



THE 'TREE' symbolizes Christmas at PLU.

## Traditional drama to re-create Dickens' 'Christmas Carol'

A Christmas tradition spanning more than a quarter century will be observed at Pacific Lutheran University with its presentation of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol", Wednesday, December 18.

Annual performances of the holiday favorite began in 1941 under the direction of Dr. Theodore Karl.

Curtain rises on the nine-scene, one-act play at 8 p.m. David Richard, a senior drama and speech education major from Seattle, will portray the crotchety old miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, for the fourth time. Richard is only the eighth student in 28 years to play the lead role in the production.

Student actors in the annual play reap their reward as long as they desire during their college careers, a practice that evolved out of necessity in the 1940's but which has now become part of the tradition.

Denise Croft, a senior from Vancouver, Wash., portraying the Ghost of Christmas Present, is in his third year with the production, as is Sandra Sanford, a senior from Everett who portrays Fred's wife. The other cast members are performing in the play for the first or second time.

Director for the production is senior education major Helen Hardike from McMillan, Washington. Assisting her are Lew Rhoe, a junior and senior Suzanne Mince. Other members of the cast in-

clude Pete Christensen (Marley's Ghost), Bob Ayres (Ghost of Christmas Future), Debbie Christensen (Ghost of Christmas Past), Mark Anderson and Jay Newton (the Cratchits), Jim Smith (Joe), John Christensen (Charwoman), Linda Larsen (Martha), Barb Kohl (Be-

linda), Bruce Govig (Peter Cratchit and the boy), John Walk (Fred), Barney Peterson (the Collector), Janie Taylor (Belle) and Ken Bakken (young Ebenezer).

Tickets are on sale at Eastvoid Auditorium, 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.



MARLEY'S GHOST (Pete Christensen, right) threatens Scrooge (Dave Richard) in Dickens' 'Christmas Carol,' to be presented Wednesday night.

### Term begins in February

## John Erickson chosen MM editor

John Erickson, a junior from Longview, Washington, was chosen last week by the publications board to be the editor of the Mooring Mast for the spring and fall semesters of 1969. He will be succeeding the current editor, Russ Salen.

Unlike most school newspapers, the Mooring Mast changes staff in the middle of the academic year, in order to span the summer gap more adequately.

John is a history major who came to PLU after going to high school in Longview, Washington. He is still deciding between education, law and the seminary for his post-graduate days.

Last year he was president of the



JOHN ERICKSEN

Intercollegiate Council and he was a member of the Student Cooperative Church Council as a freshman and a sophomore. He has served the YR's as a public relations man and second VP officer.

After being chosen, John indicated that there would be no drastic changes in the paper this semester. "We will build on the work of the previous staff," he added.

"I'm looking forward to a rewarding experience as editor, and I hope to maintain the newspaper as the significant influence on campus that it has been. I would like to involve a large number of people in the paper. Anyone interested should feel free to contact me."

## Joy to the world

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; . . . to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The students at PLU are currently being asked to increase their pledge on a new student union building from six to ten dollars per student and from 100,000 to 200,000 dollars. This increase could mean that construction on the facility will begin in a June, 1970.

The construction will take one year and when it is completed the campus will have one of the finest student unions in the nation for a college of this size.

The building will house facilities for student government, a student learning center, game room with two billiard tables, a student library center, multi-purpose room and office.

The students will have complete control of the building and the coffee shop, book store, bowling alley and food service will pay rent which will support the maintenance of the center.

The current facilities will either

be torn down and converted. The TUB will be demolished and students will move into the CUB until the Union is finished. The CUB will have to be converted into classrooms for the art and sciences departments.

Second vice president Dave Long and Russ Long have been making presentations to the board to show what the building will look like and explain the need for the increase in the student pledge. They

urge all students to see for themselves what the new plant will entail.

Students will vote for the proposed increase sometime in January. A passage of this vote would mean a new student union for the academic year of 1970-71. A defeat could mean that students would have to see the existing buildings for the next five or six years and a building of this caliber would not result.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings



# Bah, humbug

The Christmas season is here, bringing joy to little children, unemployed overweight old men, and profiteering merchants. Yes, it is a good time to spend or make money and to relax from the pressures of "civilized" life.

How overjoyed we are to once again struggle through overflowing stores in search of unwanted gifts for people who are mostly forgotten during the rest of the year.

What does the church have to do with this enormous festival? Are colored lights, nativity scenes, grateful sermons, and clumsy, awkward pseudo-historical dramas performed by miniature student ham-actors really of any significance to God?

We can, as individuals, bring some honor to God in spite of the carnival atmosphere through our attitudes and through worship. But will that be enough to restore reverence to this sacred occasion?

Or should the Church change direction and instead honor Christ on his birthday by making a specific massive attempt to follow his teachings?

Or if the Church is organizationally incapable of such service, perhaps Christ's birthday should be celebrated at some other time to separate the religious event from the materialistic holiday. Certainly the trees, lights, publicity, pageantry and snow have nothing to do with the significance of Christ's birth.

