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New Year



Karlstad Singers Record Concert

The Karlstad Family Singers, who appeared here in a chapel program last year, now have ready for sale a long play record of their concert. On sale in the bookstore, this professional recording sells for a special \$3.00 price, rather than the usual \$3.98 cost of most such records.

This group is a family quintet interested in singing as an opportunity to witness, and as a method of cementing family unity. Members of the group include Rev. A. M. Karlstad of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Tacoma and part time PLU religion professor, and the eldest daughter, Janice, a PLU freshman.

The group's repertoire features a wide variety of choral classics, drawn from the music used by choirs from Concordia, Saint Olaf, and PLU. Pastor Karlstad himself sang with the choirs of the latter two schools, as well as with the PLC Mixed Quintet and the St. Olaf Gospel Quartet.

Especially evident among the selections used in the concert are those by Lutheran composers, such as Handel, Bach, Grieg, Oscar Overby, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and E. Melius Christiansen.

The Bookstore suggests this record, and the PLC Christmas record, as excellent Christmas gifts.

Dorms Decorate For Open House This Weekend

Interested visitors will have the opportunity to call upon each of the dorms to view the students' many and varied accomplishments this weekend. Open house will be held in the residence halls on Sunday, December 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

South Hall's decoration theme is "Winter Wonderland" and the windows of the dorm are painted in different winter scenes. South Hall girls decorated the Science Building with large white snowflakes. As its Christmas theme North Hall chose "Santa's Toyshop," and the girls decorated the library with greens.

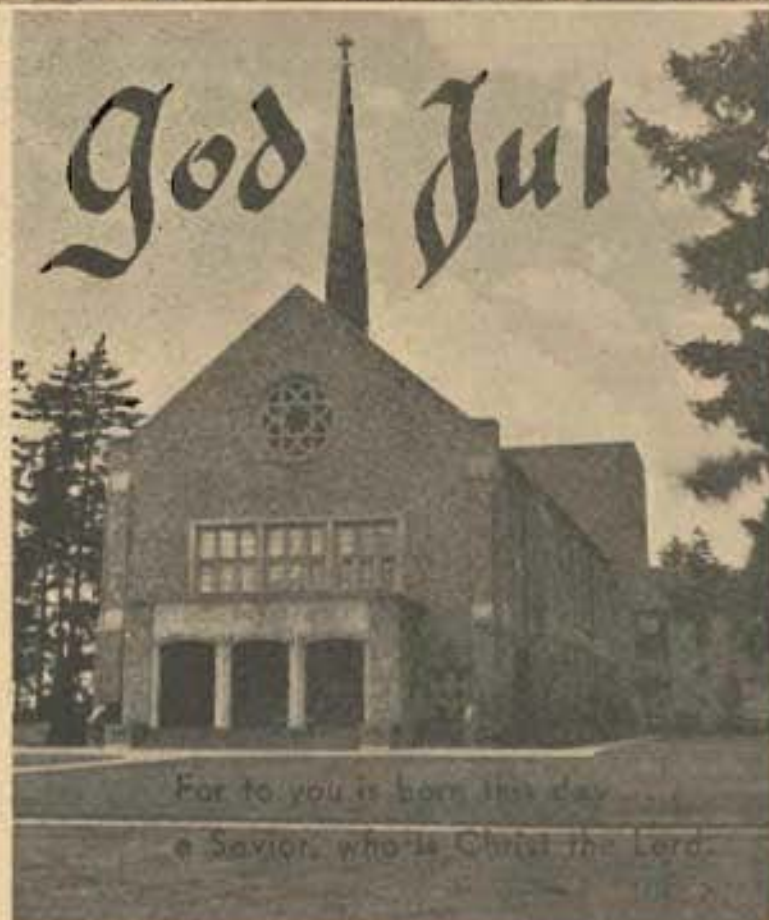
On each window of West Hall is a brightly colored Christmas ball designed by the girls themselves. Inside the large balls are many colored designs such as angels, churches, snowmen, and Santa Claus. West Hall also decorated the GUB with stars dangling from streamers of red and green paper, greens, and a painting of candles and a message of cheer on the mirror.

