

# The Mooring Mast

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## Rydgren To Receive A.S.B. Gavel Tues.

### All-Class Cast to Star In Seniors Show Tonight

By Bob Brog

Remaining long in the memories of the senior class will be the applause and laughter of the audience tonight, as the graduates of 1953 present their final musical review, "After Graduation Day," at 8:15 in the CMS. The program is being produced for the entire student body and visiting Evergreen Conference delegates.

If you have noticed a certain young man running around campus with music and script in hand it has no doubt that little bundle of dynamite — Vern Lestrud, for "Whimpy" has been the co-ordinator of this show.

Vern says that "After Graduation Day" promises to be an outstanding climax to all the student productions put on during this school year. The show is unique in that being sponsored by the seniors, talent has been picked from the entire student body, in order to give a greater variation of musical artists for the entertainment of the audience.

Numbers on the program include the antics of master of ceremonies, Mooring Mast.

### Eight Initiates Pledge Alpha Psi

Eight new members have been chosen for Alpha Psi Omega, national drama fraternity, for next year. They are Jean Hansen, Anita Hellbaum, Kathleen Hinrichs, La Wanna Huber, Dale Keller, Marlon Leonard, Bob Nielsen and Nancy Turman.

The informal initiation was held last night at which time the pledges gave their qualifications and were told the purposes of the organization. They will be initiated all next week.

Formal initiation will be next Friday, a week from today, in the Winthrop Hotel. It will be held jointly with Pi Kappa Delta.

Present members of Alpha Psi are Judd Doughty, Marian Christensen, Glenn Johnson, John Rydgren, Edith Engel, Morry Hendrickson, Barbara Hedlund, Edna McCall, Bob Johnson, Stan Elberson, and Walt Worley. Profs. Jean McGregor and Theodore Karl are the faculty sponsors for the club.

### Carlstrom, Ensberg, Johnson Chosen as A. S. B. Officers

Leading the student body activities next year will be John Rydgren, of Seattle, who was this week elected president of PLC's Associated Student Body. Serving with John next year on the student council will be Glenn Johnson, newly elected vice president from Oakland, California.

### Lutes Welcome 6 Evergreen Groups Here For Talks

Meeting to discuss campus and inter-collegiate questions, four delegates from each of the other six Evergreen Conference schools and also four from St. Martin's began arriving last night for the two day meet.

Among the topics under consideration are: Formation of an Evergreen Conference women's inter-collegiate league, student body elections, student disciplinary boards, financial operation of student government, blood drive rules and the Sportsmanship trophy.

Resident men of Clover Creek dormitory have evacuated to the gym to make room for the visiting men delegates. PLC women have huddled together a bit to give way to the female visitors.

Ron Douglass, Lloyd Eastman, Al Fink, Glenn Johnson, John Rydgren and Paul Wangsmo will represent PLC at the conference and Bill Rieke will serve as a parliamentarian.

Climax of the events will be a banquet tomorrow night at Trinity church.

As student body treasurer J. P. Carlstrom of Antioch, California will be handling the purse strings.

Mary Ensberg, of Spokane, Washington, will serve as secretary.

Formal installation of officers has been planned for Tuesday's student body day. At the regular meeting of the student council, Tuesday evening, the old and new officers will meet jointly, and then '53 officers will retire their duties.

Representatives for next year's student council elected by class elections include: Garnet Lund, senior representative, Pete Luvass, junior representative, and Stu Morton, sophomore representative.

Spencer Aust, Carol Hansen, Stu Morton and Lorna Pals were given the nod as yell leaders.

Marcel Fink of Odessa, Washington, was elected to edit next year's Saga. Elected as business manager of Saga was Irv Severson of Puyallup, Wash.

Outgoing student council members are: Paul Wangsmo, ASB president; Al Fink, (replacing R. Stuhlmiller, treasurer); Marguerite Thompson, secretary; Bill Rieke, Glenn Johnson, Bob Curtis and Elwood Rieke, class representatives; Ron Douglass and Bev Green, publication, (replacing Phyllis Grahn), representatives.