-Tom Stuen

# Nixon's cabinet

Last week President-elect Nixon announced his cabinet choices for the coming administration. Except in the case of William Rogers, the new Secretary of State, the appointments make a little surprise to most political analysts. What remains to be seen is what will happen next.

What will be the policies and directives advocated and issued from this cabinet that will be called upon to serve in what President-elect Nixon calls "a time of great crisis"?

The choice of William Rogers, a former Attorney General under Eisenhower and long-time Nixon friend to succeed Dean Rusk to the most difficult of cabinet posts indicates that President-elect Nixon is planning to become his own foreign policy expert. This may only be evidence of Nixon's faith in the critical nature of today's international situation seems to demand direct presidential concern. Nevertheless the thought of a Nixon-led foreign policy can be little short of disheartening in a world where tolerance and understanding seems already at a premium.

In a recent television interview, Kenneth Galbraith commented that the appointment of William Rogers seemed to insure that minimum of certain policies of the past, a coalition well established during the past years in the State Department, would come to an end. Galbraith expressed hope that Rogers would bring to the office of State a freshness that would enable new and even inspired action in the field of foreign affairs, particularly in Southeastern Asia.

But Galbraith has forgotten that Nixon, not Rogers, will be at the helm in the State Department, and will probably take the initiative in formulating most foreign policy directives.

President-elect Nixon rose to political prominence as an aid to Senator Joseph McCarthy whose paranoid tendencies set the tone of the era for many of the nation's citizens. He was the vice-president under the administration that followed the foreign policy programs of John Foster Dulles and supported a kind of "professional anti-communism" that still remains to this day in the minds of current high officials in the State Department.

Most important, he was reared in a time when the policy of containment was at its most powerful point. The answer to all foreign threats, especially those concerning the sinister activities of communist nations, was the demonstration of military might. The 1950's was an era when the total number of American military personnel withdrawn from Western Europe after the immediate post-war reduction of troop strength could only be measured as insignificant.

No, the appointment of William Rogers is not a sign that new ideas uninhibited by unsound confidence and faith in policies of early decades will develop. Rather, the portfolio of state seems to be doomed to acquiescence in the splendor of bygone policies for at least another four years.

The enlightenment, the tolerance, the will to yield options, creative in favor of world peace and security and the desire to try new and bold policy alternatives does not seem to be evident anywhere in the Nixon Cabinet. The Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird, is a promoter of the mammoth defense missile systems which are little more than a guise for the development of even stronger weapons of the "overkill" variety.

The picture is not a very pleasant one. But could any be with the great problems that face the nation and the world looming ever more ominously in view? Maybe William Rogers will be his own man. If he is, he will have more than a good opportunity to have his name listed among the greats that have presided over the Department of State.

Today only greatness can bring years to a world as torn by strife and turbulence. Great men to the past have all been afraid to cast off restrictive policies of bygone eras. They have been perceptive and ingenious in times of great turmoil, greatness has always demanded originality, not blind adherence to the ways of tradition.

-Larry D. Cress



Max Lerner

# Bridges and walls in Europe

The bridges are coming down in Europe, and the walls are being reinforced. If you put together the Soviet action in Czechoslovakia and the Western reaction, as shown by the NATO communiqué, you get the beginnings of what may become another cold war over the power structure of Europe.

The much heralded bridge-building phase of U. S. policy toward Eastern Europe is over. Looking back at it, one wonders whether it ever had a real chance to succeed, because it depended so completely on Soviet good will. The withdrawal of that good will was signalled by the removal of Czechoslovakia and the escalation of Soviet naval strength in the Mediterranean.

But while these events were the signals of the new Soviet policy, they were not its source. The source is a crisis of the Soviet leadership—inept, confused, divided, locked in a sharp inner struggle in which the civilian Hawks and the generals seem to have seized the whip hand.

We have been accustomed to stressing the disparity of the Western alliance. But the fact is that the disparity within NATO has been pretty well muted. The real disparity is within Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, Communist China and the world Communist parties. Compared with this, the Western power cluster, whose leadership Lyndon Johnson will be handing over to Richard Nixon, is in tolerably good shape.

The reports are that the Soviet leaders were persuaded to risk the Czech adventure by Walter Ulbricht's argument that the defense of East Germany required it. But to stress Ulbricht's role toward the real point, which is that the argument was a military one and that the final arbiters were the generals. What probably counted with the civilian leaders was the growing conviction that internal control of dangerous thoughts within Communist countries is more important to Soviet power than world opinion.

The trend in every event was the doctrine—not new, but given a new sharpness—that the Communist countries form a Socialist Commonwealth, and that the Soviet Union has the right to intervene if any of them is threatened by a challenge from within to Soviet power.

It is this doctrine of Soviet intervention, as well as the Czech invasion, that the NATO nations have now answered with a counterdoctrine. They have warned the Soviets that any attempt to interfere with uncommitted Communist countries—Romania and Yugoslavia—will have the indirect effect of altering the power balance in Europe and will be regarded as a threat to the integrity of Europe. This means that NATO is now committed to a doctrine of indirect as well as direct defense.

