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Are PLU Students Religious?

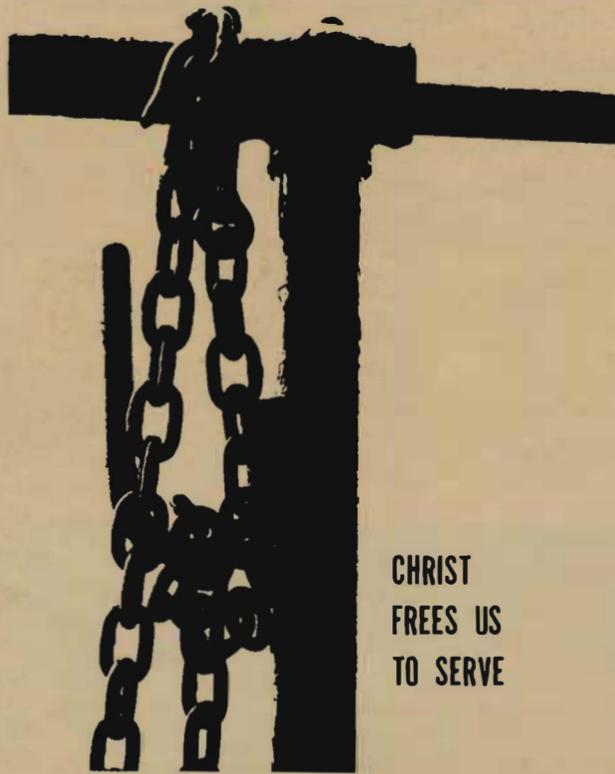
Students at Pacific Lutheran University have changed, and so have their ideas about what constitutes meaningful religious experience. For an inside look at what future alumni are saying and thinking, this issue of Scene explores the many avenues of organized and informal religion at PLU, 1971. See pp. 2, 3, 6.



New Alumni Director Appointed See page 8.

GETTING THE PICTURE

One PLU Student's Reaction To the Love of Christ



CHRIST
FREES US
TO SERVE

A camera hanging from his shoulder has become a means by which Glen Zander expresses the love of Christ and captures the significant moments in his life and the lives of those around him.

A senior from Denver, Colo., Zander is a sociology major planning to attend Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., next fall.

His reaction to the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been to answer the question — "How should I love Christ and other people?" — through his actions.



Religious Life Council Responds To 'Religious Pluralism' On Campus

By Roger Gruss

Religious interest at Pacific Lutheran University is as strong as it has always been, but the atmosphere has changed, according to the first Religious Life Coordinator at PLU.

"The new religious interest is not doctrinal, it's not denominational and it's not even necessarily Christian in the institutional sense of the word," claims Coordinator Paul Wuest, currently a PLU senior.

The Religious Life Council, of which Wuest is chairman, is a new wrinkle at the University. Its constitution, which was approved by the Board of Regents this fall, places all religiously-oriented campus groups under its jurisdiction.

"The broad religious pluralism on campus today emphasizes sensitivity toward others and respect for their beliefs," says Wuest. "This religious diversity creates a need for a coordinating body. The Religious Life Council (RLC) is trying to help fill that need."

This new and open attitude toward religious diversity is reflected in the RLC's constitution which reads in part:

"In service to and in accordance with the state objectives of Pacific Lutheran University, the Council shall further a spirit of religious community, open to diversity and based on mutual respect, and shall constructively contribute to the fullness of the quality of life of the various members and corporate groups in the University.

"The Council shall attempt to be a freeing, enabling, reconciling and affirming center for individual and corporate religious life of the University."

Students control the balance of power on the RLC which is composed of six students, three faculty, the Vice President for Student Affairs (ex officio) and the President of the University (ex officio).

The specific duties of the RLC include nominating candidates for

religious groups, and with developing ways to improve religious life in residence halls.

"Up to the present time," admits Wuest, "we have been occupied with the project of calling a university minister. As a result, we have not developed our coordinating role to its fullest extent."

Why was the Religious Life Council necessary?

"In some ways, religious life at the University is much larger than before. But there is no one religious feeling or spirit on campus," says Dr. John Petersen of the PLU religion faculty. Petersen also sits on the RLC.

"My personal opinion is that the new attitudes are less oriented toward formal worship and the Sunday morning setting than in former years. Students have shown increasing interest in discussing the religious implications of everyday life situations," says Petersen.

Students have moved into the surrounding community in formal and informal ways. Through CALL (College Affiliated Laymen's League), USSAC (University Student Social Action Program), and CHOICE (Center for Human Organization in Changing Environments) students have participated and contributed to the richness of religious life in Greater Tacoma.

Working through these organizations, students provide ministry to a military chapel and Sunday school, correctional institution, a veteran's hospital, and rest homes as well as tutoring underprivileged children, teaching handicapped children to swim, and participating in an outreach program to the Nisqually Indians.

As students have become increasingly mobile, coupled with their varied religious interests, they have also become involved in local, off-campus congregations.

"When I was a student, you used to be considered a traitor if you went across the street to Trinity," comments Jim Widstee '69, Head Resident of Foss Hall. "Now there's a lot more freedom."

"We used to be caught up in our own little world," he adds. "Al-



"Where a few are gathered in my name, there shall I be also." Pastor Taylor (right) leads a group of students in an informal folk service this spring in the new University Center.

though it might not look as good to the casual observer, because Student Congregation is smaller, it's probably more beneficial in the long run."

The RLC is also trying to deal effectively with the denominational diversity that exists among students. PLU is not an exclusively Lutheran school, if indeed it ever was. In the past year, 63 percent of the students were Lutheran while the remaining third are other Protestant denominations, Roman Catholic or do not indicate religious preference.

