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A PROPHECY IN PROCESS OF FULFILLMENT

A year ago, in February, 1929, the President of Pacific Lutheran College prepared the copy for a circular which has never been printed. It may be that his courage failed him. It may be that his confidence in the supporters of the school did not stand the test. And yet the first friend who saw that copy promptly gave him five hundred dollars toward the realization of the prophecy therein contained.

The copy, as originally prepared, contained two lists of items: 1. WHAT WE NOW HAVE (February, 1929), 2. WHAT WE HOPE FRIENDS WILL GIVE US.

That the prophecy is being fulfilled, the appended comparisons will show. *Soli Deo gloria!*

"WHAT WE NOW HAVE"

As Listed in February, 1929

1. Three buildings, valued at \$185,000 (Main Building, Chapel, Gymnasium).
2. Equipment, valued at \$20,000.
3. Campus of 18 acres, valued at \$5,000.
4. Permanent endowment funds in the amount of \$290,000 in process of collection from 1927 to 1932, nearly 1/3 collected now.
5. Experienced faculty of fourteen members.
6. Current enrollment of 180 students.
7. Four-year high-school division, two-year state-accredited collegiate normal, and two-year liberal arts curriculum in junior college.
8. Vested Choir of sixty-five voices.
9. Orchestra and other musical organizations.
10. Dramatics, forensics, and debate.
11. Football, basketball, baseball, tennis, golf, physical education.
12. Excellent, loyal, friendly school spirit.
13. Loyal, aggressive alumni.
14. An increasing number of supporters and friends (727 in the Development Association).
15. An open and increasingly important field extending from San Diego, California, to Teller, Alaska.
16. Truly Christian ideals and a forward-looking program to make them more effective.

As Revised in February, 1930

1. The construction of the new chemistry laboratory, etc., increased the value by \$5,000.
2. Present valuation, \$25,000. Large improvement in library.
3. \$2,000 have been spent on campus expansion this year.
4. The endowment fund collection has passed \$107,000 and is proceeding at the same rate as the Luther-St. Olaf endowment collection.
5. The faculty has been increased to eighteen resident members.
6. Current enrollment of 212 students.
7. High-school accreditation is continued, normal accreditation changed to Class A, and the liberal arts curriculum is fully accredited by the University of Washington.
8. Membership in the Choir is now limited to forty.
9. A grand piano and a viola have this year been purchased for school use.
10. To these activities add journalism and the school annual, "Saga."
11. The coaching staff has been augmented and improved.
12. This most vital asset is being further developed on a Christian basis.
13. Meet them at the annual reunion at the school, March 22, 1930.
14. The number of members in the Development Association is now 4023 and steadily growing.
15. Recent developments in the Lutheran Church have increased the possibilities of service and promise increased cooperation.
16. Ideals and program were officially approved by the Pacific District convention at Portland, Oregon, in May, 1929.