By building a wall around Czechoslovakia, the Russians have given the West a chance to build a counterwall around Yugoslavia, Romania and perhaps neutralized areas as well. The bridges are down, the walls are rising.

Obviously, this has its dangers, since it increases the number of trouble spots in Europe, where a wrong move by either camp would flare into a war. Defense Secretary Clark Clifford emphasized at the NATO meeting the array of strategic and tactical missiles at the command of the Western power cluster. He was reassuring the Germans and others and signaling a firm warning to the Russians.

For Europeans, and for Americans, too, the best defense assurance for the future of Europe lies in further steps toward integrating Europe itself. Hence the renewed talk about overcoming the present impasse in the Common Market over Great Britain and—when Charles de Gaulle returns or goes—there is a paradox here worth noting.

A stronger Europe will be one without national sovereignty walls. But for the present, when NATO talks of throwing a wall around the power balance in Europe, the test of Soviet aggression is the violation of national sovereignty.

The United States faces the problem, also, of where to build a wall, where to build a bridge. On Western Europe it has decided to build a temporary NATO wall. But on the Marx task, in the Middle East and especially on nuclear disarmament and control, she needs a dialog with the Soviet Union, and those

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# Repressive social system criticized

To the Editor:

While this university is beginning to stand up and look at the sun, certain portions—such as AWS Standards Board—are apparently content to sit quietly with their collective head buried in the sand.

Once again, they have attempted to temporarily placate the women students by eliminating the dress code. But by still maintaining absurd regulations such as dorm doors & it is ignoring the principle of the change, that they do not have the inherent authority to determine how I act.

Their patronizing attitude is utterly ridiculous. I view their latest discharge as a desperate attempt to retain a vestige of power despite

a few grand concessions.

I have been lately informed by several people (including an especially avid, but of course anonymous, old lady in Tacoma) that as a student at this university, I have no right to criticize in other words, I'm it or leave.

They have further demonstrated that I should have been fully aware of the existing rules when I applied to this university. I was sixteen at the time and I am twenty now, which is of no particular significance except that it marks nearly four years of intellectual growth and reflection.

If college is merely a continuous series of dances, football games, and an occasional exam, perhaps

my criticisms are not valid since my mind and maturity must necessarily increase along with an environment.

However, it is my sincere belief that the whole of university life is far greater than the sum of its parts and deserves to be recognized. To ignore its existing flaws is to deny its development and restrict the potential of the individuals therein.

Thus it is time that we eliminate the gross inconsistency between the concept of academic freedom and the repressive social system imposed on women students. Let Big Sister burn.

NANCY RUTLEDGE

# Concern voiced on termination

To the Editor,

We as students of Pacific Lutheran University wish to express concern and anxiety at the failure of the University to renew the contract of Mr. David Urness, assistant professor of music.

We consider him to be a diligent and conscientious individual, professor, and conductor.

We request an explanation of the reasons for this action.

Randy L. Abernathy, Senior, Sacred Music  
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# Superlute



by M. Gardner

We now rejoin our never ending (alas) and poetically flowing narrative of the life and deeds of Superlute, finding our superhero in his dormitory, checking out his genuine "Tom Swift Super-duper 2000 power Star Gazer Telescope" —hoping to find some girls who have forgotten to keep their blinds closed. He hopes that since the novelty of room gazing has worn off, some of the sweet young things will become lax in their window closings.

Finding no open windows, Superlute sets off for the elevator. Hoping to disguise himself as one of the many in his dorm with a remedial third grade intelligence, he's decided to take a pencil to write (or better yet, a knife to scratch) gross-outs on the walls of the elevators, like all of the real swingers do.

Superlute's spirits are rather low this week. Part of the reason is that he's received 4 invitations to the Hinderlie tole in the last week, as well as 2 invitations to be the Hamm's House Sweetheart.

It seems they were trying to convince everyone on campus that they are just like a "Greek house," and since they couldn't make it as a frat they've opted to go sorority. If they can't get status by acquiring a minimal degree of dorm spirit (supplemented by buttons) perhaps they can get it by having a greater than average number of unscheduled social events.

His spirits were further dampened by the efforts (?) of the SAD (Sit Around Dreaming) Bored. It seems they've changed their name to Sit Around Doing-nothing, and have done just that (except for rehashing the same old gripes they get back in the dorms).

In spite of all these let-downs, not all has been in vain. The ever-busy-always-friendly President of Vice in Student Affairs, Dr. Ita Pleasure, arranged for some new campus entertainment. Since everyone was getting embarrassed when they walked through the TV room, he arranged for it to be lit (sort of like Superlute when he goes mountain climbing) so that everyone who walks by can be entertained by watching what previously

went on in the dark (and what usually doesn't go on in public).

We leave our superhero preparing for his Christmas vacation by checking out all the books he'll need to write the papers which are due right after Christmas, and writing letters to all his friends at home telling them that if they want to see him they can stop by the library where he'll be studying for his finals.

He's now pondering over the old question, "Why does the coach pull everyone who is making any points everytime the team starts getting hot? or, is it true the coach is doing it on purpose so he can surprise everyone when the team doesn't finish last?"