"We want non-Lutherans to know they now have the same rights and privileges that Lutherans have," states Wuest.

"Not many years ago, non-Lutherans felt thwarted at PLU. The biggest problem I had when I took office was to make people aware that Student Congregation is no longer the only worshiping body on campus," he said.

"The religious activities on campus today more adequately reflect the religious pluralism that exists," concurs Dr. Peterson. "This new situation is healthier and more realistic."

In cooperation with the University Minister the RLC has invited

clergy of other faiths to minister to members of their churches on campus. But both Wuest and Petersen agree that PLU should not open its doors to every religious group.

"Our campus isn't wide open for just anyone to come in and proselyte in the dormitories," says Wuest. "We are not trying to be like secular institutions and we strongly affirm the Christian principles outlined in the objectives of the University."

Whether or not the RLC will accomplish its many goals remains to be seen. But Wuest is optimistic about the future and feels that already religious life is coming to reflect an attitude of openness and freedom.

With Luther Theological Seminary in his plans for the future, Wuest leaves the RLC with its feet firmly planted in hope for the future of religious life at PLU.

"My personal philosophy about Christian education is that we must all work at being tolerant. We must allow things to happen," concludes Wuest. "We must help people pursue their own religious interests rather than trying to convert them to our personal ideas of Christian needs."



Religious experience and life styles range from informal settings to regular chapel worship three times a week, which this student has just attended.

the post of university minister, a task they are completing this spring. Final selection of the university minister is subject to the approval of the Board of Regents.

The RLC is also charged with encouraging common activities between academic and religious sectors of the community, with bridging the gaps that exist among

Student Congregation Role Changes To Fill New Needs

You can lead a horse to water, goes the old saying, but you can't make him drink. You can provide religious opportunities for students, but only students can make experiences meaningful and relevant.

If the analogy is not perfect, it does contain an element of truth. The fact is that students at PLU have changed and so have their ideas about what constitutes religious experience. Take PLU's Student Congregation as an example.

"We've lost the idea that Student Cong includes everybody," says Student Congregation President Chris Boerger. "Student Congregation has changed. It still plays an important role in campus religious life, but it's not a dominating role."

At one time, Student Congregation was synonymous with religious life. At present, membership stands at 741, although attendance at services includes many non-members each Sunday. The reasons for the change are many and varied.

University Minister Rev. Donald Taylor, a religious man-for-all-seasons who must respond to a variety of religious modes, agrees that the trend is away from Student Congregation at present. But this represents a change in approach, not in fundamental belief.

"If I have my finger on the pulse at all, many students are emphasizing unstructured corporate worship and informal get togethers," says Pastor Taylor. "It's sort of a Lutheran answer to Catholic under-

ground mass." The informal worship-study groups seem to be an all-campus phenomenon.

Larry Jahnke, a graduate student in business and head resident in one of the men's residence halls, initiated a Wednesday night devotional-communion service for the men in his unit last semester.

"We started devotions because there was a personal need," says Jahnke. "After the men got to know one another, we recognized that there was a spiritual need that wasn't being met."

Where was the Church and why didn't students turn to organized religion to meet their needs?

"Students are rebelling against organized campus religion for the same reason they do off-campus. Sometimes it's because they don't get anything out of the service. Some see all organized religion as hypocritical," says Jahnke.

"It seems like students are finding Christ in other people and by studying the Bible, rather than in formal liturgy," claims Jahnke.

Steve Stoner, the assistant resident in Jahnke's house, believes the informal Wednesday night devotions attracted over half the house at one time or another. The only advertising for the services was by word of mouth. Many students who attended were not regular "church-goers."

Recalling What PLU Really Means

By Ray Tobiason
Pres., PLU Alumni Assn.



"Pacific Lutheran University, born of the Reformation spirit, maintains the privilege of exploration and learning in all areas of the arts, sciences and religion. The basic concern of Martin Luther was religious, but his rejection of church tradition as primary authority, and his own free search for religious truth, served in effect to liberate the modern mind in its quest for all truth. The total impact of Luther's stand has permanently shaped the modern world and helped provide the modern university with its basic methodology.

"Pacific Lutheran University is a community of professing Christian scholars dedicated to a philosophy of liberal education. The

major goals of the institution are to inculcate a respect for learning and truth, to free the mind from confinements of ignorance and prejudice, to organize the powers of clear thought and expression, to preserve and extend knowledge, to help men achieve professional competence, and to establish lifelong habits of study, reflection and learning. Through an emphasis on the liberating arts, the University seeks to develop creative, reflective and responsible persons. At the same time, the acquisition of specialized information and technical skill is recognized as a condition of successful involvement in the modern world. The university seeks to develop the evaluative and spiritual capacities of the stu-

dent and to acquaint him honestly with rival claims of the true and the good. It encourages the pursuit of rich and ennobling experiences and the development of significant personhood through an appreciation of man's intellectual, artistic, cultural and natural surroundings. The University affirms its fundamental obligation to confront liberally educated men with the challenges of Christian faith and to instill in them a true sense of vocation.

"By providing a rich variety of social experiences, Pacific Lutheran University seeks to develop in the student a joy in abundant living, a feeling for the welfare and personal integrity of others, good taste, and a sense of social pro-

priety and adequacy. Distinguishing between personal Christian ethics and normal social controls, the University adopts only such rules as seem necessary for the welfare of the educational community.

"The physical development of the student is regarded as an integral part of his liberal education. Hence the University encourages participation in physical activities and respect for health and fitness.

