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## Grace Blomquist Receives Faculty Growth Award

Grace E. Blomquist, associate professor of English at Pacific Lutheran University, has received a Faculty Growth Award from the Board of Education of the American Lutheran Church, announced PLU President Robert Mortvedt.

Miss Blomquist has been granted a sabbatical leave for the second semester of the 1968-69 school year to travel throughout Europe with funds received from the award.



Miss Blomquist.

A veteran teacher, Miss Blomquist intends to review Children's Literature while in Europe. She will study at libraries and universities.

Miss Blomquist, a native of Minnesota, graduated from Concordia (Minn.)

College in 1934, and received her master of art's degree from Syracuse University in 1939. She came to PLU that year as an instructor and assistant dean of women. She became the dean in 1943 and served in that capacity for several years before returning to full-time teaching.

An active member of several community organizations, Miss Blomquist has served as president of Tacoma's Quota Club and the local branch of the American Association of University Women. She is presently or has been a member of Pi Lambda Theta; the National Education Association; Pierce County Mental Health Society; and a Sunday School teacher and member of the Board of Education at Trinity Lutheran Church.



IT'S FINAL--Spring came to the PLU campus several weeks ago. But it is official now as the members of the ground crew resume the job of lawn mowing. Here Roger Liebig guides one of the mowers around Pflueger Hall.

## ROUNDTABLE

David Christian (broadcast services) attended a Northwest College Audio-Visual Conference in Port Angeles this week...Changes in secretaries...Welcome to Mrs. Barbara Markley as secretary to the president, and to Mrs. Katheryn (Czyhold) Habedank in University Relations...and FAREWELL to Mrs. Beverly Fite who leaves University Relations Friday for her parental home in Rhode Island...Rev. Ken Christopherson (religion) has been selected as one of the three speakers to address the regional Lutheran Student Association conference to be held March 30 in Leavenworth, Wash. He will represent the ALC at the meeting which is discussing the question: "Where do Lutherans of the three large synods stand?"...he will speak on: "Where Lutherans Stand Together on Theological Issues."...Mr. and Mrs. R. Byard Fritts (music) recently attended the Danforth Regional meeting...they have been active Danforth Associates for four years... Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Huber (philosophy) are newly elected active Danforth Associates... Blossom Cohon (music) will be guest soloist with the Philadelphia String Quartet when it plays Sunday at 4 p.m. at Annie Wright Seminary...Mrs. Cohon and the Quartet will play Schumann's Piano Quintet in E flat Major... Dr. Stewart Govig and Dr. Emmet Eklund (religion) are participating this week in the joint Catholic-Lutheran observance of the 450th anniversary of the Reformation at the Palisades Retreat House...both men gave papers to the group of 48 churchmen, theologians and laymen present.

## COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

The role of the county as the only unit of government organized to solve urban problems on an area-wide basis will be discussed Thursday at Pacific Lutheran University's third Conference on Community Planning.

Three authorities on county government, in addition to Daniel Evans, governor of Washington, and William R. Allen, chairman of the Metropolitan Council of Toronto, Canada; will address the all-day session.

Dr. Lowell Culver, PLU political science professor and director of the conference, said that speakers will include John L. Chambers, executive director of the Washington State Association of County Commissioners; Bernard F. Hillenbrand, executive director of the National Association of Counties; and Paul Anderson, past president of the California County Supervisors' Association, and present member of the Board of Supervisors of Riverside (Calif.) County.

CAMPUS Business officers from 13 American Lutheran Church (ALC) GUESTS colleges are on Pacific Lutheran University's campus today attending their annual conference.

A. Dean Buchanan, vice president for business and finance at PLU and conference host, said the 24 officials will be guests of the university through Sunday. Included in the group are Norman Fintel, director of the ALC's Board of College Education, and two auditors from the church's auditing firm in Minneapolis.

The men, who are being housed in Delta Hall, will leave the campus Sunday.

