



Knight Letter



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LOSING

Injuries coupled with a poor opening-season schedule placed the PLU Knights in a tough situation, and their record reflects it.

LUTES

After a win in the opener against UPS the Knights stumbled against Western Washington and fell before Central.

And in the process coach Gene Lundgaard has been having trouble keeping his players in top form.

Senior guard Al Hedman injured his leg in the first Central game and wasn't at full strength Tuesday night. Also slowed up was the sensational Al Kollar, the 6-6 freshman center who injured a thigh muscle against the Vikings.

In Tuesday's game Kollar pumped in three free throws and a field goal before retiring to the bench with three fouls. He saw only limited action in the second half, scoring two more buckets from the floor.

Hedman, who also spent most of the evening on the bench, didn't account for a point.

Dependable Tom Lorentzsen racked up 25 points against the Vikings in Tuesday's game, backed by two other regulars Tim Sherry and Dennis Buchholz, each with 13 points.

Guard Mark Andersen, who only connected on one of 12 field goal attempts, snagged 11 rebounds. Lorentzsen had 12 and Sherry 11.

In all, the Knights hit on 38 per cent of their basket attempts, compared to 40.3 per cent for Central. The PLU squad had 68.7 from the gift line, while the Vikings hit 84.2.

This weekend the Knights round out their grueling schedule with two appearances at the first annual Daffodil Classic at UPS.

The Lutes meet Seattle Pacific at 7 p.m. Friday, and depending on a win or loss, they will play either UPS or Central State University of Wilberforce, Ohio, Saturday.

Following the tournament the Lutes take an extended rest before opening the new year on Jan. 3 against Whitman College.

 * DINNER President Rob- *
 * ert Mortvedt *
 * PLANNED has issued an *
 * invitation to *
 * all members of the faculty and staff to *
 * be guests at the annual University fam- *
 * ily Christmas dinner. *
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 * The event will be held at 7 p.m. *
 * this Tuesday at the Top of the Ocean, *
 * 2217 Ruston Way. *
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 * All members of the faculty and *
 * staff, together with their spouses, are *
 * expected to gather for the smorgasbord *
 * dinner. *
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 * Due to the size of the invitation *
 * list, it is necessary to exclude anyone *
 * but spouses from the dinner. *
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 * If any members of the staff or *
 * faculty cannot come, Dr. Mortvedt would *
 * appreciate it if they would contact his *
 * secretary (ext. 212) today. *
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THE ROUND TABLE

Dr. and Mrs. William Giddings (chem), Dr. Laurence Huéstis (chem), Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson (Engl), Dr. Fred Tobiason (chem), and PLU senior chemistry major Gary Hanson recently attended the first annual Pauling Medal Award in Portland. Dr. Linus Pauling, Nobel Prize winner, was the featured speaker....Paul Steen (speech) attended a one-day conference on television at the University of Washington last Tuesday....Dr. Emmet E. Eklund (religion), as a member of the West Coast Study Group, American Section, Commission on Theology of the Lutheran World Federation, attended the first regular meeting of the group at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif....Theodore Karl, Vernon A. Utzinger, Abe Bassett and Eric Nordholm (speech) recently attended the Western Speech Association convention in Seattle. Utzinger and Nordholm worked on the placement desk at the conclave, and Karl was chairman of the steering committee....Mrs. Rhoda Young (phy ed) is confined to bed at home this week, best wishes for a speedy recovery....Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Knorr are spending the month of December basking under California's desert sun; their address until Jan. 3 is Caravansary Mobile Park, 17551 Mountain View Rd., Desert Hot Springs, Calif. 92240....Anders Nelson, former maintenance staff member who retired last summer, is now living in California; his address is 104 Lobo Vista, Novato, Calif. 94947....Mrs. Olaf Jordahl (wife of physics dept. head) underwent surgery Tuesday in Doctor's Hospital. It is expected that she will be there for about one week....Klaudia Barnes (Engl. dept. secretary) had surgery on her nose last Friday. She is recovering at home this week....The Cecil Vances have rented a home in Marine Hills. Their address is: 29709 9th Place S., Federal Way, Wash.

