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Norwegian Bishop To Give Two Talks; Receive PLU Medal

A Lutheran bishop from Norway will be on the Pacific Lutheran University campus next Friday to give two talks and receive the school's Distinguished Service Medal.

The Rev. Dr. Fridtjov Birkeli, bishop of Stavanger, Norway, will begin a West Coast speaking tour at PLU. He will address a student convocation Friday morning and a no-host luncheon at noon.



Bishop Birkeli

Dr. Robert Mortvedt, president of PLU, will present the bishop with the University's medal at the morning talk. The public is invited to the luncheon in Chris Knutzen Fellowship Hall, and reservations may be made by calling PLU's information desk.

Following his visit at PLU Bishop Birkeli is scheduled for a 4 p.m. Sunday speaking engagement at the annual spring festival of the Pacific Northwest's chapter of the Norsemen's Federation. The group is meeting in the Norway Center, (300 3rd Ave. W) Seattle. The bishop is international vice president of the organization.

Born in Madagascar of missionary parents, Rev. Birkeli, 62, received his education in Norway. Upon completion of his theological training at the University of Oslo in 1930, he served for one year as youth secretary for the Norwegian Mission Society. He then returned to Madagascar as a missionary and teacher.

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ONLY WAY TO TRAVEL--James Rockom, in flight, receives guidance from the master of flying, Peter Foy, during rehearsals for "Peter Pan." Director-producer Eric Nordholm, left, aids in capturing the correct expression for "Pan" as he makes his entry on the stage.

The Only Way To Fly

Several students at Pacific Lutheran University discovered Monday that "the only way to fly" is under the direction of Peter Foy, master flier.

The students are cast members of the Children's Theatre's "Peter Pan" presentation, and they were rehearsing for Thursday's opening show. Their teacher, Peter Foy, is the only professional stage flier in the country, and he is at PLU for several weeks to direct the flying scenes in the play.

Tickets remain for Saturday's performances.

Lewis House (maintenance) died Wednesday night at Lakewood General Hospital after an extended illness . . . Thomas H. Langevin (academic v.p.) has been in Chicago this week attending the annual convention of the Association for Higher Education . . . he was due to return home Thursday . . . President Robert Mortvedt flew to New York Wednesday to attend Thursday and Friday sessions of the Division Committee, Educational Services, Lutheran Council, USA . . . Dr. Mortvedt was recently re-appointed as an ALC representative to the committee by President F.A. Schiotz . . . Sunday and Monday of next week Dr. Mortvedt will attend a meeting of the LAC's Board of College Education in Minneapolis . . . he plans to return home Monday evening . . . Emmet Eklund (religion) is at Pacific Lutheran Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., this Thursday and Friday attending the Lutheran World Federation West Coast Study Group meeting . . . Mrs. Alice Napjus (education) will be a guest speaker at the Thursday, March 14 meeting of the Alpha Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma . . . she will talk about her baseball books . . . Judd Doughty (broadcast services) will attend a Washington Speech Association conference in Spokane on the 15th and 16th where he will give a position paper on the use of video tape in teaching speech . . . he was named earlier this month to serve as chairman of the Washington Speech Association's committee on educational television . . . Jon Olson (alumni director) will escort Daniel Leasure (v.p. student affairs) to San Francisco this weekend where Leasure will be the main speaker at the Golden Gate Alumni Chapter's meeting . . . Doris Poole (health center) resigned her position this past week in order to seek full time work . . . she is considering several offers . . . best wishes go with her . . . J.A. Schiller (sociology) was in New York earlier this week attending a meeting of the Committee on Undergraduate Social Work Education that is developing national guide lines . . . Schiller was joined by Curtis Huber (philosophy) in Minneapolis the previous week where both attended the meeting of the Task Force I of the Commission on Research and Social Action of the American Lutheran Church . . . Schiller is writing a paper called "Freedom, Authority, and Responsibility," for the group . . . earlier in the same week Schiller attended a Minneapolis meeting of the Board of Social Services of the ALC.

The bishop came back to Norway in 1948 as the secretary of literature for the Norwegian Mission Society. Five years later he received his doctor of theology degree from the University of Oslo.

In 1954 Rev. Birkeli was appointed director of world missions for the Lutheran World Federation with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. He was then selected secretary general of the Norwegian Mission Society in 1957. He left that post in 1960 when he was appointed bishop.

In addition to extensive travel in Europe and Africa, Bishop Birkeli has made numerous visits to Asia and North America. He has been president of the World Association for Christian Broadcasting, a director of the Radio Voice of the Gospel, and a member of the executive committee of the Lutheran World Federation.

