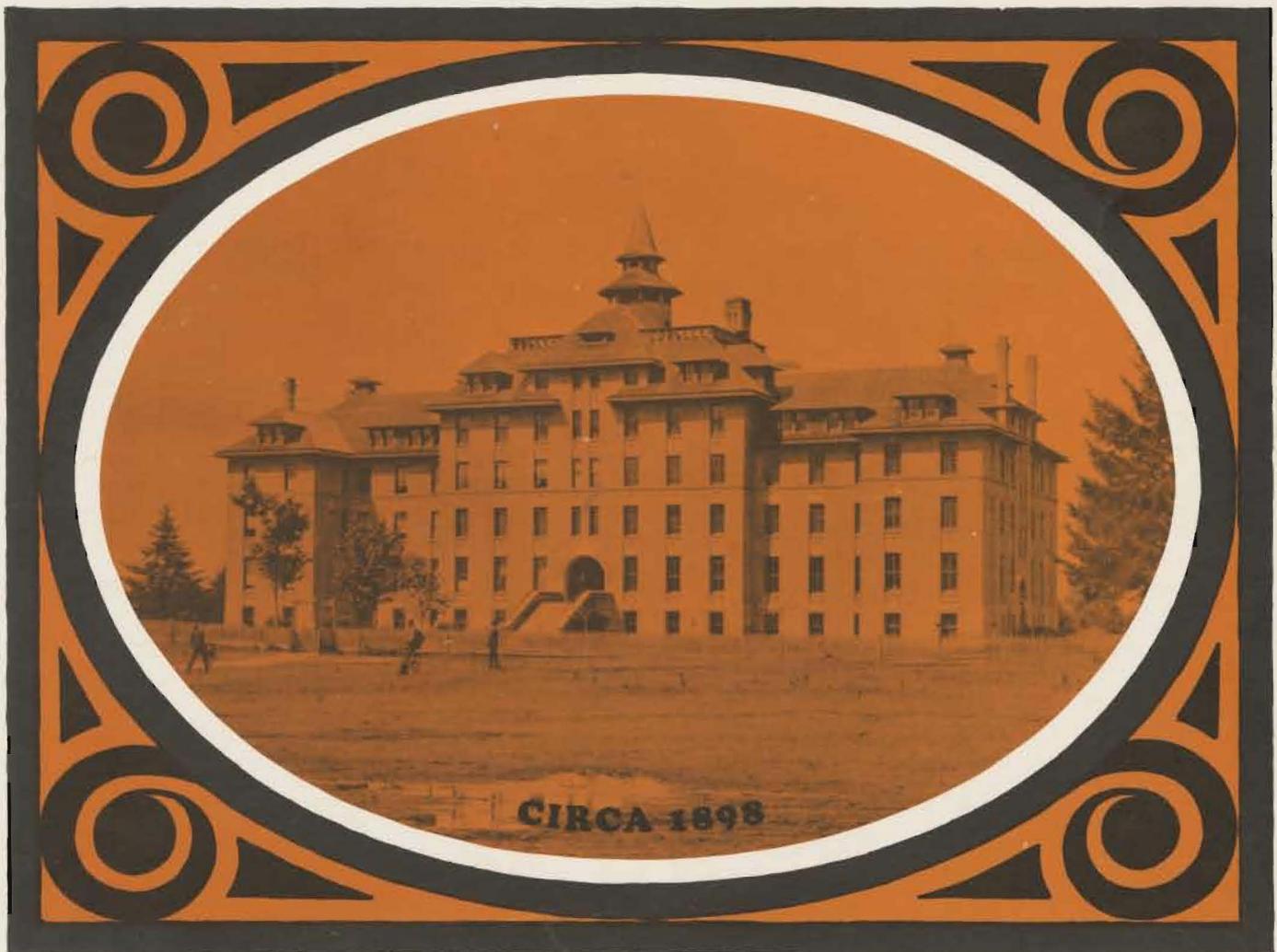


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*Cover: This is PLU at about 1898. Classroom, offices, dining hall, dormitories, faculty apartments, library—all were housed in this one building. Today this structure is called Harstad Hall and is a residence unit for women.*

*Upper left, Old Trinity Lutheran Church, adjacent to the campus, which was razed August 23, 1957, to make way for a new edifice.*

*Upper right, the faculty and trustees of PLU in 1894.*

*Middle left, taken in 1892 in a Tacoma church, this shows, left to right, Rev. Sangset, Rev. E. Ballestad (a PLU trustee) and Rev. Bjug Harstad (PLU founder and first president.)*

*Middle right, the basketball team of 1906 which won the Northwest Interscholastic League championship with a record of eight wins and no losses.*

*Lower, the campus as it looked at the turn of the Century with Mt. Rainier in the background.*

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*David Smith and his wife, nee Mary Rogers, were graduated from PLU in 1962 and have spent the past three years as Peace Corps teachers in the Queens School in Enugu, Nigeria. They expect to leave there in January for the United States, and David plans to work toward a master's degree in journalism at Columbia University, New York.*

## CAPTIVES OF A STRANGE SPELL

We sit listening to the PLU Choir record cut the year we left school. It is seven in the evening and eighty-two degrees on the front verandah. Heavy, grey clouds stifle the breeze and promise us a magnificent, frightening thunderstorm by dinner time. In the kitchen, Archibong prepares dinner and talks to his helper in the quiet singing words of the Efik people.

But **Nunc Dimittis**, and its vivid precious memories of tall pines, dark at four o'clock, spongy grass and blond, blue-eyed friends, is quite at home here. Because we are at home. In the two years since we landed in Enugu and started at the first lizard we saw on the airport wall, we have learned a way of life.

At first we wrote home about the things we found strange: the kerosene stove, women with huge loads of bananas on their heads, fierce arguments in the market over the price of a yam, never drinking water from a tap. This was an adventure in a strange and alien place.

We circled around the stove a couple times like wary dogs, and then the school clerk showed us how to light it. We learned that, with a penny or two, our stomachs could be quietened with a bunch of bananas from the top of that same woman's head.

Now, getting long, brown yams at a good price is a point of honor. We hang our heads when we learn someone has gotten one cheaper. In Lagos, where tap water is treated for drinking, we glance furtively over our shoulders to see whether anyone is looking before we fill our glasses.

