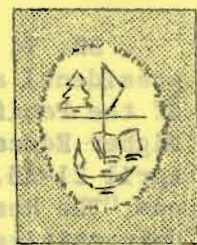




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DR. ROBERT MORTVEDT HONORED BY THE LUTERAN BROTHERHOOD

Dr. Robert Mortvedt was one of two Tacoma executives who received awards for outstanding leadership from the Lutheran Brotherhood at a banquet May 3 in Seattle.

He was presented the Martin Luther Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding contributions to the Church and nation as a lay and educational leader.

Dr. Mortvedt is the sixth person to receive the Martin Luther medal. The others include the kings of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, the president of Finland and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey.

Reno Oldin, former president of the Puget Sound National Bank and now chairman of the board, received the Liberty Bell Award for his exceptional leadership on the state and national levels for over 25 years in promotion of sales of War and Savings Bonds.

A. Herbert Nelson of Minneapolis, president of the national insurance firm, made the presentations at the event which was attended by civic, state and Church leaders.

Three PLU students, who received \$500 Lutheran Brotherhood scholarships this year, were guests. They include Miss Lesslie Hage, Terry Oliver and Richard Olson.

Speaking on the role of higher education in the state, Dr. Mortvedt gave the main address. He outlined the challenges for growth which face education and stressed the need to develop a strong system of private and public institutions.

COLORFUL MAY FESTIVAL PROGRAM TO OPEN THIS EVENING

The 33rd May Festival program will open tonight in Memorial Gymnasium at 8 p.m. with the crowning of May Queen Karen Kane by Arne Tvete, supreme president of the Sons of Norway. Another program is scheduled for Saturday evening.

The colorful program, which has grown to be one of the highlights of the year, will include some 20 Scandinavian folk dances. The 50 student dancers will appear in authentic costumes of Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

Much of the music has been arranged in Scandinavia and will be played for the first time in America by the string and woodwind sections of the University orchestra.

Other features of the program will be the playing of the Hardanger fiddle by Auden Toven of Oslo, and the lur, a Norwegian horn made of birch, by Reginald Laursen, a PLU senior.

The program is under the direction of Mrs. Rhoda Young.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Information Desk. A limited number of tickets will be on sale at the door.

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Men will stand for anything except a woman on a bus.

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THE ROUNDTABLE

DR. T. H. LANGEVIN (academic vice-president) attended the 28th annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Conference on Higher Education at the University of Idaho April 21-23. The theme of the conference was "The Responsibilities of Colleges and Universities." He reports: "What I anticipated would be a dull affair proved in fact to be an excellent meeting. I presided at one of the general sessions and at the time had the pleasure of introducing Dr. Milton Durham, a surgeon from Spokane who is a regent of Washington State and also of Whitworth. He is also related to Gail Durham. I presented a brief paper as part of a panel coverage on the topic, 'The Role of Governing Boards in Meeting the Responsibilities of Colleges and Universities.' I assume that it was well received since at least I did not hear any booing."...Faculty and admissions personnel have pre-registered some 166 freshmen thus far for next fall -- 16 in Spokane, 60 in Seattle and 90 in Tacoma.... Congratulations to STEWART GOVIG (religion) who passed the oral examinations for his doctor of philosophy degree last week at New York University. The degree will be conferred on June 8...EDITH DOUGHERTY and MARY HEGTVEDT (food service), ROBERT EATON (maintenance) and LEIGHLAND JOHNSON (student affairs) were in Corvallis Monday and Tuesday for the annual convention of the Northwest Association of College and University Housing Officers.... Today (Friday) is your last chance to get reduced rate tickets for Lutheran Family Night at the Ice Follies in Seattle May 15. Contact the Information Desk.

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BIRTHDAYS

William Giddings	May 7
Richard Moe	May 7
Val Berntsen	May 8
Anna Fuller	May 8
Mary Marzano	May 12

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DR. DANIEL LEASURE NAMED TO HEAD STUDENT PERSONNEL SERVICES

Dr. Daniel R. Leasure of Fargo, North Dakota, has been appointed vice president for student personnel services, it was announced Friday by Dr. Robert Mortvedt.

Dr. Leasure (pronounced Le-' Zhur), who will take over his new post in July, has been Dean of Students at North Dakota State University, Fargo, the past three years. Prior to that he was assistant dean of men for disciplinary counseling and assistant professor of education at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Dr. Leasure is a graduate of Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. He has master of education and doctor of education degrees from Pennsylvania State. His major in graduate school was student personnel work in higher education, and his minor study was clinical psychology. His doctoral dissertation dealt with the effects of student-centered and leader-planned orientation upon collegiate adjustment of male freshmen.

While in graduate school, Dr. Leasure was a residence hall counselor and counselor coordinator.

After graduation from high school, Dr. Leasure served for four years in the U. S. Navy from 1949-53. He then served for four years as youth director for the YMCA in New Castle, Pa.

Dr. Leasure is a member of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, the American College Personnel Association, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Iota Alpha Delta -- guidance honorary (past president, Penn State Chapter), Iota Delta -- psychology honorary (past president, Westminster Chapter), Phi Eta Sigma -- national scholastic fraternity, the Fargo Chamber of Commerce -- public relations committee.

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PLU RECEIVES DRIVER EDUCATION
GRANT FROM ALLSTATE FOUNDATION

Pacific Lutheran University has received a grant from the Allstate Foundation in the amount of \$750 for driver education.

Presentation of the grant was made by district representative R. E. Anderson.

Started in 1953, the purpose of this college grant program has been to support the institutions which offer the courses to high school teachers, and to make scholarships available to the latter.