The Administration Building was adorned in holiday greens by Clover Creek.

STUDENT CONGREGATION HOLDS CANDLE SERVICE

The Student Congregation will hold a Christmas candlelight service Tuesday evening at 10:30 in the CMS. The service will be in the form of a short (about 45 minutes) devotional get-together before the students leave to go home for the holidays.

There will also be a basketball game that evening, but students are encouraged to "come as you are" after the game to this service.



Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit:

And her husband, Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit:

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel."

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

Math. 1:18-25

Christmas Concert Adds To Festive Spirit at PLU

Adding to the Christmas spirit on the PLU campus will be the Christmas Concert, which will be presented by the Choir of the West, and the Concert Chorus, Sunday, in two performances, 3:00 and 8:00 p.m.

The two organizations will present groups of special music, some of which will be joined by the audience. Dr. S. E. Eastvold will read the Christmas Gospel, and Professor T. O. H. Karl will do the narrating.

The concert chorus will sing a variety of Carols which aren't heard very often. These carols are from all over the world, and were written in four different centuries. One Spanish carol, based on legend, tells of a donkey on his way to Bethlehem with a gift of chocolate for the Christ Child. On the way he meets gypsies with swaddling clothes for the Child. Annie Jacobson will sing the solo on this number.

Eight soloists will be featured on a Kentucky mountain ballad of Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem. They stopped to rest under a cherry tree. Mary asked Joseph to pick her some cherries, but he refused; the cherry tree, knowing that Mary was about to give birth to the Christ Child, bowed its branches for her to pick the cherries. Joseph quite moved by this action, said,

"What have I done, Lord, have mercy on me."

Another carol, from 16th Century France, tells of small children traveling to worship the Christ Child. A fourth one from 19th Century France is the song of the shepherds from the opera, "Childhood of Christ," by Berlioz.

ATTENTION

All peppy people who play a musical instrument are urged to try out for the pep band, this semester and next. It is not necessary to be a member of the university band to perform with this organization.

For further information contact Dick Latimer, ext. 473, or Professor Gordon O. Gilbertson, in the band office.

'A Christmas Carol' Set For Presentation Monday

Monday evening will see the curtain rise on a fourteen-year-old tradition at PLU—the staging of "A Christmas Carol." The well-known story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his visits by apparitions will again be sponsored by Curtain Call Club at 8:00 p.m. on the CMS stage.

The play is under the direction of Alpha Psi Omega members Robert E. Johnson, R. Dennis Graedel and Steven Guff. Assistant directors from Curtain Call Club are Bill Robb, Karel Vaude Poel and Merle Overland. Advising the directors will be Stanley Elberson and Eric Nordholm of the Speech Department faculty.

Appearing in roles they have held before are Bruce Bindel as Fred; Karren Hanson as Fan and Belinda; Kathy Wynstra as Belle; Deanna Dirks as the Ghost of Christmas Past; Dale Thompson as Bob Cratchit; Liz Kroll as Martha; Paul Wold as the Collector and as Joe, the undertaker's man. This perpetuates the tradition of holding a part as long as one stays at PLU.

New to their roles this year are Don Scavy as Scrooge; James Amend as Marley's Ghost; Don Myhre as the Ghost of Christmas Present; Bill Robb as the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come; Marsha Seldon as Fred's wife; Peggy Ojden as Mrs. Cratchit; Dave Cameron as Young Scrooge; Dianne Braunbold as the Charwoman; and the Cratchit children, Tiny Tim and Peter, are David Zulauf and David Christopherson. Mr. Elberson, who directed the first production of "A Christmas Carol" when he was a PLU student, will appear as the Reader.

Pre-sale of tickets for the play will be held today during dinner, and Monday during both lunch and dinner. Prices will be: Students, faculty and staff 25c; adults 50c.