And so Africa has captured us in its strange spell. We first realized this when we returned to Lagos after a month's holiday in neighboring West African countries. The frantic insistence of the Ibo taxi drivers urging us into their cars from the trip to Enugu was the proper behavior for taxi drivers. We missed it in Abidjan and Monrovia — foreign places. We rejoiced at the disgusted impatience of the market women venting their wrath at the clumsy landing of the Niger ferry. We agreed; we were anxious to get across the river and into our own beds, too.

Our job here is teaching girls at Queen's School, an elite government girls' school in the capital of the Eastern Region. We are members of a staff of twenty highly qualified people, living in a sophisticated urban community. Our Peace Corps "mud house" is a sprawling concrete bungalow with immense rooms and barnlike ceilings. If our experience is typical, against the relief of a country peopled almost entirely by subsistence farmers, we are experiencing the Nigeria to come.

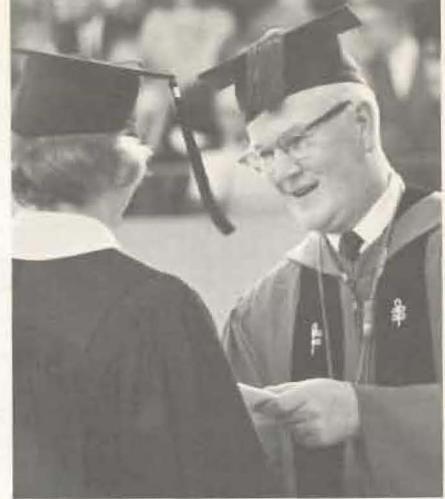
Nigeria is generally accepted as one of the most stable, progressive and healthy countries in Africa. The rest of the continent looks to its most populous country for leadership, and Nigeria performs its function in the manner of an experienced leader. It is a country of hope and reason for hope. But if there is a hotel with a cinema and a swimming pool, there is a village across from its where people live exactly as Africans have always lived. Past the Jaguars and Pontiacs parked in the hotel lot, walk people carrying buckets of water to their houses.

A man who makes \$30 a month is in the middle class and fair game for less fortunate relatives who come in droves. There are disease and poverty, dissatisfaction and anger at the new order where a hard won primary education no longer secures a job, puzzlement at the demands society makes on a man who grew up to tend the yams in his village. The task ahead is monumental; the emergence of the United States from thirteen bickering colonies pales by comparison. But there are men in this country determined to make it work. Time will make this land, which became a nation five years ago, the nation among nations which is its destiny.

Africa acts in predictable fashion upon the consciousness of every American who lives here. Words like Selma and George Wallace, which we accepted as growing pains at home, now resound in our heads like rifle fire. Can it be that this man whose company we so enjoy would have difficulty finding a place to sleep in our town? Is there a school system in our country which would deny itself the consummate capabilities of this woman? Does this little boy know what he does to our bellies when he asks us to take him with us to the land of astronauts and freeways, giant buildings and free men? Will he, when he first reads in the newspaper that some of our people do not love his people, read also that others of our people are changing that? We hope so, for ourselves and our country, because there is so much we miss by not knowing him and his kind.

Two years are gone. A few months remain. Soon we will dance our last high life, say "Good morning, girls," in the last class, argue for "last price" over our final purchase. As often as we long for the tall trees or Mt. Rainier on a brisk morning, for families, friends, a hamburger — we know that when we climb aboard the jet for New York, we will say good-bye to a rare gift. What we leave behind, besides our love for this green land and its people, disappears beside what we will take away which is the love of these people.

## OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR



This is our 75th anniversary year at Pacific Lutheran University. As collegiate institutions go, we are not very old. Harvard sounded the first call to serious learning in the New World in 1636; and long before Harvard, there were great centers of learning at Oxford, Cambridge, Paris, and Bologna. But every one of these fabled centers of culture was once an infant, and every one at the appropriate time celebrated its diamond jubilee.

Trusting in the Providence of God, we are embarked upon what presumably will be a long and very important history. No human being can possibly know or foresee the ultimate destiny of this institution. Without even implying an invidious comparison, it can be stated that PLU has prospered during its first 75 years far more than Harvard did in much more difficult days.

We have come a long way, but we have not reached the end of the road. We confidently trust that our best days and our greatest service lie ahead.

I am sure that it is with institutions as it is with individuals in the sight of God. God does not ask that an individual Christian be successful; He only asks and expects that he be faithful. This does not mean, however, that an individual has the right to be slothful or indifferent or lacking in direction and purpose. The parable of the talents is pointedly didactic. This parable also applies to institutions which profess to operate, as we do, under the aegis of the Church.

All of you will soon have an opportunity to read a brief history of Pacific Lutheran University which has been ably written by Dr. Walter Schnackenberg. Entitled **The Lamp and the Cross**, its publication will be one of the meaningful events in our Diamond Jubilee Year. As I have read the manuscript, my admiration for the founders, the leaders, the faculty members and the host of workers who have played a part in producing what is here has grown to great heights. To be sure, mistakes were made, and there will be others; for all who labor here are fault-prone human beings needing God's daily measure of grace. But at no place in the history thus far do I find evidence that anyone in a position of importance has consciously sought to divest the University of its basic Christian purposes.

Rather the contrary is true. The present faculty and Board understands more clearly than any preceding group the sensitive and dynamic relationship between Christianity and culture — the relationship between Christian purpose and sound educational goals.

As we approach our 75th anniversary, we confront the greatest single need we shall experience for a long time. If it appeared desirable, we could stop growing in numbers; we could stop adding dormitories; we could get along with our present classrooms and dining halls. We would find it difficult, and it is reasonably certain that we would soon lose status as a quality institution. This would be a high price.

The one thing we cannot get along without is a new library. The reason is very simple: we have already drastically outgrown the library we have. And the library is the academic heart of a University. In a very real sense, it is more important than the faculty, but true excellence is attained when library and faculty grow toward quality together.

A few months ago, I wrote a column entitled **On Facing Disappointment**. I described the problems we face in financing a library, and I pointed out some of the factors which might dissipate some of the gloom. We shall not know until November whether or not we shall get a grant of one-third of the cost from the government; but the prospects are much brighter than they were six months ago. This could mean upwards of a half-million dollars.

