become a civilian about Dec. 8th--my address will be at 219 Fifth Ave McKeesport, Pa, and I'll be up to see you soon". Come!! From: Cox Jack Flora (F3172. FPO Navy 920 San Fran) "I was mighty glad to get the report of our football team--and that we beat Indiana!! It is KEEP WRITING IN--Your NEXT V.B. will be in ROCKET. Turn Page.

swell to know that so many of the fellows are returning to school. It won't be too long until there will be a lot more of us back. I expect to be home by Jan 15th". From Mrs. Anna Ladesic (1027 Spring Garden Av Pgh Pa) "I wish to advise you that the last report from the government stated, that since they had received no further information of any sort and according to law, my son Frank had been declared dead as of July 26th, 1945". We had rather feared this, and now memories of Frank come flooding in my mind....fine lad, good officer, proud of his crew.....we wonder if ever we will hear more from him!!! And at this time we extend our most sincere and deep felt wished and sympathy to his loved ones at home, and his many friends here on the campus and elsewhere. From: Lt. R.A. Sprowls (H&S Co 28th Reg 5th Div FPO SanFran) "At the present time I am at Sobeso, spent a month at Fuhnoha, the cultural center off southern Japan. I am an educational guidance officer in the 28th Div. I had hoped to be back to S.R. for the 2nd semester--I now will move that up to Summer School. I have not heard from my old roomie Frank Dennis, but I know he is intending to return and finish at college". FLASH...Here we are up Sunday morning (12/16/45) and it is PLENTY cold...last night we were at the COLLEGE vs ALUMNI basketball game, big gym, and it was really something!!! LINE UP: (College) Bob Lewis, cBelitenikoff, f Ben Ortman, g, Voelker, g, Mahr, f, Held, f, Bilowick, g. AND for the ALUMNI it was almost a V.B. team: Tom Carey, C, Alex Dutkin, F, Geo Stitzinger, F, Eddie Cottrell, G, Dick Jones, G, Bruce Adams, F, Ed, Nahas, G, Phil Nocera, F. The game was fast and furious, with the Alumni leading all through the game until about the last four minutes...and were those alumni boys dragging!!! Final score College 33, Alumni 27. Seen at the game: Frank Rogers and wife Winnie, Dick Jones and wife, Charlotte, Bruce Adams and wife Twila, Jim Holben and wife Jean, Herb Hartzell and wife Eleanor, Geo Stitzinger and wife (Bartley), Bill Mossrush and Tony Longo both just back from India. It may be of interest to know that so far the college has played the following games: ---- S.R. 58 Butler Cubs-33, -S.R. 38, Geneva 62, - S.R. 58, Alliance 30, and the game above reported. V.B. plans to bring more basketball as the season goes along. From: Capt Joe Fusick (Church St Dayton Pa) "I am now aboard the USS Gallatin at sea on my way home with 122 pts. and we will dock at a west coast port about the first of December". And thanks for a swell letter! From Capt J.E. Harrison (Sq A4APO. 1980Y A N.Y) "We are aboard the S.S. Atlos about equal distance between N.Y. and LeHarve, France. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to be here". Keep writing your experiences, Ernie. From Cpl Jim F. Brown (595 Co-A Plat APO 916 SanFran) "I am now at Laoag, Luzon, Philippines, and I am a radio operator. This is a queer assortment of natives--each province speak a different language. Was I glad that S.R. beat Indiana at the first of the season!!"AND Indiana is on our schedule for next fall, Date October 5th...that might be a good date for the Big Victory Reunion--but this has not been decided yet of course. From Doug Lehman (1036 Irwin St Aliquippa Pa) "Just returned from a swell Florida honeymoon--had a pleasant surprise my old roomy Harry Fink came to see me". From Bob Cyphert (400 Good St, Jeannette, Pa) "I am now at a separation center and will be out in a little while and then you can call me "Mr"; and at the address given, for I still want to get the V.Bs". From Ltjg C.L. Axtell (USS Wiley DD597 FPO-SanFran) "Our ship has been operating around the Yellow Sea, and Gulf of Pohai, and I have gotten ashore at Jansev, Korea, and Tientsen, and expect to see Shanghai soon. I doubt if I will be back before the middle of March, but you may bet your last penny I'll be visiting S.R. as soon as I can get there. In normal times one U.S. dollar equals 20 Chinese dollars but yesterday it equalled 2700 Chinese dollars and three days ago it equalled 4300 Chinese dollars". From S.H. Harris SK2/c 67NCB Hd Su FPO SanF) "I am still here at Parry Island Eniwetok Atoll, in the Marshall Islands, and I should be returning to the States very shortly, but I shall be a member of the armed forces for quite some time to come, with about 11 points to go. Life here is rather dull, as we mainly issue beer, coke and ice cream, the latter is quite our specialty as we issue it three times a week". From: Pfc Franklyn Heyl (336 Sta Comp Sqd APO 86 SanF) "I am now on Iwo Jima and with my 52 points I expect to be here until either Jan or Feb, and I want to receive the V.Bs. I ran into Bob Boyer from town (who has now returned home) and I heard S.R. Fairmount score over the radio on Iwo Jimas station--not bad". From Paul Butler (570 E. Washington St Pasadena, 6 Calif) "I have owed you a letter for some time since receiving 47 copies of VB- as I was one of the ones who received the very first copy and continued to receive every one, and they followed me all over the world. When I returned from Italy, I came out here in a race with the stork--and beat it by 5 days...we now have a little blue-eyed blonde daughter, Barbara Ann, so we plan to enter her in the Big Baby Contest. As I write this,

she is 2½ mo. old and has complete charge of our household. Rose Bowl is just a stone's throw from our home and we look forward to see the Tournament of the Roses parade-have any of the gang look us up if we can aid them any and see them here. Tell them to get in touch with us at the Pasadena address. I heard from Frannie Webster, who is going to be back after Xmas to S.R. and surely Coach can use him. His wife (Ruth Cole) is now teaching in S. Carolina. I am planning to enter S. Calif. Graduate School in March and start on my Master's work. I may go to Brazil later with an Aviation School". From Pfc Chester Lapa (22 Fin DistSec Apo513NY) "Our coal is rationed and we get only a bucket full to do us in our winterized tents-from the time we return from work until we go to bed-and it's cold over here." From Lt. Bert Wagner (Wm Flynn Hwy, Glenshaw Pa) "Well I'll be plain "Mr." soon and I'll be back in S.R. for the 2nd semester, and if you think I'm not happy just think again--hope Rometo, Meise and Hildebrand will be back, too". From Enl/c Gregg I. Milligan (SAH/5Navy3912FpoSanF) "They have so many queer customs here in Japan, the family cat has its tail bobbed, the wife supports the family and the husband does not have to live with the family. I hope the BIG VICTORY HOMECOMING holds off a while, as I will not be back for about 8 months. These Japs are reaping a fortune from us as things have raised about three times in price. Our hospital is in a wilderness and we are about 15 miles from the small city of Sosebo. From Cpl Jack Merritts (224CIC Det Hq25. Apo235 SanFran) "I am writing this from Korea, and we soon go to the southern most tip of Korea. This is some change from Japan, and we are very busy". From Sgt Warren Brandon (CoD 341st Inf Apo450 SanFran) "Our job here is to make