Lives Of Service: A Challenge To Graduates

Dr. Walter Cupps, recipient of the PLU Distinguished Alumni 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 567 students receiving PLU degrees this spring. See pp. 2, 7, 8, 9.
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 a dinner May 2.

Dr. Walter Capps, director of the Institute of Religion at the University of California at Santa Barbara, was the recipient of the award.

The ceremonies were held at the Banquet Hall at the Connerton Center, the university’s new student center.

Dr. Capps was born in 1928 in San Diego, Calif., and received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1950. He went on to receive his M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1951 and 1953, respectively.

Dr. Capps has been a professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara since 1961, where he currently serves as dean of the College of Education.

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 Wiegand announced that the Board would present the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Dr. Walter Capps.

Eugene Wiegand announced that the Board of Regents approved the appointment of James Keckman as associate university president. Dr. Keckman was appointed at PLU during its 125th anniversary.

A committee of four, including Wiegand and four representatives from the board, faculty and student body, was established for the purpose of selecting candidates for the first vice president of finance and operations.

The university development plan outlined by university president Walter Heding was accepted. The plan will affect all of the University of University life including faculty, student and public relations. Also adopted was an organizational chart for the university submitted by Harry J. Pyle, executive assistant.

An Inter-Lutheran Continuing Education Program was established with the University of Washington and the universities of Seattle and in the various church-related institutions.

At the May 14 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the new faculty, including new faculty members, along with recommendations for the university.

President Wiegand stated that for the next two years the tone and the President and have been working toward recognition and setting goals for the institution and the retirement of a language development plan. He added that he was looking forward to the coming year, to spending a greater portion of his energy at the redesigning of these goals and carrying out these plans.

Carol Hidy and Dean Sturtevant

PLU Musical Troubadours Plan Second Summer Concert Tour

A pair of young troubadours from Pacific Lutheran University, Carol Hidy and Dean Sturtevant, will take their summer on behalf of the university and the Alumni Association.

The tour, known as Carol Dean and Guitar, will tour their sacred and secular music conceits in Lutheran churches in Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona. They will perform two concerts in the same location, one in the morning and the other in the evening.

567 Degrees To Be Granted At Spring Commencement Exercises

Degrees will be granted to 567 seniors and graduate students and Walter M. Capps, chairmen of the PLU Board of Regents, will be honored at the 1977 Commencement exercises.

The ceremonies will be held in Graham Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m.

Dedication will be honored for his service, both as a renowncement and higher education across the country. In addition to his leadership of the PLU board, Dedrick is also a member of the Yale University and State University of Trustees.

He was recently elected president of the Seattle Historical Society and a member of the Royal Society of Arts, letters and sciences.

Among the students to be honored are: Keach Bergere, a senior; Caroline B. Byrd, a junior; Margaret Jordan, a sophomore; William Jordan, a junior; Jennifer Jordan, a senior; and Andrew Tompkins, a sophomore.

A total of 111 seniors will be graduating with honors. The graduates are: Amy B. Austin, a senior; Peter B. Austin, a senior; John B. Austin, a senior; and Thomas B. Austin, a senior.

A total of 193 seniors will be graduating with honors. The graduates are: Amy B. Austin, a senior; Peter B. Austin, a senior; John B. Austin, a senior; and Thomas B. Austin, a senior.

PLU Receives $1,500 Shell Grant

A $1,500 grant from Shell Oil Company, Shell Oil Company, has been awarded to Pacific Lutheran University for research.

The grant will be used to support research in the natural sciences and humanities.

Research Grant For Sciences Awarded To PLU

A $1,500 grant from Research Corporation University, Inc., has been awarded to Pacific Lutheran University for research in the natural sciences.

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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 specific particular generation. It's funny, everyone laughs; if it's tragic, we recognize the tragedy as part of what we all feel."

Carol Hidy and Dean Sturtevant are a popular duo who have performed throughout the United States and Canada, playing in churches and concert halls. Their music is a blend of sacred and secular songs, often performed in a cappella style.

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California Alumni Friends Honor Dr. Capps At Aus Reception

Dr. Walter Capps, PLU’s Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient, was the guest of honor at their annual dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Aus of Santa Barbara, Calif. Mrs. Aus is an alumnus representative to the PLU Board of Regents.

The reception was the spring alumni program for the Southern California area. Alumni from the Los Angeles area gathered to hear the distinguished guest speak.

Dr. Capps is a well-known figure in the field of religious education and has received numerous awards and honors for his contributions to the field.

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Dr. Capps, left, with Alumna in a reunion class (Photo by Allen Kenney)