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Rank 'n' File



PROF. SHEA INSTRUCTOR

Word has been received by Prof. Smith that J. Whitney Shea, instructor in Sociology, now on military leave from his position at Houghton, has been appointed to the rank of Captain.

"DICK" GRAHAM WRITES

Pvt. Dick Graham, (ex '45), stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., writes, "I'm really gaining some invaluable experience, much as I hate to admit it. Perhaps not so important in the field of chemistry, but certainly in understanding human nature for teaching. Houghton represents quite a few locations, but generally their cultural backgrounds are similar. Here you find every state and every type of individual represented, and very, very few of Houghton's standards. As an example, right here in our tent now, just thrown together by accident, are an Alabama "rebel", nearly illiterate, a fellow from Pennsylvania, just married after his second divorce, a little Irishman from Boston, a preacher's son from Ohio gone far astray since joining the army, and a fellow AST boy from Detroit. I can see it is my job to teach far more than chemistry and trigonometry."

FROM "GERRY" WIGHTMAN

From out San Francisco way comes news that RT2/c Gerry Wightman (ex '46) of the U. S. Navy has applied for submarine duty. Gerry is stationed at Treasure Island, San Francisco, and gives this description of it. "Treasure Island is a small island in San Francisco Bay near Goat Island. It is an artificial island, having been dredged up from the bay and moved in from other points. It was built for a Pan-American air-base, but is best known for the fact that the San Francisco world's fair was held here. There aren't many signs of it left now, however... We went down and looked over some craft in the harbor yesterday — it makes me itch to get out of here and get to sea. We watched the sailors working around, doing different jobs — and they were salty in a happy-go-lucky way. It's guys like these who are really fighting this war — and after watching them work it's easy to see why we're winning."

CRAPO TEAM COMMANDER

When Lowell Crapo ('36), now Lt. Crapo, wrote to have his address changed to a new outfit at Drew Field, Fla., he gave us a glimpse of his work there. He says, "I am now a Training Team commander and the job of men of my unit and I is to go into the field with Air Craft Warning units and supervise and assist in training the personnel for overseas operations. This sort of work requires that we live out in the woods in tents all the time under simulated battle zone conditions. It is not such a bad life except for the chiggers, scorpions, mosquitos, sand fleas, snakes, and the various other insects and reptiles that Florida boasts of."

WE GET AROUND

We've heard that "Zeke" Carothers (ex '46) has completed his training and is now classified as a paratrooper. From Columbia came word that Mel Lewellen (ex '45) is now a midshipman. Norm Walker (ex '47) and Charlie Giles (ex '47) are at Keesler Field, Miss. We're glad when some of our fellows can get together at the same camp. In Charlie's opinion, "It surely is nice to have another Christian to talk to. Norm and I are both staying close to God and will be glad to hear from Houghton and the 'guys and gals' left at the college." Those are words we like to hear. Do your part, folks, and keep writing.

GRAVLIN PROMOTED

And while the matter of writing letters is at hand, Art Gravlin (ex '43), who has received another promotion since we last heard from him and is a 1st Lt., would like to hear from some of his ex-classmates and friends. We will try to make sure that they get his address, but all we can publish here is his A.P.O. number, 885, c/o Postmaster, N. Y. Good luck "over there", Art.

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CALENDAR

Student Prayer Meeting — Tues. 7:30
Morning Watch — Every Morning 7:30
On Point or in S24
Sunday 2:30 — Torch Bearers
July 7 — Artist Series
Profs. Andrews, Carapetyan, Kreckman

W. C. T. U. Holds Institute Recruit White-ribboners

An institute for the Houghton local of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union convened at the church last Friday afternoon and evening. The afternoon program was in charge of the local president, Mrs. Harold Douglass. Miss Myrtle Messenger of Angelica, Allegany County's corresponding secretary, was the guest speaker. Nine small children and babies were pledged to the paths of temperance by their mothers in a White Ribbon recruit service led by Mrs. York. The High School Male Quartet brought a message in song, and the Loyal Temperance Legion and Youth Temperance Council, under the leadership of Mrs. Beach and Mrs. Edling, respectively, presented appropriate skits.

At six o'clock the ladies adjourned to the Rec Hall where dinner was served.