the Japs work and to take them prisoners as they come out of their holes in the mountains". From Lt. Mitch Urum HqCo 1st Bn Filipino Regt Apo72 SanFran) "On Oct 5th I started on a "Cook's Tour" of the Pacific, and right now we are comfortably located on a white sandy beach, swaying palms, gentle ocean breeze about 40 miles south of Tocloban, Dulog, Leyte, Philippines...no, I'm sorry Dorothy Lamour could not come this week!!! I am now "Regimental Academic Advisor" (with no added pay) and I am now revamping the I and E program, and am just now forming a class for Non Com Instructors. There is much to see and the natives are a curiosity in themselves. I am taking a lot of pictures so we'll get together and I'll show them to you one day". From Mrs. Clarence Heller (41 F Sheldon Park Tarentum Pa) "A letter from Clarence today says that he will be landing in Kyusbiu if all is on schedule". From Lt Bill Nesbit (122 AACCS Sq Apo973 Minneapolis Minn) "This is one isolated, and I mean isolated spot here, but we have orders that we will be leaving Alaska for somewhere and I'm hoping it is back to Glenna nad Terry. Think of it, he is a year old and I have not seen him yet, but he is just about walking, has 6 teeth, shiny blond hair, pretty blue eyes, is as strong as an ox and eats like a horse-so I guess you can see who is going to win that BIG BABY CONTEST !!! The hunting is good up here in Alaska-one of the boys brought in two red fox that he had snared, and they are beautiful pelts. Moose & ptarmigan are plenty". From Lt. A.J. Barnes (Navy Yard Welfare Dept, Phil 12 Pa) "I would like to get back issues of VB and I am living at 1339 -65th Ave N. Oak Lane Pa". From 1st Sgt R.L. Livengood (Soon home to Turtle Creek, Pa) "We hope by Xmas to be home, but of course this is uncertain. we are now aiding in the occupation of Japan and it is not as tough as we expected, and we are getting quite an education even if it isn't just in our lines. At present we are situated in the Yokohama area, which is 30 miles from Tokyo, and the next thing on my mind after the arrival home is getting all of us to the Victory Home Coming". From Capt Ken Bunny (Hq ADMAC Apo885 NY) "I am receiving the VB over here in New Delhi, India. Each month-after I read them I send them home to my wife (Mary Graham). I have been here in India for 10 mo. and don't expect to be home until Feb. or March. We are now closing this theater of operations, and I've been in the army since Aug. 1941, and I want to get home and teach again. I'll be up to the campus to see you all when I return". From Cpl Keith Stoner (Soon home, to 160 Shenango Blvd Farrell, Pa) "I'm am writing this from Yangkai, China and soon we hope to be on our merry way home, and a quick visit to S.R. & I expect to be at the above address sometime in January. I feel very proud to know, and be among the boys that passed Hitler's supermen and placed Hirohita's monkeys back in their places. Now the job is to keep them where we have them.". From S/Sgt Ted Bukowski (Paris TWCA Center Apo 887 N.Y) "I have had an amazing two months that started by going to an I and E school at Oberammergau, Germany. Then we went to Vienna, for a month; and even picked up enough Russian to carry on a pretty good gabfest; then I put in to the USFA to play in the ETO golf tournament golf championship, and started for Barritz, France, on the Biscay coast, just about 15 miles from the Spanish border. We went via train & stopped a few days in Paris, and then the tournament lasted for 4 days, playing on the beach near the hotel where we were quartered. On our return we again saw Paris for 3 days, then via C-47 we returned WATCH FOR V.B. in the ROCKET- and WRITE IN OFTEN -turn page.