### Thomas Warm Spirit Caught In Interview

By Phyllis Grahn and Dave Neavig  
"Step into my office," invited Thomas L. Thomas, gesturing towards the stage of the radio studio. This was his congenial reply to the request for an interview by your MAST reporters following his concert last Thursday.

It was apparent to the audience during the concert that Mr. Thomas likes people, and even more so in talking with him. Off stage his personality is unaffected and magnetic. His appealing sense of humor came out, unexpectedly in some of his remarks during the interview. While signing programs for the autograph hounds, the comment was dropped by Dave that "at least he didn't have to worry about misspelling his name." To which Mr. Thomas replied, "true, but for variety I sometimes sign it backwards: you know, Thomas L. Thomas instead of Thomas L. Thomas."

When Mr. Thomas received the invitation to open the festival, he had never heard of PLC, but felt honored to follow such personalities as Irra Petina, Walter Abel, and Clarence Derwent, whom he considers some of America's best entertainers. "Be frank, Mr. Thomas, did you expect to find a 2x4 stage and spinet piano here?" Being a diplomatic person, he answered your reporters' question. "It has happened before, but I certainly was overwhelmed by the physical plant of the college, particularly the C-M-S." He continued, "I think this is one of the most acoustically perfect auditoriums I have sung in, and (pointing to the console in the

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### Spurs, Tassels Tapped At Tea Thorson Installed As AWS Head

As a climax to this active college year, the A.W.S. held its Annual Awards Tea Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 in the Student Union Building, at which time, girls were tapped for Tassels, senior women's honorary, and Spurs, national honorary for sophomore girls. Also as a part of the awards program was the presentation of scholarships to four deserving girls, and the installation of the new A.W.S. officers for the 1953-1954 year.

Mistress of ceremonies for the afternoon tea was Joanne Schief. On the program of entertainment was Miss Margaret Wickstrom, dean of women, and Lucille Wheeler, who gave an interpretative reading. June Nelson supplied incidental music as the lunch was being served.

Inga Astrup presented the A.W.S. freshman scholarship awards to Roseanna Hartill and Onella Lee. Martha Coolik received the Kivans award from Mrs. Earl Davidson and Mrs. Sydney Dean presented Peggy Holbrook with the Rotary award.

Girls tapped for Spurs were as follows: Sally Alstead, Mildred Brammer, Betty Jean Condray, Vir-

The following girls were pinned with Tassels: Priscilla Asper, Janet Carson, Edith Engel, Jeanette Foss, Marilyn French, Kathleen Hinrichs, Janet Klippen, Joanne Schief, Joanne Schwarzwalter, Marguerite Thompson, Barbara Thorson, and Harriet Shull.

Newly installed officers for A.W.S. are Barbara Thorson, president; LaWanna Huber, vice president; Marlene Stuhlmiller, secretary; Carol Odegard, treasurer; Lucille Lentz, Social chairman; Jean Hanson, publicity chairman; Anne Stewart, I.C.C. representative.



"AFTER GRADUATION DAY" — Bill Rieke and Stu Morton

### Lake Wilderness To Be Scene Of Day Girls 2-Day Retreat

At 6 this evening, the Day Girls will leave by car for a week end at Lake Wilderness where they will spend three days boating, swimming, and sun-bathing. In order that the work connected with the outing may be equally divided, the D.R.G. girls will be put on shifts to do the cooking, dishes, and cleaning.

In charge of arrangements are Eula Dally and Nadine Anderson. Chaperones for the weekend will be Peggy Miles, school nurse; Betty Brown, (assistant to Dean Hauge); and Miss Knudson, English and Literature teacher.

Other committees involved in making the three-day event a success are: recreation, in charge of Norma McGrath; food, Sharon Mor-

DRG girls attending the outing are: Sally Alstead, Margaret Ambuehl, Betty Anderson, Nadine Anderson, Janet Baird, Eula Dally, Barbara Espedal, Mary Knudson, Marlys Larson, Lucille Lentz, Hlene Luebbe, Norma McGrath, Eleanor Martin, Sharon Morgan, Carol Odegard, Barbara Scheels, Cathy Schwerin and Ramona Watkins.