## Potpourri - - -

BY KATHY HOLWERS

**GILBERTSON-CAMBELL** — Miss Rose Gilbertson recently announced her engagement to Mike Campbell in Kreidler Hall. Rose is a junior from Tacoma, majoring in sociology. Mike is a sophomore at San Jose Community, majoring in business. He will be returning to PLU in January. No date has been set for the wedding.

**ROESER-SATHER** — Miss Susan Roeser from Hong Hall will marry Mike Sather, a senior accounting major from Kent. Susan is a junior nursing student from Stockton, California. No date has been set for the wedding.

Notice: If you would like notice of your engagement printed in the Mooring Mast, please call extension 1183.



## Dick Gregory

# Programming race attitudes

Cybernation and computer programming may represent the technological society of the future, but they also indicate a phenomenon which has long dominated racial attitudes in this country. Both whites and blacks have been systematically programmed to develop certain attitudes about each other and themselves — attitudes which determine current behaviour patterns. Unfortunately such social programming has not been fed into the computer to check the reliability of the data, thus producing a less than realistic set of attitudes. This column is an attempt to computerize some current racial attitudes.

For years white America has programmed itself to believe that black people were of inferior stock. It began with a program called slavery and has lingered ever since. Such programming has affected white attitudes toward interracial marriage, black potential for education, black capability in employment and so on. Yet a quick computer check will reveal that white America itself does not believe the inferior stock myth.

If I marry a woman of any ethnic background — Italian, Chinese, Puerto Rican, Irish, or whatever — a child produced through that union will be considered black. The child will be said to have "Negro blood" and will be considered "a Negro" and frequently called "a nigger." The same pattern holds true for any black woman who marries a man of any other ethnic background. Black genes are considered so socially (if not biologically) predominant that a child is designated black regardless of the mixture. Realistically speaking, does that sound like inferior stock to you?

The inferior stock myth indicates another dominant attitude. There is nothing that upsets the average white man more than seeing a black man with a white woman. Yet a computer check will reveal that white programming has forced the black man to secretly desire a white woman. The white woman has been projected as the object of sexual attraction on every level of the mass media. She is the sexual symbol for America and black folks are Americans too.

Every time I see an advertisement for a new car, and black folks do like to drive new cars, there is a white lady crawling the boys critically by the open door, smiling up to make the purchase. Such an act tends to believe that I should take the

white lady along with the car to make sure my gears shift right. When I see a beautiful white woman holding a bottle of Pepsi urging me to "come alive and have a Pepsi," it is natural to assume that I will want the Pepsi and the lady too. Can white America actually believe that sex objects used in advertising will tempt only the white segment of the intended market?

When I was a little boy in the ghetto of St. Louis, I used to go to the movies almost everyday, because the theater was cooler in the summer than it was at home and warmer in the winter. I was too young, of course, to know anything about sex. But the movie industry began my programming even at that early age. On the screen I saw Ava Gardner making love to Humphry Bogart. My earliest indoctrination in glamorous love-making was watching white folks do it. The only black woman Hollywood allowed me to see was Beulah. And even at that early stage of sexual orientation, Beulah was obviously not the preferred choice.

It seems strange indeed that white America's programming is the absolute reversal of what is necessary to produce its desired result. To decrease relationships between black men and white women, white America should enact a determined program in the mass media to elevate black women to the status of sexual symbols. If beautiful black women were selling the cars and the soft drinks, black youth would at least have a choice of sex objects. Or is there something about the programmed white mentality which would cause a sharp decline in the white consumer market for any industry which would dare implement such advertising?

White America has been programmed to deplore the rate of illegitimate births in the black ghettos. Such statistics are used to illustrate an inferior moral standard in the black community. It is true that illegitimate births in the black community far outnumber those in the white community. But if the black man could ever get his hands on the white man's abortion credit card, he would show white America how to reverse statistics. Or if black youth were able to get the high salaried jobs white youth have been getting, so that black boys can afford prostitutes like white boys can; black illegitimate births would decline sharply. Illegitimate births are more indicative of economic choice than they are of moral standards.

## Arthur Hoppe

# Our Man Hoppe

PRESERVE THE GENERATION GAP

Herewith is another unwritten chapter from that unpublished textbook, "A History of the World, 1878-1899." Its title: "The Generation Gap — And Let's Keep It That Way."

By 1878 the Generation Gap had widened into a chasm. A good war had raged on every campus. The jails overflowed with protesters. Not a child in the land thought his parents understood him. And vice versa.

A Youth Squads contest Movement was formed. "We not only want to run our own schools, our own jobs and our own lives," said young militants, "we want to run our own country."

On July 8, 1871, Youthland seceded from the Union — by way of chain to the West Coast from the Sunset Strip to the Haight-Ashbury and the East Coast from Greenwich Village to Fort Lauderdale.

Civil war threatened. The Old Country, as a means to be ended, hoisted an Army of 231,673 senior officers and a stringent draft law. Not it had no one left to draft. It had no soldiers to do the fighting.

