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Lucia Bride Presented In Tonight's Festivities

Once again as a highlight of the Christmas season at PLC the Spurs will sponsor the sixth annual Lucia Bride festival. The 1958 Lucia Bride will be picked from the three finalists, Tamie Oman, Nadine Bruins, and Solveig Leraas. One of these Scandinavian blonds will be crowned with a halo of lighted candles in the ceremony taking place this evening at 8 p.m. in the CMS.

Solveig, a sophomore majoring in biology, is the only local girl of the three. Her father is a part-time faculty member in our biology department. She was sponsored by North Hall.

West Hall's candidate, Nadine, is from North Dakota and plans to go into parish work. The blond, blue-eyed Norwegian said that she had planned to come to PLC for many years and now, as a freshman, she is thrilled at being chosen for the Lucia Bride finals.

Tamie, who was sponsored by Old Main, plans to be a stenographer. Her home town is Everett. She is also a freshman and is happy at being chosen because her folks were so pleased.

The program for this evening will begin with Carolyn Erickson reading the story of St. Lucia.

Don Douglas, ASPLC president, will place the lighted crown on Lucia's head. The Spurs who accompany the procession will be wearing authentic Scandinavian outfits.

The program will also include John Olson singing "Gesu Bambino." Dan and Phil Erlander will sing Swedish songs and the Eighth Notes will sing several selections.

This year a new feature will be a torch light parade to CB-200 led by Lucia and her attendants. Refresh-

Snowflakes Flutter In PLC Decorations

Snowflakes can be seen gleaming from many windows on campus depicting the Christmas theme, "Festival of a Starry Night."

Paper, paste, glitter, and string were combined in carrying out this central theme of decorations. While in previous years no attempt at uniformity was made, this year the Library, Science Hall, CMS, and CB are decorated similarly.

Many students participated in the all school project on Monday evening. Under the direction of Blue Key, string was strung and glitter glued far into the night. Although the Christmas tree was absent, the students gathered around afterward for cocoa and doughnuts.

The kiosk, decorated by the Art Club, is similar to last year. This central campus attraction features a nativity scene and abstract angels.

ments will include various kinds of Swedish cookies, and coffee and punch. Warren Willis will lead the audience in Christmas carols to close the evening.

Bettie Oxley is general chairman. The price for the evening is 25 cents.



Solveig Leraas



Tamie Oman



Nadine Bruins

Christmas Concert Set for Sunday

The annual Christmas Concert, under the general direction of Prof. Gordon Gilbertson, will be presented by the PLC music department Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Music by the 64-voice Choir of the West, the 76-member college chorus, the orchestra and the Madrigals will highlight the afternoon's presentation.

"Prophecy," by Richard Purvis, "Scenes from the Holy Infancy," by

Virgil Thompson; "Benedictus," by Paladilhe, and "From Heaven Above," arranged by F. Melius Christiansen, will be performed by the Choir under the direction of Prof. Gunnar Malmin.

Soloists in the "Benedictus" will be Peg Byington and Robert Hodge.

"Fum, Fum, Fum," a traditional Spanish carol; "This Endris Carol," an English song; and "Masters in This Hall," a French carol, will be sung by the chorus.

The Madrigals will sing "The Holly and the Ivy," "What Child Is This?" and "Ding, Dong, Merrily on High." The orchestra will play before the concert, during the offering and after the concert has concluded.

"The Christ," a Christmas oratorio by Eric Curtis, which had its first public presentation in last year's concert, will climax the concert. Prof. Gilbertson will direct the combined music of the choir, chorus, and orchestra. Featured soloists will be Prof. Frederick Newnham, Peg Byington, Audry Hart, and the Rev. Reuben Redal, pastor of Central Lutheran Church.

A free will offering will be taken.



Prof. Gordon Gilbertson

Henry Siegl to Appear at PLC Jan. 6

Henry Siegl, violinist, will appear in the next Artist Series presentation at 8:30 p.m. in the CMS January 6.

Siegl, who was a part-time instructor in violin at PLC in 1956 and '57, is concert master and assistant director of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra.