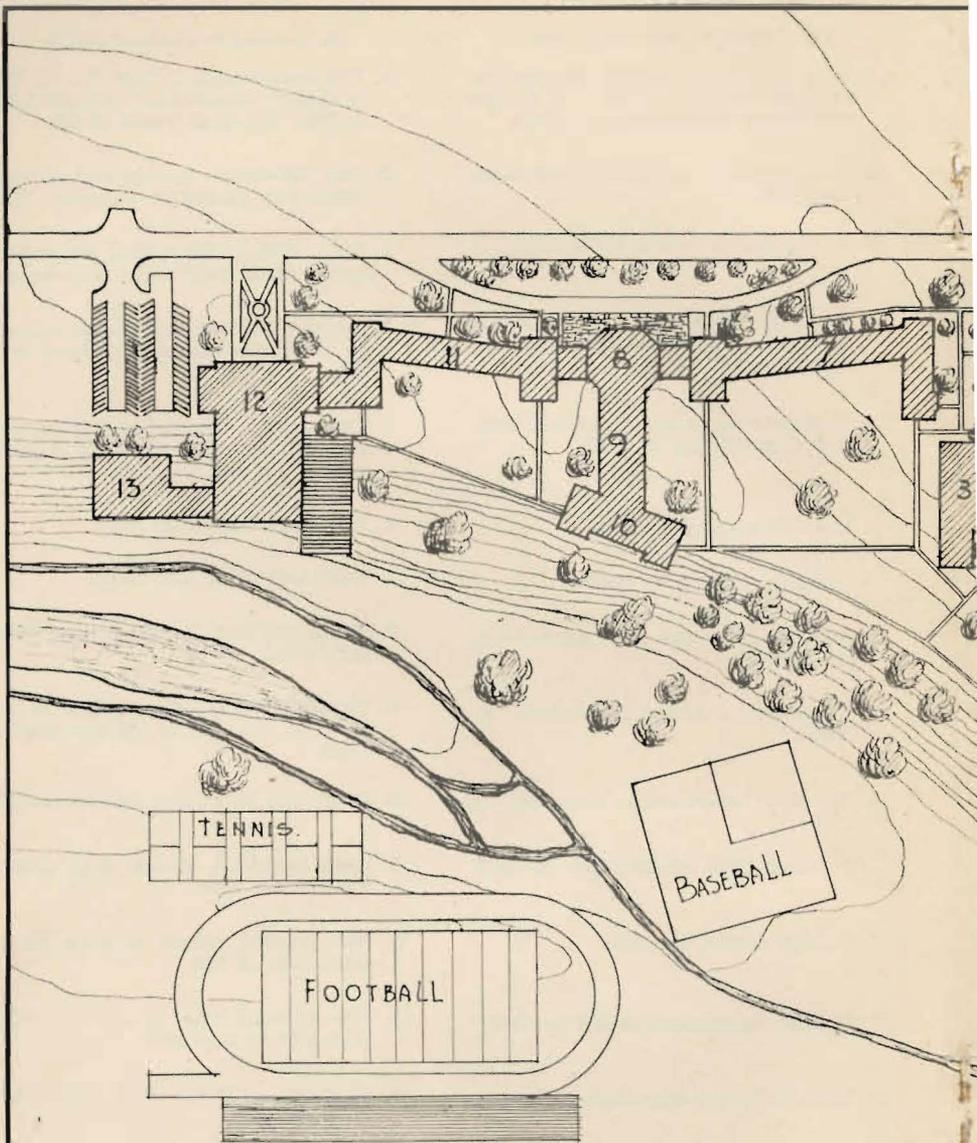
"WHAT WE HOPE FRIENDS WILL GIVE US"