 * NOON Friday noon mu- *
 * sic recitals will *
 * MUSIC be held in East- *
 * veld Chapel in- *
 * stead of E.C. 227 because the latter is *
 * not large enough to accommodate all *
 * those wishing to attend. *
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 * Student piano and vocal soloists *
 * will be featured at 12:15 Friday in *
 * the Chapel. *
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 * RISTUBENS Dr. W. C. Schnackenberg *
 * (history) recent- *
 * ly received a *
 * letter from Peter Ristuben, formerly *
 * of the PLU history department, who is *
 * in Nigeria with his family working for *
 * the Peace Corps. *
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 * Dr. Ristuben said things are going *
 * well for himself and his family. He *
 * said they are living in a comfortable *
 * home and are finding life in Nigeria *
 * interesting. *
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 * He said he is in Kaduna about half *
 * the time, and that he spends the rest *
 * of his time in the back country visit- *
 * ing the personnel of the Peace Corps. *
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 * The Ristubens' address is: Peace *
 * Corps, Kaduna, Nigeria, West Africa. *
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WORKSHOP A one-day workshop
 PLANNED of the National
 Association for
 Foreign Student
 Affairs (NAFSA) will be held Friday in
 Chris Knutzen Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss foreign student matters and exchange ideas about what other colleges are doing to meet the responsibilities resulting from the ever-growing influx of foreigners onto area campuses.

Dr. Robert Mortvedt will welcome the group. Leighland Johnson is the workshop's general coordinator.

Following the all-day meeting the NAFSA delegates will attend the evening performance of the Christmas Concert.

 LOST The education department is missing a Newcomb model record player. If anyone knows about its whereabouts, please contact the department.

SUMMER * * * * * An exchange program
 OVERSEAS * * * * * that will permit 20
 Americans to take
 part in a three-
 month summer program in either France or
 Germany is being offered by the Council of
 International Programs for Youth Leaders and
 Social Workers.

The French program is open to five
 Americans between the age of 20 and 30 who
 are engaged in social work or youth work,
 or who are advanced students in these fields
 as well as teachers who do volunteer or
 part-time work as leaders of youth groups.

A good speaking knowledge of French is
 essential, and each participant must pay
 his own overseas fare from his home to Paris
 and back. The French government will pay
 all expenses for travel and room and board
 in France.

The German Program is open to 15 persons
 between 20 and 35 who are engaged in social
 work or youth work, professionally or as
 volunteers.

In addition, students in undergraduate
 and graduate schools of social work are also
 eligible.

The German Government will pay complete
 expenses, including round-trip from New
 York to Germany, and an allowance for bus
 fares, laundry and all other necessities.

An oral test of the applicant's
 speaking knowledge of the German language
 is required.

Students or faculty members interested
 in the program must contact Leighland E.
 Johnson in the office of student affairs
 before the Christmas vacation begins.

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- * BIRTHDAYS *
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| * Erich Knorr | December 11 | * |
| * Virginia Bricher | December 13 | * |
| * Eric Nordholm | December 14 | * |
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* SEATS * There isn't a *
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 * TAKEN * Christmas Festi- *
 * * * * * val Concert that *
 * starts tonight in Eastvold Chapel. *
 * Tickets for the fifth performance that *
 * was added last week have been claimed. *
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* Anyone without a ticket who wishes *
 * to attend the performance may come to *
 * the Chapel and wait for seating. *
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* Every year there are some vacant *
 * seats. So the first person in the *
 * Chapel without a ticket will be seated. *
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* The concerts will be given at 8:15 *
 * tonight through Sunday, and at 3 p.m. *
 * Sunday. *
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NYHUS GOES TO ILLINOIS * The University of
 Illinois trustees
 announced today
 that PLU alum Dr.
 Lloyd M. Nyhus, professor of surgery at
 the University of Washington will become
 head of the department of surgery at
 Illinois on March 1, 1967.

Dr. Nyhus, 43, was also named as
 Warren H. Cole Professor of Surgery. The
 professorship, established by former
 students and colleagues, honors Dr. Cole
 who retired this year after 30 years as
 head of the Illinois surgical department.

Dr. Nyhus is a native of Mt. Vernon,
 Wash. He graduated from PLU in 1945 and
 later from the medical college of Alabama.

