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# PLU Creates Social Action Center

An educational, research and action agency designed to mobilize resources for social action is being created at Pacific Lutheran University.

To be called the Center for Human Organization in Changing Environments (CHOICE), it will open in mid-February. CHOICE has been conceived as a nerve center to integrate the efforts of the community, the church and the university in ways that will best take advantage of human resources in developing an urban society, according to Dr. Mortvedt.

Robert K. Menzel, formerly executive director of Hub-Cab, a community action arm of 18 west side churches in Portland, Ore., is the Center's new director.

The American Lutheran Church Board of College Education has provided a three-year \$50,000 grant for initial funding of the center.

"Pacific Lutheran University's new urban center signals its intention to play a part in choosing the shape of our future, particularly in the northwest," Menzel said.

In his former position, Menzel represented the Portland churches in the various power structures of the community, coordinating social action projects of participating churches, and operated a variety of grassroots programs for homeless men, alienated youth, juveniles and children of disadvantaged homes. Cont. on page 3



ROBERT K. MENZEL  
New Urban Center Director

## ROUNDTABLE

Donald Pattie (biology) recently had an article published in the Turtox News, a biology supply publication. He wrote on "The Method for Preparation and Preservation of Mammalian Lungs". . . Full page photo accompanying the article was by Ken Dunmire (photo lab). . . Dean Richard Moe, Dean Charles Anderson and Ron Coltom, Mark Andersen (admissions) and Jim Van Beek (financial aids) were in Spokane Sunday for parent-student conferences. . . additional conferences will be held on the PLU campus this weekend and Feb. 16. . . Ron also spent three days in San Francisco this past week at a Financial Aid and College Board meeting. . . Congratulations to the John Larsgaard family (university chaplain) on the selection of Karen as a Daffodil Festival princess. . . while on the Larsgaard subject, Rev. Larsgaard submitted his resignation at Sunday morning worship services in Eastvold as pastor of the student congregation. . . he will continue at PLU until the end of the summer when he plans to enter graduate school to work toward a doctor's degree. . . Dr. J. A. Schiller (soc.) is in Cleveland, Ohio this week attending the national annual program meeting of the Council of Social Work Education. . . he was to conduct two workshops on developing an undergraduate social work program. . . Dr. Emmet Eklund (religion) was in Yakima over the weekend where he participated in "Mission Festival--1969" at Central Lutheran Church. . . he spoke on interpretations of the World Council of Church assembly which he attended in Sweden last summer. . . the other Yakima Festival speaker was Dr. George Forell of the U. of Iowa. . . Mrs. Gladys Bergum (Health Center dir.) fractured her left ankle Jan. 11 when she slipped and fell at her beach place. . . she hopes to return to the campus soon. . . Mrs. Betty Brown (bus. ad. sec.) is in San Francisco this week attending the annual convention of the Western Collegiate Placement Assoc. . . New address: Dr. Magnus Nodtvedt (retired prof.), 640 Lashley Lane, Boulder, Colorado 80302. . . Donald Farmer (pol. sc.) participated Thursday as a panelist at the World Affairs Council meeting at UPS.

## BIRTHDAYS

Doris Omat	January 28
Janet Erwin	January 31
Doris Stucke	January 31

## KAREN LARSGAARD SELECTED

### AS SUMNER DAFFODIL PRINCESS

Congratulations to Karen Larsgaard, 17-year-old daughter of Rev. John Larsgaard (student congregation), named last week as Daffodil Princess from Sumner High School.

The blue-eyed five foot, six-inch princess gave a poetic presentation to the theme of the 1969 Daffodil Festival "Down Memory Lane".

A senior, she plans to attend PLU next year, following in the footsteps of her brother, John a junior. In high school she has carried better than a B average and has participated in Pep Club, Commercial Club, Girls Club, French Club, Drama Club and Future Homemakers of America.

## BUCHANAN IS NOTARY PUBLIC

Need something notarized, now or in the future? Get to A. Dean Buchanan, vice-president-business and finance, in the administration building and he will take out his pen and seal and fix you up. And it won't cost you one cent. This is the service of your friendly business office.

Mr. Buchanan has obtained a license from the state and is an official notary public. He did this in order to be able to notarize documents for employees of the university.

## DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY RECEIVES \$7000 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT

The Department of Chemistry has received a National Science Foundation grant of \$7000 to support undergraduate research participation for the coming summer.

The grant, directed by Dr. William P. Giddings, provides stipends for five undergraduates from PLU or other institutions to spend 10 weeks here working on individual projects supervised by members of the chemistry faculty.

This is the eighth year of NSF support for this program, which has led to the publication of seven articles so far in American Chemical Society journals reporting results of the student research.

Students interested in participating should ask Dr. Giddings for further info.

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While the scope of the CHOICE program will be greater and more varied, Menzel's role as catalytic agent will be similar.

