

Ex-PT Skipper, Lt. Ganong, Upholds Small-ship Honor

Representing the smaller ships of the Navy, we have on the V-12 faculty Lt. John F. Ganong, late of motor torpedo boat squadron 48.

Lieutenant Ganong, a 1939 graduate in government from Washington and Lee University, Va., didn't have such a large step to make when he joined the Navy in July, 1942. Already he had shipped as a junior deck officer on the passenger liner President Coolidge, American President Line, to the Orient.

He had also been employed as supervisor of shipbuilding at San Francisco where he helped compile damage control data for and to outfit 24 destroyers and 2 yard oilers. One of these destroyers, the USS Laffey, later received the presidential citation after going down with guns firing across the bow of a Jap battleship.

The lieutenant received his commission as an ensign and reported to Northwestern for training. From there he went to Melville, R. I. for a two month course in PT operation. Squadron 18 was formed in New York from seven 80 foot Elco's and four smaller (70 foot) Scott-Paine's of British design. The latter had to be refitted as American ships. Squadron Commissioned

Finally in March, 1943, the squadron was commissioned and left for a two week shakedown run to Panama. There for three months or more they operated on the Pacific side of the Canal in training formations. "Dry runs" in which no torpedoes were fired were made on ships just leaving the Canal. Lieutenant Ganong says that they were never able to score hits on the fast-turning converted cruiser-carriers no matter how far they bored in.

After these months of practice night operations, radar sweeps, maneuvers, and dummy runs, five ships of the squadron were loaded on the Standard Oil tanker Manhattan and shipped to Australia with their crews. Lieutenant Ganong and his ship were unloaded at Brisbane. The last lap of the trip from Australia to Kana Kopa, New Guinea, was done in a tow behind a liberty ship.

That, according to the lieutenant, was the roughest trip they had with all hands seasick. From then on the squadron patrolled up and down the coast of New Guinea and around North and South New Britain. They never got a shot at major Jap fleet units, but they did barge-busting work in their area.

The lieutenant's boat is credited with five barges and one plane shared with the squadron. Although subject to frequent air attacks, they never sighted a sub all the time they operated in the Pacific. Squadron 18 made many shore bombardments where they just ran in and plastered coastal positions indiscriminately. Return fire caused five shrapnel wounds among the crew.

Close Call
One night patrol almost ended in disaster when a Liberator, mistaking the US craft for an enemy, made a sneak run and planted a bomb 30 yards from the ship. On the second run contact was made by hurried use of emergency recognition flare signals.

In late 1944, the lieutenant was invalided to the States with malaria. After recovery he taught at the PT school in Rhode Island and instructed for a while at the pre-midshipman school in Asbury Park, N. J.

February of 1945 found Lieu-

tenant Ganong at firefighting and damage control schools in Philadelphia. From there he went to the Reserve Midshipman School in Chicago. In August this year he was transferred to State.



LT. JOHN F. GANONG

Summer Roster Tops Colleges

With a student body totalling 3882, the College had the largest summer enrollment in the state, according to a report received by the Registrar's office from the State Department of Public Instruction.

Of this number 1054 were enrolled in main summer session, 235 in intercession, 1100 in summer session, and 167 in post session. The number of men at intercession was 73, summer session, 247, and post session 61, while women at the three sessions totalled, respectively, 162, 853, and 106.

Rivalling Penn State with large enrollments were the University of Pittsburgh with 3618, Temple with 2274, and the University of Pennsylvania with 1863. In accelerated semester enrollment the College ranked first with a total of 2192, while the University of Pennsylvania placed second with 940. The University of Pittsburgh had the largest main summer session enrollment, 2494. According to the report, Temple ranked second in summer session attendance with 1357, Villanova third with 1105, and the College fourth with 1054.

The following statistics for the three summer sessions were released by William S. Hoffman, registrar:

Intercession only: men, 26, women, 90, total, 116.
Summer session only: men, 185, women, 737, total, 1038.
Post session only: men, 26,

Calendar

TODAY
Pep Rally, Recreation Hall, 3 to 7:15 p. m.
Alumnae Tea, Atherton Hall, 3 to 5 p. m.
Alumni Association Executive Board meeting, 5 p. m.
"Blithe Spirit," Schwab Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
Dry Dock, Faculty Night, Sandwich Shop, 10 to 12 p. m.
Sabbath Eve Services, Hillel Foundation, 7:30 p. m.