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## Frosh, Sophs Plan Picnic Sat., Sun.

Tomorrow morning at 9, sophomores will travel to Lutherland for a day of recreation, entertainment and good things to eat—all on the agenda of the sophomore class picnic.

Working under chairman Larry Peterson are Terry Sverdsten, arranging transportation; Jack Hoover, Karen Kvern, Kathy Biery and Faith Bueltmann arranging events of the day.

Sophomores are invited to bring friends from other classes. Tickets are 50c. Rev. and Mrs. Roe will be chaperones. Annie Kjesbu will provide special music. Activities scheduled include, competitive games, tennis, baseball, etc.

The group expects to return to PLC around 5:30 p.m.

One of the picnic highlights is the end of the school year is the Freshman class picnic to be held Sunday, May 17, at American Lake.

Swimming, boating, volleyball, and baseball will be the main activities provided for those attending. Plenty of barbecued hamburgers will be on hand for the hungry ones.

Cars will leave the college at 2:30 in the afternoon, returning before 10. Anyone who has a car and desires to go on the picnic is requested to get in touch with Barbara Macdonald or Topper Neilson, who are co-chairmen of the picnic.

Other committees are: B. J. Conroy, food; Annie Stewart, chaperones; Janet Miller, registration; and Ida Jo Gronke, recreation.

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control room) RCA-Victor and Columbia have no finer equipment."

Likes Variety in Music

However, he was not only impressed by the physical features of the campus, but also by the spirit of the students and faculty. "The spirit is indefinable—something intangible that I haven't come across on other campuses."

Of the Drama-Music Festival, Mr. Thomas had this to say: "Every college should have one, as colleges should be the seat of culture, taking in all of the fine arts. You can build something great here, especially when you have such devoted men as Mr. Karl and Mr. Weiss."

"What type of music do you enjoy most, Mr. Thomas?" "The enjoyment in music comes in the variety," he answered. "Roast beef is good, but you wouldn't want it three meals a day, seven days a week."

Mr. Thomas would have liked to have sung more encores for what he considered "a courteous and appreciative audience," but his accompanist was whisked off to the Sea-Tac Airport where he boarded a plane for Florida. This was the last of 47 concerts the duo had done this season.

The last comment Mr. Thomas had to make was, "I wish I could stay for the entire festival, but I have to leave Friday morning for California to appear on the Standard Hour and the Colgate Comedy Hour with Donald O'Connor and some other baritone, I can't seem to remember his name—(a long pause)—oh, yes—Nelson Eddy. He's pretty good, in fact, rather good."

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## Glad About Town

Opening this year's Drama-Music Festival, Thomas L. Thomas presented a concert that was characterized by refinement and informality. As the program progressed, the singer proved that he is a spirited, sure musician whose talents are somewhat hidden in his most frequent medium, the radio. His baritone voice is very versatile and always at his command.

It is probably no disparagement to suppose that few concert-goers can boast a fluent or even usable knowledge of four languages. Mr. Thomas sang in English, French, Italian, and Welsh. Although his settings always projected the spirit of the songs, the actual context and setting of the less familiar selections remained obscure because of the inadequacy of the printed program, which only listed title and composer and was thus little more than an agenda.

Despite this hindrance, the recital was universally enjoyed. Mr. Thomas sings Mozart as well as any of his contemporary baritones and better than many. His "Non piu andral" from "Marriage of Figaro" was a sparkling example. And, of course, the group of Welsh folk songs were sung as only Thomas L. Thomas can sing them. Technical difficulties were at a minimum, though the singer was occasionally slightly under the pitch. Jacob Hannemann's accompaniments and stage personality proved to be of a higher order than his piano solos.