He was appointed to the University
 faculty in 1954 and in 1955 was awarded a
 Guggenheim Fellowship to study at the
 University of Lund, Sweden, and at the
 University of Glasgow.

He is the author of 160 articles on
 surgical subjects, and with Dr. Henry N.
 Harkins is co-editor of surgical textbooks
 on surgery of the stomach and hernia.

Dr. Nyhus has also been editor of the
 journal "Review of Surgery" since 1964.

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LIBRARY The 130,000 or so library books at PLU have moved into their new quarters. They are letting it be known that they are in order and ready for use.

The move, conducted on Monday by the faculty and student body, was made without a serious hitch. The weather cooperated, the band played, and Frank Haley, head librarian handed out candy. A perfect combination for a successful move.

Haley and his staff wish to thank the students and faculty for their help.

Monday was a day of togetherness long to be remembered.

EKLUND SON Kent Eklund, son of Dr. and Mrs. **CHOSEN** Emmet Eklund (religion), has been chosen for a government study program at American University in Washington, D.C. Together with two other juniors from Augustana College (Ill.), he will spend the second semester in the nation's capital. The program, called the Washington Plan, emphasizes political science and includes a research project, course work, and seminars under the direction of federal government leaders. A full semester's credit is given for the work. Augustana is one of 70 colleges participating in the program.

IT'S WORTH MENTIONING A clipping from the **CHOTEAU ACANTHA** newspaper at Choteau, Montana, had this news story in its Nov. 10 edition: "Dr. Curt Huber, Dr. George Arbaugh and Jim Davis of Tacoma were visitors at Mrs. Montagues Friday night and Saturday. They hunted pheasants on Saturday and had planned to stay until Sunday to do some more hunting but because of the impending storm they left for home Saturday evening. They are all members of the faculty at Pacific Lutheran College (sic) in Tacoma."

BRIDE Janet Swanson, a lovely blond-haired freshman from Spokane, was crowned **Lucia Bride** Saturday night. She was selected by the student body to reign over the annual pre-Christmas festival. Serving as her attendants were two other finalists, Mary Barber of Seattle and Lynn Olsen of Tacoma.

BAND, CHOIR Gordon O. Gilbertson will take his 60-piece Concert Band up to Buckley this Friday afternoon to present its annual Christmas concert for the patients and staff at Rainier State Hospital.

The Choir of the West, will sing in the Tacoma Mall Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, at 6:00 p.m. The program will be broadcast over KTAC, 850 kc., at 6:30 p.m. That same day, at 12:30 p.m., Prof. Maurice H. Skones will have his 63-voice group in the lobby of the Bank of California, 10th & Pacific, for its annual Yule concert. This will be broadcast, beginning at 12:30, over KTNT, 1410 kc.

Following the program, the choir members will be luncheon guests of the bank in the Tacoma Club.

CHRISTMAS Tickets for the one-night presentation of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" are available at the information desk at a cost of 35 cents. The play will be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Eastvold Chapel.

DAFFODIL CLASSIC Tickets for the first annual Daffodil Tournament are on sale at the information desk. Prices are 75 cents for students and \$2 for reserved seats. PLU meets Seattle Pacific in a 7 p.m. duel Friday night. Coach Lundgaard is starting Dennis Buchholz and Tom Lorentzen at forward, Al Kollar at center, and Tim Sherry and Mark Andersen in the guard slots.

FACULTY INFORMATION SUPPLEMENT

St. Louis, Mo.-(I.P.)-Nine outstanding faculty members from colleges and universities across the country have been honored with the E. Harris Harbison Award for Distinguished Teaching presented by the Danforth Foundation. The nine Harbison Award recipients for 1967 are:

O. Theodor Benfey, Department of Chemistry, Earlham College

Lewis S. Salter, Department of Physics, Wabash College

Nancy P. Brown, Department of English, Trinity College

John Lachs, Department of Philosophy, College of William and Mary

Robert V. Hine, Department of History, University of California (Riverside)

Louis L. Orlin, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures, University of Michigan

Michael B. Petrovich, Department of History, University of Wisconsin

Thadis W. Box, Department of Agronomy and Range Management, Texas Technological College

J. C. Levenson, Department of English, University of Minnesota

This national award seeks to honor teacher-scholars who excel in the art of teaching, in the significance of their scholarly contribution, and in their concern for students as individuals.

