

PLU Oral History Collection, Mortvedt Recollections

Audun Toven interviewed by Lara James on April 17, 2000

KNOWING MORTVEDT: Mortvedt interviewed Toven for his position at Pacific Lutheran University. He was very friendly and a learned man. Mortvedt had a clear idea of where he wanted Pacific Lutheran University to go. He expressed himself well through speeches. He expected professors to fit into the plans of the university.

EXPECTATIONS MORTVEDT HAD: He wanted Pacific Lutheran University to be a Christian campus.

CHANGE FOR THE UNIVERSITY: It was hard for him to change fast enough for the university. He wanted to keep the tradition of mandatory chapel.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY: Mortvedt reorganized the university and was fair in how he acted.

CLOSING THOUGHTS: Mortvedt was a stately and educated man. Many buildings were built while he was here. He made administrative changes in hiring.