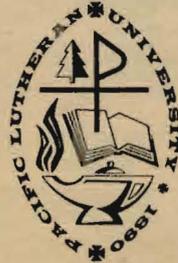
"Professing a concern for the entire nature of man, the faculty of the University encourages wholesome development of Christian faith and life by providing opportunities for worship and meditation, offering systematic studies of religion and encouraging free investigation and discussion of basic religious questions. The University believes the essence of Christianity to be personal faith in God as Creator and Redeemer, and it believes that such faith born of the Holy Spirit generates integrative power capable of guiding men to illumi-

nating perspectives and worthy purposes. The University community confesses the faith that the ultimate meaning and purpose of human life are to be discovered in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

"As an educational arm of the Church, Pacific Lutheran University provides a locus for the fruitful interplay of Christian faith and all of human learning and culture, and as such holds it a responsibility to discover, explore and develop new frontiers. Believing that all truth is God's truth, the University, in achieving its educational and spiritual goals, maintains the right and indeed the obligation of faculty and students to engage in an unbiased search for truth in all realms."

— from Statement of Objectives, PLU

Pacific Lutheran University — a lasting influence! As the University has been much to you — now be much to the University. Be an active, supporting alum.



Alumni Annual Fund Drive 1971 Goal \$60,000!

AS OF APRIL 15 - - -

1,200 Alumni Units (a single person or a married couple composed of alums is counted as one unit) have made cash contributions and pledges totaling	\$47,047.12
89 Alumni Units have said they will send something; if they send the same as last year this could total	2,387.00
148 Alumni Units who gave last year have not yet been reached; if they respond as last year their gifts would total	4,784.80
TOTAL POTENTIAL	\$54,218.92

159 Alumni Units have expressed regrets that their present situation does not make it possible for them to contribute to this year's drive. If it had been possible for them to give the same amount that they gave last year it could have resulted in

\$5,862.00

It would certainly appear that the goal of \$60,000.00 set for this year's fund raising effort was realistic. There is still time and potential to make that goal a reality before deadline:

JULY 31, 1971

Three groups, possibly four, need to be heard from in a positive way:

1. Those who said they would consider sending something need to do just that!
2. Those regular contributors who we have had trouble reaching by phone have to respond with a gift!
3. **WE NEED TO HEAR FROM SOME 4500 ALUMNI WHO HAVE NOT YET JOINED WITH THEIR FELLOW ALUMS IN SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGHOUT REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY!**

Then, perhaps, that fourth group might be found among those who have already contributed, but might find it in their hearts and conscience to increase their giving!

Well, that's the picture and that's the challenge!

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A Meaningful Ministry



By Dr. Eugene Wiegman
President, Pacific Lutheran University

An old church hymn many of us enjoy includes these lines which fit the religious mood of our day, "Change and decay all around me I see/ thou who changes not, abide with me."

Religion, we like to comfort ourselves, never changes. Religion is the rock of our salvation. We look to religion for strength. Or do we?

If we look only to religion, we may be disappointed. Religion and religious institutions share a long history of turmoil and change that continues today. The Lutheran denomination, for example, has undergone quite a metamorphosis since Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the church door in Wittenberg.

What does not change, however, is the message. The same Christ died for our sins and it is this Christ who sets us free today to do His work. This knowledge is our real strength.

Luther's basic premise in his break with Rome concerned religious freedom. He claimed that any man could worship his God in his own way. Today, that same one to one relationship between God and man is our heritage. The church continues to grow and change to meet the challenge of each new generation.

Each Lutheran congregation has always had its own life style which distinguishes it and makes it something special. The religious community at Pacific Lutheran University is no different.

At PLU, pluralism and diversity are central to our religious life. We have students representing many denominations and many preferences. What is meaningful to one student may have no meaning to another. There is no one religious mode.

Student Congregation, for example, is very important to some students. Others prefer off-campus congregations. Still others prefer

informal folk services. And there are those who worship quietly in their own rooms.

It is not now possible, if indeed it ever was, to force all our students into accepting a single religious life style. Students demand a diverse ministry that is meaningful to them in terms of their own values. And we have every reason to respect their needs.

In response to this diversity and to the variety of issues students raise, PLU has expanded its scope of religious activities. We need to meet the student where he's at, not where we are at. An effective ministry on a campus is one that is flexible within reasonable limits.

Our Religious Life Council has come a long way in responding to contemporary student needs. In their short months of operation the Council has taken the initiative in inviting other religious denominations to campus to minister to members of their faith.

Student Congregation has responded with new and challenging programs and has branched out into a variety of worship areas. Individual students, faculty and staff have all been involved in initiating fresh new approaches to Christian fellowship.

What is more encouraging about our campus is the fact that the vast majority of students remain faithful to the Christian ethic in their actions. They have not rejected the central message of hope and salvation. Students today live their lives as close, if not closer, to the Judaeo-Christian tradition than any previous generation.

The students represented in this issue of Scene seem to be telling us that they have not given up on Christianity. For this we are truly thankful. Although styles of worship have changed, the Word remains.

Change and decay around us we may see, but he who changes not abides with us all.

Alumni Around the World

1930

ANNA AAMODT STEGEN is working in a new Environmental Learning Center established to help the reluctant learner or the emotionally disturbed but high learning ability student. It is the only program in Clackamas County (Ore.) and is working with an enrollment of 30 students.

EDNA DAGSLAND HANBERG has been teaching first grade for the past nine years and will be head teacher for her building next year. She lives in Sandy, Ore.

1935

Gretchen and BILL PFLUEGER and family are in Bukidnon, Philippines, where they are working with the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

1936

LAURA HAUGE ADAMS is teaching second grade in Raleigh, N. C.