From Intercollegiate Press Bulletins, Nov. 21, 1966, p. 79.

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Ellensburg, Wash.-(I.P.)-Expressing regret that the Central Washington State College faculty turned down the proposed fractionated grading system, Dr. Maurice Pettit, professor of education and psychology, said "the faculty's first responsibility is to the students, and the fractionated scale is one way of fulfilling that responsibility."

The title of the study done by Dr. Pettit and Dr. Jack Crawford, associate professor of psychology, is "Some Effects of a Refined Grading Scale." These two men spent four years compiling information for this study. Recently the U. S. Office of Education sent their approval of the study to Drs. Pettit and Crawford.

The fractionated scale, in Dr. Pettit's opinion, is a more precise measurement of student achievement than the present scale of A-B-C-D-E. A check of classes taken for the report found that "only one out of three students receive the benefit of the doubt when they are on the border line between grades under the present system," according to Dr. Pettit.

Dr. Pettit says that there is an error in grading when a student is given a 'C' grade when he just missed a 'B' grade by a point or two. "Rounding these errors is what we are doing with this new scale," he continued, pointing out that the student who just missed the 'B' grade would receive his 2.8 or 2.9 and not just a straight 'C' grade.

Asked why he thought the faculty voted against the new scale (114 to 77) Dr. Pettit was not sure but he did say that "fifty-one new faculty members voted on this issue who never had any association with the study conducted here."

Dr. Pettit cited a number of research figures in favor of the new scale. He said that "74 per cent of instructors' grade at CWSC had a higher correlation to predicted grades for college on the new scale than on the old scale. Twenty-eight of thirty-two departments at Central had a higher correlation on the new scale

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Some of you may be interested in indicating the following information to some of your students or advisees.

"The U. S. Office of Education announces a program of awards to about 550 undergraduate college students for intensive study of 20 critical modern foreign languages during the summer of 1967. The program will receive financial support from the National Defense Modern Foreign Language Fellowship Program under Title VI of the National Defense Education Act.

Students receiving awards will study certain languages of the Far East, Africa, Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Latin America, USSR, and East Europe. The programs will be conducted with matching support for instruction from the U. S. Office of Education at 19 U. S. universities.

A complete listing of the institutions, the languages in which awards will be offered, program directors and tentative quotas of awards is attached. Application materials may be obtained from the institutions conducting the programs. Students should not apply to the Office of Education. The respective Language and Area Centers will determine deadlines for receipt of applications. The list of applicants, recommendations and supporting documents must be filed with the Office of Education by March 15, 1967.

The Office will announce the names of successful applicants and alternates about April 15, 1967. In the case of multiple applications the Commissioner reserves the right to select the institution at which the award will be tenable. These awards are not transferable."

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Due to an oversight the source of the article was not included in the December 1, 1966 issue of the Knightletter Faculty Information Supplement. "FREEDOM AND RESTRAINT IN THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE" by Warren Bryan Martin was submitted by Dr. Emmet Eklund, and was taken from The Christian Century, November 9, 1966, pages 1372, 1373, 1374.

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Ellensburg, Wash.- (continued)

and only three had a higher correlation on the old scale. One department came out...the same on both scales."

Citing several reasons why CWSC should not adopt the fractionated grading system, Dr. Floyd Rodine, professor of history, said the new scale would lead to machine graded, objective examinations. He also said that more extensive use of the objective exam will result in a poor quality education. I think the addition of plus and minus to grades would give us sufficient variation for those that want change, Dr. Rodine said.

Another point made was that the difficult scheme of grading might well make recruitment of top faculty more impossible than ever. Pressure would come to bear on instructors if they have to use the new scale, he said. "The ten point fractionated scale would really be chaotic. How can an instructor defend a 2.3 grade rather than a 2.4 grade (1-10 of a point) when it means leaving or staying in school?" Dr. Rodine questioned. "How do you evaluate all our transfer students (we will soon have 1000 or more each year)? Are their 'C' grades 2.4 or 1.6? How about our students transferring elsewhere?"

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Nov. 21, 1966, p. 84.

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