Youthland, on the other hand, had a plethora of healthy young men of dual age. But of course it had no draft laws and, consequently no army.

So the two nations moved to uneasy peace. And both were very happy.

"At long last, we've got a little tranquility around here," said the Oldsters happily. And they adopted vigorous legislation in favor of law and order and cheaper booze.

"At long last, we've got a little freedom around here," said the Youngsters happily. And they adopted vigorous legislation in favor of individual freedom and cheaper marijuana.

So both generations at long last had what they wanted. The Oldsters tranquility. And the Youngsters had freedom.

But after several months, the Oldster began dragging lethargically a hand carelessly muttering lewd words like, "The newspapers are certainly dull these days. There's nothing to talk about as these stupid criminal parties. And why is it so damn quiet around here?"

And the Youngsters, to keep their hands in, still demonstrated lethargically daily. But their placards were blank. For the life of them, they couldn't think of anything to protest against. And they frowningly chanted lewd things like, "Down with something or other!"

The two nations, recognizing the inevitable, were reunited on July 4, 1872. And oh what a heart wrenching scene there was in every home as the father welcomed back his son.

"Let me embrace you, my boy," each father said. "As soon as you have got that scruffy beard and got yourself a decent job."

"Shove my beard," cried the youth, as he took up the old adrenaline racing through his veins again. "How don't be square. Dad, I've got a right."

"Square!" shouted the father. His blood boiling. His eyes shining once more. "Listen here, you young whippersnapper . . ."

And both generations lived daily, if perhaps not happily, ever after. (Our Man Hoppe appears regularly in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer)



## Dave Beam

# Social intercourse

Do to the upcoming vacation I don't feel much like writing a column; so I'll insert a few notes and leave everyone to his own demise.

The breakup of Cream in November shocked most people interested in the pop music scene. Some solace however, will be found in a forthcoming fourth LP, which will be another double-record set. One of them will consist of bits and pieces of live performances from a half dozen dates on their just-finished farewell tour. The other two sides are being done in a Hollywood studio. Watch for it!!!

This weekend at the Seattle Arena: Chambers Brothers and the Buddy Miles' Express.

If you live in Portland you can catch Creedance Clearwater Revival January 2, at Portland State College Ballroom; in Seattle at the Eagles Auditorium January 4.

Summer of the week: Foss-Pfunger exchange.

Both Seattle and Portland will have the opportunity to experience a new British band, the Led Zeppelin. Led by the incredible ex-Yardbird Jimmy Page, the group is said to be comparable to Cream or the Jeff Beck group in impact.

Eric Clapton of Cream and Jeff Beck also started with the Yardbirds — perhaps not enough people have realized the foresight, drive, and beauty revealed on the old Yardbird's LP's.

In Portland, Led Zeppelin will appear at the Civic Auditorium with the Vanilla Fudge. In Seattle however, Led Zeppelin is unfortunately given second-billing to the Vanilla Fudge, and will perform at the Seattle Center Arena. Led Zeppelin recorded their first LP last month in London which is scheduled for early January release.

Confidential to P. R. men: Watch out! Hair just might be contagious.

Trivial Poop: The U of W legislature is pushing for Good restrooms.

Quote of the Week: "I know what the new railing's for; now I'll have something to hit my head on when I fall and break my back." — Bruce Shamp.

Happy Hanukkah

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# Knight wrestlers downed in league competition

The PLU wrestling team lost their opening match to Willamette 23-18 in Salem two weeks ago.

Instead of bouncing back as they had hoped, they ran the last year's conference change at McMinnville. The Willamette team was well stocked with returning letter-men as the decided PLU were more indicated.

PLU has been hampered during the early season by a shortage of wrestlers in the upper weight

divisions. This could prove disastrous if the team has to fight a fight. The automatic five point disadvantage is hard to offset and can affect the outcome.

What the team acquires a few more heavyweights most of the weight classes should be filled. After a few position adjustments, this should result in a more percentage team.

After wrestling in the cramped quarters of a classroom for the past three years the grapplers can finally look forward to better facilities and more space in the new gym. A separate area will be set aside as a wrestling complex in the new structure.

During the past few weeks the team has been helped in practice by a former Olympic wrestler, Mr. Ed Dewit, a local businessman, with many years of wrestling experience has contributed a great deal to practice sessions by giving generously of his time and talent.

Coach Roy Carlson's team will not see action until after Christmas break when Pacific University plays host at Forest Grove on January 18.

The wrestlers expect to make the trip include Ralph Keith at 115 lbs., Otto Pearson at 123 lbs., Paul Madison at 130 lbs., Doug Doten at 137 lbs., Jim Baston at 143 lbs. Others are Joe Aiken at 160 lbs., Pete Overvold at 167 lbs., George Ward at 175 lbs., Steve Englund at 181 lbs. and Joe Gebing at the heavyweight position.



Guard Kevin Miller looks for an opening against San Diego.

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## Swimmers dump Pacific and Linfield

Coach Richard Abner's team were traveled to Clatsop last Friday and devastated teams from Linfield and Pacific in a double-dual meet at Forest Grove. Knight swimmers won every race against both schools and further included second in every event but one.