REPORTS Do you have a copy of "The President's 1966-67 Annual Report" NEEDED lying around the house or in your office? If you can spare it, the administration would like very much to have it. The University has used up its supply and the offices of the president and development need copies to send to foundations, corporations and others. If you have a copy to spare, please leave it at the Information Desk in the Administration Building.

HOUSEKEEPER A retired Air Force veteran who is a widower with WANTED four young children is in need of a housekeeper. The family lives in Parkland. A lady to live in the home would be preferred, but other arrangements could be made. If you know of anyone interested in such a position, the contact person for this widower is Dr. Emmet Eklund, Ext. 258.

BIRTHDAYS

Charles Anderson	March 8
Elvin Akre	March 9
Sara Officer	March 9
Janet Herman	March 12
Lois Rimer	March 12
Edith Dougherty	March 13
Norm Nesting	March 13

Choir Receives Unique Honor

Pacific Lutheran University's famed Choir of the West has been given the honor of performing the world premiere of a new choral work at next week's biannual conference of the American Choral Directors' Association.

The group, meeting in Seattle in conjunction with the National Music Educators' Association, will hear the piece sung at its closing session at 4:40 p.m., Thursday, in the Grand Ballroom of the Olympic Hotel.

(Tickets are not available to the general public unless they are secured from persons in attendance at the convention.)

Maurice Skones, director of the choir, said the piece: "The Sun, the Soaring Eagle, the Turquoise Prince, the God,"

Don Ringe Completes Ph.D. Requirements

L. Don Ringe, assistant professor of geology at Pacific Lutheran University, completed requirements for a doctor's degree last Friday at Washington State University.

He will receive his Ph.D. in geology at June commencement exercises in Pullman.



Ringe

The title of his thesis is "Geomorphology of the Palouse Hills in Southeastern Washinton." Ringe said the work will be of use to soil conservationists and area residents who want to have an accurate measurement of the depth of deposits.

Ringe graduated with his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of

Idaho. He taught geology at Central Washington State College and worked for oil companies before coming to PLU in 1966.

was written by William Bergsma especially for this convention. Bergsma is dean of the University of Washington's school of music, and is a well known West Coast composer.

The Choir of the West was selected to sing by Dr. Theron Kirk, national vice president of ACDA.

Skones said that the choir will also sing "The Righteous," by J.C. Bach, and "The Magnificat," a major choral work by Jean Berger. Soloists in the latter selection will be Karen Holland, soprano; Jean Norberg, flute; Deborah Jaquemin, tambourine; and Thomas Brandt, triangle. Both pieces were included in this year's tour selections.

"One of the most unusual features of the Bergsma piece," said Skones, "is the different percussion instruments he uses in it." A partial listing includes wood block, whip, ratchet, suspended cymbal, snare drum, glockenspiel, xylophone, vibraphone, and whistle.

The chance to perform a major work of this type at such a gathering is considered a high honor for a choir, said Skones. He explained that Dr. Kirk, the vice president from Texas, has heard the choir sing before, and on the basis of that experience he selected the PLU choral group to appear at Seattle.



Skones

Fife Coach Named To Lead Thinclads

A Fife (Wash.) High School coach and teacher has been appointed acting track coach for Pacific Lutheran University, announced President Robert Mortvedt.

Richard (Rick) Daniels, a coach at Fife for 11 years, will take the position left vacant at PLU when Mark Salzman, former track mentor, retired earlier this year due to illness.



Daniels

The former Lute star athlete will return to his alma mater this week to start work with his newly acquired team. He will continue on the staff at Fife, and will serve at PLU after his regular teaching hours.

Daniels coached at Mossy Rock (Wash.) High School for three years after graduating from PLU in 1952. He then coached for two years at Orting (Wash.) High School before going to Fife. He coaches wrestling and football there, and last fall his gridiron team won the state Class A crown.

Saturday Seats Still Selling for Sea Show

Seats still remain for Saturday night's performance of "A Sea of Wonder" in Pacific Lutheran University's swimming pool.

The Sea Sprites, producers of the annual water show, report that Thursday and Friday nights are sold out, but that seats remain for Saturday.

The show, featuring a pool full of PLU coeds, starts at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the PLU information desk or at the door.

Six of the club members have leading roles in the water show



"A REAL LEADER" is what the head basketball coach said about his "Inspirational Award" winner Kevin Miller.

Buchholz, Miller Honored By Basketball Players

Team captain Dennis Buchholz and sophomore guard Kevin Miller were honored by their teammates following the close of the 1967-68 season.

Buchholz, the team's only graduating senior, was selected as the "Most Valuable Player" while Miller was named the "Most Inspirational" player.

