

# knightletter

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## Utah Educator To Give Talk At Commencement

A former U.S. Commissioner of education will be on stage June 2 when Pacific Lutheran University presents diplomas to its 77th graduating class.

Dr. Sterling M. McMurrin, commissioner of education for one year in the John F. Kennedy administration, will deliver the commencement speech at PLU's graduation ceremony.



McMurrin

The noted educator presently serves the University of Utah as dean of its graduate school and distinguished professor of philosophy. From 1954 to 1966 he held--at various times--the positions of provost, vice president, and dean of the College

of Letters and Science at the Utah school.

As a government appointee, Dr. McMurrin has been a national commissioner for UNESCO and a member of the Board of Foreign Scholarships.

Dr. McMurrin, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, received his doctorate from the University of Southern California. He later accepted such distinguished positions as visiting scholar at Columbia University; Ford fellow in philosophy at Princeton University' and visiting scholar at Union Theological Seminary.

In addition to numerous magazine articles, Dr. McMurrin co-authored "Contemporary Philosophy" and "A History of Philosophy."



PHILOSOPHIZING UNDER THE SUN--Thomas McKay, upper left, discusses philosophy with his class while they all benefit from the fresh air.

## ROUNDTABLE

J.A. Schiller (sociology) is in Salt Lake City attending a three-day conference of WICHE . . . he is serving as a group leader . . . this weekend Schiller will be in Minneapolis to give a draft of his paper "Freedom, Responsibility and Authority" to a meeting of Task Force I of the ALC . . . Gundar King and Vernon Stintzi (business administration) are in San Francisco attending a conference on management . . . King is delivering a major address at the meeting . . . President Robert Mortvedt was in Spokane Tuesday and Wednesday attending meetings of both public and private college presidents in the state . . . Gene Lundgaard (physical education) will head up the Spanaway Park staff for the Sports-Fitness Day Program to be held from June 17 to Aug. 9 . . . the program is sponsored by the Metropolitan Park District and the Pierce County Park Dept. . . . Kenneth Johnston (education) heads up a ten-person delegation attending the annual state teacher education meeting at CWSC Thursday and Friday . . . the group includes Judd Doughty (speech), Gordon Gilbertson (music), R.A. Klopsch (English), Richard Moe (dean), Florence Orvik (education), Burton T. Ostenson (biology), Arne Pederson (education), Carl Spangler (French) and Jane Williamson (education).

ONCE            Once again the annual staff  
AGAIN           urges faculty and staff mem-  
                  bers to order their 1967-68  
                  Sagas at the information  
                  desk. The book, rumored to  
be the best in years, sells for \$10.

WIVES           Pacific Lutheran University's  
                  Faculty Wives Club recently  
ELECT           elected Mrs. Daniel (Lane)  
                  Leisure president for the coming  
year. Named vice president was Mrs. David  
(Anita) Christian.

Other officers are Mrs. George (Donna) Arbaugh, secretary; and Mrs. Gene (Marian) Lundgaard, treasurer.

## BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|--------|
| LuVerne Petersen   | May 17 |
| David Christian    | May 19 |
| Catherine Richards | May 23 |

# Fritts To Perform This Summer at Alaska Festival

R. Byard Fritts, associate professor of music at Pacific Lutheran University, will perform as a featured guest artist this summer at the 13th annual Alaska Music Festival in Anchorage.

During the month of June Dr. Fritts will present a major organ concert at the

## Foreign Affairs Head From Norway To Speak At Student Convocation

One of Norway's highest-ranking diplomats will address a public convocation Monday morning in Pacific Lutheran University's Eastvold Chapel.

Halvard Lange, minister of foreign affairs for Norway, will speak at 9:45 a.m. on Norwegian-American relations. The talk is complimentary to the public.

The 66-year-old statesman has served his country as minister of foreign affairs since 1946. During his term of office he has participated in several international conferences, including the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Lange, the son of a Nobel Peace Prize winner, was born in Oslo. He received his undergraduate and master's degrees from Oslo University.