CHARLES FALLSTROM, principal of Issaquah (Wn.) High School, was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Secondary School Principals at the 55th annual meeting in Houston, Tex., in Jan. '71. He will represent the nine Western states (Wash., Ore., Calif., Idaho, Mont., Nev., Utah, Alaska, and Hawaii). He has been a member of the National Curriculum Committee of the NASSP for the last year.

1948

HARRIETT ROOT NOREM received a teaching certificate in 1969 from Humboldt State College (Arcata, Calif.) after a year of graduate work. She is teaching first grade at Glacier Valley Elementary in Juneau, Alaska. Harriett's husband Walter, is a budget and management analyst for the State of Alaska.

1949

JUNE JORGENSEN McMASTERS is teaching music in Shoreline School Dist. (Seattle). She also directs choir at Northlake Lutheran.

Rev. and Mrs. WILBERT M. ERICSON '49 (LEONA WIGEN '52), have returned to Okayama, Japan, where the new church-center was dedicated on January 15, 1971.

1950

DR. ROBERT W. BISCHOFF was a participant, one of 15 from across the nation, at a US Office of Education institute at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 25-29. The institute studied the problem of doctoral program in Visually Handicapped. Dr. Bischoff presented a paper entitled Northern Illinois University's Proposal for a Doctor of Special Education. He has been a member of the Northern Illinois University Dept. of Special Education Faculty since 1968.

1951

STAN ELBERSON received a Ph.D. in theatre from the U. of Oregon in 1968. He was recently promoted to professor with tenure at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay, Ore. He is also a Lt. Col. in the US Marine Corps Reserve.

1952

The Board of World Mission of the ALC has given a two-year furlough to ERNEST M. JOHNSON. This includes salary, housing, medical expenses, and tuition at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He began in Sept. 1969 and has been in classes ever since. He is now taking senior courses and has been recommended for ordination by the faculty. Ernest will be ordained June 1971 and hopes to return to Africa in July with his wife and four children.

1953

GAY and MARY (LARSEN '51) NESS '53, are living in Lebanon, Ore. Gay is manager of the J. C. Penney store and Mary is a real estate appraiser.

1954

RAMON BARNES has been hired by the Pierce County Park and Recreation Dept. to serve as area director for recreation programs.

DeLORA JOHNSON OLIVERS is working as an office nurse in an Auburn (Wash.) clinic. She and her husband Howard, and four daughters are living in Kent and are active in Kent Lutheran Church.

1955



FAITH BUELTSMANN STERN received her Ph.D. degree from George Washington University in February. Her field of studies was English Literature.

ELVIRA POTRATZ REARDON and husband, William, are living in Sunland, Calif., where he is with Lutheran Brotherhood.

1956

DR. TERRY BROWN is President-Elect of the Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators representing 350 colleges in seven states. He is presently associate dean at Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls.

All elementary schools and some junior and senior highs in the Tacoma School District now use \$8 s rplus parachutes in PE to develop students' arms, legs, and chests. STAN JACOBSON, district PE curriculum assistant, has developed more than a dozen parachute games, detailed in his book entitled "Parachute Ideas."

1957

REV. PAUL C. LUCKY will be included in the 1970 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America."

LOIS FORMEIL HAHN DYE received her MA degree in librarianship at U. of W. in June 1970.

JOANNE BAYNE WIDMAN reports that there are two PLU grads in Fort Yukon, Alaska, eight miles north of the Arctic Circle. They are Joanne and NANCY NELSON LaBOLLE '64. They both teach Athabascan Indian children in the elementary school. Joanne's husband Joe is the area school supt. and Nancy's husband Larry is the high school principal.

1958

DR. DAVID WAKE presented a paper at the fifth International Congress of Anatomists in Leningrad, USSR, in August, 1970. Dr. Wake and wife also spent some time in Norway, England and Denmark. He is at the U. of Calif. at Berkeley.

KARL KNUDSEN was appointed Rating Specialist for the Permanent Disability Rating Bureau of the Division of Industrial Accidents, Dept. of Industrial Relations of the State of California in Los Angeles.

1959

RICH HAMLIN, PLU basketballer who was graduated in '59, is administrative assistant in charge of finance for the Othello (Wash.) Public School Dist.

LES WIGEN began a three year term as a member of the Washington Wheat Commission in January. Les was elected at the age of 34 and is the youngest man ever to hold this position. He is also a lay leader in the Selbu Lutheran Church where he teaches the high school age Sunday School class.

1960



PAUL CARLSON is a Navy Post Graduate School student at Monterey, Calif., studying operations analysis.

CARL MUHR began working this year at Charles Wright Academy Lower School (Tacoma) teaching social studies and science.

1961

ANNA E. ISRAELSON retired in June 1969 after 28 years of teaching, ten years in Houghton County, Mich., and 18 years at Randle, Wash.

Last year KEN OLSON started Scientific Devices-Northwest, a manufacturer's representative selling electronic instruments.

1962

RAY LILLEBY is a physicist for Norsk Hydro in Oslo, Norway's largest industrial firm. Ray is working on the North Sea oil project as Norsk Hydro is one of the developers and stockholders. He has also been attending the University of Oslo part-time. He returned home (Ephrata, Wash.) for Christmas.

DALE BENSON teaches history at Southwestern in Memphis, Tenn., where he was appointed assistant professor in the fall of 1969. He received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Maine in August. His wife is the former JOLITA HYLLAND.

JUDY ANDERSON DEMORO was listed in the latest edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America."

1963

LA WANDA MAPLE DAUPHIN is working as a staff nurse in the operating room at Good Samaritan Hosp. in Corvallis, Ore.