The team scores were PLU 78, Pacific 6, and P LU 78, Lin field 18. The victories were the third in a row for the undefeated Knight swimmers.

Steve Sena scored victories in 100 yard freestyle, the 100 yard butterfly, 200 freestyle, and 200 individual medley. Sena's 2:38.9 time for the latter was a new pool record. Yet another Sena figured in three wins. Steve's brother Randy set pool records in capturing the 50 and 100 freestyle events with times of 2:11 and 3:23 respectively.

Sena also teamed up with Rich Hundven, Dave Birch, and John Husted to win the 200 medley relay in 3:02.1, a new record ahead of second place Pacific.

Hundven posted a victory in the 100 backstroke while Knight Dick Quinn was second. Brock picked up the individual first in the 100 breast-stroke, beating out PLU's Wally Nagel. Brock and Nagel's placements were equal. In third was Linfield's Ken Roberts, Northwest Conference record holder in this event.

Other individual winners for the

Lutes were Jim Bergstrom in the 100 freestyle and Steve Bennett in the one-meter diving. Jon Nelson, Mark Holland, Bergstrom and Bostad comprised PLU's winning 200-freestyle relay team.

The Knights will not return to competitive swimming until January 11, when they will entertain the University of Idaho here in a home dual meet.

## Muffins remain in bowling lead

In last week's competition, the top two teams, the Meadow Muffins and GOO, will four games between themselves to retain their name positions.

Meanwhile, the rest of the league was shaken up a bit. Peaches 'n Cream, dropped in the Fringe and fell to third spot, just ahead of Anderson and the charging Sandbaggers, who

took all four from the cellar team, LOCO.

Individually, it was a week of mediocrity. Tom Lewis led the league with a 531 series. High game honors went to Rick Blatman with a 183.

**STANDINGS**

Meadow Muffins	18	10	643
GOO	22	14	611
Peaches 'n Cream	19	17	528
Anderson	13	16	509
Sandbaggers	17	19	472
The Fringe	15	16	439
LOCO	10	20	379

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Sophomores John Krummel, No. 22, was high scorer in last Friday night's game against the University of San Diego.

## Evergreen, Nordic top A league action

**A LEAGUE**  
Evergreen has four of the top five scorers thus far with Mike Coffa leading with a 21.5 average. Evergreen beat Rainier 73-23; Cascade 74-6; and Alpine 81-37.

Nordic won last Ivy 25-11, Cascade 74-46, and Rainier 70-30. Parkland beat Alpine 64-41 and Ivy 57-48, but lost to Cascade 64 to 52 and forfeited to the faculty. Cascade beat Alpine 71-51 and

the faculty forfeited to Alpine, Ivy and Rainier.

### STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Evergreen	3	0
Nordic	3	0
Parkland	2	1
Cascade	2	1
Ivy	1	1
Alpine	1	2
Rainier	1	2
Faculty	1	2

### B LEAGUE

Olympic one has three of the five top scorers with Ed Brocker with 15 points per game and Vic Elliot following with 13.3.

### STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Olympic	3	0
Alpine	2	0
Nordic Two	2	1
Nordic One	1	1
Evergreen Two	1	1
Evergreen One	1	1
Ivy	1	2
Alpine	1	1

### C LEAGUE

Flore of Rainier leads the scoring so far with 11.7 and Alpine's Hanson is second with 10.0 per game.

### STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Olympic	4	0
Rainier	3	0
Alpine	2	1
Ivy	1	2
Cascade	1	2
Parkland	0	3
Nordic	0	3

### D LEAGUE

Al Frustral of Parkland leads the league with a 16.5 average and Ron Giss of Evergreen is in second with 14.5.

### STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Rainier	3	0
Nordic	2	0
Ivy	2	0
Evergreen	2	1
Parkland	1	2
Olympic	1	2
Cascade	1	2
Alpine	0	3

## Off the boards

By Jim Waldstein

There is a new Nixon. There is one guy on the Lutes basketball squad who is a new man this season. I am referring to junior guard Doug Nixon. Doug had some trouble last year and was not kept on the roster. For most people, this would have ended the end of a basketball career, but not for Doug. He got a new outlook on life, a new outlook on basketball, and a new attitude about himself.

This season Doug was so interested in getting in shape for basketball that he served on and participated as a member of coach Joe Williams' cross country team. He practiced regularly, working for miles, hoping to be in top condition for the basketball season. In turnouts he was hustling more than ever before, playing different positions and showing some promise as a shooter. He hasn't broken into the starting lineup as of yet, but it surely isn't because of lack of desire. Go down and watch the more serious game every evening. You won't be disappointed with the hustle and aggressiveness Nixon. He prides himself on his hustle and is determined to improve the fortunes of Lute basketball.

Nixon grew up in a family with nine sisters and four brothers. He prepped at Shoreline and played two seasons at Everett State College. Upon leaving ETC, Doug took a year long sabbatical with the US Navy, serving as a mine sweeper which patrolled the rivers of Vietnam. He returned to the Northwest and came to PLU hoping to play some basketball. In spite of his struggles last year, Doug feels that he grew up a lot. "It was a year of growth and learning for me as a person," he commented.