He is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, and has studied under Mme. Lea Luboshutz, Dr. Arthur Rodzinski, Louis Bailly, Mme. Renee Longy and Emil Mlynarsky. While in New York he was a member of the NBC symphony orchestra directed by Toscanini.

During the winter season he works with the Seattle Symphony and is on the faculty of the University of Washington. His summers are spent giving concerts throughout the world.

Mr. Siegl, who has appeared before in concert at PLC, adds a friendly, informal air to his concerts, which gives greater audience appeal.

Faculty, Student Committee Names PLC Representatives

"Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" approved this week the 24 PLC seniors nominated for the 1959 edition of the yearbook. Nominations were picked by a 15-member faculty and a 15-member student committee. A candidate needed approval of both committees for final nomination.

Scholarship, leadership, character and extra-curricular participation were qualities considered in nominations. The following are the PLC students selected:

Seth Anderson, Jr., is a pre-medicine major from Tacoma, and played varsity football and baseball.

Bob Bills, Oakland, Calif., business administration major, also played football as well as being active in campus government.

Dave Dahl, a music major from San Francisco, Calif., is in the Choir of the West and Ambassador Quartet.

Don Douglas, student body president, is a speech major from Tacoma. He is an outstanding debater and member of Blue Key.

Camille Emerson, education major from Dayton, is state president of the Washington Student Education Association.

Mary Lou Engen, Yakima educa-

tion major, is a member of the Choir, Eighth Notes, Tassels, and Mooring Mast staff.

Len Ericksen, Longview psychology major, is noted for his announcing at athletic contests and other events.

Patricia Finn, medical technology major from Alhambra, Calif., is a member of Tassels and has been active in student government.

Ken Gamb is a sociology major from Oakland, Calif. He has been active in PLC student congregation work.

Lois Grimsrud, nursing student from Kalispell, Mont., is a member of Tassels and active in religious organizations.

Teddi Gulhaugen, education major from North Sacramento, Calif., is editor of the Saga and has been in the Choir and Eighth Notes.

Audry Hart, Fresno, Calif., education major, is a member of the Eighth Notes, madrigals, Tassels, and Mooring Mast staff.

Barbara Jackson, from Portland, Ore., is a literature major and member of the Tassels and Mooring Mast staff.

Dick Londgren, education major from Tacoma, is editor of the Mooring Mast and art editor of the Saga.

Dave Lunde, psychology major from North Hollywood, Calif., is president of the APO and student congregation trustee.

Bettelou Macdonald, Port Angeles education major, is an outstanding debater and a member of Tassels.

Sonja Simonson is an education major from Graham. She was in Spurs and is now in Tassels.

Mardell Soiland, Napa, Calif., an education major, is in the Eighth

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'Christmas Carol' Production Dec. 17

PLC's traditional presentation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," is scheduled for the CMS stage Dec. 17, with curtain time at 8 p.m. For the first time another production by the PLC cast will be held at Olympia Dec. 18.

The annual Christmas play, produced by Alpha Psi Omega in conjunction with the PLC speech department, will have Herb Dempsey in the lead role of stingy old Scrooge for the third consecutive year.

When asked how he felt about the part, Dempsey growled, "After three years I am beginning to feel like Scrooge himself. Now get out of here and don't bother me when I'm busy!"

Other members of the cast include Lyle Pearson, Paul Wold, Jerry Kress, Zane Wilson, Rod Nordberg, Nancy Fant, Bob LeBlanc, Joe Smith, Gina Jones, Jane Ross, Arlene Halvor, Carol Hurst, Richard Holmes, Paul Kuethe, Mickey Anderson, Mavis Everette, Sam Strothers and Leonard Ericksen.

Directors of this year's presentation are Arlene Halvor, Karen Knutzen and Lyle Pearson. Assisting them are Doug Anderson, Mickey Anderson and Susie Lannen. Miss Jane Smith of the speech department is adviser and Mr. Eric Nordholm, also of the speech department, is technical adviser.