Meanwhile, we have continued to work and pray. We have husbanded our resources against the demands our Development Funds must cover; and we have heard with gladness the news that the Alumni are planning a major campaign to help us.

With your widespread and generous support we cannot fail. This is the first time for a number of years that you have been asked to share in a capital funds appeal. If you understand, as I am sure the great majority of you do, that an institution like PLU simply cannot exist or operate or continue to grow without gifts from its alumni and friends, each of you will want to share in this great challenge and opportunity.

Building upon the foundations which have been laid, we have determined to take one more forward step toward becoming a distinguished center of learning. This is what you want for yourselves and your children. This is what you can have if you give generously and gladly.

As we thank God for past blessings, let us with a holy sense of confidence and courage prepare to walk into the fourth quarter of our first century of service to Church, state and nation.

Sincerely,  
ROBERT MORTVEDT, President

Several months ago, accompanied by my wife, I attended a most interesting performance of what might be best described as an English morality play. You have all read or heard about medieval English morality plays like *The Flood* or *Noah's Ark*. In these plays the cosmic forces of good and evil were arrayed against each other and after a classic struggle the forces of light defeated the forces of darkness. The medieval observers of these plays were, I'm convinced, reassured by this triumph. Life was grim and unpredictable for them, but within the microcosm of the play good triumphed and the forces of evil were dissipated. Good and evil were easily recognizable and one could identify with the children of light. The grim reality of life was easier to face after the reassurance of this triumph. There was hope.

The morality play I witnessed must be described as a modern day adaptation of these themes. The themes were not so stark—good and evil were arrayed against each other, to be sure. But good was light gray, clever and charming. The name of this morality play was not *The Flood* or *Noah's Ark*, but *Goldfinger*. In this play the scandalous James Bond triumphed over demonic Goldfinger. I was terribly worried about the outcome. It was touch and go. But evil was destroyed. James Bond triumphed. I went away edified. Or at least amused.

This modern day morality play set me to thinking. Life in the Middle Ages was singularly difficult, but at least good and evil were black and white. Men were most of all pilgrims destined for the City of God and actions and decisions in life were part of a prelude that led to that eternal city. What one did could be toted up in a quantitative sort of way. The Theology of Glory, popularly understood, was quite mechanical.

Not so this age of ours. James Bond is an excellent symbol of the groping and confusion found in the pilgrimage of fragmented modern man toward a goal that is never clear. If we could figure out where the starting line is and where the finish line is, it would be so much easier to be a pilgrim. And Twentieth Century pilgrimage is not set within a context of awe-inspiring Gothic cathedrals and the friendliness of the Guild system, but the context is outer space, Viet Nam, and the bomb which we have not yet learned to love.

As a teacher I must teach within the context of the Twentieth Century, even though I spend most of my time talking about Gothic cathedrals and the Guild system. Moreover, I teach in a University that claims to pay allegiance to both Christianity and the liberal arts. All this began to haunt me as I pondered the meaning of this modern morality play.

I began to ask myself what is the possible relationship between the kind of education offered at this

University and the world of James Bond and Goldfinger? How, I queried, can you possibly justify teaching the liberal arts within a context of Christianity when the world is not interested in the liberation of the mind and when it does not take Christianity seriously? Should we not instead of this teach the ethics of the hard sell and dispense packaged instant success in our classrooms? Or perhaps even better, should not all our people go off to the multiversity where tuition payments are considerably smaller than at this institution?

Does the Christian University born in the security of the faith of the Thirteenth Century have anything to say to modern man?

The larger and more important question here is the relationship of Christianity to learning. The question has been debated from the time of the early Church until the present and the answers have been as rich and divergent as life. The entire question has never been better put than by Tertullian in the Third Century. He said:

**What has Athens to do with Jerusalem, the Academy with the Church? What is there in common between the philosopher and the Christian, the pupil of Hellas and the pupil of Heaven?**

Tertullian said there was no relationship. None at all. The existence of this institution indicates that there have been, and are, people who think there is some relationship between the two. Although this relationship must of necessity be dynamic, unstable, and filled with tension, it will somehow be mutually beneficial to both the Church and the Academy. Both Athens and Jerusalem will flourish. I cannot prove this, but I believe it to be so.

I know there are many problems. I agree with Martin Luther that reason is not a factor in salvation. But I am also quite aware that Luther saw reason as vitally important in the conduct of man's life. And it was out of his lecture preparation at the University of Wittenberg that the basic Reformation insights of this University professor came. The relationship of Athens and Jerusalem is then paradoxical, and it is usually volatile, but when the two are vitally joined the results are rich for human history.

It is hard to prove anything by recourse to history, but as I read Church history it illustrates what I have said. The moments of creative advance and positive affirmation, when Christianity has not retreated from life, but has reached out and made sense of confusion and fragmentation, have been moments when Athens and Jerusalem were not at odds. This was true of the early Church when the fathers of the Church hammered out credal statements and enduring theological structures by tying classical learning to the dynamic thrust of the Christian message. It was certainly true of the Thirteenth Century when the University was born and when

Christian scholars, in the face of the intellectual crisis of that century, tied all knowledge together in great summus. It was most certainly true of the Sixteenth Century when a group of deeply concerned and highly educated scholars, many of them university professors, reached out of the quantitative medieval salvatory schemes for a new quality of life.

To get back to James Bond and tuition payments and whether or not this University has anything to say to the fragmentation and confusion of modern man, the answer seems to me to be, yes. An enthusiastic and excited, yes. Yes, if the Christian University embraces life and reaches out with a positive and daring affirmation. We must see with the reformers of the Sixteenth Century that we are not concerned with a series of things we do not believe in, a series of do not's, but rather a new quality of existence.

Renewal or reformation within the Church is always concerned with a new quality of existence. Unfortunately this enlarged and positive vision of life has usually been transformed into a dogmatic set of rules to be learned by rote that have been opposed to life and tragically misunderstood as Christianity. It seems to me that this is the sort of blind alley in which Christianity and the Christian University are found in the Twentieth Century. They are trying to compete with a variety of postures and world views by offering formulas, hurling negatives, and retreating from the crisis. And no one is listening.

Dr. Joseph Sittler, one of the most penetrating of contemporary thinkers, says that present-day Christianity has shrunk until it has become little more than "support to our weakness, companion to our loneliness, counselor to our neuroticisms, and heavenly confirmer of our national purpose." And the Christian University is a nice place to be (we all know) because almost everybody is friendly.