Ninth Annual Lucia Bride Opens Season

The Christmas season at PLU began again this year with the ninth annual crowning of Lucia Bride. This year's Lucia Bride is Karen Phil; her attendants are Tena Reynolds and Evonne Brown.

Again sponsored by the Spurs, the evening started with a candlelight procession of that group's members walking down the aisles singing "Santa Lucia." Kathy Shaffer, president of Spurs, read the Lucia Bride Legend, and Charles Mays, ASPLU president, crowned Karen with the seven candles of the Lucia Crown.

The evening entertainment consisted of Dennis Knudson, Shawn O'Neil, Virginia Lee, Kathy Zell, Eugene Trent, Mr. Calvin Knapp, and the Junior Choir from Trinity Lutheran Church. The program ended with the Spurs processional, led by Karen and her attendants, to the Christmas tree in front of the library. She then lit the Christmas tree lights which illuminated the campus in a Christmas spirit.

Immediately following, Swedish refreshments were served in the classroom building.



Tassels will continue selling candy canes during lunch and dinner today and tomorrow.

A Christmas party will be held for the Parkland Children's Home in the North Hall Lounge at 10:00 a.m. Saturday.

PLU faculty and staff Christmas party will be held at 4:00 in Chris Knutzen Fellowship Hall, December 19.

Christmas trees starts 4:30, December 20, and will last until 7:30 Wednesday morning, January 3, 1962.

Co-Rec will be held as usual in the gym from 7:30 to 9:30 Friday and Saturday, January 5, 6.

Films of Holden Village will be shown January 9, at 7:30, in the Samuel Jacobson Chapel.

Lady Lutes will hold a meeting January 9, at 7:30, in the South Hall Lounge.

Ski Club will have an Almond Roca candy sale 9:15-10:00 in the dorms, January 10, 11, 12.

The Christmas Concert of the Choir of the West will be presented over KTAC on December 24, at 9:30 p.m. This will be a repeat of the concert given by the Choir last Monday evening.

Delta Rho Gamma invites all off-campus students to a holiday season celebration. They'll meet in the Fireside Room of the GUB at 7:00 p.m. on December 20, and return there after caroling, for refreshments and entertainment.

Deck the Halls

"The holiest of all holidays are those kept by ourselves, in silence and apart . . ." — Longfellow.

Bless Christmas. It gives this secular materialized society of ours such a wonderful opportunity to worship Christ, to celebrate the birth of Him who came to free the world of its burden of sin, to rid it of the twisted sense of values it has created.

So on Christmas we celebrate Christ. We're big about it. We join hands with the Jews, who rejected him, and the heathens, who repel him, to create one big mass of celebration—all to honor Christ, don't forget. We do our best to remember Him by really pious Christmas office parties and certainly appropriate holiday gaiety. (Notice the term "holiday"—we forgive Madison Avenue for its use; after all, it allows them to include the Jewish Hanukkah in their sales pitch.)

In remembrance of Him who died to free us of the impossible demands of justification by good work, we have created Santa Claus, the most materialistic proponent of good works and subsequent "reward" that man has devised. (PLU has again seen fit to grace its Christmas decorations with his beaming face.)

Christians go out of their way—way out of their way—to properly observe this most important occasion. They have arranged for a month long holiday, from Thanksgiving (actually, though, drug stores get carried away with the spirit of Christ and offer their contributions as early as Halloween) to a "smashing" climax at New Year's. This is much more fitting (and better business) than the church decreed Christmas to Epiphany season, which is usually one big hangover anyway.

Bless Christmas. Let us all join our hearts in remembrance of Him. Let us give (so that we're sure our greedy selves get), go to Church this Christmas (but not the Sunday before, because this year that makes twice in two days), and properly teach our children to honor "him" and all that "he" stands for (don't miss the Thanksgiving parade, when he first makes his appearance).