The evening service was highlighted by a solo by Mrs. Edith Livenspire and a violin solo by Miss Jeanne Hazlett. The message was brought by Mrs. Ruth Rockwell Hudson of East Aurora, a former Houghton student, and director of the Youth Temperance Council for Erie County. The topic of her address was "Forward."

Freshman Applications Give Optimistic View of Fall Enrollment - Upper Classes Low

Andrews, Cronk Give Duo Sonata Recital

In the first artist series concert of the summer season, Prof. John M. Andrews, instructor in Violin and orchestral instruments, and Prof. Alton M. Cronk, acting head of the Music Department, appeared in a joint Sonata Recital, with violin and piano. The program was varied in its moods, and the technique displayed was that of master musicians. The program consisted of three sonatas by well known composers, as follows:

Sonata No. 5 Opus 24

L. van Beethoven

Allegro
Adagio molto espressivo
Scherzo
Rondo

Sonata

Claude Debussy

Allegro vivo
Intermede — Fantasque at leger
Finale — Tres anime

Sonata No. 2 in G Opus 13

Grieg

Lento Doloroso — Allegro vivace
Allegretto tranquillo
Allegro animato

Again later in the summer the faculty of the music department presents another in the series of music programs. At that time, Professors Andrews, Carapetyan, and Kreckman will give a joint recital.

Blood Doners Make Deposit at Fillmore

Eleven students and two faculty members (over 20% of the summer school student body) made the trip to Fillmore last Friday to make deposits in the blood bank there. The Mobile Blood Plasma unit of the Buffalo chapter of the American Red Cross was in Fillmore all day, and was well pleased with the response to their appeals for blood doners.

In 1943 over 4,000,000 pints of blood was given for blood blanks, and the quota for 1944 is even greater, the goal being 5,000,000 pints. This is about the maximum that can be processed by the present capacity of the laboratories which handle blood plasma and prepare it for use.

Of the Houghton group, none were rejected for any reason. A number of others had expressed a desire to give, but had left Houghton for the weekend, and so were unable to make their contribution. It is to be regretted that the blood bank did not make its visit to this area before the school year closed, as a much larger donation would have been realized.

An unusually large number of prospective freshmen have sent applications for enrollment in the college next year, according to figures in the office of the Registrar. Up to Commencement day, forty girls and thirty-one fellows had been accepted for next year's freshman class. According to estimates, these figures are about twice what they were last year, and freshman registration in the past has usually been proportional to the advance figures.

Pre-registration of upperclassmen is not quite so encouraging, however, as advance registration of freshmen. Only thirty-nine students pre-registered as seniors, forty-three as juniors, and seventy as sophomores. Although these numbers will doubtless be augmented by transfers and by changes in plans, these figures indicate that the upper classes may retain their reduced sizes, while the freshmen may reach a more nearly pre-war level.

Elmer, Stratton, Turner Head Religious Activities

Summer officers of the religious activities on the campus were chosen recently at a student prayer meeting. 'Dick' Elmer was elected prayer meeting chairman, with the added responsibility of directing the morning watch services. Percy Stratton was elected to head the Young People's Sunday evening services at the church. Miss Phyllis Turner was appointed to have charge of the Torch Bearer's prayer meetings held Sunday afternoons. These services were an integral part of the Summer School last year, and contributed much to the high spiritual tonus of the campus. With a larger student body this year, interest should be greater, and a number of rich Christian fellowship is anticipated.

Summer School Elects Student Body Officers

At the first chapel period of the summer school session, the student body chose the following officers: President, Don Phillips; vice-president, Dave Flower; and secretary, Phyllis Turner. Only those enrolled for the entire twelve weeks session were eligible for nomination. The editor of the Summer School STAR was also elected at that time, and fell to the lot of Ward Hunting.

During the summer months, chapel exercises are held only once a week, on Wednesdays. It was also the desire of those who attended the noon prayer and fast service on last Tuesday, that this continue for the summer, at its regular time on Friday afternoons.