In the suffocation of another century Martin Luther cried out "Let God be God." In the suffocation of our century we must sweep aside our petty idolatries and culture religions, our priggish, lukewarm behavior, our fear of life, and grasp for a new quality of existence that will embrace the confusion and contradictions and dislocation of our century.

It seems to me this is the sort of task the Christian University must take upon itself. It has the dynamics for such a task inherent in its tradition and in the peculiar insight it brings into the world. I find this immensely exciting. Athens and Jerusalem yoked together in a manner that may be tension filled and difficult, yet immensely and richly productive. The Church, instead of retreating from modern life and its agonizing problems, must surmount them. And the Christian University must lead the assault.

The Christian University is a short step away from bankruptcy. It is about to be smothered by the multiversity. Its critics complain bitterly about its ineffectiveness and its pious sentimentalism. And they should. The Christian University has a right to exist only if it is involved in the in-fighting of the border regions of the mind and soul. It must clarify the vision. It must search for a new quality of existence. If we only repeat formulas and engage in pious sentimentalism we should shut our doors.

What is needed here is what Joseph Sittler calls an all-encompassing Christian vision—"truer, vaster, and tougher than the Marxist vision with a core of spirituality illuminating economics, politics, and all other areas of human affairs." Sittler calls this a "Christology of all Creation"—"a cosmic Christology in which Christ is not set against the facts and processes of nature." Sittler says we have had a "Christology of the mortal soul" and a "Christology of history." But we do not have a daring, penetrating, life-affirming "Christology of nature." A Christian view of life that encompasses all life and all nature. Not just infinitesimal fragments. Our visions must be of this magnitude. Then our institution will throb with life. And we will be more than a friendly, expensive little institution. We will be in the advance guard engaged in a most desperate struggle.

I do not know precisely how this can come about. And, as I stated above, I do not know any formula that spells out the precise nature of the relationship between the Church and the Academy. I can predict that the relationship will be unstable and difficult. And I am convinced there is a relationship. But then, we have been told we cannot know everything, but we are to proceed with faith and hope. Luther says it in another way: "That person does not deserve to be called a theologian who looks upon the invisible things of God as though they were clearly perceptible in those things which have actually happened." Or which are to happen.

The words that have given me more help in this struggle, both as student and teacher, than any others I know come from the Gospel according to St. Matthew:

*Ask, and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.*

*Is there a man among you who will offer his son a stone when he asks for bread, or a snake when he asks for fish?*

*If you, then, bad as you are, know how to give your children what is good for them, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him!*

This is the best counsel I know.

## OUR IMPERATIVE NEED

PLU is pressing forward on all fronts to implement the \$16,500,000 PLUS Plan aimed at creating "a distinguished center of learning" on the campus. The first two steps (the new swimming pool and H. L. Foss Hall) are now completed. A new women's dormitory will be started this fall.

The imperative need is for a new library. The present building (erected 28 years ago) is completely inadequate. It has been remodeled a number of times, but further expansion is impractical.

A new library building has been designed by architects Bindon & Wright, Seattle, who have had extensive experience in the design and building of libraries. It will be a beautiful and functional building that has been planned with the scholar in mind. All of the stacks will be "open" so students may use the collection most effectively. A variety of different kinds of study facilities have been planned so that students may utilize their time and talents to the best advantage. There will be conference rooms and study rooms where groups or individuals may use the latest technical devices such as electronic tape, microfilm, records, and films without disturbing others. Carrels providing seclusion for study, the usual work tables and informal reading areas will also be provided. The library will have an audio-visual center for transmitting resource materials to various parts of the building. These study facilities are clustered around the stacks to promote efficiency in student efforts.

The new library will include a large reserved reading room, a curriculum library, an art gallery, a graphics lab and a mending-bindery. It will incorporate the most modern equipment and procedures to insure the best librarianship and the ultimate in service to students.



*GIFT FOR LIBRARY—At the American Lutheran Church North Pacific District convention at PLU in June, the district voted to give the University \$25,000 from its contingency fund for the new library. Here Walter Bagnall of Seattle, district treasurer, presents the gift to PLU officials, Dr. Robert Mortvedt, left, president, and A. Dean Buchanan, business manager.*

The cost of the new library will be \$1,450,000. The faculty have made the first gifts—a pledge of \$75,000. Regents, churches, staff and friends have pledged or given \$190,000. The alumni goal has been set at \$250,000. This will account for \$515,000 of the total needed. The University expects a grant of about \$480,000 from the Educational Facilities Administration in November. The remainder must be raised by private gifts from business and industry.

In announcing the program, President Mortvedt said: "Back in 1890 Bjug Harstad announced that he expected Pacific Lutheran University to be a 'first-rank school.' We say the same today. We aspire to excellence; we are striving to become a distinguished center of learning. These are bold words, but when we look back and examine the rock from which we were hewn, and when we assess the needs of our nation for the kind of dedicated learning and leadership which only schools of our type can provide, we dare not—I repeat, we dare not—set our sights lower. As we move in the educational field under the banners of the Christian Church, we should be ashamed if we did not aspire to excellence."



*THE NEW LIBRARY—This is the architect's drawing of the proposed new library which it is hoped will be started during this school year. The structure will be located on the northeast corner of the campus.*

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## 75th ANNIVERSARY YEAR OPENS

Seventy-five years of service by the University to the Church and nation will be celebrated in a series of observances during this 1965-66 academic year. PLU was founded on December 11, 1890.

A Church Day rally on Sunday, October 24, will open the year-long festivities. The Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Knutson, president of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., will give the address. The rally will be held in Memorial Gymnasium beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Another feature of the Oct. 24 rally will be the dedication of Foss Hall, new residence unit for 188 men which was completed in September. The Hall is named in honor of the Rev. Dr. H. L. Foss, president of the North Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church from 1931-64 and chairman of the PLU board of regents from 1942-64. Dr. Foss is retired and living in Seattle.

Several other events are planned for the Anniversary celebration. There will be lectures and symposiums featuring well known leaders in such fields as education, religion, business and government.