Other workers are: Solveig Leraas, business manager; Art Ellickson, programs; Sandra Tynes, publicity; Barbara Stuhlmiller, house; Rollie Wulff, technician; Carl Muhr, electrician; Walter Schweiger, properties; Joanne Van Lierop, costumes; Kathy Stearns, make-up; and DeAnna Hanson, hand properties.

Bob Fleming is in charge of the pre-program activities and music will be provided by the Eighth Notes.

Cost is 35 cents per person. Innovations are promised for those who have seen the play before.



SCROOGE is interpreted with gyrations and distortions by Herb Dempsey, who will play the part for the third year in a row when the curtain goes up Dec. 17 for the annual PLC production of "A Christmas Carol."

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Holiday Driving Hazards

With a roar of motors and parting shouts of "Merry Christmas" next Friday PLCites will again enter the holiday race for home. In this "race" ordinary driving hazards are multiplied in the following ways:

First of all, heavy holiday traffic confronts the driver. This causes dangerous passing, following too closely, constant lane switching and neglect of many of the rules of road courtesy.

Weather is another special problem during the Christmas season. Snow and ice in mountainous areas cause unpredictable dangers, and rain and fog create slick road surfaces and limit vision.

Furthermore, college students have additional driving problems. They are usually in an excessive hurry to get home; the result, especially when traveling a long distance, is that they tend to drive with greater speed and with reckless abandon.

Getting insufficient sleep before starting out is another collegiate characteristic. "Non-stop" driving with little provision for sleep is another way in which the college student jeopardizes the lives of his passengers and himself.

Finally, college students, burdened by other financial responsibilities, sometimes fail to keep their cars in top mechanical condition. Smooth tires and fading brakes cause many avoidable accidents and help fulfill the gloomy predictions of the National Safety Council.

To insure a happy holiday vacation check the condition of the car before leaving, get plenty of sleep and adjust driving speed to road conditions.



DICK
LONDGREN

Dear Editor:

"Mr. Librarian, is there any way that the 'standing room only' conditions in the reading room can be changed?"

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(3) Have a fast game of jacks going each evening in the library lobby to drain off the "thumb twiddlers" who are merely occupying space.

(4) String up the librarian (in effigy). Wow! Can't you see it coming over the A.P. wires: Cambridge, New York, Sheboygan, Little Rock, etc.—A.P. boys tear off the ticker tape—dash to the city desk, breathless—trembling—"Look, what a story—what a headline—"

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Yours truly, FRANK H. HALEY, Librarian



Pasternak Rebuke Shows Red Fear

by JoAnn Hudson

The reaction to "Dr. Zhivago," a best selling novel in all parts of the world except the homeland of its author, offers a startling contrast between the totalitarianism of Russia and the democracy of the United States.

Boris Pasternak, its author, was recently named as the winner of the 1958 Nobel Prize for literature. But Pasternak, who lives quietly and inconspicuously at Peredelkino, Russia, was forced by the Soviet government to reject the coveted prize.

"Dr. Zhivago," pervaded with a Christian theme, criticizes the Communist suppression of individuality. Consequently, the Soviet government did not approve of the book, would not recognize its literary merits and did not allow publication of the novel. And Pasternak was given the choice of refusing the Nobel Prize and denouncing his book or leaving the country.

Pasternak bowed to the dictates of the tyrannical Communist government, because, he said, he loves his country and would not be able to create away from his homeland. Without creativity, to him, life would be meaningless.

In contrast the government of the United States has been barraged with and grown from continuous criticism since its genesis. Literary giants, such as Cooper, Thoreau, Emerson, Twain and Norris, pointed out the foibles of America. Also, in the early 20th century the "muckraking" pack exposed weaknesses; now in the middle of the 20th century the "beatniks" are adding their acid comments. And Sinclair Lewis, the first writer from the United States to win the Nobel award, won his fame from a series of novels that ridiculed the American society.

Prisoners' Reactions Inspire Musicians

by Audry Hart

As we members of the Choir of the West and Eighth Notes were being ferried across the waters of Puget Sound to McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary last Sunday, I again wondered how the inmates would respond to our offering of music.

