

IS CHRIST STILL IN CHRISTMAS?

Christmas is a day on which neither the past nor the future seems as important as the present. As soon as the first bough of pine or twig of gilded holly festoons the doorway we invariably yield to the overwhelming spirit of the approaching holiday season. Almost without warning today we tend to become hopelessly lost in the maze of bright tinsel and seasonal trappings. So often we allow our minds to become cluttered with fretful thoughts of Christmas shopping, family dinners, last minute tests, holiday programs, that we forget that in all its simplicity this is the birthday of a King. Yet somewhere in the uniform confusion the brilliant star of the Bethlehem plain loses a portion of its original glitter and a birth which in its own amazing importance swept away and supplanted all other historical reckonings of time is minimized in its glory.

There is a tale told of a little girl who, as the Yuletide approached, became increasingly excited about Santa Claus, stockings at the chimney, and all the other tinsel trappings of the season. She became so deeply perturbed that on the night before the long-awaited day, as she knelt to pray, she became very much confused. In praying the Lord's Prayer when she came to the petition, "Forgive us our trespasses, she forgot herself and said, "Forgive us our Christmas." Too often when we observe the way in which too many commemorate this day, it is easy to see why we need to pray "Our Christmas."

In algebra we find that the letter X is commonly used to designate an unknown quantity. As a universal abbreviation in spelling Christmas it seems to say that Christ has become an unknown factor in the commemoration of the day of His birth. In itself it singularly denotes a trend in modern society away from the original meaning.

A university professor of psychology to test this fact gave a word-suggestion quiz to his class. He asked his students to write the word Christmas, then to unite immediately the first thought that flashed into their minds regarding this day. When the papers had been collected,

these answers were found: tree, holly, turkey, Santa Claus, and presents. Not one of the students had written the Birth of Christ. Quite evidently Christ was an X, the unknown quantity, in their Christmas.

So often, like the Jews of Old Testament times when they chose by lot their first King Saul and found him hidden "among the stuff," we cannot find the King of Kings because we have hidden Him among the frantic pushing through crowds, the carousing Christmas Eve, the inordinate eating and drinking on Christmas day, the gifts, sports and other decorations. And when the housewife surveys it all in the light of the morning after, the need not be condemned if she regards it as a Christ "mess" or Christ "mess."

It should be reasonably easy to recognize that the Advent season which is now upon us is more than a preparation for the Yule log, vacation time, holly and tree. It is even more than the feast of home and family, the fellowship of love and friendship, and natural good cheer. It is more than all them together. Just as we would not crowd out the quest of honor at any birthday celebration on the one day that in the highest sense it is, so we cannot crowd out the Babe of Bethlehem. Yet this is what is done when we think only of ourselves and Christ is left out of the manger scene.

Richly understood in its original meaning from the early church, the word Christmas points to the meaning in which the day should be observed, namely, of worshipping Him who gave the day its real meaning. May His light shine through the days that stretch before vacation and His star shine with a new radiance over this campus. For the spell of Christmas lies in the glory song of the angels and in their message:

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

—Joanne Schief

The Mooring Mast Yuletide Concert To Be Given Sunday at 4 p. m.

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Thespians to Present "A Christmas Carol"

Continuing a long-established PLC Christmas tradition, the Curtain Call Club will again this year present the theater adaptation of Charles Dickens' famed "Christmas Carol." December 19 in the SUB Auditorium at 8 p. m.

As the play is written in nine staves, three members of Curtain Call Club are serving as directors. Harriet Olsen, Howard Worley, and Margaret Kutz. Assisting them are Judd Doughty, Barbara Hedlund, and Edna McCall.

Choir To Sing On Liberty Network

PLC's Choir of the West will bring the Christmas message in song to the entire United States on December 25 through Liberty Broadcasting Company.

The program, to be broadcast on a national scale, is announced by Professor T. O. Karl. This was the first scheduled release from the new radio studio, and was produced and arranged by the speech department. The Tacoma affiliate of LBS is radio station KTBI. Local papers will tell which station is an affiliate of LBS.

A few of the selections to be given are, "Sweet Angel Voices," which was composed by Joseph Edwards, founder of the Choir of the West; "Silent Night" by Gruber, with Eleanor Hansen as soprano soloist; and "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," a plainsong from the middle ages. Many other numbers from the choir's repertoire are on the program.

Frosh To Show Movie Tonight

"The Child of Bethlehem," a technicolor Christmas movie, will be presented in the SUB at 6:45 this evening for all students and faculty members.