So unite, disciples of Christ. Unite with drunks, heathens, shrewd businessmen, Jews, vacation delirious students and workers. Have a holl. Oh, and don't forget—sing a carol now and then.—M.L.

Registration Begins

Registration for next semester began on December 11 and will continue through February 7. Juniors and Seniors may register until Wednesday, December 20; Sophomores on January 8-12; Freshmen on January 15-19 and new students on February 5-7.

Registration cards will be available in the Registrar's Office, Room

A-100, on the date each class is scheduled to register. Next, the students should make an appointment with their adviser, make out their schedule, and then have their registration card checked by the Registrar and pick up class cards.

Fees must be paid at the Business Office, Room A-108. No registration is complete until it has been cleared through the Business Office.

Winning
The Peace
Is A
Lonely Battle

What can be done to further or create an academic atmosphere on our campus? This was the question discussed at the last Student-Faculty Relations Committee meeting. It was very inspiring for me, as a student, to sit with other students and faculty members and discuss this vital question. I only wish that every member of the student body could sit in on these meetings. The discussions are open and frank with each person free to speak his mind. We seldom, if indeed ever, reach any general conclusion, but we do do something that is much more valuable; we usually go home to think more on the subjects which we discuss.

So it was with this problem of awakening in the student body an academic attitude. No general "care-all" was discovered but we did come away with some ideas for beginning to create such an atmosphere on our campus. This is something that will take a long time to achieve but a start must be made now. On Saturday morning, Sandy Tyers and I appeared before the Faculty Senate to inform them that we, as students, were concerned with this problem and that we would do all we could to work with them to the end of a still finer Pacific Lutheran University. How well such an attempt will work depends solely upon you, the individual, you must desire to improve yourself and better equip yourself for your calling before we can improve the total atmosphere on the campus.

Tuesday, Student Body convocation hit another high for stimulating our thinking. The Freshman Class is to be congratulated for bringing a man such as Dr. Costigan here to speak. While I did not always agree with what he said, I felt he presented his views very well. To those few who went to the discussion following convocation, he gave an even better insight into his way of thinking. Next week, the opposite view will be presented and I hope as many will attend with the same openness of mind.

I should, in closing, like to wish each one of you a very blessed Christmas. May the Christ of Christmas be born anew in each heart.

Charles Mays,
ASPL U President.

Dear Editor:

Once upon a time in the land of Lutes, the Knights were challenged to defend their peace and quiet when a decree was read in one of their very important morning sessions telling of a certain stranger ("Question 7") moving into the territory and bringing with it boasts of importance. The people being very adept at seeing everything of any importance right inside Wheeler and Park and holding tightly to a "tailored-to-fit" Monroe Doctrine felt a little uneasy at this threat. They questioned, "How could anything like this be worthwhile?" "Why, Luteland hasn't put that old official OK stamp on this type of behavior."

Well, anyway, to make a short story shorter, the Lute People rallied. Luckily enough for many of the famous Lutes or "men of the world Knights," they were kept busy enough with the several "magic boxes" placed strategically in the dorms, G.P.A.'s, studies, games and other paramount festivals—busy enough so that the stranger didn't have any opportunity whatsoever to put its foreign roots down in any solid Lute soil within Wheeler and Park.

As all fairy tales have happy endings, so with this one. The Lutes having met the challenge with a very organized and meaningful "own doctrine" centering around important things, they were able to ward off the strange intrusion as all good, honorable, wise thinking Knights would. And do you know what? . . . These people lived happily ever after in their little Land of Lute—but as ignorant and ignorant as before.

Good Night, Sleep Tight,

Bill Kell

We respectfully submit for publication the daily menu of California Lutheran College, our southern counterpart. Far be it from us to criticize our food service; the chivalrous rules of sportsmanship have taught us not to hit someone who is already down.