Several times before our musical groups have appeared there. These men, young as well as old, did not fit the stereotype of cold stoic gangsters—they are human beings with feelings just as you and I have, missing their loved ones, children, wives and parents.

When the Eighth Notes appeared there last year, we were allowed to eat in the dining hall with the prisoners, apparently a precedent in our federal prisons. It was then especially that I realized the humanness of these men. We were helping to celebrate an anniversary of their "Self Improvement Club," and I saw how these inmates were trying to better themselves in order to return to society. They learn trades, advance to more skilled prison jobs and take courses by correspondence from Clover Park High School. Through their "Self Improvement Club" they even invite guest lecturers from the Puget Sound area.

While learning trades the prisoners also help maintain the self-supporting institution by running the farm and working in various shops. In addition to earning a little money they prepare for their return to the outside world.

They also invite outsiders to assist with worship services. Jerry Erickson, PLC junior, directs their choir. A month ago Rev. C. K. Malmin, Mardell Soiland and I helped with their worship and enjoyed their conversation afterward.

The thunderous applause, whether for Bach or "rock," during Sunday's concert, again reminded me that these too were humans trying to adjust to unique problems.

Christmas Traditions Differ Around World

by Anita Hillesland

Christmas is universally celebrated but every nation does so in a different way. The simple story of the birth of the baby Jesus is the basis of all the festivities and around it have grown many traditions through which people express their thankfulness and joy for God's gift of a Savior.

Many of our Christmas customs here in America are products of European practices. From Germany we get the Christmas tree, from England the yule log and Christmas carolers. Scandinavian households here frequently eat a supper of lutefisk and lefse on December 24 as do their relatives in Europe.

Czechoslovakia has a very commendable way of honoring the birthday of Christ. Traditionally, all quarrels are ended and friendships renewed as the people visit their friends and foes and forgive any misunderstandings that may have arisen during the year.

Norway and Denmark thoughtfully remember the birds at Christmas by placing a sheaf of the best grain saved from the fall harvest outside on Christmas morning—the birds' Christmas dinner. Also, the farm animals are given extra care and food.

According to tradition and religious beliefs Christmas Eve in Syria is spent in worship and prayer, and Christmas Day is chiefly observed in the home with prayers and quiet rejoicing. This is in contrast to many countries which feature parades and other festive activities during this season.

One of our foreign students, Ming Yee Wang, tells how Christmas is celebrated by Chinese Christians in Hong Kong.

All the young people in the church gather on Christmas eve to sing Christmas carols for hospitals, orphans' homes, "shut-ins," homes for the poor and the aged, members of their congregation and other Lutheran churches, as they ride about the city in cars or rented busses all night long. Excitement runs high as they look forward to telling others about the "Good News." Ming Yee commented that much of this type of excitement seems to be missing in the United States. "Here there appears to be more emphasis on giving presents, decorating the homes, and preparing for company during the holidays," she added.

Chinese Christmas cards, she continued, are now beginning to show the manger scene with Oriental characteristics so that the people will not think of Christianity as a foreign religion.

Among Christians the world over, whether in England, Norway, Germany, China or here in the United States, at Christmas all burdens and troubles are temporarily set aside as we remember the words "Peace on earth, good will toward men with whom He is pleased."



By Bob Fleming

Heigh, ho. Since everybody was welcoming back Dr. Eastvold last week I decided to wait and do it this week—so, welcome home, Dr. Eastvold. I won't say things have been dead while you've been gone, but they've had to quit ringing the 7:30 curfew bell. Kept waking everyone up . . . Also while you've been gone I lost my job as elevator operator. Couldn't remember the route.

Mr. Nordholm has an idea for alleviating the bad situation about the bars in the windows in the coffee shop—Simply raise the sidewalks . . . How about a faculty committee to investigate the possibilities? . . . IS IT TRUE? Dr. Fritts is thinking about building an organ in the swimming pool? Remember, you read it here first.