Dorothy Warenskjold, renowned vocalist, will appear in concert April 22 as the opening number of the Scandinavian Arts Festival. The Festival, which will be held over a period of about three weeks, will include the University's annual May Festival and the musical, "Song of Norway." The Tacoma Retail Trade Bureau will feature Scandinavian products in its stores during that period.



*Basketball in the good old days*



*Foss Hall*

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## HOMECOMING — 1965

Under the banner of "1890 — Mirth and Majesty," the students of Pacific Lutheran University extend a welcome to all former students to take part in the Homecoming festivities, October 22-24.

As PLU enters into its 75th Anniversary year, and the students hark back to the "gay nineties" for their Homecoming theme, a weekend of superb entertainment awaits the alumni.

Friday features include coronation of the Homecoming Queen and a concert by Duke Ellington and his orchestra. Saturday the game with Whitworth, dedication of the Parkland Pebbles plaque, the alumni banquet and the Homecoming dance highlight the program.

The Homecoming weekend closes Sunday with morning worship services and an afternoon 75th Anniversary program and dedication of Foss Hall.

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### Friday, October 22

- 7:30 p.m. Coronation of Queen, Eastvold Chapel
- 8:30 p.m. Duke Ellington and His Band, Gymnasium

### Saturday, October 23

- 10:00 a.m. Powder Puff Game, Lower Campus
- 11:00 a.m. Men's Intramural All-Star Touch Football Game, Lower campus
- 1:30 p.m. Football, PLU vs. Whitworth, Franklin Pierce Stadium
- 5:30 p.m. Alumni Banquet
- 8:30 p.m. Homecoming Dance, Burke Garrett Orchestra, Gymnasium

### Sunday, October 24

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Eastvold Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. Church Day Rally, Dedication of Foss Hall, Gymnasium,  
Speaker: Dr. Joseph L. Knutson, **president**, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.



*Dr. Joseph L. Knutson*

*This is a first of a series of four articles which will appear in Reflections during the 75th Anniversary Year.*

### THE NIGHT TACOMA WENT WILD

Friday, Nov. 29, 1940, is a day which will live forever in the sports annals of Pacific Lutheran and the Tacoma community. For that was the night Tacoma went wild. Sane people did a lot of zany things right out in public. The Mayor of Tacoma bit a huge chunk out of his hat. Total strangers hugged and kissed one another. A man who had been crippled for years hopped out of his wheelchair, threw his hat into the air and ran around like one possessed.

What was it that caused the emotions of 15,000 persons in Tacoma's Stadium and thousands of radio listeners throughout the area to erupt with such volcanic fury?

It was a football game, a game which everyone who saw it and heard it, refer to as the greatest.

Pacific Lutheran College (as the school was called then) had an undefeated season in 1940. Coach Clifford O. Olson had put together a colorful club which was known as the "Aerial Circus" and had a pair of super-stars in the "Marvellous Marvs" — Tommervik and Harshman. The city clamored for a post-season game, so one was arranged as a benefit, and the opponent selected was Gonzaga University, a team which was in the big time and had beaten such clubs as Idaho, Washington State and Detroit. Star of the 'Zags was Tony Canadeo, an All-American back who later played 13 seasons with the Green Bay Packers.

The Bulldogs from Spokane started out the game with a rush and were leading 7-0 before two minutes had elapsed. On the first play of the second quarter they went ahead 13-0. Was the game going to be a rout? No, that ended the scoring for the 'Zags and the stout Lutherans went to work.

Here's the way Dave James, sports writer for the Tacoma News Tribune, reported it: "Two minutes before the half ended, lightning struck Gonzaga; brought 15,000 to their feet cheering bloody murder. Possessing the ball directly on the midfield line, Tommervik passed 15 to Marv Harshman, who flipped it behind his back to Blair Taylor and the "Spider" was away to the goal line for 35 more yards, protected by Harshman's brilliant blocking of two 'Zags. Harshman kicked the conversion so hard it struck the left goal post at the closed end of the Stadium and caromed over the bar like a billiard shot. Gonzaga was leading, 13 to 7, at the half."

James' account continues: "Harshman opened the wildest fourth quarter this town has known with a 4-yard line smash. Tommervik's pass to Platt was bobbled. Ster Harshman came around on a reverse for 9 yards to the Lutheran 25. Now the flying circus was in action. Now Tommervik was ready. Tommervik to Marv Harshman for 27 yards before big Marv was run out on the Gonzaga 48. Tommervik to Platt for 13 to the 'Zag 35. Gonzaga called time out. Tommervik to Harshman to the 30. Then that deadly Harshman spinner pass — good for 19 completions in 24 tries this season — to brother Ster Harshman



*This trio played big roles in the Gonzaga game in 1940. From left to right they are Sig Sigurdson, captain and end; Earl Platt, end; and Marr Tommervik, Little All American halfback. This photo, taken in 1940 by Howie Clifford of the Tacoma News Tribune, won first prize in national competition sponsored by the Associated Press.*

to the 19. Gonzaga called another time out. Tommervik fell back again and the Lutherans swept to the right with Gonzaga after them, while over to the left, in the end zone, far from any neighbors, stood Captain Sig Si urdson, ready for the throw. It came. He caught it. Pacific Lutheran 13, Gonzaga 13 — Blair Taylor's wide kick which left the score tied was good enough for most folks. That 5-pass, 75-yard drive was terrific."

But the thrills weren't over. Neither team wanted to settle for a tie. Caution was thrown to the winds and the air was filled with passes. The ball changed hands six times on fumbles and pass interceptions in the next few minutes. Harshman intercepted a Gonzaga pass and roared down to the Bulldog 35 with less than a minute to play. Tommervik hit Harshman on the 15. The Lutes called time out and got a five-yard penalty for too many time-outs. The clock on the scoreboard showed 16 seconds to play.

Marv Harshman, the All American fullback who also was the signal caller, suggested a field goal attempt. He looked at Blair Taylor and said, "You hold it, and I'll kick it." He had never kicked a field goal before in his life.

The teams lined up with the ball far to the right of the goal posts. A hush fell over the crowd. Center Greg Freberg snapped the ball back to Taylor who placed it down on the 24-yard line. The ball shot off Harshman's toe like a shell out of a cannon. The ball was still soaring when it went over the fence at the end of the Stadium and disappeared into the darkness. Referee Bobby Morris paused briefly, then raised his arms into the air to signify that the kick was good. Pandemonium broke loose! Those incredible Lutes had beaten the mighty Bulldogs, 16-13.