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"D" DAY

"Why is the church bell ringing at this hour?" seemed to be the question on many sleepy lips as Houghtonians rolled over in bed, some to go back to their disturbed slumbers, others to dress quickly to find out the answer. Fire?.. Blackout?.. Invasion? Radios snapped on, and in that early morning hour as the dial was spun there was but one answer on every station...in fact there seemed no interruption as one went from station to station...and the same announcer repeated the same word...invasion...invasion has come to the continent of Europe. We'd been waiting for it, expecting it, yet the actual plunge was startling, gave rise to tangled emotions, and almost simultaneously, a silent prayer. How quickly, too, a little group silently made their way to the church, and knelt in fervent petition to God to care for His own...to show mercy...and, yes, bring speedy victory. What a different picture must have greeted the rising sun as it cast its first rays on the peaceful cities and villages here, to the herculian struggle just begun "over there". Yet hearts beat with the same hopes, same fears, same prayers...and in the words of Byron—

"Yet, Freedom, yet, thy banner torn but flying,
Streams like a thunder storm against the wind.

W. M. H.

Weddings and Engagements Climax Close of School

LEWIS — DITCHFIELD

Miss Elisabeth Lewis, assistant dean of women, was married to Leslie Ditchfield, of the British merchant marine, June 9th at 8:00 p. m. in the Primitive Methodist Church of Newcastle, Pennsylvania. The wedding was a double one with the bride's sister, Dorothy May, now a student at the Chicago Evangelistic Institute. Mr. Ditchfield will be remembered by the student body for the chapel talk he gave of his thrilling escape from a Nazi concentration camp in France. George Savaria, renowned Canadian pianist who, together with Adrian Brault accompanied Mr. Ditchfield in his escape, was the best man. Mr. Brault was usher. Mary Agnes Strickland, (Houghton '44) sang "My Happy Day." Miss Maxine Samuelson, '46 was bridesmaid. Dormitory girls will be glad to hear that Mrs. Ditchfield plans to return as assistant dean next year.

TROUT — BIRCH

Marion Philip Birch, graduate of this year, was married to Miss Marjorie Trout, in the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Philadelphia on May 25th. The Reverend C. W. Bradley performed the ceremony with Mr. Birch, the groom's father, assisting. Miss Marilyn Birch, twin sister of the groom, was the maid of honor, and Mr. Larry Birch was the best man. The bride, whose parents are missionaries in the Belgian Congo, was given away by her brother, Mr. Charles Trout, from California.

HAZELWOOD — TAYLOR

Saturday afternoon June 3, Miss Constance Hazelwood, '46, was married to

Flight officer L. Holland Taylor. The ceremony took place in the Embury Methodist Church in Collingswood, New Jersey, home of both the bride and groom. A reception followed in Moorestown. Mrs. Taylor has attended Houghton College and was an active member of the Class of '46. Mr. Taylor attended Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Among the guests present were, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dunkelburger, and Lucy Hoag. "Ed" Mehne was one of the ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left following the ceremony for a few days at the shore.

SALSGIVER — GANNETT

Saturday, May 27th, Alden Gannett was married to Miss Georgetta Salsgiver in the First Evangelical Church of Oil City, Pennsylvania.

FRIESS — MICK

Jeanette Friess, freshman winner of the Bible Reading Contest, plans to wed Mr. Burton Mick, pastor of the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Church this summer. The marriage will take place in the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Allendale, Michigan, the bride's home.

BARTLETT — KING

On June 11th Miss Ruth Bartlett plans to be married to Philip M. King in the Marklenburg Community Church. Miss Betty Jane Clark, classmate of Miss Bartlett, and Miss Lois Clark, her sister, will be two of the four bridesmaids. There will be a reception afterwards in the home of the bride.

SUTTER — KENNEDY

Miss Joyce Sutter, Class of '44, will be married to Frank Kennedy, former Houghton student, at the Hainburg Baptist Church on August 5th. Miss Audrey Eckler, class of '46, will be the maid of honor.

More 1A Students Called

In the latest call upon Houghton's waning manpower reserve, Larry Birch and Clare Smith were drafted into the floating forces, and Earl Campbell and Jack Phillips received notices from the Army. Larry has already been inducted, and is stationed at Sampson Naval Training Station at Geneva. Earl is spending a few days at his home in Clarendon, Pa. prior to his induction, and Jack is still pursuing his studies in the interim.

RANK 'N' FILE . . .

