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Ford Foundation Gives Grant Of \$184,500 to PLC

Our school is now \$184,500 richer due to a recent gift from the Ford Foundation. News of the gift was received last Monday morning. Throughout the nation colleges, universities, and hospitals were informed of similar grants totaling \$500 million. This is more than \$3 for every man, woman, and child in the United States.

Tacoma hospitals received almost \$300,000. College of Puget Sound profited by \$194,900. Other Washington schools which became richer are: Whitworth, \$148,700; Gonzaga, \$208,100; Seattle U., \$432,900; and Whitman, \$249,200.

In the words of Dr. Eastvold: "Faculty and students at PLC are enthusiastically appreciative of this splendid and generous financial support from the Ford Foundation."

You may be interested to know that the Association of Non-Tax-Supported Colleges and Universities in Washington, of which PLC is a member, will receive a contribution of \$2,500 as a result of recent action taken by The General Foods Fund, Inc. Divided among 8 schools, each share is \$312.50.

Maier, Wife Edit Monthly Magazine

Professor Eugene A. Maier, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at PLC, and his wife have been honored in the Walther League Messenger for their work as editors of a district edition of the Lutheran Witness, Missouri Synod paper.

As editor of the official district publication, Maier lends his literary talents and insight to church work.

Maier took his academic work at the University of Oregon, getting his bachelor's, Master's and doctor's degree. He also took one year of graduate work at Princeton University.

Mr. Maier is helped in his editing by his wife who was trained (Continued on page four)

Non-Citizens Must Register

Commissioner J. M. Swing announced today that the Immigration and Naturalization Service expects some 2,600,000 aliens to report their addresses in January under the 1956 Alien Address Report Program.

The Immigration spokesman pointed out that every non-citizen (except persons in diplomatic status and foreign representatives assigned to the United Nations) in the United States must report his address to the Government each year in January.

He said each alien must fill out a registration card available at U. S. Post Offices or at the nearest immigration office.

The Meaning of Christmas

by Paul L. Howland

One of the most joyful seasons of the year is the one in which Christmas descends upon us. We cannot help but be cheered by the tinsel, bubbling lights, and sparkling ornaments; the friendly feelings, the happy atmosphere. Our ears cannot help but sense voices which are raised in song and the noises which are peculiar to the Christmas season.

Much of the spirit of Christmas, however, is superficial. To many persons it is merely a holiday and not a Holy day. Many people are excited about Christmas but not about Christ, about holy but not holiness, about presents but not prayer. The symbols are being worshipped instead of the symbolized. Only if we mentally erase the symbols can we change Xmas to Christmas. It is indeed a soul-awakening experience!

Our eyes must focus upon the Babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manger. We must understand the significance of God's arrival on earth in the form of man. Here is the very basis of our Christianity. To lose the Christ of the Manger is to lose life.

When we pursue this direct line of thought we find that it assumes gigantic proportions. The emphasis of Christmas then shifts from the temporal to the eternal. It becomes not merely a celebration, but rather a participation in the work which was initiated by Christ.

With the knowledge and power which is imparted to us through Christ we are capable of shining brighter than the star of Bethlehem, of rising higher than the very gates of heaven, of existing with him throughout eternity.

Whom shall we worship, Santa or Savior?

Class of '56 Gives Christmas Chapel

Under the direction of Jean Christianson, the seniors will present the traditional Tuesday Christmas chapel.

Combining both music and acting Jean tells us that this program should be very inspirational as well as in the spirit of Christmas. Taking the program from the story, "Why the Chimes Rang," she has adapted it to narration.

Lois Grimsrud, Frosh, Crowned '55 Lucia Bride

Lois Grimsrud of Kalispell, Montana, was crowned as Lucia Bride at the third annual Lucia Bride Festival held in the upper CB on Saturday night, December 10, at 8 p.m. The Festival opened with the announcement of the Lucia Bride for 1955. She and her attendants, Twila Gillis and Ollie Romtvedt, were dressed in white formals.

The Spurs in their Swedish costumes sang the song of Santa Lucia after which the royalty entered. Lois was crowned by Dave Wold, SBP; Janet Turman narrated the legend of St. Lucia. Others on the program included the Eightnotes singing a medley of Christmas songs, and Sylvia Johnson playing Scandinavian songs on her accordion, accompanied by Janet Emilson. The program concluded with a sing-spiration of favorite Christmas Carols, led by Steve Brandt.

