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Lives Of Service: A Challenge To Graduates

Dr. Walter Capps, recipient of the PLU Distinguished Alumnus Award, and four Washington state legislators are just a few of the thousands of alumni offering lives of service to mankind. They can be a source of inspiration to the 507 students receiving PLU degrees this spring. See pp. 2, 7, 8, 9.



Legislators from left: Reps. Earl Tilly and Phyllis Erickson; Sen. Jack Metcalf and Rep. Robert Curtis.

Theologian Dr. Walter Capps Receives PLU Distinguished Alumnus Award

One of the nation's leading figures in the field of religious education was awarded the PLU Alumni Association's highest honor, the Distinguished Alumnus Award, at PLU May 7.

Dr. Walter Capps, director of the Institute of Religious Studies at the University of California—Santa Barbara, was presented the award by Alumni Association President Ronald Lerch during a special convocation at which Dr. Capps presented greetings. Capps also conducted a series of four public lectures during his two-day visit on campus. Topic of the lectures was "Sanity, Holiness and Loves Body in a Protean Age."

During the lectures, Capps' analysis of man's religious and psychological natures were presented in terms of a commentary on works by several contemporary writers, including *The Model of Protean Man* by Robert J. Lifton.

The new man, as described by Lifton, has characteristics reminiscent of Proteus, the mythical Greek sea god, who could rapidly change appearance, character and principles.

Capps attributed the changes in man's conceptions of fundamental

binary relationships: spirit-body, time-eternity and life-death. Scepters of nuclear holocaust, overpopulation and environmental crises have radically changed our attitudes toward former absolutes, he asserted.

Protean man is ambivalent. He is vulnerable, incomplete and unfinished, according to Capps. "But he is here to stay," the speaker said, "and he can help us attain the religious maturity for which we all are destined."

In addition to the lecture series, Capps held discussions with students in their classrooms.

A prolific writer himself who has authored or edited five books and more than 30 magazine and newspaper articles in the past eight years, Capps has become one of the nation's leading spokesmen in the fields of religion and philosophy. The Society for Religion in Higher Education last year recognized him as one of the outstanding teachers of religion in America.

He has also received fellowships from the Society and from the Humanities and Creative Arts Institutes at the University of California, and was a Rockefeller Doctoral Fellow at Yale University.

Capps' primary area of concern is the upgrading of the teaching and understanding of religion on state campuses. His writings have covered a broad spectrum of religious topics with particular emphasis on analysis of the works of prominent theologians, past and present.

Both Capps and his wife, Lois, attended PLU in the late 1950's. In addition, he holds bachelor's degrees from Portland State University and Augustana Theological Seminary, masters degrees from Yale Divinity School and Yale University, and a doctorate from Yale.

He has served at the UC-Santa Barbara campus for the past nine years.



Dr. Walter Capps

California Alumni Friends Honor Dr. Capps At Aus Reception

Dr. Walter Capps, PLU's Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient, was the guest of honor April 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Aus of Santa Barbara, Calif. Mrs. Aus is an alumni representative to the PLU Board of Regents.

The reception was the spring alumni program for the Southern California area. Alumni from the Los Angeles—Thousand Oaks—Ventura—Santa Barbara communities were present.

The reception was an opportunity to honor Dr. Capps in his own community for persons who would be unable to attend campus ceremonies in his honor. PLU President and Mrs. Eugene Wiegman were on hand as representatives of the university.

A special international flavor was lent to the reception by guests from all over the world who are currently serving as regular and visiting faculty members at the University of California—Santa Barbara.

Among the notable guests were Dr. Vernon Cheadle, UCSB chancellor, and his wife; Dr. Jose-Luis Aranguren, noted European writer currently teaching Spanish at UCSB; Dr. Raimundo Panikkar of Barcelona, a member of Dr. Capps' religious studies department at UCSB; Irving Laucks, a foundation director from Irving, and a member of the board for the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions in Eula, and his wife; John (Teddy) Cogley, former New York Times religion editor and a senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, and his wife; and Ms. Lisa-Lotte Dolby of Copenhagen, currently assistant director of the LaCasa de Maria Retreat Center in Montecito.



PLU Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to Dr. Walter Capps by Alumni Association President Ronald Lerch.



Dr. Capps, left, meets with students in a religion class taught by David Knutson ('58), second from left.



Dr. Walter Capps, left, visits with PLU President Eugene Wiegman.

Goals, Plans for Future of PLU Announced by Board of Regents

At the May 14 meeting of the Pacific Lutheran University Board of Regents, PLU President Eugene Wiegman and the board, by joint action, agreed that during the ensuing year the President will place primary emphasis on identifying future goals and objectives of the university, together with methods to be employed in achieving them.

Dr. Wiegman was offered a Presidential Leave with full pay and benefits for one year, commencing on August 1, 1974. The offer was accepted by Dr. Wiegman.

In other action, the PLU Board of Regents approved the appointment of Rev. James Beckman as associate university minister. Mr. Beckman interned at PLU during the 1971-72 academic year.

A committee of four, to include Wiegman and one representative each from the board, the faculty and the student body was established for the purpose of selecting candidates for the post of vice-president for finance and operations.

The university development plan outlined by university consultant Walter Darling was accepted. The plan will affect all ele-

ments of University life, including academics, research, organization and public relations. Also adopted was an organizational plan for the university submitted by Harry J. Prior and Associates of Seattle.