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LEW WAKEFIELD SAYS

1st Lt. Lew Wakefield ('42) left the States some time ago and since has been to New Caledonia, although that is not where he is now. For information, we went to his aunt, Miss Griffin, more familiarly known as "Aunt Grace" to any of the recent students who have had occasion to be around the dorm kitchen. As Lew wrote her, he's "somewhere on an island in the South Pacific area. It's a beautiful island with vegetation that is almost unbelievable and I thought existed only in books. We have everything from coconut trees to banana trees and some besides. The climate is very warm, in fact, hot during the day but it is cool enough at night so you can really sleep. . . . We had a very uneventful trip over here we were on the ocean twenty-one days. We saw flying fish and a variety of other fish, a few islands, and other interesting sights. . . . We are busy cleaning up an area to live in. We had to cut it out of the jungle. It's a real job and keeps us busy. . . . I'm writing this by candle light . . . went to the P. X. and bought some peanuts and Tootsie rolls, so you see everything is fine." Evidently those Coke ads are the real thing, as Lew adds that they have that, too!

CHUCK WOOD RETURNS

A recent visitor on the Houghton campus was Charles 'Chuck' Wood, who spent one day in these familiar environs. Chuck is with the Merchant Marine, and has seen quite a bit of the world since he left Houghton Prep last spring at graduation time. Among the places he has visited in his duties on various Liberty ships of our Merchant Marine, have been North Africa, and Sardina in the Mediterranean. He has been spending his furlough between his home in Oberlin, Evans City, and Houghton. Come aGwen, Chuck when you have another chance to see us.

THOMPSON — PLACE

PIERCE — BLANCHARD

Miss Jane Thompson and Miss Marie Pierce have made tentative plans for fall weddings. Miss Thompson will be married to Edward Place of the Army Air Corps, and Miss Pierce will be married to Howard Blanchard, pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church.

REYNOLDS — MCKNIGHT

On Friday, May 26, Miss Evelyn Alma Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reynolds, was married to Alexander Lyons McKnight. The ceremony took place in Hornell, New York. Both the bride and groom were students at Houghton — Mrs. McKnight, a member of this last year's junior class, and Mr. McKnight a student in the Bible School.

Betty Moot in Bus Crash

In a recent serious Greyhound bus accident in which two people were killed and ten others were seriously injured, Miss Betty Moot, Junior music student, was rather painfully injured, receiving two broken ribs and a broken collar bone with the possibility of internal injuries. She was taken to a hospital. The accident occurred between Geneva and Elmira during a bad storm while Betty was on her way to her home in Ithaca for the weekend. The driver was a new man, and this was his first run with the bus.

Smith Twins Identical

Identical twin daughters were born to Professor and Mrs. Willard G. Smith on the first of June, at the Wyoming County Community Hospital in Warsaw. The baby girls have been named Aileen Adele and Eileen Esther. Aileen was born at 1:50 a. m., Eileen, at 1:55 a. m. They weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces and 5 pounds 8 ounces respectively.

Servant of Jesus Christ

The first verse of Philippians contains a striking thought of great depth which is often overlooked by the careful reader unless he has a knowledge of the Greek language. Paul begins his salutation by saying, "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ." Truly this word servant epitomizes the true Christian.

In referring to slavery the Greeks used two words. One of these referred to slaves taken in war, and the other to a person born into slavery. The latter word is the one which Paul uses in this verse and again in Romans where he states, "For when ye were servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness and "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

The Roman slave was bound to his master from birth and only death could liberate him. Thus we are chained to sin by our natural birth with nature assuming that we will remain that way. However, God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, that the bonds might be broken. This is the thought which Paul is portraying in this Word. He was once a servant of sin but became a bondslave of Jesus Christ, through Christ's death and Paul's birth into a new and glorious slavery. Just as Paul, we are born into sin involuntarily, but we are born voluntarily into the freedom of Christ's slavery.

Again the word denotes that the slave is one who gives himself up wholly to another's will. Paul vividly depicts this by his very life. Immediately after meeting the Lord, Paul decisively said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" This is what we must definitely ask God if we are to be a true servant of Jesus Christ.

After exploring into the depths of this word, we are staggered by the heights to which we must ascend if we are to gain the desired end—that of being a servant of Christ. It means having our will swallowed up in His by our own choice—"discipleship with discipline"—disenthroning of self and enthroning of Christ—and saying to the Lord, "Mould me and make me after Thy will."

Walt Robie