Refreshments of Scandinavian delicacies were served following the program.

Dr. Carroll Speaks At Monday Chapel

Dr. Charles Carroll, administration assistant for the National Lutheran Council, will speak in Chapel on Monday. Later that day he will conduct a meeting of the Pastors of the Pacific Northwest which will make plans for the coming visit of the President of the Lutheran World Federation, Bishop Hans Lilje, from Hanover, Germany.

Bishop Lilje will come for the regional theological conferences to be held under the auspices of the LWF in February and March, 1956. Dr. Eastvold and Dr. Kuehne are also on the committees.

These conferences were last held on our campus in September 1954 with Bishop Lilje and other leading theologians from Europe.

Annual Play, Concert Hi-Lites of Weekend

"Carol" Tonight

Tonight is the night for the annual presentation of Dickens' "Christmas Carol." It will be in the Chapel-Music-Speech Building at 8 p.m. The performance features many actors of long experience in this play. Jean Christianson, Tom Swindland and Jerry Slattum are four-year veterans. Dick Barnwell, Ida Jo Gronke and Dave Wold are in their second and final year of the production.

The children selected for the cast are Pam Thompson and Richard Holmes, with the reader, Brew Thompson, Tiny Tim; and Paul Olsen, Peter.

The performance promises to be the best ever. Many hours of hard work have been expended by a number of students, including: Cheri Mason, Darlene Schwindt, Betty Macdonald, Joan Meland, Marietta Lind, JoAnn Hudson, Dan Triolo, and Olive Sellers—costumes; Karen Knutzen, Beverly Swanson, Gayle Henriksen, Richard Clifton, and Dave Jaech—publicity; Margot Phillips, Duane Schryver, Deyrol Anderson, Dick Brown, Diane Bassett, Diane Hagen, and Elizabeth Reule—make-up; and Wayne Olsen—programs.

An All-School Caroling Party in the Parkland area will follow directly after the play.

Concert Sunday

A highlight of the Christmas Season will be the Annual Christmas Concert presented by the music department on Sunday, December 18. The first performance at 3:30 will be repeated at 8 p.m.

The program includes the following numbers: "Pastoral Symphony from the Christmas Oratorio,"—Bach, by the College Orchestra; "Now Let All the Heavens Adore Thee"—Bach, "Glory to God"—Bortniansky, and "Glorio in Excelsis"—Mozart, by the combined Choir and Chorus; Aria, "Mighty Lord and King," from the Christmas Oratorio—Bach, by Frederick L. Newnham, baritone; "Sing Gloria"—Davls, and "Evening Prayer from Hansel and Gretel"—Humperdinck, by Girls' Chorus; "Hodie—Today Christ is Born"—Willan, and "Marlenlied-Song of Mary"—Fischer, by Roxie Bergh, soprano; "Carol of the Drum," Czech Carol, and "Advent Motet"—Schreck, by the Choir of the West; a choral duet, "Lord, Thy Mercy"—Bach, by Mrs. J. Bergh and Mr. Newnham; "This Endless Night," Old English Carol, "As I Walked in Bethlehem"—Anderson, and "The Holly and the Ivy," Old English Carol, by the Chorus; and Choruses and Chorales from the Christmas Oratorio by Bach given by the combined Choir, Chorus and Orchestra.

Singspiration Featured

Favorite Christmas Carols will be featured in a singspiration by the audience and Dr. Eastvold will read The Christmas Gospel. The program will conclude with the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night," by the Choir, Chorus and the audience and the Benediction and Seven-fold Amen.

Miss Ellen Christensen will be organist for the evening. Other personalities involved are Gunnar J. Malm, director of the Choir of the West; Frederick L. Newnham, director of the Chorus; Gordon Gilbertson, director of the Orchestra; Erick Nordholm, stage manager, and Theodore Karl, radio announcer.

Between the two performances, the Dormitory Auxiliary will sponsor their annual Christmas Tea, honoring the musicians. The public is cordially invited to join them in the auditorium of the Classroom building.

STUDENT CONGREGATION Christmas Festive Service

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Prelude, "Yuletide Echoes." Karen Misenhimer, organist.
Duet, "O Holy Night," Mona Carlson and Yvonne Deltz.
Choir, "And the Glory."
Sermon, "God's Dream."
Postlude, "Angelic Bells."