How about these new cars! What speed! It must be so reassuring to know you can back up at 110 miles an hour . . . NEW BOOK DEPT.: I WAS A TEEN-AGE CATHOLIC, by Martin Luther . . . Thanks D.D. . . . Glad to see the editorial last week about the crowded study conditions in the library because having to study in the men's lavatory is ridiculous!

I'm really mad! Here it is just about Christmas time and the editor says I can't mention the 2nd best stocking filler I know, my Fleming Sez Year's Book, which is on sale now . . . Whoops, I did it . . . I used to go to classes with my dog. Then one day we were separated. My dog graduated . . .

Somebody told me I should get a big hand for my column last week. Right across the mouth . . . Some columns are good. Others are lousy. This one is good and lousy . . . Well, fare-thee-well for this week. See you next year. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, your buddy, Uncle Bob-Bob.

PLC Hosts Bakers Saturday Night at 8

Aiming for revenge of a 79-62 defeat at the hands of the Northwest Bakers last Friday, Pacific Lutheran's Gladiators will again take on the Bread Makers tomorrow night in the PLC gym at 8 o'clock.

A preliminary contest between the Lute junior varsity and Ray Ridge Motors, a Tacoma City League team, will get underway at 6:00 p.m.

During the past week the PLC cagers won two and lost two tilts.

In the Tacoma Athletic Commission Tournament last weekend PLC was downed on Friday by the Bakers, but the next night came back to knock off Western Washington 66 to 58.

Last Tuesday the Gladiators faced a surprisingly tough College of Puget Sound quintet and saw some exciting moments before they finally pulled a 70-66 win out.

Portland University's Pilots handed PLC their first loss to another college team on Wednesday down at Portland.

The Pilots out shot, out hustled, and out rebounded the Lutes to take a 64-42 victory.

Going into tomorrow's game with the Bakers, Roger Iverson leads the Glad scoring parade with 99 tallies. Rog is averaging an even 19 points per game.

Bob Roiko is next in line with a total of 81 points and an average of 16.2 per game.

Iverson's best game was against CPS when he hit 10 out of 20 shots and three for three free throws for 28 points.

Roiko's best output was against Western when he sank 25 points. Roiko also leads the team in rebounds with 57.

Big Bill (Whitey) Williams, junior college transfer from California, is second on the boards, grabbing off 52.

Coach Gene Lundgaard expects to start the Iverson brothers at guard, Williams at center, and Roiko and Denny Ross at forwards against the Bakers tomorrow night.



"MR. BASKETBALL" was the name hung on Gene Lundgaard when he played at Pacific Lutheran from 1947 to 1951. This year he has taken over as head coach of his alma mater, which faces the powerful Northwest Bakers Saturday night in the PLC gym at 8 o'clock.

Curtis Holds Lute Records

Chuck Curtis, Pacific Lutheran's candidate for Little All-American, holds more individual basketball records in the Gladiator books than any other player in the school's history.

The most points scored in one game is 44, a record set by Curtis against Whitworth last season.

Curtis also holds the single game records for field goals scored, 16; field goal percentage, 76.9 (10 of 13); free throws attempted, 24; and free throws scored, 15 of 16.

Season records held by Curtis are points scored, 627; field goals scored, 225; and free throws attempted, 285.

Curtis also is co-holder with Roger Iverson of the record for consecutive free throws made with 16.

Hap-hazarding

by Eugene Hapala

Competitive athletics can certainly come up with some ironic twists. Last spring when PLC basketball coach MARV HARSHMAN left PLC to take over the reins of the Washington State College Cougars everyone pointed out the fact that PLC would again have an abundance of casaba talent and would practically be a shoo-in for their fifth consecutive Evergreen Conference championship, while the Cougars were again being tabbed for the cellar position.

Barber shop bull-sessions were buzzing with envy for new PLC Coach GENE LUNDGAARD.

Now with just two weeks of pre-season play having elapsed, the Cougars under Harshman's tutelage have squeaked by several opponents and it will surprise no one if they climb out of the cellar and knock off a couple of the pre-season favorites when league play rolls around in January.