Presented by the freshman class, the movie is being shown early so PLCers may attend the basketball game which starts at 8:00.



Directing the various choral groups in the annual Christmas concert Sunday afternoon will be Professor Gunnar J. Malmin. The concert begins at 4

Nurses Capped At Emmanuel

Six former PLC students were capped by Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing in Portland on December 7.

They are: Ethel Allet, Vancouver, Wn.; Charlotte Brandt, Sheridan, Ore.; Gloria Evanson, Camas, Wn.; Ruth Hansen, Wilbur, Wn.; De Lora Johnson, Tacoma; and Luella Vig, Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dr. S. C. Eastvold delivered the address at the Capping Ceremony held in Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland.

Bring Gifts Tonite to Game For Needy

To help provide a White Christmas for needy families in Parkland and Tacoma, Blue Key and Spurs are sponsoring a food drive at tonight's Chico State-PLC basketball game.

Students are asked to bring an article of non-perishable food wrapped in white to place under the white Christmas trees which will be stand-

Pacific Lutheran's Choir of the West, Chorus, Band, Lettermen's Glee Club, and the newly organized Madrigal Club will unite Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock to present the annual Christmas Concert in the Memorial gymnasium.

The concert, which annually draws crowds of 2000 persons, will be held for the last time in the gym. Next year's locale will be the new Chapel-Music-Speech building.

After the playing of the Overture to Handel's "Messiah," the Choir and Chorus will sing together the Processional, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," and four other numbers. They are: Mendelssohn's, "Star of Jacob," "Now Sing We Now Rejoice," "Now Is Come Our Salvation," and "Sweet Angel Voices."

In addition to the prelude, the Band will play the Offertory, "O Holy Night," under the direction of Harley Christopherson.

Chorus To Sing Three "To Thee We Sing," Bach's, "Jesu, Priceless Treasure," and "Lo How a Rose," arranged by Overby, will be sung by the Chorus alone.

A new musical group in the Yuletide presentation this year is the Lettermen's Glee Club, which will sing "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," "Good King Wenceslas," and "We Three Kings."

Also making its first appearance is the Madrigal Club. They will sing five carols: "Deck the Hall," "Carol of the Bells," "Angels We Have Heard," "A Joyous Christmas Song," and "Shepherds, Quickly Wake."

Solo selection by the Choir of the West will be two by Schreck, "O How Shall I Receive Thee" and "Lord Hosanna," and "The Gradle," and (Continued on Page 4)

Choirs To Present 'Messiah' at Trinity

The combined choirs of Trinity and Our Saviour's Lutheran churches will present the Christmas section of Handel's "Messiah," Tuesday night at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of Trinity in Parkland.

Two PLC music professors, R. Byard Fritts and Frederick L. Newnham, are choir-masters of Our Saviour's and Trinity respectively.

PLC students will play a big part in the concert. Marguerite Thompson and Herb Neve have the contralto and baritone solo parts. A six-piece string ensemble, composed of PLCites, will accompany the chorus and soloists. Several members of the Trinity choir are PLC students, also.

Newnham will conduct the chorus and ensemble, and Fritts will be organist. Other soloists are: Miss Helen Bertus, soprano and David Wright, tenor.

Contest Winners To Be Announced Tuesday in Chapel

Winners of the Freshman class-sponsored yell and song contest will be announced next Tuesday, December 18, in chapel.

The prize-winning cheers will be presented by the cheer leaders, Yella, 1st prize, \$5; 2nd prize, \$3. Sons, 1st prize \$6; 2nd prize \$4.

Judges for the contest are Rev. Kelmer Roe, freshman class adviser, and the cheer leaders, Barbara Espedal, Marylynn Myklebust, Jack Enoch and Dave Roe.

New Sports Editors Appointed By Editor

Ron Douglass and Ted Grosjohn were named by editor of the Mooring Mast, Dave Nervig, to fill the sports editor vacancies on the paper, last week.

Because of outside work, Jerry Martin can no longer hold down the position.



THIS is the final issue of the Mooring Mast for 1951. With it the entire staff wishes a—

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Prexy Says . . .

The superb enthusiasm and cooperation of all the students who decorated the campus last Tuesday evening really brought the Yuletide atmosphere close to PLC. I would like to thank all of you, especially the chairmen of the various committees. It was a lot of work but still the way everyone pitched in, I am sure you had a lot of fun too. The campus has never had such beautiful decorations in the four years I have been at PLC. You all deserve a pat on the back.