BREAKFAST:

Choice of juices and fruits
Entree (such as french toast and sausage or scrambled eggs and ham)
Choice of hot or cold cereals
Milk, cocoa or coffee

LUNCH AND DINNER:

Choice of 3 salads
Soup
Choice of 2 entrees
Potatoes
Choice of 2 vegetables
Choice of 6 desserts
Bread, rolls and butter
Milk, coffee or fruit punch

(Signed) Filmore Enger
Dave Olson
Garry Wagner
John Christensen

(Ed. Note: We thank these students for their contribution, but it should be pointed out that the PLU cafeteria does a commendable job in that it serves 1100 students with facilities built to handle 6-800; whereas, the new CLC now feeds only 200 in a cafeteria built for a full enrollment.)

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Knights Playing at Home This Week

Lutes Face LC Five Tonight; Meet Linfield Tomorrow

Two teams from the Northwest Conference will bring their ball clubs to the Parkland maples this weekend to meet an undefeated Pacific Lutheran quintet. The Knights will host Lewis and Clark College of Portland tonight and Linfield College tomorrow. Both games are slated to start at 8:00.

It will be the first meeting of the year for the two teams in tonight's tilt while just last Saturday in McMinnville the Lutes edged Linfield 69-70 on a basket by Hans Albertson with 12 seconds remaining in the game.

Linfield this week has acquired the services of three more varsity cagers who last week were with the football team at the Camelia Bowl in Sacramento, California.

One of the three, Bernie Grant, was a starter on last year's squad, and is expected to help the Wildcats a great deal.

Last Friday, the University of Puget Sound had to come from 14 points down at halftime to edge the Linfield team 76-67.

Lewis and Clark brings to Pacific Lutheran a team which the experts

pick to provide the stiffest competition in keeping Linfield from winning its second straight Northwest League title.

Last weekend the LC five were beaten by Western Washington 64-47 on Friday, but came back on Saturday to dump Oregon College 85 to 71.

PLU Girls Whip U of W

A volleyball team made up of PLU girls recently won the Sports Day volleyball championship at Everett. The team beat University of Washington two straight games in the finals to earn the championship.

Members of the team were Dee Arko, Susan Leedy, Judy Johnson, Judy Chindgreen, Marie Nielson, Gail Leonard, Carol Finney, and Darleen Olson. The team was coached by Mrs. Tomplin. Seven universities were entered in the tournament.

Lutes Win Two On Oregon Trip

A cool second half against an inspired Linfield basketball team last Saturday almost led to the Lute cagers' first defeat of the season, but the day was saved as Hans Albertson took a pass from Larry Poulsen with 12 seconds remaining and dumped in a lay in to give the Knights a 70-69 triumph.

The Willamette Bearcats bowed to the Lutes Friday night in Salem 78-64 as Jim Castleberry hit 21 points for the Parkland quintet.

At McMinnville, Saturday, PLU blew a 20 point lead they had held in the first half when the Linfield five edged out in front 69-68 with 24 seconds remaining. Albertson's winning basket gave the big Swede 10 points for the night, a comparatively lean night for Hans.

After four games, Albertson and Marv Fredrickson lead the Lutes in

scoring with 72 points each for an average of 18 per game.

Two other Knights are also averaging in the double figures. Poulsen at 32.5 and Castleberry at 10.2.

A big factor in the Lutes' success has been their ability to hit the hoop. They have connected on 129 of 276 shots for a percentage of 46.3, good in anybody's league. Their opponents on the other hand are hitting only 39.6 percent of the field goal attempts.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BENCH