Statistics of the game reveal that the Lutherans outgained the 'Zags, 305 yards to 113, and had 12 first down to 4 for the Bulldogs. The Lutes completed 16 of 31 passes for 242 yards and the 'Zags 2 of 10 for 12 yards.

Writing in the Seattle Times, veteran sports editor George M. Varnell, who was head linesman for the game, said: "The rivals . . . tore a page out of the professional football book and then went the cash-and-carry lads one better to put a contest so heavily packed with thrills that something was doing every minute the teams were on the field.

"Both teams threw caution to the wind early in

the game and hurled passes like they were handling a hot potato. With Marv Tommervik performing as siege gun, the Lutherans threw passes from their own 5-yard line as readily as when deep in their rival's territory.

"And Gonzaga, behind the fancy throwing of George Derr and Tony Canadeo, did the same thing. Laterals were as frequent as forwards and the ball was 'kept hot.'

"Pass catchers took aerial heaves off their ears, they took passes one handed, they juggled passes and then pulled them into their arms. Long runs, short dashes and hard socking tackling and blocking rounded out the performance to make it one of the really top games of the Northwest season."

Gonzaga demanded a rematch. It was granted. The teams met again on the same field on Sept. 26, 1941. Tickets sold like hotcakes. At game time the Stadium was packed with 22,000 fans, the largest crowd ever assembled in the bowl. Tommervik and Company were in rare form, passed and ran the 'Zags dizzy, and romped to a 26-13 win.

The Lutes went on to win another league crown and the Marvellous Marvs were All-Americans. Then came Pearl Harbor and the gridders went off to the wars. But the saga of their "aerial circus" has continued through the years, and to this day Tacomans talk about the night the town went wild.

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### THE LAMP AND THE CROSS

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"We have now for one year owed a bank in Tacoma \$6,000. We pay 10 per cent interest and have given security in the building and 24 acres of land. But the bank directors have said, and say that we need not be anxious. Nevertheless, we will, and should come out of this debt as soon as possible. The building alone is worth from \$50,000 to \$60,000, and besides the campus, which is also mortgaged, we have 550 lots, 27 acres of lands, a sawmill and 150,000 feet of lumber."

This quotation from the Pacific Lutheran University Herold of Sept. 10, 1893, is found in the book, "The Lamp and The Cross," to be published this October by the PLU Press.

Written by Dr. Walter C. Schnackenberg, chairman of the department of history, the book chronicles the history of the University from its very beginnings up to the present. The 224-page, clothbound book will cost \$3.95 and will be on sale at the University and some local bookstores.

The heroic leadership of the University's founder, the Rev. Bjug Harstad, and the sacrifices of hundreds of others through the years are heralded in this book which is being published as one of the features of PLU's 75th anniversary year.

The book is replete with the exploits and contributions of such persons as Harstad, O. Gronsborg, J. U. Xavier, Nils J. Hong, Peter J. Bardon, T. C. Saetra, O. A. Tingelstad, Olaf Ordal, A. W. Ramstad, Clifford O. Olson, S. C. Eastvold, Lora B. Kreidler, Ole J. Stuen and Philip E. Hauge. Student leaders and their activities through the years receive prominent mention.

The University was incorporated on December 11, 1890, but it wasn't until October 14, 1894, that the

first building, (now Harstad Hall) started in 1891, was somewhat ready for use with the faculty on hand to hold classes. Many problems faced the trustees. Here Dr. Schnackenberg writes: "And what about tuition? A dollar a week, the Trustees thought, would not be too much. Rooms could be rented for \$.25, \$.50, \$.75, and \$1.00, and board would be \$2.00 a week. And who was going to teach? They had not yet heard from Pastor Tingelstad, and Mr. Midtlyng was apparently not going to teach in the parochial school. Evidently it was not going to be easy to get good professors. The Board also instructed Harstad to order beds, wardrobes, desk, and springs. The Trustees also thought they had better get a second-hand range for the kitchen, and Harstad was told to get books from Decorah. Luther College probably had a few to spare."

"It was decided that those who would come to teach would have to take their salary one-third in cash each month and the rest when there was money to pay."

The author concludes the chapter on early beginnings with these words: "Thus these hardy, determined men who had broken ground on the Pacific Coast for the furtherance of the work that was so dear to their hearts hoped that their supporters would like what they saw. They hoped that a great institution of learning would rise to become a rallying point for Lutheranism in the West and the spiritual and cultural center for all Scandinavians in the region. So far it had involved much tedious and grinding toil. Every brick and stone, every window and frame had been put in place without any assurance that there would be others to follow. The land title itself was in jeopardy because of the mortgage and the Corporation looked largely to the future and to the generosity of friends. There were words of encouragement. But it was going to take time, and as events were to demonstrate, almost more time than the poor new University could survive. For the moment, however, Harstad, Larsen, and others, by this time pioneer fathers in their own right, could wipe their brows and stand by to enjoy the first fruits of their labor."

At the same time that PLU was going through these years of struggle to become established, several other Lutheran Church schools were being started in the Pacific Northwest. None of them are in existence today, but some of them merged with PLU. A part of their histories are included in this work.

For the first 25 years of its existence the institution was primarily a high school and was known as Pacific Lutheran Academy. For most of that time Nils J. Hong was president. The school did not operate in Parkland from 1918-20, but in the fall of 1920 re-opened with the name Pacific Lutheran College. J. U. Xavier was acting president. Dr. Schnackenberg writes: "The faculty of which Mr. Xavier was a member consisted of 11 persons to begin with, including a newly arrived graduate of St. Olaf College, Mr. P. E. Hauge, who had been invited to join the faculty as Dean of Men and instructor in psychology, English and education. There were only eighteen students registered on the opening day, but the enrollment grew rapidly. Before long there were

sixty-eight, all told. These few came to an institution with a fairly broad curriculum, considering the circumstances, and a faculty of many talents."

The faculty at that time also included Alpha Ellison, Melvin Holum, Margarethe Jessen (who later became Mrs. Hauge), Ludvig Larson, Albert Mykland, Elizabeth Nielsen, Selmer Veldey and Effa Barønhill.