According to Dr. Thomas H. Langevin, PLU academic vice-president through whose office the Center will be integrated into the regular academic program, a nerve center or catalyst is vital.

"The university's concern and interest in its community demands a focus through which to identify problems and channel efforts," he said. "CHOICE will give us a focal point as well as a liaison with the regional churches and the community.

"Without this we could face the danger of frittering away our efforts without really understanding the needs," he added.

For the ALC, the Center is a pilot program, an experiment in human organization. Similar centers involving other aspects of the role of higher education in the social environment are being established at Augsburg College in Minneapolis and Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D.

"The resources of the university are ideal vehicles to reflect the mission of the church through social action programs," Langevin continued.

A concentric approach is envisioned, involving the university, the local churches the community and finally, the region.

Since the university's first concern is teaching, the Center's program will be structured to relate to the teaching process. "The relevance of teaching today, especially in the behavioral areas, may be dependent upon active involvement in social affairs," Langevin said. "The community, in a sense, is a social laboratory."

Advisory committees will be organized representing the faculty, the three Lutheran synods represented in the area, as well as community service organizations.

Active in social action projects for several years, PLU needed a center to coordinate its activities, including the human relations and urban affairs semin-

ars, Teacher Corps, and faculty involvement with the Urban Coalition and Urban League, as well as others. It also recognized that such a center could pinpoint, explore and stimulate direct action on problems in the megalopolitan area along Puget Sound.

The organizational structure will be such that it will permit quick action in areas of activity that seem consistent with the purpose of the Center.

#### MUSICAL GROUPS LEAVE SATURDAY

The Concert Band and Choir of the West will leave Saturday on their annual concert tours.

Prof. Gordon O. Gilbertson will take his 66-piece band on a nine-day trek which will include 16 appearances in Washington, Oregon and Idaho communities.

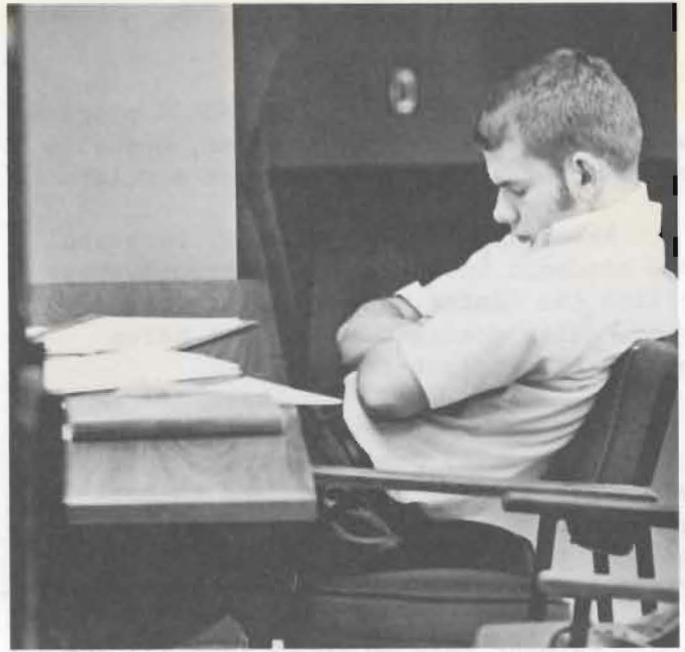
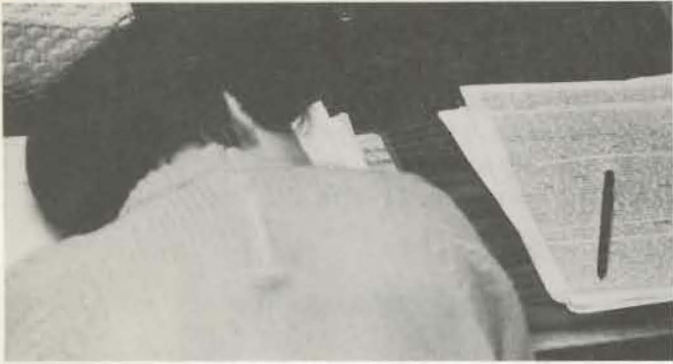
Prof. Maurice H. Skones will bundle his 71 singers into a pair of Greyhound buses for a 16-day trip of cities in Washington, Montana, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Milton Nesvig (v.p.-univ. rel.) will travel with the band as tour manager and then will be with the choir the second week of their trip. Harvey Neufeld (ch. relations) will be with the choir the first week of the tour and will return to the campus from Calgary. Mrs. E. C. Knorr will travel with the singers as choir mother.

The band itinerary follows: Jan. 25, Battle Ground; Jan. 26, Heppner; Jan. 27, Milton-Freewater and Clarkston; Jan. 28, Genesee and Nezperce; Jan. 29, Kooskia, Kamiah and Kendrick; Jan. 30, Potlatch and Sandpoint; Jan. 31, Newport and Coeur d'Alene; Feb. 1, Fairfield; Feb. 2, Wilbur and Ephrata.