LUCIA BRIDE begins her traditional duties as Lois Grimsrud pours a cup of coffee for Ollie Romtvedt while Twila Gillis looks on.

RADIO TIME

Campus Highlights, KTNT, 7:00 p.m. Friday, featuring Madrigal Singers.
Choir of the West, KTAC, 8 a.m. Dec. 25, Winthrop Hotel Concert rebroadcast.
Christmas Concert, KTAC, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 18. Live broadcast; rebroadcast 2 p.m. Dec. 25.

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- - Editorial - -

At long last a positive move has been made to bring a closer relationship between PLC and the College of Puget Sound. Last Tuesday night our student council was host to the CPS board of control, their student governing body, at a banquet held in the small dining room in the CUB.

After a delectable meal, we dealt with the evening's business—the signing of the Peace Pact. This document is a sign of good faith to insure Christian behavior in all dealings between the two schools. Perhaps it is only a superficial act, since it is no more worthwhile than the student body behind it, but it is an honest endeavor to demonstrate the kind of spirit necessary to avert any incidents such as occurred earlier this fall.

The CPS students were greatly impressed by our food, dormitories, and other facilities. I hope that our future conduct will not alter this opinion of PLC.

It seems to me that there is still an abundance of "Scrunches" along Wheeler Street. It's doubtful, but maybe we will find some improvement upon our return to the campus next year.

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The Nativity

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 reaching hands,
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 in a window display
 nestled in a cardboard crib
 with paper straw.
 The shepherds stand near
 with eternal expressions of
 wonder and love.
 I can see dust in the folds
 of their robes.
 A woman with a pudgy hand,
 wearing a large sickly green
 ring,
 hands me brown paper and gold string.
 She grabs her parcel out of my hand
 and dashes off . . . and I wonder
 Where is Jesus in a Department Store?
 In my heart.

by A. Baker

Scrooge Explained

by Donna Swanson

"Merry Christmas? Bah, humbug!" That sounds like a strange Yuletide spirit. Yet each and every one of us would recognize this quotation from Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and instantly associate it with the famed miser, Ebenezer Scrooge. So legendary has this character become, his very name is a common figure of speech. This first and best of Dickens' Christmas stories has had continuing popularity ever since its introduction in 1843.

However, a long acquaintance with this story may be dangerous in that it may evoke the tendency to let familiarity dim our perception and appreciation of the true worth of Dickens' literary powers—extraordinary humor, imagination, and strong characterization—especially as exemplified in his masterful creation of old Mr. Scrooge.

Because Dickens leaves the surface action and behavior of his characters so clear, it is sometimes difficult to recognize the story of Scrooge for what it is, a simple but subtle allegory, in the gradual transformation and enlightenment of Ebenezer Scrooge, of the whole Gos-

pel of Christmas. Marley's Ghost is a symbol of diving grace and the three Christmas Spirits are the working of that grace through the agencies of memory, example, and fear.

But Dickens did have other than purely religious motives in his portrayal of Scrooge; for Christmas, to Dickens, was primarily a human rather than a spiritual feast. Scrooge, although he is himself, with his entire life limited to cash boxes and ledgers, all sentiment and generosity being dismissed as "humbug," is also a personification of economic man, the embodiment of all the pure materialists of the society of that day. And perhaps Scrooge's conversion portrays not only the transformation of a single human being, but is also an image of the change of heart which Dickens hoped for among mankind; and especially in his time, a hope for social reform among the increasingly exploited working classes of England.

Scrooge's transformation may appear to be too sudden and radical to be psychologically convincing, but it must be realized that the "Christmas Carol" is really a semi-serious fantasy rather than a strictly realistic play. This dream-like nature revealed in the atmosphere and tone of the story, plays a role of great importance to the allegorical nature of the characterization.

The Straw Is Too Soft

by Rev. R. W. Lutnes

If one word can describe the effect of a certain painting of the nativity scene on the cover of a past issue of Time magazine, that word is "distortion."

The faces of Joseph and Mary are elongated, flat, dehumanized and expressionless, like Egyptian Mosaics. The Christ Child is not a healthy, not even a normal-looking Child, but rather a scrawny body with a sickly pallor that resembles something that, taken out of a test tube, has had the colors give an unhealthy anemic cast to the entire painting, which is typified by a sickening cheap blue that shrouds the virgin Mary.