TOMORROW
Alumni Golf Tournament, golf course, 8 a. m.
Alumni Council meeting, 9:30 a. m.
Colgate Game, New Beaver Field, 2 p. m.
"Blithe Spirit", Schwab Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
Cider Party, Sandwich Shop, 8 p. m.
Pigskin Prom, Recreation Hall, 9 to 12 p. m.

SUNDAY
Breakfast for all members of AOPi, Mrs. Anderson's home, 123 Sparks, Street, 8:45 a. m.
Chapel, Schwab Auditorium, 11 a. m.
Riding Show, Riding Club Stables, 2:30 p. m.
Russian Club meeting, Hugh Beaver Room, Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

MONDAY
PSCA First Semester club meeting, 304 Old Main, 7 p. m.
IWA meeting, Armory, 7 p. m.
Engineer meeting, Armory, 7 p. m.

TUESDAY
Penn State Club meeting, 105 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
Philotes Banquet, Allencrest.
X-G-I club meeting, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.
First Semester Collegian candidate, 8 Carnegie Hall, 7 p. m.
Campus Center Club meeting, 10 Sparks, 7:30 p. m.

THURSDAY
IMA meeting, 402 Old Main, 7 p. m.
PSCA Music and Firelight Hour, Hugh Beaver room, Old Main, 4:30 p. m.

Phys Ed Cards Due
All freshmen and sophomores taking "Elective Physical Education must hand in their elective cards at Required Physical Education Office, 214 Recreation Hall, during next week.

women, 34, total, 60.
Intercession and summer session: men, 29, women, 46, total 75.
Intercession and post session: men, 1, women 3, total, 4.
Summer session and post session: men, 17, women, 46, total women, 23, total, 40.
63.
All three sessions: men, 17,

"What's A Student Union Building Without These?"

The students have definite plans as to what they would like to have in the proposed Student Union building in the way of recreation facilities. Collegian has received many suggestions, and it became apparent that many of the conventional modes of diversion present on most college campuses of this size are lacking here.

Practically everyone has mentioned a swimming pool and all are in favor of having mixed swimming parties. A ballroom that could be used for all kinds of dances was also a favorite suggestion, and preferably one that had a little of the "Collegiate Atmosphere."

"How about a Corner Room style Snack Bar?" suggested one student, "a place where we could spend our sandwich hours."

The "jitterbugs" want to be segregated from the "classic lovers," and visa-versa, when a music room is installed. The in-between group will be content to visit both.

Bowling alleys, a rifle range, handball courts, ping pong, pool and billiard tables were but a few of the suggestions made by the sports-minded students.

Of course the rabid bridge and poker players want a card room so they'll have a place to play when they cut classes. It seems that it's inconvenient for them to go all the way back to the dorms.

"If Wisconsin, Cornell and Northwestern Universities can serve beer in their student union buildings, why can't we?" That cry came up from many students, including the daughter of the Podunk WCTU. Surprising, isn't it? For obvious reasons, a big fireplace with some soft couches was

recommended by the more active groups. Why? For studying, we think.

A library containing the current best sellers would be appreciated by many. Study rooms were also suggested. All in all, everyone thought the building would be an ideal place for students to gather, get acquainted, and have fun doing the same things together.

Although the suggestions were many and varied, all were 100 per cent in favor of one point. "We want and need a Student Union Building on this campus, and the sooner the better."

Phi Kappa Phi Initiates Candidates At Banquet

Phi Kappa Phi, general honorary fraternity, will have initiation ceremonies in the banquet room of the State College Hotel Tuesday. Dr. Julia M. Haver, chapter president, announces that Dr. F. J. Tschan, professor of European history, will speak on "The Genesis of Reliefs on the Bernward Doors."

First hole-in-one of the year on the Penn State golf course was scored by an Army flier home on furlough.



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