No matter where you turn or what you do from now until December 25, you will be reminded of Christmas. Christmas parties, amusements, dinners, plays, caroling and many other activities are on the agenda.

Since this is the last issue of the Mooring Mast before the vacation, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and wish you the best of everything for the New Year.

—Art Broback

Yuletide Spirit Invades Campus; Boughs, Holly, Trees, Unloaded

Have you ever tried decorating your room for Christmas? It's very interesting, especially if your mind is a vacuum and no inspiring ideas come begging to be released. It seems, though, that some enterprising students at PLC have absolutely no trouble when it comes to the art of door, window and tree decorations. This art is brought to its zenith of perfection once a year by a few enthusiasts and then left dormant until the following Christmas season.

Unfortunately, there are some who are untalented, and as these sad people pass from their plain walls, they are greeted with the jolly good cheer of their ambitious friends. These friends fall into three types: door decorators, window painters and tree trimmers. The door decorators seem to have one thing in common, and that is to get the biggest wreath in the dorm. There are holly, cedar and pine wreaths, some with snow, artificial, of course, and others with large ribbons. Marciele Fink and Marilyn also seem to have out done all challengers though, they have put a decorated Christmas tree on their door.

It seems that three freshman girls, Janet Olson, Iris Willingham, and Jan Whitmore just couldn't decide who was going to eat their candy cane (paper mache it was) so they

compromised and pinned it on their door. Also on third floor, Cordy Proctor and Ellen Kellberg very cleverly covered their door with wrapping paper, put a big red ribbon and bow on it, and changed it into a Christmas package. Karen Hillo and Inga Astrup were so happy with the Christmas cards they received last year that they have them displayed on the front of their door.

Kathleen Hinrichs and Irene Hanson have turned their room into an art gallery. Their windows are painted with Christmas bells, while Irene's mirror has a scene of Bethlehem on it and Betty's mirror is decorated with a wreath. Everytime Judy Bergman and Marriane Pfeiffer look out their window they think it's snowing. It's really paper snow flakes pasted on the glass.

One of the prettiest trees belongs to Betty Aune and Wenona Kreiger. It is decorated with blue Christmas tree lights. Maclani Casimero and Louise Kleisert have a Christmas scene under their tree and when it is lighted it gives a very nice effect. The smallest tree in the dorm, in fact it is really only a baby tree, belongs to Shirley Skagen and Arlene Wangersten.

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LDR Gives For Children's Home

Buying Christmas gifts for neglected children is an annual project of the PLC branch at the Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation.

Money collected this year from dorm girls by the LDR will be used to purchase corduroy trousers for boys at the Parkland Children's Home.

The home was founded at Parkland in 1902 and moved to Everett in 1922. It gives care to neglected or deserted children from 6 to 12 years of age.

Supported by the Evangelical Lutheran Church and individual contributions, the home works in cooperation with Associated Lutheran Welfare.

Biological Organization To Meet Here Saturday

The Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society will meet on the PLC campus tomorrow evening at 8 p. m.

All students are invited to hear Dr. Wesley Clanton of the Washington State Health Department, who will be the chief speaker.

Mr. Harry Lunetti of the Tacoma Health Department will show movies and talk also.

'51 Grad Appointed As Missionary To Belgian Congo

Louise Bunes, PLC grad of '51, was last month appointed as a Missionary appointee to the Belgian Congo, by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

Her work in Africa will be preceded by eighteen months in Brussels, Belgium, studying French.

She expects to embark next May for Belgium.

Coffee Shop To Be Open After Games

During basketball season, the coffee shop will remain open after each game, Bob Knutson, manager, reported today.

Complete new line of bakery goods, from Patty Ann's Bakery, new pop machine sporting seven delicious flavors, and a promise of the juke box being repaired are the latest developments to merge from PLC's hamburger heaven.

Bob issued an appeal to those students who bring their lunch and desire coffee or milk, to please utilize the facilities provided for them. Knutson further stated that any organization desiring refreshments, could order through him.

Editor Appoints New Associated Ed.

Jo Nodtvedt, editor of the 1951 Saga, appointed Marilyn Djarf to assist Shirley Sagehorn, associate editor. Because of marriage plans, Shirley will not be able to carry on her Saga activity.

Marilyn will understudy Jo, and probably become editor of the 1953 annual.

Open House in Dorm Sunday Afternoon

Open House will be held in the women's dormitory preceding the annual Christmas concert Sunday afternoon.

Rooms will be open to visitors from 2:00 until 3:30 p. m.