The choir itinerary is: Jan. 25, Spokane; Jan. 26, Cut Bank; Jan. 27, Sidney; Jan. 28, Scobey; Jan. 29, Regina; Jan. 30, Medicine Hat; Jan. 31, Edmonton; Feb. 1, Dickson; Feb. 2, Camrose; Feb. 3, Calgary; Feb. 4, Kamloops; Feb. 5, Vernon; Feb. 6, Kelowna; Feb. 7, Everett; Feb. 8, Seattle; Feb. 9, Pacific Lutheran University.

# It's Finals Week.....



## PACIFIC LUTHERAN PLAYERS ON ALL-LUTHERAN FOOTBALL SQUAD

Eight members of the Pacific Lutheran University football team are included on the 1968 all-Lutheran college football team announced this week.

Ross Boice, offensive tackle, has been named to the second team. End Neil Bryant, tackle Rick Johnson, guard Randy Jorgenson, backs Dave Halstead and Gary Hammer and linebackers Bill Tye and Doug Jansen won honorable mention.

The team was named in an article appearing in the January issue of *The Bond*, monthly magazine of Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal insurance society.

## WASHINGTON NEW CAR DEALERS TO AGAIN PRESENT DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

The Distinguished Teacher Award program sponsored by the Washington New Car Dealers has been approved by the dealers for 1969.

Each participating university names its distinguished teacher for the year, and the wood carving award is presented by a dealers' representative.

At PLU the award was won by Dr. Jens Knudsen (biology) in 1967. Dr. George Arbaugh (philosophy) was the winner last year.

# Knights Seek Turnabout Of Fortunes

The Pacific Lutheran University Knights approach the second half of the basketball season vowing that fortunes are going to improve and this will be a winning season after all.

Optimistic as usual, Coach Gene Lundgaard, who has never had a losing season, remarked this week that "there's no reason why we can't win the rest of our games this season."

Meanwhile, opposition coaches are savoring the plight of the limping Lutes, having suffered more than their share of setbacks at PLU's hands in recent years.

The Knights have been plagued by inconsistency, a term that is often used when you just can't put your finger on the problem. Just about everyone on the varsity has played up to his potential at one time or another this season, but the team has only really jelled as a unit once, the night they defeated Willamette 95-72.

Lundgaard has been at a loss to foresee who's going to be hot when.

Veteran center Al Kollar opened the season with a 25-point effort against Central Washington and has been outstanding defensively, but he's missed four of the Lutes' 12 games and shot poorly in the Willamette series.

Forward Leroy Sinnes has been good for 12 points and 10 rebounds just about every time out, but he hasn't ignited as he did last year on several occasions.

Freshman center Ake Palm was impressive this past weekend with 56 points in three games and may be coming into his own. Forward Ralph Whitman was hot for two games a week ago; Bruce Reichert keyed the attack before that; John Krummel hit 30 points during the Daffodil Tournament; Doug Nixon sank 12 points in seven minutes against UPS; John Rankin had 22 points in the two Linfield games and Ron Groth hit 11 points in the second Linfield game.



ATHLETE OF THE MONTH - Randy Senn, PLU's record-breaking free-style swimmer, was named December Athlete of the Month by the Letterman's Club. Randy is undefeated in the 50 and 100 meter freestyle events in four meets this year and set District I NAIA national records in the events in the first meet of the season. With his help the swim team is undefeated so far this year.

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From this list Lundgaard has to select a starting five. It's difficult. It keeps the opposition off balance but unfortunately has the same effect on Lutes.

This past weekend PLU defeated Pacific University 50-49 before dropping a pair to Linfield 81-75 and 96-80.  
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The Boxers played a stalling game and it just about paid off until Whitman sank a free throw with three seconds left. It was his only point in the contest.

Palm and Reichert led Lute scoring with 13 and 11 points.

The Lutes played one of their best games in losing to Linfield by six points Friday. Led by Palm, who scored 26 points, the Lutes matched the Wildcats point for point except for two lapses at the beginning of each half. In those two spurts Linfield outscored PLU 18-3.

Down by 12 points at intermission, the Lutes never got untracked in the second game. Palm again took scoring honors with 17 points; Rankin added 13.

Without Kollar due to the flu bug, PLU was on the short end in rebounding all three games.

#### FACULTY WIVES MEET JAN. 27 RUTH HALVORSON IS THE SPEAKER

An enjoyable evening is ahead for Faculty Wives Monday, Jan. 27, when Mrs. Ruth Halvorson presents the program, "Traveling Chit-Chat."

The meeting will be in Foss Hall at 8 p.m.



GYMNASIUM PROGRESS - Asphalt was laid this week in the new Clifford O. Olson Physical Education Auditorium Building fieldhouse in preparation for the installation of Astro-Turf next week.