That painting is an accurate representation of our modern Christ-mas—distortion—unhealthiness. A gift of the magi to the Christ-Child has been twisted into the commercialism of a cartoon of your favorite cigarettes to that relative to whom you must give "something." The account of the nativity has been sentimentalized into a harmless little story for children. The props have the feel of artificiality. The angels seem to be made of cardboard. Sweetness replaces power. The straw is too soft.

Because of this sickly pallor with which we have shrouded Christmas, it all looks a little silly in the midst of today's tension and real struggles. A classic cartoon has jelled this incongruity by picturing a little man singing as he works on the assembly line turning out blockbuster bombs. The caption reads, "God rest ye merry gentlemen. Let nothing you dismay." If this is Christmas, then its salve begins to irritate the sensitive instead of to soothe. If this is how Christmas affects us, then the oriental hordes choose the right time to attack, on a Christian holiday.

The only way in which we can scissor through this soft mesh of worldly sentiment, the only way in which we can adjust the quivering lines of distortion and bring them into proper focus is by turning to the historical account which neither glosses over nor disfigures, but simply records the event that materialized that night. This was no million dollar Hollywood production thought up in the minds of a few with a flare for the dramatic. There was no human director calling off the cues and experimenting with the spotlights. Even those people involved who could have made up, embellished and capitalized could only ponder and accept that which happened in them and to them and through them.

In the heral ding of that event God made his invisible creation visible for one shimmering moment. In the setting of that event God chose the things and the characters which most closely typified the warp and the woof of life in which He was to play such a functional part. . . the warm shifting bodies of sleepy cattle, the rugged ragged bodies of flea-bitten sheep tenders, the white spotlight of a star, millions of miles distant. In the midst of that God-given setting, in God's chosen time and in God's chosen way, through the pangs and travail of human birth, God chose to become man, to be born of a woman, to be born under the law, to redeem them that are under the law. This is Christmas.

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The Zooop

By Freddy Miller

Last week when I stated that the varsity letters were meaning less and less to the holders, I stated that JV ball players got letters. I have been informed since then that they do not. I also received comments from letter winners in each category and each stated their opinion. Most agreed that some distinction should be made. It would probably be of little cost to those concerned if an emblem designation of the sport was put on the letter. This way all would be happy in having a letter of the same size.

Another thing which has come to my attention is the intramural activities of the men and women. The men have an excellent program headed by Coach Salzman. Included in this program are football, basketball, softball, track and many minor sports. Participation in these sports is enjoyed by most of the men students. What about the women? Many women like to play basketball, volleyball and softball but where can they go to play. Thus far there has been very little opportunity for such participation outside of gym class. After talking to many of the feminine athletes I think that they should be given a chance to compete in some sort of an intramural program.

MILLERING AROUND

Bribes have already begun to infiltrate the basketball picture . . . Coach Tippy Dye was the first Washington coach in 40 years to use the zone defense when they played Baylor last week . . . San Francisco continued to play "top of INS pole" which is no surprise . . . The L. A. Rams, Western Conference champions, will meet the Cleveland Browns December 26, for the national pro title . . . The U. of W. Huskies go back to Kansas for one game Saturday night, Tuesday they meet the St. Louis Billikens and they play Ohio State on Thursday . . . the number one oddity of the past football season was the missing goal post at the Pitt-West Virginia game and the lone fan who bought a grandstand ticket for the snow-and-icebound San Jose State-Washington State game . . . Ex-heavyweight champion Joe Louis will referee at the Tacoma Armory tonight . . . Costawba smothered Lemoyne 91-15 . . . The Lutes play four games during vacation, but I'll pick them on top all the way and over CPS in their first game of the year, by 12 points.

Mural Hoopers Keep Active

Tip-off time Tuesday evening, December 6, started the battle between the Omegas and the Clover Laners. The Omegas are the fellows on the first floor of North Hall and the Laners are from the Village. Tommy Gilmer, noted for another sport, and Ron McAllister, led the Omegas to a 64 to 45 victory over the Laners. Tom had 20 points to his credit when the final buzzer rang and Ron had 22. Virg Hundt, top came through for the Clover Laners with 16 points.