—Ed Kennedy

## Horseshoe Champion

Thursday afternoon two of PLC's ace pitchers were pitching against each other but not baseball, horseshoes. Vern Hanson and Bud Lester were engaged in the championship match for the intramural horseshoes crown. Hanson, without the aid of his knuckleball, was pitching with deadly accuracy and walked off with the first game with apparent ease, 21-5. In the second Lester led 20-17 and had layed what looked like the winning shoe within scoring distance when Vern followed immediately with two ringers to override Bud and win the game as well as the championship.

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## E. Hessen Gets WAA Inspiration Award

With senior Ellen Hessen being awarded the title of inspirational WAA member of the year, the Women's Athletic Association recently honored many of its groups with letters, pins, chevrons and offices.

A "first-time" award was made to Anne Stray who was given the organization's only four-service recognition. Anita Anderson accumulated the most activity points during the year.

New president of the group is Kathy Biery. Serving with her will be Anita Anderson, vice president; Donna Swanson, secretary; Ollie Romtvedt, secretary; and Marlene Howland, ICC rep.

Second year award pins were given to Anita Anderson and Kathy Biery. Ellen Hessen received one chevron and Anne Stray received her second.

Girls winning letters were: Joan Backstrom, Doris Johnson, Donna Swanson, Donna Dunn, Orebha Marlon, Marlene Howland, Ollie Romtvedt, Carol Hintze, Laurella Frazier, Marla Knott and Marilyn Krug.

## Toastmasters to Have Last Word Wed.

"Doggie in the Window" may be number one on many hit parades, but Frankie Lane's old waxing of "Up in the Morning Out on the Job" still ranks the primary spot in the PLC Toastmaster Club.

Revisions however, are due, both in the hit parade and in the time schedule for these early morning breakfast meetings. On Wednesday, May 20, Toastmasters will meet at an evening session in true Toastmaster's style with a banquet at the Club New Yorker. This will be the last meeting of this school year.

Presiding will be Dave Roe, president. Ron Douglass will act as toastmaster for the two-minute impromptu speeches, while Glenn Johnson will be toastmaster for the three and five-minute speakers who are, Paul Steen, Jack Hoover and John Osborn.

Toastmasters have invited their wives and girl friends to attend.

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## 3 Girls, 3 Boys Pledge Pi Kap

Beginning today and continuing through Friday, May 25, Pi Kappa Delta, national speech fraternity on campus, will hold its annual initiation, this year welcoming six new members—Shirley Busching, Sam Gilbreath, Ruth Heine, "Topper" Nielsen, Tom Swindland, and Joan Werle—into the organization.

According to Bill Reike, this year's Pi Kappa president, the initiates will be required to wear hats and ribbons. Five speeches on the front steps of Old Main, and be subject to anything Pi Kap members wish them to do.

To gain admittance into the national speech fraternity in the United States, a person must take an active part in speech tournaments, both collegiate and inter-collegiate, throughout the school year and maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or above. All six initiates this year have over a 3.0 average. Unanimous consent by all members is necessary before a person is accepted into the organization.

## Kappa Rho Kappa to Meet At Wapato Park

Wapato Park on 72nd Street will be the scene of Kappa Rho Kappa Greek Club, picnic on May 22, Friday. After the picnic and inter-collegiate period, Bud Lester will conduct devotions. Gene Perry, picnic chairman, invites all pre-seminarian students to attend the outing which will begin at 3 p.m.

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# Lutes to Meet Chiefs On Cheney Field; 6:30

The Seattle University Chieftains come to Tacoma tonight to take on the hustling Lutes in an evening double-header starting at 6:30 at Cheney Field.

## Lutes Top In West. Div. Conference 8-0

Wednesday night at Cheney field PLC closed out Evergreen play with a double victory over CPS to give the Lutes an 8-0 record in league play and the western division championship. Earlier in the week the Glads took two others from the same victims.

The Lutheran pitching was nothing less than terrific in both games as Vern Hanson opened with a one hit shut-out. 4-0 and Bud Lester closed out the evening with a two hitter, the Glads winning 5-1.