In addition to the text, the book contains 16 pages of photographs, most of them rare pictures from the early days. They add much to the lore of the written story.

Dr. Schnackenberg, the author, is a native of the Pacific Northwest and a graduate of this school. He finished the junior college department in 1937 and went on to receive a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College. After obtaining a master's degree from Gonzaga University, Spokane, he joined the University faculty in 1942. He served in the U. S. Navy as an officer in World War II, and then studied three years at Washington State University where he received his doctor of philosophy in history degree. His doctoral dissertation dealt with the history of Lutheran educational institutions in the state of Washington from 1890 to 1920. He has been on the faculty at PLU since 1952 and chairman of the history department since 1964.



*Dr. Walter C. Schnackenberg*

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*Dr. Thomas H. Langevin*

**NEW ACADEMIC VICE-PRESIDENT**

Dr. Thomas H. Langevin has succeeded Dr. Philip E. Hauge as academic vice-president of the University. Dr. Hauge, a member of the faculty and staff for 45 years, has reached the mandatory age of retirement for PLU administrators.

As academic vice-president Dr. Langevin will co-ordinate the work of the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Professional Studies. He also will have direct responsibility for the graduate program, evening courses and summer school. The latter functions have been part-time responsibilities of Dr. Theodore C. Sjoding and Dr. Lynn Stein.

Prior to coming to PLU, Dr. Langevin served for a year as research project director for the Board of Higher Education of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. In this post he directed a long-range planning study of the Synod's program of higher education.

During the 1963-64 academic year, Dr. Langevin studied university administration at the University of Michigan under a Carnegie Foundation grant.

A native of St. Paul, Minn., Dr. Langevin received a B. S. Degree from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Neb. He has M. A. and Ph. D. degrees in history from the University of Nebraska.

He taught at Concordia from 1951-61 and from 1961-63 was dean and acting president. He was an instructor in the extension division of the University of Nebraska from 1950-61.

During World War II, Dr. Langevin served in the U. S. Coast Guard for four years.

Dr. Langsvin is married and has two sons.

**CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS**

The physical appearance of the campus changed somewhat during the summer months as several phases of the master plan were carried out.

Four buildings — the old Xavier House, Stuen Hall, Rasmussen Hall and Bergum House — were razed to make way for the new residence hall for women. Construction of the new dormitory is expected to begin in October.

Also razed were Clover Creek Hall and a three-unit married housing building adjacent to Pflueger

Hall. This area was converted into a parking lot.

The home occupied by Dr. Robert C. Olsen, professor of chemistry, was moved to another site on South 124th Street. The vacated area will be used as an activity field for physical education classes and intramural sports.

A rock garden was installed adjacent to the College Union Building as the first phase of the mall to be constructed on the portion of Wheeler Street which has been closed to traffic.

Several access roads and walks were widened and raised. The improvement is expected to provide better drainage and eliminate tire ruts in the lawns. Two parking lots were enlarged and surfaced.

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### FLYING SECRETARY

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It often has been said that some people have "high flying ideas." Miss Joan Shapira, a Pacific Lutheran University student from 1954-56, might be among this group.

A medical secretary in Vancouver, Washington, Miss Shapira holds private and commercial pilot licenses. She gets her "kicks" out of competing high in the sky in just about every kind of flying competition, ranging from an aerial treasure hunt to a cross-country race.

In July Miss Shapira competed in the annual Powder Puff Derby—the all-woman transcontinental Air Race from El Cajon, Calif., to Chattanooga, Tenn.—a distance of 2,407 miles. Some 160 pilots from throughout the U. S. took part in the event.

Miss Shapira almost didn't make the race when her sponsor backed out at the last minute. However, the people of El Cajon collected \$844 in half an hour to pay for the rental of the plane, leaving only the cost for fuel which she is paying off in monthly installments.

Even though she failed to place among the top five money-winners, the race whetted her appetite for more competition. She is now looking for sponsors for the 1966 Powder Puff Derby, which starts in Seattle, along with the National Aerobatic Championships

Billed as the "Flying Secretary," she has received national publicity on press, radio and TV.

Flying as a whole is always as much of an exercise of the mind as well as the body, according to the dark-haired pilot who began flying in 1961. She received her private license in 1962, her float rating last November and the commercial license—which requires 200 hours flight time, plus 50 hours of solo cross country—this spring.

The young woman also has had training in basic aerobatics and sky-diving. "I developed an interest in parachuting in connection with flying. My dream is to get enough background and time in aerobatics to compete in some meets."

Miss Shapira, a dedicated woman when it comes to flying, has chalked up numerous ratings and night school hours, but "apologized" for not having any real honors in her field.



She was nominated, however, from the Oregon Ninety-Nine Chapter for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship—a grant presented to an outstanding woman in the nation's flying fields.

"Flying is a challenge, and there is always something new to see and learn. You have to rely on yourself and your ability to get you where you want to go," she added.

And to go to the annual derby again, Joan Shapira is determined to do. But, first there is a problem of a sponsor. Knowing Joan, she'll find one.

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### PLU GAMES ON THE AIR

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All home and away games of the Pacific Lutheran University football team are being broadcast live and direct by radio station KTAC, 850 kilocycles, Tacoma.

All home games are being video-taped by television station KTVW-TV, Channel 13, Tacoma. The afternoon games are being telecast at 8:00 p.m. Saturday evenings, and the evening games are being shown Sunday evenings at 8 o'clock.

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### THE LUTE CLUB

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For a number of years there has been an organization which has provided financial aid to athletes known as The Lute Club. All proceeds from membership contributions are used to give grants-in-aid to athletes. Minimum dues are \$10.00 per year, and some members contribute \$100 or more annually. If you are interested in joining, send your gift, which is tax deductible, to: The Lute Club, PLU, Tacoma, Wash. 98447.

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- 1955 Football Team
- All football players who practiced on the Parkland Pebbles

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## UNIVERSITY NOTEBOOK

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Enrollment for the fall semester is well over 2,000 students of which some 1,800 are full-time. The biggest increase this fall was in the freshman class which totaled 649 as over against 534 last fall. Honors at Entrance for scholastic achievement in high school were awarded to 162 freshmen. They had cumulative grade point averages of 3.5 or better. Ninety-seven per cent of the freshmen were in the upper half of their high school graduating classes.