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SEATTLE U.

First we'll take a look at last week's game. John O'Brien, with his left-handed hook shot, looked even better than last year when he led all Northwest college scorers. John now has 161 points for 7 games this year.

We had a good rooting section at the Seattle game. Loyal Lute rooters should take advantage of the chance to see our team in action tonight and tomorrow night in the Memorial gym.

EVERGREEN CONFERENCE

As the Evergreen Conference race gets under way before we go to press again, perhaps we should give the teams a quick once over at this time.

From pre-season records, it looks like the top Evergreen conference teams will again rate right up there with the top teams of the Northwest. On the strength of their already impressive records, Whitworth and Eastern should be battling it out for the crown. Central and Western seem to be the best of the other clubs with PLC, CPS and British Columbia being unimpressive in their games so far.

PREDICTION DEPARTMENT

We have been asked to make a prediction on tonight's game with Chico State. Wishing to oblige, we contacted a well known PLC math student (name of Huffman) who in turn consulted his Calculus book and made lengthy calculations, but the only answer he could arrive at for us was that it would not be 31-20.

Parkland Blacksox Split on Trip

The past weekend was a successful one for the Parkland Blacksox. After a trip to British Columbia, playing two highly rated teams, they emerged with a victory and a one point loss.

On Friday night, they met the University of British Columbia Junior Varsity. After leading to this game all the way, except for the final four minutes, they ended up with a 55-54 defeat. Big man for the Blacksox offensively was Mit Hefly who scored 15 points.

Journeing to Matsqui, B. C. on Sat. they the local team, the New Westminster "King Eddies" by a 60-50 score. This is one of the stronger independent teams of that area and they are at present leading the Valley League. Dave Kandal, who is accustomed to playing in that territory, pumped in 17 points to pace the visitor's scoring.

This was perhaps the nicest trip any local independent team has taken and the boys were very impressed. Favorable comments on Canadian enthusiasm toward basketball were reported.

Lutes Trou ce Loggers; Play Chico Tonight

Pacific Lutheran's twine-tickers started the rivalry with CPS where they left off last year by trouncing the Loggers, 71-49 last night. It was the home debut for the Lutes, as they made it six straight basketball wins over "Heinrick's Hobbjers," having won five in a row last season.

Intramural Play Gets Under Way

...the ball got underway this week with three games in both the College and University leagues.

Eastern won its first game with a 38 to 30 victory over Central in the University league.

The big game of the week was between Clover Creek and Ivy hall as the teams were more evenly matched than the others. The final score was 24 to 22.

In the other University game, Tacoma ran roughshod over Western Parkland by a score of 46 to 15.

Central Parkland's C squad pulled ahead in the last few minutes to down Ivy's B team 42 to 35 in the big game of the College league.

PLC continues their home stand tonight and tomorrow night meeting a strong Chico State team. Chico, which had one of the top clubs in Northern California last year, has six returning lettermen on hand. The team is built around Vere Butler, 5'

Chico school's record book in the last two seasons. He holds the school's seasonal point record with 473 and the single game record of 31 points.

The Californians are about the same height as the Lutes with no giant performers. Chico lost early season games to a good U of Nevada team and the College of Pacific. Tuesday night they defeated Pasadena Nazarene College 67-64.

Coach Salzman's JV team will play preliminary games both nights at 6:30. Tonight they will meet McChord Field and tomorrow night will take the floor against the Parkland Blacksox in a game which should be well worth seeing.

Chiefs Humble Glads, 72-49

PLC met one of the top college teams in the Northwest last Friday night and came out second best. In a game played before 3500 fans at Seattle's Civic Auditorium, Seattle U. dumped the Lutes 72-49.

Paced by Ed Brown, PLC jumped to a momentary 11-6 lead. Johnny O'Brien went to work and the Chiefs tained moved ahead 18-15 at the quarter and 35-26 at the intermission. The Seattle outfit held a comfortable lead throughout the second half, being ahead 53-38 at the three-quarter mark.

Little men were outstanding for both teams. John O'Brien played his usual great game and dumped in 27 points while his twin brother Ed also looked good for the Chiefs. Ed Brown led the Lutherans with 17 points and Bert Wells turned in his normal fine performance before fouling out early in the second half.

The Lutes' big men looked good on the backboards but were off on their shooting. In fact, the shooting percentages told the story of the game. With both teams getting the same number of shots, the Chiefs tains dropped in 44% from the floor as against 28% for PLC.