1964

MARVIN FREDRICKSON graduated from the U. of W. Medical School in 1968 and completed internship at Boston City hospital in 1969. He is now serving as a flight surgeon in the Army, presently stationed in Danang, S. Vietnam. His wife CAROLE (HAALAND) and son Aaron, are living in Salem, Ore.

BOB WILLIAMS now has a new entertainment group — Bob Williams and Company, consisting of three guys and a girl. They are presently in the Seattle area.

JERRY LUBKING, who recently received his MA degree in business economics at Gonzaga University, is a market analyst with the Standard Oil Co. of Calif. in San Francisco.

1965

FRED R. EATON has assumed duties as director of admin. services at Valley Medical Center, Fresno, Calif., after spending 3½ years with the U. of Wash. as asst. administrator, Harborview Medical Center.

BOB and SUE (GUST '67) RUNNING and their son Jeff 1, are living in Seattle, where Bob is working with Pacific Northwest Beil in the plant res lts section.

LESLIE GEER PERRY is now School Nurse for Steilacoom School Dist., while AL is the Asst. Director of Admissions at PLU.

PHYLLIS ARNESON STORAASLI is teaching for the Clover Park School Dist. She and Wayne are living in Lakewood, Wash.

1966

JAMES FEEK, an agent for Connecticut Mutual Life, placed over 1½ million dollars of life insurance for his clients during the past year. Less than 2 per cent of all the Career Life Insurance Agents in the U.S. attain the million dollar sales level in a year.

REV. BRUCE LUNDBERG of Long Beach, Calif., has accepted a call to serve the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Coloma, and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Richford, in Wisc.

Bruce and CAROL (ROBINSON '63) and sons Paul 3, and Timmy 15 months, are residing at the parsonage in Richford.

1968

BARBARA ANDERSON BOYD is a public health nurse in Hoquiam, Wn.

STEVE and PRISCILLA (VINAAS) WRIGHT are living in Battle Ground, Wash. This is Steve's third year teaching junior high in Hockinson. Priscilla is an RN with Clark County Health Dept., Vancouver.

DENNIS FLATH received his M.A. degree in wildlife biology at the U. of Montana in Dec. and is now working for the Montana State Fish and Game Dept. as a Wildlife Biologist. He and HELEN (HOSUM '65) are living in Libby, Mt.

1969

Upon Brian Mannix' return from Vietnam in October 1969, he and his wife VICKI (HANFBAUER), and daughter Shannon Marie, moved to Burlingame, Calif. Vicki has begun her internship for Med. Tech. at El Camino Hospital in Mt. View.

DAVE HANSON is currently completing his M.A. at the U. of Wisconsin in African History.

RICK ROUSE is attending Wartburg Theo. Sem. He is Director of Youth Ministry Staff which coordinates ministry among the Lutheran churches and offers special outreach to the city's youth. He is also a high school "chaplain" and student counselor.

1970

PENNIE MOBLO is serving with the Peace Corps in Tonga, teaching biology and English in a girls' high school.

JANE GRIEBELER is teaching English at a school operated by Christian businessmen. Beginning April 1 she'll be teaching English to medical students in the med. school and in the junior college.

Since August CATHERINE UNSETH has been in Richmond, Va., with VISTA.

PFC WILLIAM GROSSIE is stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., and working as a social worker in the Mental Hygiene Clinic.

Marriages —

June 26, 1966: Charles W. Bond to Betty Marie Winters '65, in Astoria, Ore.

June 1, 1968: Dr. David R. Kniefel '64, to Tanya Juarez.

Aug. 17, 1968: Gary L. Peterson '69, to Diane A. Clouston '68.

July 25, 1969: Bud Simpson to Mary Ann Nichols '69.

Sept. 4, 1969: David L. Pearson '67, to Nancy Steinke.

Sept. 13, 1969: John D. Bratlie '69, to Linda Michou.

Nov. 22, 1969: Mark P. Hale, Jr., to Gretchen G. Mellum '68.

June 12, 1970: Del L. Steiner to Rose Marie Lanes '69.

June 14, 1970: James C. Luedtke to Elizabeth Kroll '64.

Sept. 5, 1970: Rodrick Boyd to Barbara Anderson '68.

Oct. 17, 1970: Wayne E. Storaasli to Phyllis Arneson '65, in Longview, Wn.

Births —

Charles W. Bond (Betty M. Winters '65), son, Charles Wesley, III, born Aug. 3, 1968.

R. Eugene Pochel '55 (Jean Baker '55), adopted daughter, Pamela Renee, born Jan. 15, 1970.

Walter Morey (Sharon Graham '63), daughter, Cheryl Angella, born Feb. 20, 1970. Joins brother Scott Allen 4.

Gerald Fosen '60, (Janice Karlstad '65), daughter, Ruth Kari, born June 12, 1970. Joins sister Grethe Ann 2½.

Garry Nevers '63 (Karol York '66), son, Corey Allyn, born June 23, 1970.

Steven A. Young (Georgiann Kuilberg '69), daughter, Kristin Lee, born June 30, 1970.

Greg Karlsgodt '67 (Carrol Kirby '67), son, Paul Gregory, born Aug. 25, 1970.

Glen Graham '66 (Christine Snyder '66), son, Michael John, born Sept. 19, 1970.

Gary K. Johnson '65 (Kris Anderson '68), daughter, Tristin Anne, born Sept. 20, 1970.

Olav Engen '64, son, Nils Andrew, born Sept. 28, 1970. Joins brother Einar 2.

Stephen Brandt '56, daughter, Sabrina Linne, born Oct. 4, 1970.