As Listed in February, 1929

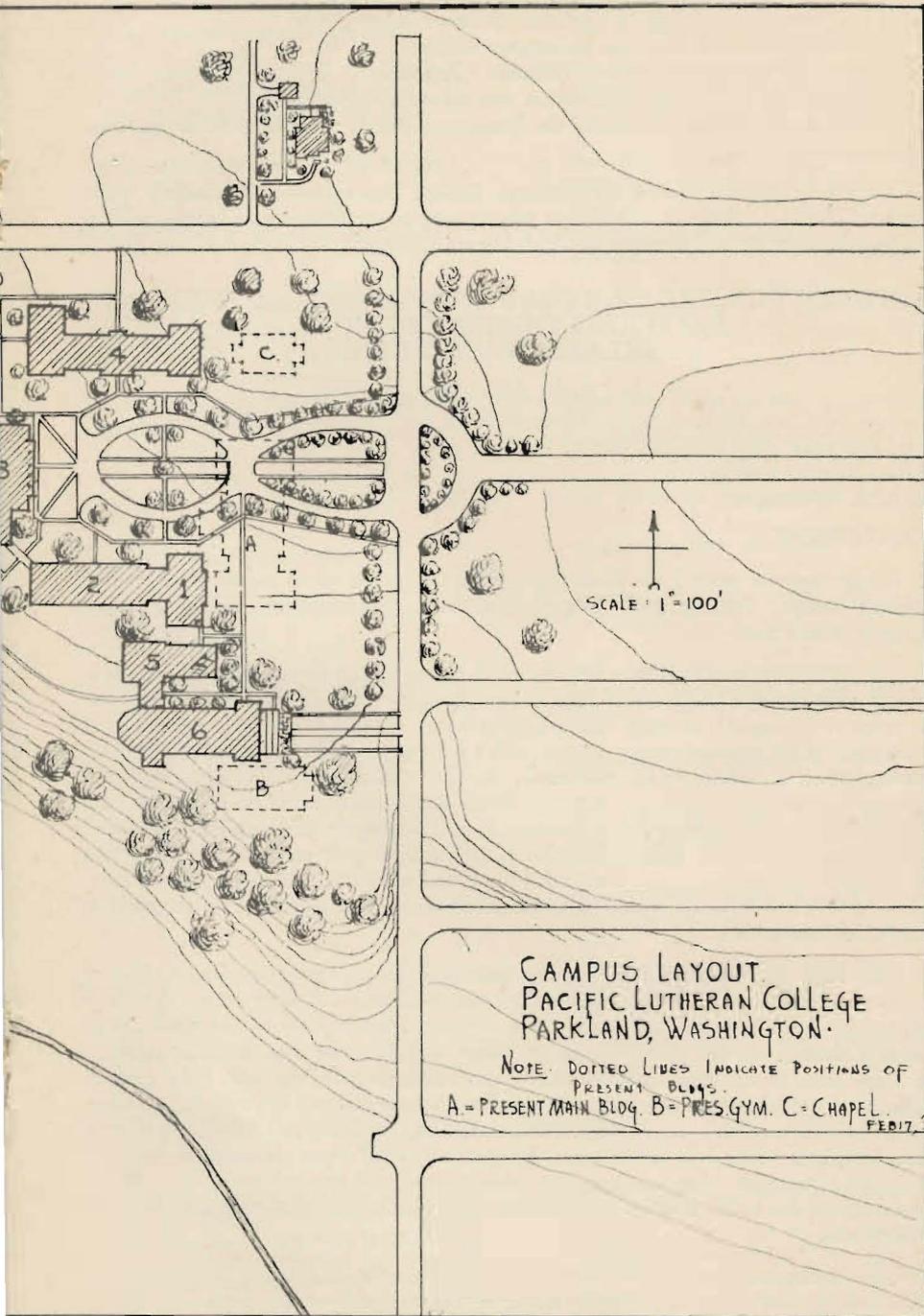
1. An efficient supporting organization of 10,000 members (The P. L. C. Development Association) by 1930.
2. Two hundred students by September, 1929.
3. A president's residence by 1930.
4. Complete renovation of the Main Building and beautifying of the grounds.
5. Complete classification and cataloging of the library by 1930.
6. Girls' dormitory by 1931.
7. Library building by 1932.
8. Athletic field and new gymnasium by 1933.
9. Four-year college curriculum by 1934.
10. Doubled endowment promised by 1935.
11. Freedom from indebtedness by 1936.
12. College chapel by 1937.
13. Limited enrollment of 500 by 1938.
14. Music hall not later than 1939.
15. Administration and classroom building by 1940.
16. Intelligent support, Christian intercessory prayer, wise and wholesome counsel, constructive criticism, vital contacts between the school and the people, and an ever-increasing opportunity to serve God and man in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

As Revised in February, 1930

1. The membership in The P. L. C. Development Association will pass 5,000 in 1930. The goal is still 10,000.
2. The 200-mark in number of students was passed in January, 1930.
3. Plans and specifications are ready; construction will begin this spring.
4. A beginning has been made, in harmony with a complete campus layout.
5. This work is far on the way toward completion; \$1,000 annually appropriated for additions.
6. The plans are under way.
7. Tentative plans are made.
8. Additional land for the site has been purchased.
9. The question is being studied in the light of the junior college movement.
10. Expansion will make this necessary.
11. Even beautiful dreams may sometimes come true.
12. The present chapel is built for a maximum of 300.
13. The present rate of increase will raise this issue in 1938.
14. A special interest may bring results earlier.
15. The present Main Building will become known as the boys' or men's dormitory.
16. These blessings are increasingly in evidence and cause the development program as outlined by the College architect to be regarded as sensible and well-planned and wholly within the possibility of realization by 1950 or before.