The 8:00 o'clock game-dua saw North Hall (3) dump De Jardines, 59-30, and the Tacoma Bulls gave Johnson Annex something to beef about in their 42-26 upset. The N. H. (3) vs. De Jardine game was made up mostly of fouls, but nevertheless, Richte Heins emerged with 18 tallies, followed closely by teammates Merle Hanson, with 17, and Bill Orme, 16, for the N. H.'ers. Olsen and Thum each had 6 points for "the Jardines."

The Bulls' scoring was led by Nuhart with 20 points, 8 of which were free throws. Eichler and Jorganson each tallied 8 points for the Annex. The 9:00 o'clock tilt put the Cotton Pickers against the Redburgs and the Faculty against Clover Creek Hall. In the first mentioned, the Redburgs took the Pickers, 60 to 33. Rus Haase led the Pickers with 16 points, followed by Dave Wigen with 12. May led the Burgs with 20 points, Redburg scored 12. Clover Creek took the Faculty for a swim, 60-33. Salzman (a young player who shows promise) led the

Lutes Down Logger Five In Last Quarter Surge

Pacific Lutheran College won their first Evergreen Conference tilt Wednesday as the CPS Loggers couldn't rally in the last minutes against a hot home team and it was PLC 61, CPS 52.

The Lutes took the tip-off to what became only the beginning of a closely played ball game. Captain Phil Nordquist started things rolling with fifteen gone by and the Lutes were on their way. Nick Kelderman hit a field goal and three free throws and the Lutes led 10-5. This was the widest scoring margin in the first half. Phil, Nick and Roger Iverson each hit successfully on field goals but it wasn't enough to keep ahead of the hustling Loggers and with seven minutes left in the first half the score was all tied up, 16-16. Roger hit the twine for six more points but this didn't equal that of CPS and at the half they were on the short end of things, 26 to 29.

The Lutherans came out a fired up quintet and it took three minutes for Jack Sinderson and Phil to put them on top again, 30-29. This difference was quickly widened to seven points, but gradually as the game progressed, the Loggers came up and with 3:35 remaining it was 50-50. Roger and Phil hit respective-

ly at two different times and with eighteen seconds remaining Denny Ross, reserve forward, scored the final three points.

Scoring laurels went to guard Roger Iverson, sinking eight field goals and two charity tosses. Two other players broke into the double scoring column, Phil with 14 and Kelderman with 13 points.

Basketball Squad To Face Linfield, Whitman, CPS

While most students are taken up with vacation, Christmas, and the New Year, the Pacific Lutheran College basketball squad will be very busy attempting to add four victories to their season's record at the expense of rival court teams.

December 17 the Gladiators will travel to Kennebec, to take the court against Whitman College. The Whits, from Walla Walla, will provide tough competition for PLC, and should give the Lutes game experience which will help them much in the forthcoming Evergreen Conference race.

Soon after Christmas, December 27 and 28, Linfield College journeys to Parkland for two games. These games will be the last in which to polish the Lutes' attack before they swing into conference play permanently.

College of Puget Sound will provide the competition for the Gladiators' first conference battle of 1956. The hated Loggers from a cross town will invade the PLC gymnasium January 3, in an attempt to defeat the Lutes' efforts to once again cop the conference title. With PLC determined to better even last year's record, this should prove a fine game and one certainly worthwhile watching.

The lovely Christmas carols heard from the CMS every evening from 7:00 to 7:15 are through the courtesy of the Organ Guild.

faculty with 17 points followed by Ericson (this boy may do all right) with 10. For the Hall, Len Ericson led with 17. Poege scored 15 and Bills 14.

Wednesday afternoon, the 7th, the Ivy Hall Missionaries defeated Clover Creek, 48-28. Moe led the Missionaries with 21 points. Ericson potted 13 for the Hall. On the same bill, the North Hall (2) boys beat the Schimke five, 54-23. Schimke led his team with 8 points. For the N.H. (2)'ers, Hovland had 17.

No games are posted for the coming week.