An Inter-Lutheran Continuing Education Program representing the expanded educational interests of clergy and laity in the various Lutheran church bodies, was approved.

In response to a proposal submitted by the students through the Student Life committee, the board reaffirmed the existing university policy which prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages on campus.

The board also approved seven new faculty appointments, along with recommendations of the university rank and tenure committee.

President Wiegman stated that for the past two years the Board and the President have been working toward reorganization and setting goals for the institution and the refinement of a long-range development plan. He added that he was looking forward, in the coming year, to spending a greater portion of his energy in the redefining of these goals and carrying out of these plans.

567 Degrees To Be Granted At Spring Commencement Exercises

Degrees will be granted to 567 seniors and graduate students and Michael Dederer, chairman of the PLU Board of Regents, will be honored at 1973 Commencement exercises at PLU Sunday, May 27.

The ceremonies will be held in Olson Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. Dederer will be honored for his long service, both to his community and to higher education across the state. In addition to his leadership of the PLU board, Dederer is also a member of the Washington State University Board of Trustees.

He was recently elected president of the Seattle Historical Society and has been active for many years in Seattle business, church and service organizations.

Among the students to be honored during Commencement are Ted Carlson of Corvallis, Ore., a junior recipient of the George Fisher Scholar Athlete Award; Dennis Phillips of Spokane, Jack Hewins Award, Margaret Loverin of Tacoma, Woman of the Year in Sports; Mark Buchanan of Tacoma Alpha Kappa Psi and American Marketing Association Awards; Jack Nixon of Sumner, Financial Executives Institute Award; and Andrew Turner of Tacoma, Lutheran Brotherhood Award.

A total of 111 seniors will be graduating with honors. Three rated summa cum laude are Maribeth Anderson and Curtis Wiekre, both of Tacoma, and Karen Norman of Port Angeles.

Among the 496 bachelors degrees, a total of 207 bachelor of arts degrees will be presented; also bachelor of arts in education, 141; bachelor of business administration, 52; bachelor of nursing, 43; bachelor of science, 25; bachelor

of fine arts, 19; and bachelor of music, six.

Among 71 masters degree candidates are 30 in social sciences, 21 in education, 11 in business administration, four in humanities, three in natural sciences and two in music.

Degrees will be conferred by President Eugene Wiegman, who will also speak on "A Challenge to the Graduates." Greetings will be given by Dederer and Ron Lerch, president of the PLU Alumni Association.

Also scheduled during Commencement Weekend are a president's reception for parents and graduates, a commencement concert and a commencement worship service. A nurses' pinning ceremony will be held in Eastvold Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 26.

The reception will be held at the University Center Saturday at 2:30 p.m. That evening the PLU Symphony, Concert Band and Choir of the West will present a concert in Olson Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

Rev. Gordon Lathrop, university minister, will deliver the sermon at the commencement worship service Sunday at 10 a.m. in Olson Auditorium. Music will be provided by the University Choral with members of the faculty and student body also taking part in the service.

PLU Receives \$1,500 Shell Grant

A \$1,500 assist grant from Shell Companies Foundation has been awarded to Pacific Lutheran University. The funds will be used for general faculty development, professional development and for in-



Carol Hidy and Dean Suess

PLU Musical Troubadours Plan Second Summer Concert Tour

A pair of roving troubadours from Pacific Lutheran University will tour the western United States this summer on behalf of the university and the Alumni Association.

The duo, known as Carol, Dean and Guit, will sing their sacred and secular folk music concerts in Lutheran churches in Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona. The enthusiastic response to a similar tour they made last summer led to this summer's tour.

Carol Hidy, an accomplished

folk guitarist from Mercer Island, Wash., has collected ballads and folk songs for many years. An English major who has studied church music at PLU, she researches the origins and developments of the songs the duo performs, and when necessary translates them into modern English. The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ross Hidy of Mercer Island, she is a national merit scholar and will be a teaching assistant in innovative composition and English at the PLU Learning Skills Center next fall. A junior, she is twice winner of the PLU all-school oratory contests.

Research Grant For Sciences Awarded To PLU

A \$16,600 grant from Research Corporation of New York was awarded to Pacific Lutheran University recently. The grant, made under the foundation's Cottrell College Science Grants program, will be used in research dealing with dispersion of molecular polarizabilities. Principal researchers are Dr. K. T. Tang and Dr. Sherman Nornes, professors of physics at PLU.

Cottrell grants support academic research programs in the natural sciences at private, predominantly undergraduate institutions.

Research Corporation, a foundation for the advancement of science, was created 60 years ago by Frederick Cottrell as a non-profit institution for the support of scientific research.

Dean Suess, a senior music major in French horn performance and education, arranges music for the tour, including ballads, folk and contemporary popular music and sacred folk music. He seeks to produce arrangements that are both musically beautiful and true to the song's origin.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Suess of Seattle, he is tenor section leader of the PLU Choir of the West and principle French horn in the University Symphony. He is also a member of Blue Key, a national scholastic honorary.

About their music Carol comments, "It's music that draws people closer together because it speaks to the deep human feelings and experiences that all people have. A ballad doesn't aim at one particular generation. If it's funny, everyone laughs; if it's tragic, we recognize the tragedy as part of what we all face."

"And it's appropriate to sing this music in churches because God is active in all of life, not just Sunday morning," she added.

Carol and Dean will be in California and Arizona in June and most of July, and in Oregon and Washington during the last part of July and the month of August. For information concerning their tour or to schedule appearances, contact the Alumni House at PLU.