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| 1.- ADMINISTRATION | 7.- GIRLS DORMITORY |
| 2.- ARTS | 8.- LOUNGE |
| 3.- LIBRARY | 9.- KITCHEN |
| 4.- SCIENCE | 10. DINING HALL |
| 5.- MUSIC | 11. BOYS DORMITORY |
| 6. CHAPEL | 12. GYMNASIUM |
| | 13. POWER HOUSE |



ARE YOU ONE OF THE TEN THOUSAND?

If you value the building of Christian character in our youth,
If you believe in the Christian philosophy of life,
If you want to keep American civilization Christian,
If you see the need of trained leaders and consecrated workers,
If you desire to make especially the Lutheran Church more effective in its God-given mission—

Then help promote the *Pacific Lutheran College Development Association*, whose slogan is: "At least a dollar at least once a year as long as you find in your heart a willingness to help maintain and develop Pacific Lutheran College."

REPORT UPON THE PROPOSED CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT OF PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE PARKLAND, WASHINGTON

By *Charles Altfillisch*
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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
Pacific Lutheran College,
Parkland, Washington.

GENTLEMEN:

Under separate cover I am sending you a layout for the future buildings of Pacific Lutheran College. I submit it for your approval and herewith make the following report in regard to this plan.

You will note in this plan, that the solid black lines indicate the property now owned by the College. The dotted lines indicate property owned by others. Not all of this property is essential to your future development. As the campus now exists, it is perhaps one of the smallest in the country, with a large part useless for building purposes. Consequently it is inadequate for your needs, especially those needs which have developed in college life during the past ten years and which are now considered an important part of the life of every educational institution. I am referring to the physical and social development. Thus, at a glance from this plat, you can easily see what land you now own; what you must have; what you should have; and what it would be very desirable to have. My recommendation would be to purchase as much of this property as possible. Now is the time to do it.

The important problem at the present time is to adopt a program which will not interfere with either your present facilities or your buildings. Buildings now upon the campus are shown in dotted red lines. With the exception of part of the landscaping (which is elastic), by this plan you can go ahead with your development as rapidly as you wish, even to its entire completion, without disturbing in any way your present buildings. I would wear them out, but I would practice the strictest economy in spending money upon them. As a result, these present buildings will act as a reserve until you obtain buildings which will better serve the purpose, both from an aesthetic and an economical standpoint. Consequently your development will proceed smoothly, without any disruption due to the hurried tearing down of a structure and building another upon the same site.

The development has been divided into two groups: the educational, with the more formal setting, and the social, with its informal and irregular arrangement. With the social group I have placed the gymnasium, in order to make it accessible to the boys'

dormitory, the public, and, by broad steps and terraces, to the athletic field below. The location of the gymnasium in this group also gives a better opportunity of parking cars in a general parking space, without cluttering up the whole landscape with a large number of automobiles of miscellaneous models and makes.

In the educational group, the library, which serves as an intellectual center and, in many cases, is a more imposing building than any of the others, is placed at the head of the mall. This mall is approximately 400 feet long and 250 feet wide. It will be centered upon the main street from Parkland, thus giving a very impressive appearance from that approach. The inner circle of the driveways will be planted with low shrubs and hedges so as not to hide the buildings from view. The outer circle will be planted with trees, forming a natural frame for the buildings on each side. On the north side of the mall will be the science, or class-room, building. On the south will be the administration building, accessible and easily found by the public, who are doing business with the college officials. You will find many colleges where, apparently, the location of the administration offices is a secret. While the administration building should not be the most imposing building, the visitor should have no difficulty in finding it. Thus I have placed it at the end of one of the wings, facing the public thoroughfare, but still a part of the grouping. On this same south side, I have provided space for an additional building for a future possible growth, beyond present expectations. For the time being, it is called the arts building. This grouping will not only give you a pleasing vista but, I believe, a convenient arrangement. As it is developed by adding each unit, it will grow more beautiful and imposing. Running off to the south you will find the music hall and the chapel, both accessible to the public and to the students. These buildings round out the view from the east and the main highway and from one side of the inner courts. Between the chapel and the music hall will be the tower, which, I hope, some day will house the memorial chimes. This tower will not only accent the facade on the east, but it will attract the eye from the inner courts and from the prairie below. Between all the buildings there will be open passages, arched entrances, which not alone will link the buildings together, but will open up vistas in different directions.