Prior to the outbreak of World War II Lange worked in England as a teacher and administrator. He returned home in 1940 and was arrested by the German occupation forces. After 18 months of imprisonment he was deported to a concentration camp in Germany where he remained until the war's end.

A noted Norwegian writer, Lange authored "The History of the Trade Union Movement in Norway" and most recently an article entitled "Scandinavian Cooperation in International Affairs."

A coffee hour for Lange will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Stuen Hall.

festival. In addition, he will perform with the Festival's Orchestra and Chorus under the direction of the internationally famous conductor Robert Shaw.

While in Anchorage Dr. Fritts will teach a two-week organ workshop at the University of Alaska. He will also join Dr. Jan Popper, pianist and director of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Opera Department, in the seldom-performed classic, "Il Matrimonio Secreto," by Cimarosa.



Fritts

Last summer Dr. Fritts worked at the Festival as an assistant to Shaw in the production of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

Prior to joining PLU's faculty in 1949 Dr. Fritts attended the Eastman School of Music where he received his master's degree. The university granted him a leave of absence in 1955 when he returned to Eastman to receive his doctorate.

Dr. Fritts is known throughout the Northwest as a performer, conductor, director and as a pipe-organ architect and consultant.

## PLU To Stage Ballet Performance on Sunday

Pacific Lutheran University's music department and Tacoma's Jan Collum Ballet will present their unusual ballet, "The Unicorn, The Gorgon and The Manticore" Sunday evening in Eastvold Chapel.

The work, regarded by Director David Urness as "one of the most profound ballets to be written in the 20th century" is seldom performed.

Tickets for the 8:15 p.m. performance may be reserved by calling PLU's box office (ext. 389).

# Blossom Cohon To Give Recital Next Wednesday

Blossom Cohon, an accomplished pianist, will present a complimentary recital at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, in Pacific Lutheran University's Eastvold Chapel.

It will be Mrs. Cohon's last recital before she enters the University of Washington next fall to work toward a doctorate in music. Earlier this month she was notified that she received a \$2,000 Brechemin Foundation scholarship, the highest award given to a graduate student in music.

At present Mrs. Cohon teaches piano at PLU. She is a native of New York City, and a graduate of Juilliard School of Music and Columbia University. She came to Tacoma four years ago, and she has appeared locally as a guest artist on several occasions.

At her recital Wednesday Mrs. Cohon will play selections from J.S. Bach's "Partita in C Minor," "Sonata in E Flat Major" by Beethoven, and four numbers by Chopin.

## Friday Noon Music Stretches into Evening Hours

Two student recitals will be performed Friday --one at 12:30 p.m. in Eastvold Chapel and the other at 7 p.m. in Xavier Auditorium.

Performing Friday afternoon will be Pamela Stromberg, piano, and Dr. R. Byard Fritts, organ; Richard Hansen, baritone, accompanied by Constance Miller; Marilynne Buddrius, piano; Charlotte Thompson, soprano, accompanied by Dalwyn Olberg; Brigitte Greve, violin, accompanied by Jill Farver; Wendy Jechort, soprano, accompanied by Miss Farver and Linda Griffin; Karen Helland, violin, accompanied by Miss Olberg; Carolyn Bain, piano; Wendy Lider, soprano, accompanied by Karen Roley; and Philip Nesvig, piano.

At a different program at 7 that



evening Wendy Lee, a soprano, will open the program with a selection from Bach and Scarlatti. She will be accompanied by Brigitte Greve and Dalwyn Olberg.

Next Helen Adolf will play the piano in her presentation of Chopin's "Nocturne." Then Christine Morken, a soprano, will sing Mozart's "Batti, Batti, O Bel Maesetto". She will be accompanied by James Goodman.

Joan Norburg will play the piano version of Debussy's "La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin." Soprano Raelene Allert will then sing "Psyche" by Paladilhe. She will be accompanied by Eileen Wetterstrom.

Concluding the program will be Margaret Hult playing the "Etude in F Minor" and "Etude in C Minor" by Chopin.