DOUG NIXON

Nixon gives all the credit to coach Gene Lundgaard. "Lundgaard made me a better person," he said. "He showed me that discipline is the most important part of basketball and that hustle and desire make the really good ballplayers. I only hope I can repay him for all that he has done for me."

Questioned about the problems the Lutes have encountered early this season, Doug said: "We lack hustle and team pride, once we start playing as a team we'll be hard to stop." He has high hopes for future Lute teams pointing out the ability of the sophomores and juniors on the squad.

Doug Nixon will probably never be the team's leading scorer, but he will always be giving 100 percent. He wants this team to improve, and if everyone had an attitude like his, it just may be that things could happen to PLU basketball. Nixon is a new man.

## Lutes dumped twice; battle Loggers next

The Fourth Annual Daffodil Classic was a disaster for coach Gene Lundgaard's Knights, losing to Seattle Pacific College 70-62 and the University of San Diego 78-61.

Friday night, on a rainy night, SPC outplayed the Lutes, who turned in one of their worst performances in recent seasons. The Falcons counted on 51.4 percent of their field goal efforts while the Lutes could only manage 35.4 percent. PLU hit seven straight points in the early going and even a one time led 18-14.

The rest of the story is sad to read, for the Lutes played unimpressive ball, making good shooting many mistakes and showing no resemblance to past PLU basketball teams. During one stretch in the first half the Knights went 12 minutes without making a field goal.

Seattle Pacific topped its advantage to 22 points twice in the second half and the closest the Lutes could manage was a 17 point margin.

Coach Lundgaard tried a variety of combinations, but almost everyone was ineffective.

AJ Kojlar, slowed by a bad ankle, managed only five rebounds and 12 points, while sophomore Bruce Reichert and John Krummel scored 13 and 11 respectively. Krummel, up from the JV squad earned all 12 of his points in the last nine minutes of play.

The statistics tell the sad news. The Porters outshot, outrebounded and most often of all, outlasted the visiting Lutes. PLU missed 17 freethrows, made only 21 field goals compared with the Falcons 21, and PLU's big scorer last season, Roy Jones, managed only two points.

The only bright spot in the picture was the play of Krummel, a 6-4 sophomore from Walla Walla. It just wasn't the Lute's night. They did not play up to their capability and suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of arch rival SPC.

In the consolation game of the Daffodil Classic, the Lutes were again dropped, this time by the University of San Diego Toreros

78-61. The Lutes were severely hampered by the loss of their outstanding player, AJ Kojlar, who sat this one out with an ankle injury. Nevertheless, coach Lundgaard's career ranked much improved over their previous night's performance while still wishing to find the range both from the field and the free throw line.

San Diego took a quick 8-0 lead as the Lutes started cold and were forced to play comeback ball the entire game. It was sophomore John Krummel getting his first starting assignment who kept the Lutes within striking range. The 6-4 Krummel had 11 points the first half while another sophomore, Bruce Reichert had 10.

It was the same old story, as the Knight cagers missed, missed and missed again as Krummel and Reichert, both up from the JV squad provided the only scoring punch.

Trailing 33-31 at the half, the Lutes made a determined effort to take the lead. However, Steve Oberholzer, a sophomore from San Luis Obispo, California, hit on four straight long jumpers just as the Lutes had closed the gap. Again it was Krummel, helped out by Ake Palm who provided the Lute scoring. Guards Doug Nixon and Kevin Miller led the team moving but the shooting of Oberholzer was a little too much.

The Toreros finished shooting a respectable 50 percent from the field while the Lutes found the basket only 35.6% of the time. Krummel led all scorers with 20 Reichert and Palm followed with 11 each. Adding up the stack created with the loss of Kojlar, Krummel had 13 rebounds.

It was a frustrating loss, but the Lutes, playing without Kojlar, showed glimpses of improvement, with Krummel and Reichert again doing the winning. The Lutes will have a few weeks off for the holidays, and then lots of work to do before facing the rugged UPS Loggers, January 6 at the U.S. Field House.

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# China Conference speakers announced Roinier's December sweetheart

Plans for the 1968 edition of the West Coast China Conference are approaching final form, reported conference chairman, Larry D. Cross.

This year's conference will concentrate on the theme, "China Today." The subject will be approached through lectures supplemented with question periods and at least one panel discussion.

Arrangements for a Saturday noon luncheon are presently being completed. Guest speaker at the luncheon will be Ambassador Chow Shu-Kai, official representative of Chuan Kai-Shek to the U.S. government.

Among those who have agreed to speak at the February conference were Leo Richard Walker from South Carolina, Lyzain van Stybe of Stanford, S.J. Neumoff from McGill University in Montreal, Van Mitchell Smith of the University of Texas, Laine Jerold from Loyola and Clark and Lisa Hobbs who recently visited Red Cross.

Topics that will be discussed include the Sino-Soviet split, Chinese

Maoist philosophy, China and Africa, and the cultural revolution.