Anderson said the traffic accident problem has become much more acute in recent years and the entire community must apply every known effective force to combat the steadily rising toll of lives lost, and people injured.

"We are grateful for those colleges and universities which consider it their responsibility to extend and upgrade their own programs in driver education so that the high school teachers become increasingly better qualified to teach the course in their communities," Anderson added.

This is the first year the course has been offered at PLU.

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ALPHA PHI OMEGA PRESENTS
GIFT TO UNIVERSITY FOR SHRUBS

Alpha Phi Omega, honorary service fraternity, has presented a gift of \$400 to the University to be used toward the landscaping and shrubbery which has been placed around the new swimming pool.

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FACULTY MEETS SCHEDULED

A special faculty meeting will be held at 4 p.m. May 11 in the Classroom Building auditorium to hear the Core Curriculum report.

The regular May faculty meeting will be held Friday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m. in Jacob Samuelson Chapel in the Administration Building.

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"SONG OF NORWAY" SCHEDULED TO OPEN
THREE-NIGHT RUN NEXT THURSDAY

The Scandinavian Arts Festival, part of Pacific Lutheran University's 75th Anniversary Year activities, comes to a close next week with the presentation of the "Song of Norway."

Based on the life and music of the great Norwegian composer Edvard H. Grieg, the operetta opens a three-night run Thursday in the Eastvold Chapel auditorium. Performances are scheduled for 8:15 p.m. each evening.

First produced in Los Angeles, it was brought to New York in 1944 where it had a long and successful run on Broadway.

"Song of Norway" tells of Grieg's youthful zeal to write his country's music and his final realization of his aim.

Grieg, played by Lynn Erstgaard, who has had lead roles in the "Mikado" and "Carousel" at PLU, leaves his hometown of Bergen to travel Europe with the famous opera singer, the Countess Louisa Giovanni, portrayed by Roberta Allen. A freshman, she has had previous parts in "Hansel and Gretel" at Seattle Opera Co. and the main lead in "Oklahoma."

In time, Grieg's music becomes well known, and he is content to lead the life of an exile in Rome until he receives the news of the death of his friend Rikaard (Steve Cornils). Knowing that he has forsaken his native land, Grieg returns to his fiance Nina (Sheryll Fredekind) and family in Troidhaugen where the grateful Norwegian government presents him with a new home.

Others with leading roles are Phillip Randy, Dennis Piernick and David Wold.

Among the songs included in the score are "Water Lilly," "To Spring," "Nocturne," "March of the Dwarfs," "Albumbblatt," "Halling," "Mountaineer's Song," "Spring Dance," "Norwegian Dance," "Peer Gynt Suite" and the imperishable "Piano Concerto in A Minor."

A cast of 64 PLU students will take part in the presentation which is being
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"SONG OF NORWAY" (continued from page 3)

produced by Theodore O. H. Karl. Dr. Abe J. Bassett is director, Maurice Skones, musical director, LaMoyné Hreha, choreographer, Stanley Petrulis, orchestra conductor, and Eric Nordholm, technical director.

All seats are reserved. Reservations can be made at the PLU Information Desk. Persons holding Artist Series tickets can exchange them for a "Song of Norway" ticket.

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ALUMNI DAY SATURDAY
HAS FULL SCHEDULE

A busy schedule of activities is booked for Saturday's annual Alumni Day program. Hundreds of alumni from all over the Pacific Northwest will be on campus for the event.

The program will get underway at 7 a.m. when the annual golf tournament will be held on the College course.

The alumni board will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Administration Building and registration of visiting alumni will be held in the Alumni Office.

The annual buffet luncheon for the alumnae will be held at 12:30 at Brad's Restaurant at 92nd and Pacific. The men who belong to the Lute Club will gather in the Administration Building for a meeting with the coaches at 1:00.

The Alumni-Faculty Discussion Series will start at 3:00 in Jacob Samuelson chapel. Participants will include Dr. Thomas Langevin, academic vice-president; Clayton B. Peterson, vice-president for development; Dr. E. C. Knorr, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Richard Moe, dean of the College of Professional Studies; and Dr. Charles Anderson, chairman of the chemistry department.

President Robert Mortvedt will give the address at the banquet to be held in Columbia Center at 5:30.

Alumni will attend the May Festival followed by coffee hours in Foss and Pflueger Hall lounges. There will also be a swimming party in the pool beginning at 10.

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND
SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The President's Reception for the senior class and their parents will open Commencement weekend festivities, May 28 and 29. The reception will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, May 28, in Chris Knutzen Fellowship Hall.

The Choir of the West and the Concert Band will give a concert Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Memorial Gymnasium. This will be complimentary to the public.

Dr. Robert Mortvedt will give the sermon for baccalaureate services Sunday morning, May 29, at 11 o'clock. This event will be held in the gymnasium. Rev. John Larsgaard, university chaplain, will be the liturgist. The Choir of the West will sing.

Commencement exercises will start at 3:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Dr. Henry T. Heald, recently retired president of the Ford Foundation and internationally known educator, will give the address and will receive an honorary doctor's degree.

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MEYER TROPHY CREW RACE
SLATED FOR SATURDAY

The third annual Paul Meyer Trophy crew race between PLU and the University of Puget Sound will be held this Saturday afternoon at 2:30 on American Lake. The Lute eight has won the trophy for two years.

Spectators may watch the race from the west side of the lake.

Knight baseballers will be at home this Friday afternoon for a doubleheader with Northwest Conference foes. Lewis & Clark will be the opposition at 1:00 p.m. and Willamette at 3:00 o'clock.

The track team will journey to Bellingham Saturday for a dual meet with Western Washington State College.

The golf team will entertain the Pacific University squad in a match on the College course this Friday afternoon.

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