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To hold its high ranking, Pacific Lutheran College must have a Library-class room building NOW

PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE, for a student body of over three hundred, has three buildings, the Old Main, the Chapel, and the Gymnasium.

The Old Main houses the dormitories for boys and girls, the classrooms, the offices, the library, the laboratories, and the dining room and kitchen.

It takes little insight to understand that under these crowded conditions, with a student body having a large increase every year, it is difficult to do first-class educational work. It has been done in the face of these obstacles.

The present library facilities are especially inadequate. What the machines are to the factory, the tools to the workman, the library and the books are to a school and to the student.

Unless they are properly bound, unless there are adequate reading rooms, the educational work of a school suffers.

Moreover, Pacific Lutheran College has a most valuable collection of Scandinavian books and manu-

scripts—perhaps the most valuable on the Pacific Coast.

Today this collection is exposed to the hazard of fire. Surely that is neither wise nor right.

Pacific Lutheran College in April, 1936, won accreditation which makes a Pacific Lutheran College diploma recognized throughout the United States. Accreditation is the most valuable asset of the school. It gives it equal ranking with other schools in our land.

BUT—The accrediting authorities stated that Pacific Lutheran College was accepted *in spite of* the inadequate library and classroom facilities, only because of the high quality of its teaching staff. Pacific Lutheran College will jeopardize its accreditation if this need is not met soon.

Is it saying too much that Pacific Lutheran College is facing a critical situation and that this situation must be met now?



This is the Old Main. It to-day houses dormitories, class rooms, laboratories, library, dining room and kitchen. It is totally inadequate for the growing student body.

Pacific Lutheran College Looks Back

PACIFIC Lutheran College is an institution tested and proven through more than forty years of outstanding services. Founded when the last frontier on this continent was being settled, it has grown up in this environment, sharing the burdens, hardships, difficulties and hopes of the Pacific Slope and making its full contribution to its material and spiritual development.

It has served the Church on the last frontier

Pacific Lutheran College was born in the Church to foster the ideals of the Church and to help train leadership for the Church. Pacific Lutheran College has been and is loyal to this trust. Through the enlistment and training of ministers, through its emphasis on Christian ideals as the centre of education, it has been a source of strength not only to the Lutheran Church, but to all the Christian forces on the West Coast.

Pacific Lutheran College is not narrowly denominational. Any boy or girl regardless of creed or color, is welcome at Pacific Lutheran College. But Pacific Lutheran College does not fail in its loyalty to the Church group which has called it into being and which through the lengthening years has brought untold sacrifices to keep it alive.

It has served its home community—Tacoma

That Pacific Lutheran College has been a financial asset for Tacoma larger than most people realize, need hardly be stated.

Through the investment in buildings, through the expenditures of faculties and students, Pacific Lutheran College through the years has brought millions of dollars to Tacoma.

The real service, however, has been rendered by giving hundreds of Tacoma boys and girls a chance to rise in life who otherwise would have been denied the opportunity for a higher education. It has served the pioneer Pacific West.

Social intelligence, spiritual idealism, trained leadership has been just as important in the advance of the West Coast from the days of the Vigilantes to the present as it has been in the other parts of our land. Especially for the immigrant groups from Northern Europe, Pacific Lutheran College has offered opportunity to develop leadership and through that leadership it has rendered basic service.



A view of the present library. One glance shows that it is well equipped and to serve as the educational center of the community.

ck Upon A Fine Record of Service

It has served the youth of the Pacific Slope

Not only has it stood from the very beginning for high educational ideals and risen steadily in educational ranking. Not only has it steadfastly aimed to serve the common man, true to our American ideal of democracy.

Pacific Lutheran College has emphasized the dignity of labor, has trained directly for certain vocational pursuits: commerce, teaching, music and art. It has consistently emphasized hard work, economy, honesty and self-reliance, the rugged virtues of the great American middle class from which most of its students have been drawn.

A growing army of graduates, and former students, scattered over the Pacific Coast from Nome to San Diego, are the living evidence of the value of a Pacific Lutheran College education.



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onal center of the school.

The final test of an educational institution is not its buildings, resources, faculty. It is the type of students which it turns out and the lives which those students live.

In practically every county in Washington and in a large number of counties in Oregon and Montana the graduates of the Normal Department are holding important teaching positions, as superintendents, principals, or classroom teachers. That their services are satisfactory has been repeatedly demonstrated by the fact that schools which for a number of years have been employing Pacific Lutheran College graduates are renewing their contracts from year to year, and when vacancies occur, are filling them with graduates from our Normal Department. Thus during the last two years every graduate was placed and there is every indication that this year's class will also secure good positions.

A large number of Pacific Lutheran College graduates and former students are holding important positions in banks, in business, in public life.

All This Pacific Lutheran College has done on severely restricted resources.

Pacific Lutheran College is not a rich school. It has been compelled to economize and make its educational dollar go farther than most other schools. It has an excellent and well trained faculty. But all of them are working on small salaries. Not the smallest reason commending Pacific Lutheran College is that through hard necessity it has learned to do much on little.

The Glory of Pacific Lutheran College

It Gives the Average Boy or Girl Their Chance

A PACIFIC Lutheran College diploma is recognized throughout our land because Pacific Lutheran College is an accredited school. Yet—incredible as it may sound—at Pacific Lutheran College, room, board, tuition and incidentals cost only Three Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars a year.

Pacific Lutheran College was established to give the boy or girl from the average home their chance for a higher education. It has remained and will remain true to this ideal. It expresses most fully our American ideal of equal opportunity for all, regardless of wealth or position. It expresses the American faith in the common man. It expresses the American way of progress through the spread of education and through intelligent co-operation instead of class war and revolution.

On the further development of Pacific Lutheran College is staked the chance of hundreds and hundreds of boys and girls in Tacoma, and on the West Coast for a higher education which they will not have if Pacific Lutheran College declines.

Here lies the most compelling, the inescapable appeal of Pacific Lutheran



For young people like this Pacific Lutheran College has lived and served.



Bjug Harstad was the pioneer president of the school. His unflinching courage carried it through the early years of privation and struggle.

College. The final meaning and purpose of life, if life has any meaning or purpose, lies in the growing generation, for whom WE are responsible and who are for every right minded person more precious than life itself.

Pacific Lutheran College Has Had a Steady and Remarkable Growth During the Depression

Year	Enrollment
1920	68
1921	87
1922	84
1923	117
1924	162
1925	143
1926	157
1927	178
1928	137
1929	214
1930	237
1931	262
1932	264
1933	201
1934	290
1935	302