Mike Cullom '66 (Sylvia Mollien '66), daughter, Beth Ann, born Oct. 5, 1970.

Deaths —

MRS. WALTER J. MAAKES-TAD (LAURA) '11, died March 6, 1970.

MRS. J. R. EMBICH (MYRTLE OLSEN) '13, died March 25, 1970.

MILTON C. HOFF '11, died Oct., 1970. He was born in Missouri Valley, Iowa, coming to Tacoma in 1911. He retired as a foreman in the lumber industry in 1957.

He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Tacoma Elks Lodge.

Survivors include two sons, John W., of Seattle, and Milton C., Jr., of Portland; two daughters, Mrs. Jack D. (Elizabeth) Woodhams, of Longview, and Mrs. William H. (Emmy Lou) Watson, of Seattle; two sisters, Mrs. A. D. (Lucille) Fryslie, of San Francisco, Calif., and Mrs. F. C. (Gladys) Gibson, of Tacoma; a brother, Lucian '01, of Tacoma; and seven grandchildren.

THEODORE M. DANIELS '08, died Jan., 1971. He was born in Crookston, Minn., and lived in Tacoma until 1919, when he moved to Parkland. Mr. Daniels was a retired hardware store owner and a member of Parkland Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, ELSIE (STORAASLI '18); a daughter, MRS. STANLEY (THELMA) WILLIS '40, of Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico; a brother, Ingman, of Coeur d'Alene, Id.; and four grandchildren.

Oct. 24, 1970: Richard Chapman to Diane Ackles '69, in Seattle, Wn.

Nov. 7, 1970: Don Tarleton to Charlotte M. Luedtke '65.

Nov. 16, 1970: Henry A. Dye to Lois F. Hahn '57.

Nov. 21, 1970: Frank Johnson '66, to JoAnne Hagen '69.

Nov. 27, 1970: Stuart J. Churness '70, to Karen A. Scharping '70, in Everett, Wn.

Dec. 19, 1970: Phil Goldenman '69, to Peggy Lemen '71, in Tacoma, Wn.

Dec. 26, 1970: Lawrence Edlund to Kathy Taylor '64, in Tacoma, Wn.

Dec. 27, 1970: Oliver C. Varnes, Jr., to Carol Urlie '56.

Dec. 31, 1970: Dr. Chris Halvorson '62, to Zora Rasie, in Reno, Nev.

Feb. 20, 1971: Ronald E. Baker to Joanne S. Peterson '62, in Kent, Wn.

Future PLU Alums Reflect On Religious Attitudes — 1971

WAS CHRISTIAN AFFILIATION AT PLU A FACTOR IN YOUR DECISION TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY? IF SO, DID PLU MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS?

Lowell: It was a factor in my decision. After I got here, I was disappointed. I was looking for a vibrant and exciting Christian atmosphere. PLU just didn't have it. I found that in order to find Christianity, in order to be satisfied, you really have to do a lot of your own searching.

Glen: I feel somewhat the same way. I was looking for a challenge. But the burden of beginning the search lies with the individual. If you don't probe on your own, you can be here for four years and the only contact you have with Christianity is in the name.

Sally: It was a minor factor for me. Basically, I wanted to come to a small school. I chose PLU because it was across the state from my home. As far as religion goes, I don't think any religion will do any good if it hits you in the face. I think Pacific Lutheran has the right attitude. It doesn't force it, yet it's there if you want it.



Lowell Anderson

Dennis: I was looking for a Christian-related school. I myself am a Baptist. I first tried our denominational college, but was very turned off at the response I got there when I was checking out colleges. So I came to PLU and was very impressed at first.

After I'd been here a short time, I was not as impressed as I was initially, but I still feel that PLU is more of a Christian institution than many other church colleges in this nation.

HAS THE UNIVERSITY CHANGED WITH REGARD TO RELIGION SINCE YOU ENTERED AS FRESHMEN?

Sally: I think the change is reflected in the University itself. When I was a freshman, we were required to go to Chapel. That was pretty formal. The University has taken steps away from required functions.

(Editor's Note: Chapel policy was changed from compulsory to voluntary by the PLU Board of Regents on June 10, 1968.)

Lowell: In measuring religious life on campus, the kids I know seem to have an awareness of Christ or God. Students are as religious, if that's the term, as people have always been at PLU.

But, as Sally was saying, the organization is becoming less important, or at least it's not filling all the needs of all the students. So, they think formal religion is less important.

Dennis: Lately, there have been special groups organizing and some of the dorms have tried to

What are PLU students saying and thinking about religious issues? There was only one way to find out. We asked them. The following informal exchange among four senior students is the result of our efforts.

Four students volunteered for our interview: Lowell Anderson, a pre-medical student from Springfield, Ore.; Glen Anderson, a pre-seminarian from Everett, Wash., and Mooring Mast columnist; Sally Landt, a physical education major from Spokane, Wash.; and Dennis Bryant, a history major from Chehalis, Wash.

Although physical limitations preclude representing all the diverse religious views on campus, this interview reflects the feelings, attitudes and concerns of a great number of our future alumni. Some are active in organized religious activities while others are not.

Here is what they said.

get together once a week for worship. There are students who have a deep concern for Christ.

DO YOU VIEW THE INFORMAL TENDENCY IN RELIGION AS A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE TREND?

Glen: This is something I've personally worked for. Last spring we organized a series of innovative religious services where every week we did something totally different. The response to that was pretty good.

I think it's a healthy trend because if you rely too much on some kind of structure, it's too easy to slide along, going through forms, but not really confronting yourself.