The Lutes won the opener in the initial inning as Jim Hall tripped and Glenn Huffman followed with a homerun. Insurance runs were added in the fifth and seventh but were not needed as things turned out. The only hit off Hanson came in the sixth inning when Wilkerson doubled with the bases empty.

In the nitecap PLC scored one in the first inning. CPS tied it in the second and the Lutes broke the tie

in the third. Two more were added in the sixth and one in the seventh while Lester kept the Loggers scoreless. CPS had the bases filled in the sixth with none out but failed to score as Lester struck out the next two men and got the third on a ground ball to short.

The Monday afternoon double-header saw the Parklanders win two from the Loggers by the identical scores of 4-1. Hansen and Lester both pitched five hitters.

PLC and CPS will meet today in the second of the two-match series between the cross-town opponents. The Lute and Logger tennis squads will square off at 2 on the Tacoma Tennis Club courts.

In the first meeting between the rivals, the Loggers were victorious, blanking the Glads, 7-0. Feature match of today will be between the Lute number one man, Pete Luvaas and Bill Medin of CPS. Luvaas pulled a stunning upset last Monday by beating Vernon Ball of Seattle U. in straight sets, 6-0 and 5-5. Ball is ranked fourth in the Northwest in junior men's singles. Medin also highly rated in Northwest tennis circles needed three sets to defeat Luvaas in the last PLC-CPS match.

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## Cinderman Outshine CPS

The PLC thin clads again came out on the long end of a meet against CPS, winning this one by the score of 7 1/2 to 5 1/2. This meet was scheduled to be a triangular meet originally including UBC but the men from beyond 49° N failed to show up.

The Lutes proved to have too much manpower for CPS as the Loggers scored all of their points with only a six man team PLC swept the half mile, mile, and the two mile running events and scored first and second in the 140 yd. dash, shot put and the discus. Two men also scored in the pole vault, second and third. The mile relay was conceded to the Glads as the Loggers failed to field a team.

The next meet will be against Ft. Lewis out at the fort tomorrow afternoon. The soldiers have done very well in recent outings and are expected to be strong in most all of the events.

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PLC's baseball coaching staff. Marv Harshman, came up with a winning combination in the season opener with Seattle Pacific which has won almost every game for the Lutherans and made them the champs of the western division of the Evergreen Conference.

There has been an occasional substitute or a pinch hitter, but Harsh has clung to the same batting order all spring and it has been extremely successful.

"One factor that has really contributed to the team's success," says Harsh, "is that Hanson and Lister have had several days rest between games. If you played a greater schedule it may not have turned out this way."

"Then, of course, the hitting came through nicely. Ross is hitting two-hundred percentage points better than last year. All in all, it was just like in basketball; the boys did better than anyone ever expected them too," finished the coach.

Here is the lineup, plus individual batting averages, which Harshman handed to the umpire before each game this spring: Swanson-.211, Koessler-.325, Ball-.355, Huffman-.405, Ross-.422, Larson-.300, Helting-.182, Swindlund-.333, and the pitcher-.598. (That's .428 for Hanson and .170 for Lister.)

HERE AND THERE: Eastern Washington College, led by Ron Chadwick, posted its 32nd consecutive track victory last week with a win over Central. Chadwick had 16 points for individual high.

Janet Miller won the ladies' prize in the Hole-in-One contest, coming ten feet from the cup. Paul Steen topped the men by laying one down a scant 7 1/2 inches away from a hole in one. Ole Magnusson grabbed the Lettermen's prize with a drive that left the ball 3 feet from the bulls-eye.

## Tacoma Wins Track Crown

Tacoma took home the laurels in the intramural track meet last Wednesday afternoon at the PLC oval. Tacoma amassed 42 points to secure their win, while Western Parkland, finishing last, followed

in second place with 37 points. The others in order were Ivy Hall with 30, Eastern with 23, Central 9 and Clover Creek Hall was blanked.