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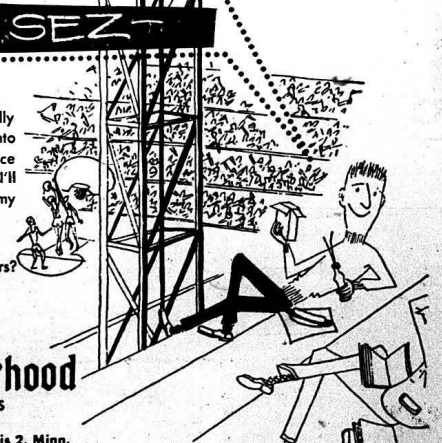
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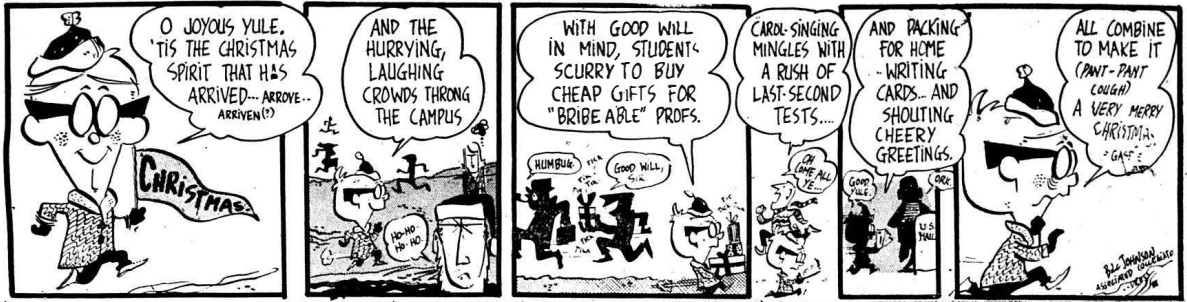
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Maier and Wife Edit Monthly Magazine

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 in Journalism. She too is a graduate of the University of Oregon, specializing in magazine writing. She says, "Gene checks the bulletins and letters sent in for publication and decides what will go in each issue. He also handles all correspondence and financial matters. I compile and write the stories and select the pictures. We usually work together on the layout."
 Mr. Maier has also had experience in acting as editor as she headed "The Spectator," the national publication of Gamma Delta. She also held important offices in this organization.
 The Maiers, married in 1952, have two children, David Eugene and Martha Helen.

Skiers Plan Trip To Stevens Pass

Have you ever tried winter sports. Why, even a few smart Californians have been skiing.
 If you've never tried it, you have your chance coming right after the Christmas vacation. On January 7, 1956, the Ski Club will sponsor an overnight trip to Stevens Pass, leaving Saturday morning and returning Sunday evening.
 This is one of the best developed areas in Washington State with two chair lifts and rope tows galore. Overnight facilities will cost \$2.11. If you don't have your own gear, you can rent it at quite reasonable rates at any of the Tacoma Sports Shops. Fellows and gals, remember to bring back a signed statement of permission if under twenty-one, as it's a college requirement.
 Come along and join the crowd! Make your reservations before January 5 with Bob Stuhlmiller, Ray Osterloh or any other Ski Club officer.

A Testimony of Appreciation

"As the Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical Lutheran Church concludes its meeting on the campus of Pacific Lutheran College, it is moved to give a testimony of appreciation to the entire personnel of the College—its administration, staff and students—for the friendly manner in which these have provided for our comfort and needed facilities for the performance of our work. We have been most favorably impressed with the eagerness of everyone connected with the College to make our stay pleasant, to assist us in getting acquainted with the College, and to provide the conditions assuring the success of our sessions.
 Specifically, we are thankful for the fine food service offered, for the excellent housing facility arranged, for the meeting places supplied. We are especially appreciative to the students who gave up their rooms so that the Board members might have the use of a section of a dormitory wing. We are grateful to the College for furnished transportation from and to the railway stations.
 We are astounded and delighted to observe the development of the College over the years. We sense this is not a weakly struggling institution, but a forward-looking, robust college unafraid of the future and accepting every problem as a challenge. We experience joy and pride to recognize that this college has attained to such stable maturity and such honored respectability among colleges. For this fine development the Church owes Dr. Eastvold and his dedicated co-workers its genuine thanks.

As we have lived in the atmosphere of this campus these days, we experience that there exists here a spirit of good will, of optimism and of Christian outlook. We sense that this college community makes a Christian impact upon the entire area. It has been a faithful agency of the Church. So the Church which we also serve, thanks God for Pacific Lutheran College. The Church thanks God for the servants laboring in this area of His Vineyard."

For the Board of Christian Education,

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