to Munich, then to Salzburg, and there I learned I was being transferred for redeployment, so had to go back to Vienna, pack my bags & head for the 280 F.Bn. Well, then they put me in for school attendance in Paris, and to the American Bldg of Cite Universitaire, and I am brushing up on my French quite furiously, as I am enrolled in two courses in the Sorbonne. But I hope they soon call me for the boat, but I doubt if I make it by New Years, as I have 59 points and need that one extra one. The Army Notre Dame game is just coming on by radio in the lounge. From Lt J.W. McGary (USS W.H. Gordon Fpo N.Y) "We just dropped the hook a few hours ago in Port Angeles, Washington; we came from Japan and Korea. When in Tokyo I spent some time seeing the rubble- and I mean rubble, as nearly every building in the place was hit. On the way up from Yokohama it was mile after mile of bombed out buildings, which had been factories, and in the midst of it were dozens of small tin roofed shacks built from the wreckage where the people were living. -after this one day, I can understand why they had had enough...those B 29s really worked it over!!! In Seoul while the place was almost unharmed we found the most poverty stricken people we had ever seen. On the way over we had an old S.R. man aboard, Al Foust, who was on the tumbling team with Berry and Stoyer. He will be at Korea and would like to get VBs. I did not meet him until we were about 2/3 on our way; then I saw him put on some of his acts for a G.I. show that they had...recognized the S.R. methods". From Cpl Howard Oberfeiting (Field Center II, TVCA, I and E Apo63 N.Y) "We are now at Cardiff, Wales, and right now I am taking a three month course at the University of Cardiff, and you might know how an American uniform stands out among these regular students-like a sore thumb, so to speak. I am enjoying it, and have a nice room and a good schedule." From Ens John Brooks (USS Winston AKA 94 N.Y) "We have covered 24000 mi. since August and just pulled into Pearl Harbor a couple of days ago, and I received my first mail. We are now headed for the Atlantic & I hope to be home in December. I am very anxious to get back to college but that will be some time yet." From Chester Olszewski (584 QM Co Apo75 SanFran) "In the past 4 months things have changed a great deal--especially the price of native goods. I spent 11 days in a rest camp at Bagin, located in the mountains, and the weather there was actually cold. The Igotots, who live in the mountains wear less clothes than the natives of New Guinea. In camp we spent most of our time playing golf and bicycling. There are some German nuns who live in the mountains and their chief worry is that they think that Hitler is still alive and in hiding. I hope to be home in January". Jack Davis is now at 413 Columbia Av. Pittsburgh 2 Pa, Lt Carl Graham is at (Signal Section HQ USASCOM-C Apo404 SanFran). C.H. Zimmerman is at 519 First St, Cresson, Pa; Lt Commander E.J. Pawka is at Aviation Safety Board (Chesapeake) Norfolk, Va; Paul D. Huffman is at 592 East 4th Ave Pittsburgh 12 Pa; Writes Pvt. Paul Currie (Hq 81st Repl 17th Rd Apo873 N.Y) "I have just completed a three week furlough in England and in Scotland, and visited many castles and places of great interest. I am now in Paris and have visited Notre Dame, ... I remember your description of it in art class". From "Lt George Kline" (Hotel Grossinger, Maimi, Florida) "The last VB just caught up to me here yesterday, and I was pleased to learn the whereabouts of many of my former schoolmates. I expect to be here until February then will return to Montgomery Ala. and take up my duties as physical instructor at Maxwell Field. I have met quite a number of S.R. men at Maxwell and you may be sure VB is one topic of conversation". Writes Jeanne Collette Hegel (1420 Kelly Ave, San Leandro, Calif) "My husband is still in the States and he probably won't be out of the Navy until sometime in the Spring. I am pleased that so many of the fellows are returning to college--life here in California is grand". It might be of interest to note that Phil Nocera, Frank Rogers and George Kaluger are already here in college, and the following will enter for the 2nd semester which starts: Registration WED, January 23, First class Thursday Jan 24: Jack Offutt, Bob McGregor, Mark Wayne, Bud Hess, Sterling Ramsey, Bill Tebay, Carl Sinkula, Howard Jones, Pat Jackson, Jimmy Harkins, Dick Casserle, Leroy Groves, and if it can be arranged Mark Holpfer and Alex Butkin. No doubt there will be others, according to when they are discharged. There are many GIs enrolling who are new to us at the college. Grayson McCandless is teaching in the Mellon Jr High School in Mt Lebanon, and married a Chattanooga, Tenn. girl., Hazel Alsnauer is engaged to a Sharon man, John Watson directly will marry Thelma Hockenberry, the secretary in the book room. Congratulations all around!!! And now as this letter is coming to a close, it is below zero here in Slippery Rock; last night the pine tree in front of the chapel sparkled with colored lights, a beauty sight against the white snow after Xmas Vespers. Continually more GIs are seen on the campus in the business of enrolling. And you, away out there--be of good cheer better days are sure ahead of you. Write in often and be assured that we, here at your Alma Mater, have not forgotten you!!! a friend, Geo. T. Miller