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Dr. Paul Reigstad, associate professor of English, is on sabbatical leave and is studying at the University of Oslo. He and his family are living at 207 Mosseveien, Nordstrand, Oslo, Norway.

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Thirty-one sophomore nursing students were officially admitted into the School of Nursing at traditional consecration services held Sept. 19. Mrs. Eline Morken, director of the school, gave the address.

Members of the class include Barbara Anderson, Linda Baggett, Carol Berg, Patricia Boyson, Jennifer Braa, Marilynne Buddrius, Leslie Collar, Joan Depree, Beverly Dunbar, Carol Fortier, Mary Froula, Diane Haavik, Secelia Holte, Susan Howard, Penny Johnson and Donna Luedecker.

Ginger McIlvanie, Kay Morley, Coral Ohl, Pamela Raymond, Barbara Reichert, Janice Reinikka, Karen Schlatter, Joanne Schnaidt, Marietta Schrag, Betty Sherrill, Linda Skoe, Kristi Smith, Barbara Thrasher, Priscilla Vinaas, Judith Wandel and Margaret Ziegler.

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University publications received national awards in two competitions this summer. In the American College Public Relations Association publications competition, PLU was one of two schools to receive certificates of exceptional achievement. PLU's award, which included a \$250 grant from the Sears Roebuck Foundation, was for improvement in publications. Massachusetts Institute of Technology was the other school to receive the top award and that was in the category of overall look of publications. PLU received a certificate of special merit in this category. There were 752 entries in the publications division.

In the American Alumni Council competition the material promoting the PLU Kinsmen program took top honors, and certificates of special achievement were received for the president's report and the European Study Tour brochure.

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Promotions and the granting of tenure (permanent status) for 15 faculty members were announced by President Robert Mortvedt at the convocation opening the school year.

In the College of Arts and Sciences the following promotions were made: Dr. William P. Giddings, associate professor of chemistry; Dr. Martin E. Hillger, associate professor of English; Gene C. Lundgaard, assistant professor of physical education; Donald L. Reynolds, assistant professor of English; Johannes A. Schiller, associate professor of soci-

ology and chairman of the department; Mrs. Rhoda H. Young, associate professor of physical education. Tenure was granted to Kenneth E. Christopherson, assistant professor of religion; Dr. Peter J. Ristuban, associate professor of history; and Schiller.

Promoted in the College of Professional Studies were: Judd Doughty, assistant professor of speech; Josephine Fletcher, assistant professor of nursing; Calvin Knapp, assistant professor of music. Tenure was granted to Dr. Gundar J. King, associate professor of business administration; Dr. Lynn S. Stein, associate professor of education; and Paul J. Steen, assistant professor of speech.

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Three faculty members have received graduate degrees recently. Harold Mackey, assistant professor of sociology, has received a doctor of philosophy degree from Washington State University. Gene Lundgaard, assistant professor of physical education, and Mrs. Alice Napjus, instructor in education, have received master's degrees from the University of Washington.

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One-hundred summer session students were honored in August for completing requirements for degrees and fifth-year teaching certificates. Christopher Tarimo of Tanganyika completed work for the master of natural sciences degree. He is the first student to complete that program.

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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS

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The annual Christmas Concert by the University's department of music will be given three evenings this year. The dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, Dec. 10, 11 and 12, at 8 p.m. in Eastvold Chapel.

Last year this outstanding commemoration of the birth of Christ attracted turn-away throngs for its two performances. In order that those who desire to attend the event this year may be assured of seating, complimentary tickets will be provided. Tickets will be available at the information desk in the administration building, or by writing the department of public relations.



*Upper left, Dr. J. U. Xavier  
instructing a science class  
in the 1920s.*

*Upper right, the Pacific Lutheran  
Academy band around 1900.*

*Middle left, Lower  
campus with Clover Creek at  
flood stage in 1948.*

*Middle right, Lower campus  
area in the early days  
and Clover Creek was  
flooded then, too.*

*Lower left, Rev. O. Gronsberg,  
president from 1895-97,  
and his family.*

*Lower right,  
faculty and student body  
in 1925 on front steps  
of Harstad Hall.*



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>Oct. 14-16-21-23</b> Children's Theater—"Heidi"   | <b>Oct. 30</b> Football, PLU vs. Central Washington at Ellensburg, 1:30 p.m.     |
| <b>Oct. 15</b> Artist Series, Shakespearean Interpretations by Gray & Loiseau, 8:15 p.m.               | <b>Nov. 6</b> Football, PLU vs. Puget Sound at Baker Stadium, 1:30 p.m.          |
| <b>Oct. 16</b> Luther League Day on campus   | <b>Nov. 8</b> Artist Series, San Pietro Orchestra, 8:15 p.m.                     |
| <b>Oct. 16</b> Football, PLU vs. Lewis & Clark at Franklin Pierce Stadium, 1:30 p.m.                   | <b>Nov. 13</b> Football, PLU vs. Eastern Washington at PLU, 8:00 p.m.            |
| <b>Oct. 22</b> Homecoming Coronation, 7:30 p.m.; Duke Ellington and His Band, 8:30 p.m.                | <b>Nov. 15</b> Expression Series, Folks nger Glen Yarbrough and Group, 8:00 p.m. |
| <b>Oct. 23</b> Homecoming Day. Football, PLU vs. Whitworth, 1:30 p.m.                                  | <b>Nov. 22</b> Expression Series, "Portrait of Free China," 8:00 p.m.            |
| <b>Oct. 24</b> 75th Anniversary, "Church Day" Rally and Dedication of Foss Hall, 3:00 p.m., Gymnasium. | <b>Dec. 2-4</b> Basketball, Evergreen Conference Tip-off Tournament at UPS.      |
| <b>Oct. 28-30</b> All School Play—"A Different Drummer," 8:15 p.m., Eastvold Chapel.                   | <b>Dec. 4</b> Lucia Bride Festival, 8 p.m.                                       |
| <b>Oct. 30</b> High School Student Congress.   | <b>Dec. 10-12</b> Christmas Concert, 8 p.m.                                      |
|  | <b>Dec. 11</b> Basketball, PLU vs. Seattle Pacific.                              |
|  | <b>Dec. 14</b> Basketball, PLU vs. Puget Sound.                                  |
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