China conference which will be attended by students from all over the West Coast will be open without charge to all Pacific Lutheran students.

## 1st Vice President

### Off the record

The dual purpose of this column is to inform and to stimulate interest. Obviously, from student reaction, it is accomplishing both.

A recent editorial, *valuation*, commented on the need for action in ASPLU. It should be noted, that of all bills of the 22 bills passed this year, only two have faced difficulty and all but one have been wholeheartedly enacted. One of them dealing with legislature's approval of expenditures was record; however, it was later sufficiently amended and re-submitted. The second deal with student invest-

igation of tenure policy. In spite of some faculty and administrative opposition, a new student committee is now investigating.

Looking at the record, one can see the reforms made in the past couple of years concerning curriculum, pass-fail system, student advisors, women's hours, women's dress standards, chapel, graduation requirements, etc.

But at the same time, we in student government must recognize our continuing responsibility to be aware of and respond to the many unsolved problems and issues on campus. There are such things to consider as 1) a revision in student conduct codes, 2) establishing a "free university," 3) improved teaching methods, 4) open housing policy, and 5) better food service.

Hopefully, students concerned about these or other problems—and certainly those with new ideas for programs that can be initiated on campus—will make themselves known and work together with ASPLU and legislature for a more effective student government.

Officers, student representatives for ASPLU, cabinet members and legislature, in the meantime, must take their positions seriously. If we are to do more than play a game of government—if we are, in fact, to do really great things and improve PLU—each of us must become and remain totally involved. This takes a dedication to the duties of our office. It takes a commitment from every working individual that makes itself realized in ACTION. —Rick Rouse

## Music students hold recital

The number of performing students in the music department makes it necessary to hold a student recital this Friday, at 1:30 p.m. in Eastwood Chapel.

Featured pianists are Philip Nevig, Robert Harll, Harriet Langdon, Mary Marzano and Ed Amundson.

Also Marie Carbol, mezzo soprano will be accompanied by Garret Albrecht Orenko Smith, vocal soloist, completes the student performers.



Claudia McDermid (Mikki) has been chosen as Rainier's Sweetheart of the Month for December. As a junior transfer student from Idaho, she is active in drama.

## A light sent to free us

I went up the steps to Tower Chapel  
Each step loudly heralding the  
next,  
Confident that I would find peace  
And solitude there . . .  
For I was going before my God  
To celebrate His Birth  
His supreme act of love  
And reconciliation to man—  
To me.

The room was dark,  
Except for the glow of two candles  
And the light revealing itself  
In the illumination of the stained-  
glass windows  
I knelt at the altar and prayed.

As I opened my eyes opened,  
And I gazed from the window  
To those two candles . . .  
And I remembered the light  
Of Christmas past.  
The one being a vibrant star  
Which guided the three who came  
To Bethlehem . . . to the Christ  
child.

That light was something special,  
Just for them.  
And then I remembered the other  
light.

Did it was given to all men,  
It was God's Christmas gift to  
mankind.

It was a light sent to free us  
From darkness and superstition.  
Yet, because it was light,  
And we are darkness,  
We attempted to put out the light.  
And it wasn't long  
After that that Herod  
Attempted to kill the light,  
And I thought that  
The world hasn't changed  
Much in nearly twenty centuries.  
We're still trying to put out the  
light.

It's Christmas—  
We're supposed to be celebrating  
The gift of that light.  
But we don't want the true  
brightness to expose us,  
So we dress it up in a white beard,  
Give it a worldly name,  
Emphasize its bright love  
Through commercialism.  
And make it banal.  
We rationalize it away by saying,  
"But it's good to give."  
It's good to love—  
Even if it's only for one season."  
And now business questions  
Seethe within me:  
"Is this truly a 'Merry Christ-  
mas'?"

God's peace and blessings.  
—Michael Fass

## Dr. Schwackenberg to conduct Mediterranean summer tour

Dr. Schwackenberg will be leading his second European tour this summer. The series of the trip is Mediterranean with an emphasis on Southern Italy, Sicily and Spain.

The tour will leave on June 3, and will return on July 19. Dr. Schwackenberg has openings for 18 students at a total cost of \$1,400 for the six weeks.

The plane will touch down in Oslo, Norway and from there the group will proceed to Denmark and Germany. Italy will be the next country visited, then on to the island of Sicily, France, Spain and back to France where the trip will end in Paris.

The group will be meeting every Sunday night during the spring semester. Although the tour does not carry any credits, students will be expected to do reading and pro-

gram reports on different areas the group will be visiting.

Through this tour Dr. Schwackenberg hopes to measure the interest of PLU in this type of study. This tour is pointing towards the possibility of a tour during the summer period for as many as 100 students and faculty members.

He hopes to get some private money to help finance the summer study so that students could not have to pay too much. The interior program would be based in one city or one area and one course credit would be given.

Students who would like to know more about this summer's tour are urged to attend the meeting on Wednesday, December 18, at 7:00 in Xavier 201. Those desiring to join the tour must notify Dr. Schwackenberg by January 14.



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