The meet seemed to be a two way feud between Tacoma and Ivy Hall with the outcome of the final race, the 1/2 mile relay, to determine the champion. The relay was very close all the way finally being won by Western with Ivy second and Tacoma third. By this virtue Ivy Hall had apparently won the meet by one point, 42-41, over Tacoma. However, the victory was short lived as it was discovered that eight points had been wrongly credited to Ivy and an ineligible player had run on their relay team thus disqualifying the team and forfeiting its points. When the smoke had cleared Tacoma was alone on top, Western was second and Ivy Hall had dropped to third place.

Top scorer of the meet was Terry Brown of Eastern with firsts in the half and quarter mile runs and third place with the Eastern relay team for a total of 12 1/2 points. Closely following was Don Chesterfield of Western with 12 1/2 points by virtue of a first in the football throw, second in the broad jump, three way fourth place tie in the high jump and member of the first place relay team.

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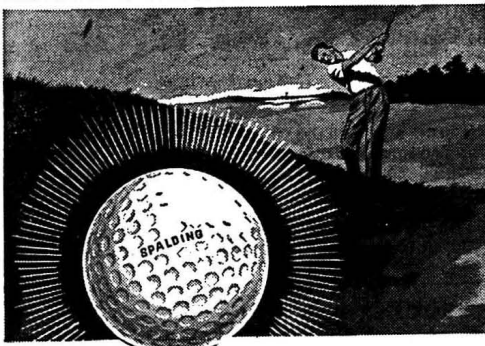
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## Club Note

### Housemothers Feted At Blue Key Tea

To show its gratitude to the housemother's of the off-campus men, Blue Key, men's honorary, Wednesday evening, sponsored the annual Housemother's Tea held in the SUB.

With Al Fink, Blue Key president, serving as master of ceremonies, the program of the Blue Key Boy's Ambassador quartet composed of Reid French, Jim Jaeger, Ernie Johnson and Salim Mitri singing several numbers. Connie Hanson offered piano selections, Marguerite Thompson sang and was accompanied by Mary Ensberg, John Rydgren gave a play cutting from "Green Pastures."

### Lady Lutes To Elect

Meeting at the home of Mrs. Mel Fransten, 813 So. 119th St. on Thursday, the Lady Lutes will see how to make proper table arrangements and hear discussions on table etiquette.

The meeting on May 21 at 7:30 will also include the election of officers. Mrs. Jerry Bender and Mrs. Art Kimball will be co-hostesses.

### Elmore Duncan To Lead Mission Crusaders

At their May 12, meeting, Mission Crusaders elected officers for next semester. Leading the group will be Elmore Duncan, president; Stu Morton, vice-president, and Evelyn Peterson, secretary-treasurer. The adviser has not as yet been announced. Elmore will appoint deputations charman, and ICC representative will be elected at the beginning of the new semester.

### LSA To Visit U. of W.; Elect New Adviser

Pacific Lutheran LSA-ers will be the guests of the University of Washington Lutheran Students Association, Sunday afternoon at 5 in Seattle.

The U. of W. group will entertain the visitors with a program and a tour of the campus. Supper will also be served.

Last fall some 40 LSA-ers from the U. came to Parkland for a similar program. The exchange meetings are an annual affair.

All those who plan to attend the meeting should meet in the hall of Old Main at 4 p.m. Sunday. If you have a car please contact Terry Sverdaten, transportation chairman.

#### LSA Elects

In an election held last week, Dr. Walter Schwaackenber, history and political science professor, was elected adviser for the 1953-54 school year and Ernie Phil, ICC representative.

### Golf, Tennis Left

The intramural season is rapidly drawing to an end, with only golf and tennis yet to be completed. The golf tournament will be the last to finish, the schedule to end May 22, with tennis to finish on the 18th. Slek, Brereton, Schimke, and Lester go into the tennis semi-finals while Brown, Larson, Wangamo, G. Peterson, Akre, Knutzen, Tilly, and Swindland remain in the golf tourney.

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