Hans Albertson, 6 foot, 8 inch center for the Knights, is averaging 10 points a game, leading the team in rebounding, and shooting an outstanding 60% from the field . . . John Olson, Evergreen Court's football center, recently commented that he felt Evergreen could beat the Intramural all-star team—like to make an official challenge, John? . . . Brent Peterson, better known as "Pete," should be out for the cross country running team. I understand when motivated that boy can really move . . . Only five days to Christmas vacation, but better yet, only one short month to finals—oh happy day . . . The PLU track squad will be greatly strengthened by Freshman John Hansen who was one of the state's top distance runners last year. John competed in the state track meet for Lincoln High of Tacoma . . . In our first five basketball games, four different players have had high point honors—this points to a well balanced ball club . . . Credit should be given to our fine pep squad; many hours are spent by this group during the week to prepare for the weekend games . . . Ivy Court issued an official challenge to the men of Evergreen to a snowball fight. So that's why you have been praying for no snow, Gronberg! . . . Bob Brodhun is looking forward to this coming spring so he can get his "36" Ford out on the drag strip . . . Dave Bottemiller and Norm Juggert recently set up a beautiful Christmas tree in their room. It is now decorated with—well, come down to Evergreen and see for yourself . . . Congratulations to the girls volley ball team on their recent victories in Everett . . . Marv Fredrickson stole the ball 7 times in the Willamette game . . . The Knight pitching staff will be strengthened this season by Phil Preske, a fast baller from California . . . Good luck to the Knights this weekend. Get out and show them you are behind them—game time is 8:00 p.m. — Mike McDonald.

— The — Intramural Scene

Because of limited space in the Mooring Mast this year, all Intramural games will not be reported. Instead, I'll try to select games which give an idea of how all the teams are doing.

In the "A" League, Evergreen is leading with a 3-0 record. Evergreen defeated Western 38-34 with Mike McDonald of Evergreen and Dave Evans of Western tying for individual points honors with 14 each. The most exciting game so far was the Trainers' victory over Eastern, 60-59. The Trainers' Duane Meske scored 23 points to lead the scoring for both teams. Coach Gene Lundgaard led the scoring with 21 points but was unable to get



EVERGREEN COURT 1961 CHAMPS

enough help from the others as Faculty lost to the Tippers 51-46. Gary Sund found the range and dumped in 22 points while leading the Tippers to a 55-38 victory over Delta.

The Hustlers currently lead the "B" League with a 2-0 record, followed by the Bombers, the only other undefeated team. The Hustlers started off the season squeezing past the Bostlyks 47-45. Nate Stime of the Bostlyks led the scoring with 25 points. Roe Haden led the Hustlers' scoring with 13 points, followed by Dave Yoakers with 11 points. Earlier, the Bostlyks defeated the Rebels 50-34. Nate Stime led the scoring in that game also with 13 points. The Bones picked up a victory by defeating the T-Birds 49-30. Ken Ekram dropped in 16 for the scoring honors. Two Evergreen teams, the Bombers and the Phantoms, met in the most exciting "B" league game with the Bombers, led by Dave Bottemiller with 11 points, winning 36-35.

The Radicals of Eastern are leading the "C" League with a 2-0 record. Larry Farrar of the Trees tried to spark that team to victory but his 15 points weren't enough to make up for the Radicals' all around scoring effort as the Radicals won 54-41. Harry Beggs led the Radicals with 11 points. George McCune of the Radicals and George Muedeking of the Squires led the scoring with 13 points each as the Radicals beat the Squires 52-42. Western's Vets, led by Jim Getchman with 15 points, defeated the 1st Floor Finks 36-32. The Finks' Steve Sutherland had 12 points, followed by Arvin Meyer with 11.

The "D" League is led by Basement's Squuffers, who have a 2-0 record so far. The Squuffers' last game against the Scribes was extremely close, the final score 31-29. Ray Krumpf of the Scribes led the scoring with 10 points. Squuffers' Ken Edmunds and Bill Bates had 9 and 8 points, respectively. The Blazers whipped the Dions 55-42. The Dions had the individual scoring honors as Bruce Bindel dumped in 20 points. Terry Pecnik and Don Severson of the Blazers each had 15 points in helping the Blazers to victory. The Vikings dumped the Drainers 33-26. Viking scoring was led by Ron Miller with 13 points and Dave Stein with 12 points. In a close game the Flunkies defeated the Dions 41-39. Phil Enger of the Evergreen Flunkies led the scoring with 15 points, while Bruce Bindel of the Dions had 14 points.