Lowell: I agree with Glen that getting away from the formal is good because you can get so caught up in the structure that you forget the essence. But getting caught up in devising new schemes of worship to attract people might not be the best way to approach it either. I believe the best way to approach Christianity is to become involved with organizations, like Campus Crusade for Christ and Inter-Varsity.

They are more concerned about the basics of Christianity. These students seem to have found that they can work through a Church or organization, or in spite of an organization, and develop a vibrant Christianity. The Lutheran Church bothers me because (I believe) it has the structure, but seems to have lost the vibrancy.

Sally: To me, Christianity is something that is very individualistic. I haven't been to church all year, and I don't think I'm any less a Christian than anyone else on this campus. I don't need to go to Church every Sunday to know that Jesus Christ exists.



Dennis Bryant

WHAT IS THE DEGREE OF RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AT PLU? IS IT DIFFERENT THAN AT STATE INSTITUTIONS? DOES EVERYONE HAVE AN ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE HIS OWN FAITH?

Dennis: I feel I have adequate opportunity to explore my faith. I'm basically more conservative than my own denomination (Baptist). I think it's the conserva-



Sally Landt

tive angle, not my denomination, that my peers find it hardest to identify with.

Sally: As far as religion is concerned, we have all types of different groups and attitudes. I think PLU differs from state campuses in that kids here don't get laughed into the ground. They're given a chance to do their thing on this campus. On a lot of state campuses they couldn't even exist.

Lowell: I disagree with Sally's statement about intolerance on state campuses. I went to a state university when I was a sophomore, and I think that students there are looking for something spiritual, whether it's Buddhism or Taoism or whatever. Therefore, since everyone is seeking something spiritual, everyone is more tolerant of other beliefs.

WHAT IS THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE RELIGION DEPARTMENT AT PLU?

Glen: The religion department here is doing a good job in dealing with religious questions students might have. The department here is sharp enough to help us make the transition to academic life.

They help us reconcile the Christian message with the academic and scientific values we have to have to get by in our society. One very important thing PLU does is to bridge the gap between old-style theology and academic life.

Dennis: Although I've only had one course in religion here, I feel that, basically, the ideas which were taught did not contradict my ideas.

Lowell: Religion professors have always made it very clear in their lectures that they are not putting anyone down. They're really tolerant of different views. The religion department is very good in confronting a person with humanity, with Christianity, and with Lutheranism. They challenge a person a little bit, making him think. That's the important thing.

COULD YOU MAKE ANY FINAL GENERALIZATIONS OR OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE CURRENT RELIGIOUS CLIMATE AT THE UNIVERSITY?

Glen: I think it's been freed up quite a bit. We've had a breath of fresh air and a new perspective. Instead of following the same old

path, PLU is actively looking for what its role should be as a Christian University.

They are trying to meet the needs of more students in more and various ways. I guess that's the primary function of the Religious Life Council, encouraging tolerance and variety. The RLC is trying to meet the religious needs of today's students, not students of the '40's or '50's.

Lowell: I agree completely. I think there are many different factors that are helping things open up religiously. I'm encouraged by the RLC's policy of allowing other groups to come in and fill the needs of students.

Dennis: I think a freer atmosphere is great. It doesn't do any good to force a person to follow Christianity or go to Chapel. If you force a person, he doesn't get anything out of it. If he goes voluntarily, then he is looking for something and he may come face to face with God.

Glen: It's not so much that there has been a decrease in faith, but just that students aren't participating in the group thing. A lot of people maybe come here and because it's a Christian school by name, they think that's enough and don't extend themselves to take advantage of specific opportunities.



Glen Anderson

Lowell: I agree. I think we have to keep working constantly to confront students with relevant Christianity, not just the structural thing that so many students are rejecting.

Glen: Although maybe some of the alumni who are reading this will shudder and think things are bad at PLU, I'm not sure that notion is justified. Maybe years ago, people weren't any more challenged than we are now.

It was more the thing to do then, to become involved in formal religion, and now it's less the thing. It's not that students have any less faith, but just that they are tired of expressing it in the conventional way.

ARE WE REACHING STUDENTS WITH NEW, INFORMAL APPROACHES TO CHRISTIANITY?

Glen: I don't know. The innovative services last spring were pretty successful. Students who never went to Student Congregation often came to ours. I don't know if we are making up everything we've lost in the transition to the informal attitude and we should be continually trying new ways.

Dennis: We've got to find a way to reach all the students, whether it's traditional, a new approach, interdenominational or whatever. I think most of the ideas are good and have their place and should be incorporated. But we still have to come up with some new ideas.



Sterling Harshman, left, and Mark Salzman

Sterling Harshman Receives 1st Annual Salzman Award

Sterling Harshman '43, Puyallup High School track coach the past 25 years and former PLU standout, was presented the first annual Salzman Award at the PLU Invitational Relays March 20.

The new award, named in honor of former Lute athletic director and track coach Mark Salzman, who served at PLU from 1951-1967, is presented for "meritorious service to the sport of track."

Harshman, whose son Steve is the current PLU shot put record holder and an outstanding football player, is the "dean" of South Puget Sound track coaches. He has had boys in the state track meet every year he has coached.

Harshman still holds the PLU records for the 100- and 220-yard dashes, set in 1942.

4-Man Shell Key To PLU Rowing Hopes

PLU's four-man with cox shell, which finished third in last June's prestigious International Rowing Association Regatta in competition with the nation's crew titans, is "making waves" again this spring on the West Coast.

The veteran crew, with Tim Brueckner rowing in place of Bruce Dahl but with Malcolm Klug, Conrad Hunziker, Jim Puttler and cox Ralph Neils aboard again, is three feet short of being undefeated in four spring starts.