Meanwhile, at PLC, Lundgaard is having to experiment with several rosy checked freshmen in an attempt to fill the gaps left open by injuries to 1958 all-conference forwards CHUCK CURTIS and JIM VAN BEEK.

Many sports writers and coaches are ticketing the Lutes to the runner-up position in the 1959 campaign. Thus far the Lutes have managed to fare quite well, but only the final gun will decide who will carry off the Evergreen flag.

Over in the Palouse country, Harshman is, temporarily at least, enjoying the prosperity of ruining the prognosticators' guesses.

WSC definitely must be counted out of any championship contention, but congratulations are definitely in order for the early season success of the Cougars.


U REVOIR

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce Zane Wilson, your new Mooring Mast sports columnist who will be taking over this corner of your paper from yours truly in the next issue of the Mooring Mast.

We have decided to retire in order to devote adequate time for planning your 1958-59 Saga and the annual Letterman's Award Banquet in the spring.

We'd like to thank several people and departments for their cooperation and assistance in helping to make this column possible. Heading this list is Athletic Director MARK SALZMAN and his able coaching staff, Mr. MILTON NESVIG from the PLC Department of Public Relations, our Mooring Mast editor, Dick Londgren, and last, but not least, you, the students, for your whole-hearted support.

Good luck to Zane, and a Merry Christmas to you, the students.



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Cage Boss Lundgaard Is Former PLC Star

Serving his first year as head basketball coach at Pacific Lutheran College is Gene Lundgaard, who comes from Franklin Pierce High School in Tacoma.

Lundgaard, a former PLC hoop star himself, steps into a position left vacant by his former tutor, Marv Harshman, who took over the varsity cage forces at Washington State College this year.

The title "Mr. Basketball" was given Gene when he played for the Lutes from 1947 to 1951.

He earned a starting berth on the Gladiator five in the first game of his freshman year and never missed starting a game during his four years on the squad.

During his last two seasons he

was an all-conference forward, and in 1951 he set a school individual scoring record which stood till last year when Chuck Curtis shattered it.

Lundgaard took an active part in basketball while serving in the United States Air Force and played with the Memphis Air Force Base team which took third place in the World which took third place in the World-Wide Air Force Tourney in 1952.

He also was named most valuable player in the tourney for the south-eastern United States that year.

When he came home from the Air Force, he began teaching health and physical education at Franklin Pierce. He also coached freshman basketball and football and varsity golf at F.P.

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Beverly Swanson, Seattle education major, is president of the PLC Student Education Association and in Tassels.

Paul Templin, education major from Puyallup, is president of the Lettermen's Club and manager-trainer of all varsity athletics.

Connie Thompson, Olympia education major, is student body secretary and a member of Tassels.

Jay Tronsdale, from Claresholm, Alta., Canada, is an education major, vice president of the student body and student congregation trustee.

Vacation Starts Friday

Christmas vacation will officially start at 3:30 p.m. next Friday and will end at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5th.

This issue of the Mooring Mast will be the last one for 1958. The next issue will be published Jan. 9.

Tom Unmacht, psychology major from Milwaukee, Wis., is on the college exchange committee and president of the psychology club.

Jim Van Beek, education major from Tacoma, plays varsity basketball and tennis and is a member of Blue Key.

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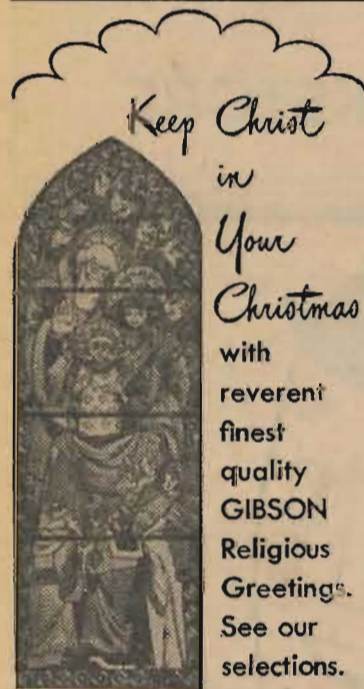
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Martin Luther

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