The Lutes ended the season last Saturday with a loss to Seattle Pacific. However, it was another winning season for coach Gene Lundgaard: his tenth at PLU.

Six Music Students Get Top Billing For Tuesday Concert

Six of Pacific Lutheran University's top music students will be featured artists when the University Symphony Orchestra presents its third concert of the year Tuesday evening.

The 8:15 p.m., performance in Eastvold Auditorium will be complimentary to the public.

Jerry Kracht, director of the orchestra, announced that Philip Nesvig, Dalwyn Olberg and Leslie Eklund, all of Tacoma; plus Paula Grams of Bremerton, Wash.; George Wagner of Olympia, Wash.; and Brigitte Greve of Loleta, Calif., will be featured.

The six students will perform a variety of works ranging from the Baroque period to the 20th Century.

Nesvig, a pianist, will play the "Allegro Moderato" from the Piano Concerto in A Minor by Edvard Grieg, while Leslie Eklund, the other piano player, performs Franz Liszt's "Hungarian Fantasy for Piano and Orchestra."

Violinists Brigitte Greve and Dalwyn Olberg will perform the "Vivace" from the Concerto for Two Violins by J.S. Bach. Miss Grams, a mezzo soprano, will sing "Che faro senza Euridice" written by C.W. von Gluck.

Wagner, the organist on the program, will play the "Concerto in G Minor" for organ, string orchestra and timpani by Francis Poulenc.

The six featured artists were selected from a large number of music students who could qualify as "outstanding."



FEATURED SOLOISTS--The six featured soloists in next week's orchestra concert gather around a piano during rehearsals. Seated at the piano is Philip Nesvig, and around him, left to right, are George Wagner, Leslie Eklund, Paula Grams, Brigitte Greve, and Dalwyn Olberg.

Norwegian Club Gets Two Native Musicians

Leif Eie, a regional manager for Scandinavian Air Service (SAS), will be the guest of the PLU Norwegian Club this Friday.

The native Norwegian will sing songs of his country, play a guitar, and show a film of Norway. In addition, he will perform a duet with Aage Grunstad of Norway.

The program is open to the public. It will be held at 8 p.m., Friday, in CUB-200. The complimentary program will also include refreshments

Famed Ceramists Display Work

An artist who labels himself "a frustrated research chemist" and his talented wife are displaying their works during the month of March at Pacific Lutheran University.

Gertrud and Otto Natzler, two of the most celebrated ceramists of our time, are exhibiting part of their collection in the University Gallery of the Robert Mortvedt Library through March 30. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Also showing her work is Priscilla Kepner Sage, an art teacher from Iowa who weaves textiles into wall hangings.

The world-acclaimed Natzlers first met in Vienna in the early 30's, when he, a textile designer, noticed Gertrud and her work. They came to the United States in 1938 with their potter's wheel and kiln, but little else. Since then they have risen to the top of their field.

Mrs. Natzler creates at the potter's wheel while her husband works with the kiln. He has developed his own form of glazing that enhances the beauty of her vases, bowls and basins. Since his arrival in North America, he has created over 2,500 different glazes.

The Natzlers, who live and work in Southern California, are termed "absolute purists" by many art critics. Natzler himself said: "One may call the work that my wife and I do a purist approach. We are trying to express the subtlest details of form, both in flow of line and its proportions."

"We make pots of clay, but their function as containers is not important to us," said Natzler. "We are concerned with the ceramic medium as such in an aesthetic sense, with what it has to offer, what it yields voluntarily and what must be extracted."

Their excellence is witnessed by the long list of museums that have pieces of their work in permanent collections. They have also won many awards, and innumerable books and publications have been devoted to their work.



CELEBRATED CERAMISTS--Gertrud and Otto Natzler, two of the world's top artists in ceramics, are displaying part of their collection this month in the Robert Mortvedt Library.

Friday Noon Music Slated for Mothers

A special Mothers' Weekend program is planned at Friday Noon Music this week in Xavier Hall's Auditorium. The recital starts at 12:30 p.m., and the public is invited.

Featured will be Dalwyn Olberg playing Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"; Linda Peterson playing Khatchaturian's "Toccata"; James Goodman playing "Wind on the Plains" and "Minstrels" by Debussy; and Bruce Gallagher playing von Gluck's "O Del Mio Dolce Ardor."

Vocalists who will be featured are Connie Koschmann singing Mozart's "Non So Piu Cosa Son"; Karen Call singing "O Del Mio Dolce Ardor" by von Gluck; and Roberta Allen singing Faure's "Apres Un Reve" and Chausson's "Le Charme."