The week of April 5-10 saw the Lute varsity four defeat Santa Clara at Santa Clara by two lengths and then top the Golden Bears of the University of California by three lengths in the Long Beach Regatta.

In the season's opener the four-man shell lost to Oregon State by three feet in stormy seas that caused University of British Columbia and Western Washington boats to sink. An early season practice race resulted in a 10-second win over University of Puget Sound.

The eight-man crews have had problems. The varsity beat Santa Clara, but finished third at Long Beach and fourth in the opener in Vancouver, B.C. They topped UPS by 45 seconds in the practice run.

Record Lute Offense Keyed Successful Season

Number 13 did not hold its customary jinx as Coach Gene Lundgaard '52 was named Northwest Small-College Coach of the year in his 13th year at the PLU helm.

Pulling his squad from an early 1-7 record to the Northwest Conference championship, Lundgaard came within a minute of taking his cagers to Kansas City for the NAIA playoffs.

In the District I playoffs, Central Washington won the deciding contest 62-59. PLU opened with a 70-61 win and then lost to the Wildcats 81-71.

The Lutes finished 1970-71 far from empty-handed. In a "rebuilding" year they won their first undisputed NWC title, extended the consecutive winning season mark to 24 (15-14), and look for 10 veterans to return next year.

As the all-time victory mark rose to 508, Lundgaard notched his 225th coaching win to move within 11 of PLU's all-time winning coach Marv Harshman '42. His team also set a new offense mark with 2,374 points, breaking the 1958-59 stand-

PLU Swimmers Dominate NWC Title Meet

Lute swimmers smashed seven Northwest Conference records (all seven set by PLU in '69) enroute to the conference championship in a three-day meet at the PLU pool March 4-6.

Building a commanding lead the first day, PLU was never threatened. Coach Gary Chase's finest finished with 166 points to 123 for defending champion Lewis and Clark. Willamette had 60, Pacific 51, Whitman 30 and Linfield 14.

Terry Ludwig, a sophomore from Bellevue, set four new standards with victories in the 500 freestyle, 200 backstroke and 400 individual medley plus the opening leg on the 800 freestyle relay.

Senior Dave Hansen of Modesto, Cal., successfully defended his titles in one and three-meter diving. Freshman Pete Carder from Tacoma combined speed and endurance to break marks in the 200 and 1650 freestyle races.

Winning their third title in four years, the Lutes lose only Jim Bergstrom, Tacoma freestylist, to graduation.

Thinclads Prepare For Shot At Conference Track Crown

Overwhelming power in the shot and discus will provide the foundation for a second serious bid at the Northwest Conference track crown May 7-8, most Lute followers predict.

The only PLU loss in four dual meets this spring was a 92-50 loss suffered at the hands of defending champion Willamette by an Easter vacation-depleted squad.

So far coach Paul Hoseth's weightmen, Steve Harshman, Dan Pritchard, Randy Shipley, Stan Pietras and Carl Peterson, have competed primarily among themselves.

Peterson finished second in the

shot at the Pullman Indoor Invitational; Harshman set a new school standard (50'4") at the PLU Invitational Relays in which the Lutes finished third; Shipley led a shot sweep and Pietras a discus sweep in a 101-44 win over Pacific; Harshman led a shot sweep in a PLU win over Lewis and Clark; and Pritchard led another shot sweep at Willamette.

But Hoseth, who brought the cinder squad from last place to third in two years, has strong youngsters all the way down the roster. Glen Higgins has been a double winner twice in the sprints. Neil Martin, a converted sprinter, has two 880 wins and Tom Holmes regularly cops the long and triple jumps. Phil Tundel is accustomed to winning the javelin; Mike Greer is a record-setting pole vaulter, and John Oberg and Frank Wilson are strong in the hurdles and the 440 respectively.

Hoseth is still trying, however, to find a replacement for Rob Gray, who set new school standards in the one, two and three-mile events last year. But the squad is young; there are only seven seniors on a 33-man roster.

Sports Shorts

Early spring golf results show the Lutes ranking number three in the Northwest Conference with Lewis and Clark holding a commanding lead.

The Pioneers won the PLU Tee-Off Tourney and the Northwest Small College Golf Classic, both held at Spanaway Golf Course. The Lutes finished third on both occasions.

Perfect Record Extended

Alum Guides Lute Offspring To Cage Title At Curtis

A PLU alumnus and three sons of PLU alums have been involved this year in one of the most exciting sagas in high school sports.

Gerry Redburg '58, in his second year as head basketball coach at Curtis Senior High School near Tacoma, guided his team to a 24-0 record and the state AA championship this winter.

An undefeated hoop season is feat enough, but what is more remarkable, the Curtis Vikings were undefeated against AA opponents in all sports through the fall and winter seasons!

Among the young athletes helping to compile the fantastic record are Mark Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Wells '52 (Sue Carpy '50); Jim Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ball '54 (Ramona Watkin '66); and Paul Zurfluh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Zurfluh '52.

Mark, whose father was a basketball and track star as a Lute, was a varsity quarterback on the undefeated (9-0) Curtis football team and averaged 11 points as a guard on the basketball team. Receiving All-Seamount League recognition in both sports, he is currently competing in four events for the Viking track squad.

Jim was a varsity golfer last fall and also averaged 11 points a game for the Curtis state basket-



Gerry Redburg

Jim Ball



Mark Wells

Paul Zurfluh

ball champions, receiving All-Tournament recognition in the latter sport. His dad was a football and basketball standout at PLU.

Paul, Curtis High's top defensive football player and an All-Seamount grid selection, scored 107 points for Coach Redburg's cage squad and is throwing javelin in track. He is a senior, Mark and Jim are juniors.