MARV FREDRICKSON, who is averaging 18 points a game, is one of the main reasons for the Knights' early show of power.

Dick Nelson Sparks Knights

Basketball Coach Gene Lundgaard's statements about the quickness of one particular Lute guard will find little argument from those who have watched the team play so far this year. Junior guard Dick Nelson has been one of the sparkplugs of the outfit, often providing the hustle needed to come up with the crucial two points or gain a loose ball.

"Nellie" played both basketball and baseball for two years at Richland High School, and was an important figure in that team's journey to the state Class AA tournament. He was team captain during his senior year.

The opponents around the league have come to know what he can do



DICK NELSON

to them on the court. In moments of torment after Nellie has popped in a key bucket, they have come up with such nicknames as "Diaper Dick" or "Baby-Face," to name a couple. However, Lute fans continue to marvel at his quickness and constant hustle, and have picked up the names with near-mocking glee.

Dick is one of the two members of the team who is married. He married a girl from his home town during the summer of 1960, but has not yet become "Daddy Dick."

He is planning his major along pre-dentistry lines, and plans to attend the University of Washington for his graduate work. In his spare time he enjoys such sports as fishing, hunting, bowling, and golf to help relax him.

Nellie has shown good scoring potential, especially during a five-game winning streak for the Lutes last year. This year promises more of the same, and I'm sure Nellie won't disappoint the Lute fans. From the way he has played during the five games so far, it'll be another great year for Nellie and the Lutes.

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What thoughts can I share with you of ten wonderful weeks in Europe? As I try to reflect, I find I have a multitude of impressions, but nothing of which I can profess to be an authority and little to which I can say, "This is as it is," but simply, "This is what I observed."

Many people say it is impossible to take the "big sweep" in Europe in such a short time. Europeans look askance at Americans who arrive in one breath and leave in the next. Europeans are travel-minded, but they can go from country to country on holidays and not feel the compulsions of Americans who may be taking a "one and only." The "big sweep" for me included thirteen countries: Scotland, England, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. At first I was with a conducted bus tour led by Arne Brekke, formerly head of the Norwegian department at Luther College and originally from Flom, Norway; in Cologne a friend and I left the tour.

Our itinerary included a flight into Berlin, a visit well worth the entire trip. We went, hoping to have as many contacts with the work of the church and its people as possible; we were not disappointed. One evening was spent with the European Study Group (LSA'ers) and several East German pastors at the home of Dr. Otto, Lutheran World Federation representative to Berlin. We visited Marienfelde, the refugee processing camp, deluged then with a thousand refugees a day. Imagine my surprise to find Jim von Schrittz, a PLU graduate, working there. We crossed from beautiful, modern, thriving West Berlin to desolate, war-ravaged East Berlin and came away depressed and heart-sick. Most stirring was our afternoon in the home of a West Berlin pastor and his wife. Present at the tea table were a sister-in-law who had just fled East Berlin, leaving daughters to join her in a month (never able as I learned since), and the wife of an East German pastor who was spending a few days of rest with her friends. It was this gentle, kindly woman of faith who spoke more to my heart than many a sermon, for I saw the spirit of calm and peace in one possibly having her last visit with these friends. We spoke of the present threat and danger under which they live and then of our Saviour. She requested prayer in their behalf and then sent this message to all Christians of America, "We trust in God and believe that He will lead us. We are joined together in a communion with all Christians, including those in America."

My trip to Europe was anticipated primarily because it would bring me to the land of my forefathers and particularly to the home in Sweden where my mother had lived until she was eleven when she emigrated to America. When Hans Albertson's folks learned that this was only a few miles from their home, they graciously invited us to make our first stop with them. I shall always be grateful for their warmth of hospitality and the joy we had in coming to know Ivar, Marta, and their three other sons who were home at that time. Hans's father teaches English in the Tranaco school and this was of tremendous help in visiting non-English speaking relatives. Portions of my visit in my mother's home

have already been shared with a number of the students in the dormitories. Those days will always be cherished memories.