## ENGINEER TO LECTURE

John G. Truxal, chief academic administrator at Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn (N.Y.) will present a lecture on "Applied Science and Urban Technology" Monday night at Pacific Lutheran University.

The complimentary address will be at 8 p.m. in room 201, Xavier Hall. It will follow a dinner-meeting of the Western Washington chapter of Sigma Xi, national honorary scientific fraternity. The group will sponsor Dr. Truxal's appearance.

An accomplished engineer, Dr. Truxal has just completed terms as chairman of the Control Theory Committee of the International Federation on Automatic Control and of the NASA Research Advisory Committee on Guidance, Control and Navigation.

Dr. Truxal received his undergraduate training from Dartmouth College, and obtained his doctor of science degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After four years as a faculty member at Purdue University, he was appointed to the staff at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. He became chairman of the department of electrical engineering in 1957; vice president for educational development in 1961; dean of engineering in 1964; and provost in 1966.

## BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth Lueder	March 22
Della Arkell	March 22
Lavon Holden	March 23
Irene Creso	March 24
Dawn Hill	March 24
Katherine Bailey	March 26
Mary Hegtvedt	March 28

# University Theatre Presents Tragedy 'Antigone'

The University Theatre of Pacific Lutheran University will present the ancient Greek tragedy "Antigone" next week on the stage of Eastvold Auditorium.

Tickets for the 8:15 performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday may be reserved by calling PLU's ticket office (ext. 389) between noon and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$1 for adults and \$.50 for students.

## Faculty Wives Feature Elwell As Guest Speaker

George Elwell, assistant professor of art at Pacific Lutheran University, will be the guest speaker at next Monday's meeting of PLU's Faculty Wives' Club.

The club, which will also have as guests the Faculty Wives Club of UPS, will meet at 8 p.m. in the lounge of Pflueger Hall.



Elwell

It will be the final business meeting of the academic year, and money for the scholarship fund will be collected.

It is also the last meeting before the spring luncheon to be held April 27 at the Lakewood Terrace Colonial Room.

Murray Morgan, well known local-radio commentator, will be the guest speaker.

At Monday's meeting Elwell will present a series of photographs he has taken of Tacoma. He entitles the show, "Images of the City."

## Mezzo Soprano Featured

Sharon Rodkey, a mezzo soprano, will be featured at Friday Noon Music this week at 12:30 p.m. in Eastvold Auditorium. The talented vocalist will perform several selections assisted by Jill Farver, piano; David Qualey, guitar; Karen Helland, violin; and Mikkel Thompson, cello and piano.

Karen Krebbs of Kirkland, Wash., and Douglas Lieberg of Bellevue, Wash., have the principal leads. They will be supported by David Monson, Pamalee Eubanks, Cathy Ogren, Phyllis Booth, Philip Mattox, and Howard Gedrose.



Bassett

Director Abe Bassett, assistant professor of speech, said the play was modernized in 1944 from an older version. It was one of the few plays performed in Paris during the German occupation of World War II, said Bassett, because both the French and their conquerors saw different meanings in it.

The play was first performed in the United States in 1946 when Guthrie McLintic brought it to Broadway. The playwright for PLU's presentation is Frenchman Jean Anouilh.

"The moral question of the play: 'to whom does one owe his allegiance, God or country' is being asked today," said Bassett, "and this makes the play especially interesting to younger people."

## Auditorium Building Gets Additional Money

Pacific Lutheran University received last Thursday a supplemental grant of \$188,547 under Title I of the Higher Education Facilities Act to use in the construction of the school's new physical education-auditorium building. The funds when added to the university's original grant of \$424,460, bring the total federal money involved in the building to \$613,007.

Dean Buchanan, vice president for business and finance, said: "The other element in the financing . . . is the loan under the Higher Education Facilities Act which has not yet been released, but we anticipate that this will be forthcoming before July 1."