The social group will contain the dormitories, the dining hall, the kitchen, and the gymnasium. While each of these buildings, especially the dormitories, should be as far away as possible from street noises, still they must have some transportation facilities. Thus, the street upon which these buildings are grouped is most fortunate, as there will be very little traffic (except for the College) upon it. The kitchen can be supplied through the covered passages between the dormitories and the general lounge. The general lounge will not alone serve for informal meetings, but also for a passage to the dining hall, making it convenient to both the girls and the boys. The girls' dormitory will possibly have to have some parlors and perhaps a small gymnasium. Both dormitories will have their separate courts, facing the hillside and the athletic field below. Provision will also be made so that the boys can go to the educational group around by the north or by the south. This will be a problem of terracing the hillside.

The power plant fortunately can be placed on low ground, which facilitates the return of condensation from the buildings higher up. Whether the supply main shall be carried to each of the other buildings by means of tunnels is a problem for the future. However, over a long period of years, no other method even approaches the convenience of the tunnel. It will not alone carry your heating pipes, but also your water and electric service, leaving them always open for repair.

The athletic field will be on new ground to the south. It may be necessary to fill this in a trifle and also control the course of the small creek. It should offer no difficult problems. The location is convenient to the gymnasium, and it should be easy to pro-

vide plenty of parking space. If enough property could be purchased near to this field, perhaps to the west, a girls' athletic field could also be developed. While you have not this problem now, it may loom up in the future, so it is well to have it in mind. For that reason the golf course on your south is very fortunate.

It would be an asset to the College if the faculty homes were grouped on the property to the north of the campus. This then would control a large amount of the traffic on that street.

An ornamental sign on the main thoroughfare, indicating the location of the College, would be advisable. Peculiarly enough, most experts on college planning agree that a college should not be located on a main thoroughfare. However, the visitor or the traveler should be aware of its location, when he is in its immediate vicinity. This sign could be a steel standard, provided with a light (if current can be supplied), carrying an ornamental iron sign, giving the name of the College, the direction, and the distance. I believe this sign is very essential at once.

I wish to suggest again that the plan as presented to you is one in principle only. The details will have to be worked out as the development continues. Due to the size of the campus, even with the suggested additions, a compact plan is necessary. It cannot be crowded, as it must give the impression of openness and not a stifled and stinted atmosphere. The view from the east and north will be more formal, while from the south the hillside, with its evergreens, the open courts beyond, and then the buildings above them, will give a more spectacular view.

Provision has been made for expansion beyond that anticipated. The dormitories will house about 250 students apiece, and they can be built in units as required. By means of projecting wings this number can be increased. The dimensions of each building will be determined when that particular building is being taken up for immediate construction. Landscaping will develop as the buildings are added to the campus. However, there are a number of things which can be done now which will add considerably to the beauty of the campus. Some landscaping was accomplished this summer which improved the general surroundings a great deal.

I suggest that you study over this layout very carefully, especially from the angles which appeal to you as individuals. I believe it gives every facility necessary to a small college. An attempt was made to make it economical, convenient, orderly, and, lastly, beautiful, as I do not think there is any question but what the environment under which a student receives his education has a great influence upon his character. I want you to be aware that it takes a great deal of courage to successfully complete a program which extends into the future, because you will be beset by many temptations to deviate from a set plan, the consummation of which seems so far away. It is so easy to do something temporary—but it is exasperating how sometimes temporary buildings develop into permanent. Your program is an ambitious one. Its final adoption is a very important step in the future of your College. If you are loyal to it, I believe that its final completion will prove its worthiness to your college.

With best wishes to you and to the success of a project in which I am bound in more ways than you can know, I am

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES ALTFILLISCH.

Decorah Iowa
December 7, 1929