I leave unmentioned the many impressions from my vacation, the many contacts (both planned and accidental) with former PLU graduates, faculty, and other persons which added a great deal to the trip, the special events enjoyed along the way, and not even a word about eleven of the countries visited. If making the "big sweep" in ten weeks is a fool-hardy venture, coming home and trying to write about it in 300 words is truly impossible.

Margaret Wickstrum,
Asst. Dean of Students

It Is Your Turn To Speak

What do you think about: compulsory religion classes, the necessity of collegiate sports, college intellectualism, secular Christmas, Alcoholics Anonymous, foreign aid to Yugoslavia, the building of bomb shelters, the "I don't care" attitude, or taxes for political campaigns? These are just a few controversial topics that may stimulate you to write and memorize a ten minute oration. If so, if you are concerned about some of the ills of our society, use a portion of your two week Christmas vacation to organize your opinion.

There will be an all-school oratorical contest January 17, 1962, in which you will not only have an opportunity to express your views but also, to win a trophy for doing so. Last year's first, second and third place winners have graduated, joined the Marines or transferred. Your chances of winning are great and you need not worry about your fate being the same as theirs simply because you win.

Begin now to discuss these topics with your roommate or friends. Have a typewritten copy ready to hand in to the speech officer by January 10, 1962. Preliminary rounds will be held in CE-200 January 17, 1962, at 8:00 p.m.

This is an annual program sponsored by your campus speech honorary, Pi Kappa Delta. Contact the speech officer after vacation if you are interested in entering or if you have any questions. There are NO admission fees for the contestants or the audience. Here is a chance to express your opinion to your student body. Don't let this opportunity slip by. Tell them just what you think and why.

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On The Spur

Dr. Costigan laid a great responsibility on us last week—the responsibility to think and find out. I, as I'm sure did many others, went to hear him speak out of curiosity and was ready to condemn him for his un-American ideas, as I was sure they would be. But I found myself confronted with a man who is deeply concerned with the future of the world, and who feels as he does out of a concern for the welfare and future of our democratic nation. As he so vividly illustrated, a liberal is not a Communist, nor is a Socialist, nor is someone who dares to voice the criticism against John Birchers or the House Un-American Activities Committee.

I didn't completely agree with every single thing he said, but I'm sure that he wouldn't have wanted anyone to blindly accept his views. He told the students, who went to a question and answer period afterward, that we could not base our opinion on the basis of two speeches (his and Mrs. Shackelford's), but we should only do this after reading and becoming informed on the subject.

It isn't people like Dr. Costigan we must fear as threats to democracy and our nation, nor is it Conservatives, Socialists or Liberals. No, those who are a real threat are the spreaders of hate, the right-wing groups such as John Birch Society and the Minutemen, the reactionaries, the radicals who preach distrust and fanaticism, and the people who blithely say this should be banned, this should be censored and attempt to usurp the basic freedoms and rights of each citizen under the guise of protecting our nation from subversion.

Probably the greatest threat to our way of life is the ignorant citizen who will flock into the fold of any group that carries the banner of "Better government and down with the Communists" who is afraid to criticize for fear of being labeled a subversive. Groups such as John Birch Society or the Minutemen would find it impossible to gain a foothold such as they have in our country, if it were not for ignorance among the people. How could any intelligent person possibly follow the dictates of the John Birch leader, Robert Welch, a retired candy manufacturer, who is opposed to foreign aid, democracy, collective bargaining, and has denounced such men as Eisenhower, Dulles and Truman as Communists.

Certainly Dr. Costigan got many of us thinking about the professed of the tractatarians and the House Un-American Activities Committee. It should be very interesting to hear the other side of the argument next week at student body Convocation when Mrs. Edward Shackelford will be the speaker.

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