Seattle University's Papooses defeated the PLC JV's 56-44 in the preliminary after jumping into a 29-15 halftime lead.

PLC (49)	Seattle U. (72)
Hefly (5)	F (4) Doherty
Huffman (3)	P (7) Whittles
Johnson (8)	C (8) Higlin
Wells (8)	G (12) E. O'Brien
Brown (17)	G (27) J. O'Brien

Reserves--PLC: Ross (3), Eastman (6), Lund, Larson, Krejci, Billings, Hanson. Seattle: Mosecatel (5), Sanford, Holden, Soo (3), Ginsberg, Johansen (6).

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'Christmas Carol'

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Following the show, students from PLC take part in the traditional Christmas caroling activities, visiting homes of the faculty in the Parkland area.

"Christmas Concert"

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"Only Begotten Son."

Mass Choir At End

Two numbers again by the Choir and Chorus, "Jesu Bambino" and "To Shepherds Fast Asleep," will precede the closing of the affair by a mass group, composed of all the choirs. They will offer two of the most beloved Christmas songs, "Beautiful Saviour," and "Silent Night."

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Hoopsters Travel to Oregon Next Week

Coach Marv Harshman will take his PLC basketball team into Oregon next week for a two game trip. The Lutes meet Pacific U. in Forest Grove on Tuesday, December 18, and then travel to Ashland the following night to meet Southern Oregon College.

Not too much is known of the SOCE club while Pacific's starting lineup will probably contain 4 lettermen from last year's team which lost a thrilling 41 to 39 game to PLC. The Badgers will have a height advantage with 6' 6" Clint Agee, football end, at the post.

Unlike the fast break used by many of the clubs this year, Pacific leans to the slower and more conservative type of play. The Badgers have not been too impressive in games to date against Junior College and independent teams.

Lineups:

PLC (44)	Papones (56)
Bolland (2)	F (8) Haberie
Krejci (3)	F (10) Casey
Schimke (12)	C (12) Pehanick
Billings (6)	G (4) Schell
Larson (8)	G (0) McBarron

Reserves--PLC: Hanson (6), D. Hefty (2), Stuhmiller, Fink, Muenschner 5.

Ski Club Plans Weekend Trip

At its first organized meeting of the year, the PLC Ski Club made tentative plans for several ski trips and elected Mr. and Mrs. Karl Skarvik club advisers.

An overnight trip to Mt. Hood is scheduled for the weekend between semesters, January 26 to 28, 1952. This will be an all-school affair sponsored by the Ski Club. Committees for the trip have been appointed. Don Reiman is in charge of transportation, Donna Simkins, accommodations, and Connie Jacobson, food.

Bob Rog and Anna Werner, president and vice president of the club respectively, recently conferred with the CPS Ski Club president and adviser. CPS has offered the use of its ski lodge, at Chinook Pass, and facilities to the PLC club any time it wishes to use them.

The possibility of a PLC Ski Carnival with a ski queen, et cetera, were discussed. Also it was decided that the club would have a chaplain committee in charge of devotions on the weekend trips.

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PLC Entertains CPS Pi Kappa Delta's

In its first social event of the year, PLC's chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, speech honor society, served as host to a Christmas party honoring the debate squads of PLC and CPS.

Approximately 15 debaters from each school, including Prof. Karl and Dr. Charles Battin, CPS forensics coach, were entertained at the get-together, arranged by Edith Engel.

Keynoting the evening's entertainment was a mock debate on the subject, "Resolved: that love is and ought to be blind." PLC's star debaters, Jon Ericson and Bill Rieck took opposite sides of the question, and Sheila Ryan and Jackie Hodgson from CPS were their opposites. The debate was made especially entertaining, for during the rebuttal period each side refuted their own constructive arguments.

WAA Holds Party Last Monday Night

A Christmas party for WAA members was held in the gym last Monday evening.

After playing volleyball from 7 until 8 the girls were served cupcakes and root beer. The party closed with the singing of familiar Christmas carols.

Many Rejected By Blood Bank

Forty-five pints of blood were collected for the Armed Forces on the first day of the Spur-sponsored Blood Bank. There were 68 prospective donors but 23 were turned down. Colds were the main cause of rejections.

The Blood Bank was set up in the SUB amid the festive decorations. Three workers from the Tacoma-Pierce County Blood Bank drew the life-saving fluid. Fruit juice, coffee and cookies were served after the donation had been made.

The cookies were made by the Spur and faculty members, and the coffee was provided by The Student Council.

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