

# Horizon girls take Caribbean cruise

by Marilyn Leonard

Sophomores Cinda Coffin and Joanna Gilson left Portland on July 2 to start a "memorable experience" on a Caribbean cruise with 1000 other girls for a "Horizon Club Conference Afloat."

Cinda and Joanna left earlier than the other girls for New York so they could see more of the city. They stayed with friends and visited for six days. On the sixth day, they left for their home for the next 20 days, the M.S. Aurelia, an Italian ship. On board, they met the crew, their counselors, and their traveling companions.

The first stop for the ship was Puerto Rico. They had three days to see the city. Some of the girls stayed in homes opened to them by the people of Puerto Rico. Cinda stayed with the Castellanos family. The family consisted of one daughter Cinda's age and the mother and the father.

The most unusual thing about these people was that they were never in a hurry.

"We would get ready to go out an hour early, then we would sit and talk until we had to go!" recalls Cinda. "My family could speak English, but usually spoke Spanish, and the daughter would translate for me."

"In Puerto Rico we could use our own money and most people spoke English, but in the other countries we had more trouble with the language," according to Joanna. "We used sign language a lot!"

Cinda summed up the trip like this, "From Colombia, with her dirty fishing villages, boys in dugout ca-



DRESSED in look-alike outfits, the Horizon club girls are shown here waiting for the boat in New York.

noes diving for money alongside the ship . . . to Puerto Rico, her warm, friendly people and an invitation to come back and stay next summer with the Castellanos family . . . to Jamaica, with gorgeous scenery: palm trees, tropical vegetation, resort beaches, white sands, Caribbean blue waters and coral reefs. This was a dream come true."

By the time the girls got to New York, the airline strike was in full swing. They managed to get a plane to Phoenix, then after a 2-hour wait, they got a flight to Los Angeles. Then came the big wait as they were stuck at the end of a line 150 people long! After four hours, they caught a plane that brought them back to Portland.

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PARTICIPANTS in "Christ in the City" program are shown here heading the Batman and Robin parade.

# Marilyn Best works with youth in 'Christ in the city' program

by Cecile O'Rourke

"Many of the kids had serious emotional problems and many came from broken homes. They resented us and didn't believe we wanted to be their friends," stated Marilyn Best.

Marilyn worked with underprivileged Negro children in the inner city of San Francisco this summer.

The inner city is a slum area of San Francisco where people of many races and cultures are stuffed into flats and small apartments.

"We brought Christ to the inner city," said Marilyn, chosen worker for the Lutheran "Christ in the City" project.

Marilyn along with 35 other workers from Nevada, Washington and California first introduced themselves to the children by forming a Batman and Robin parade.

The children followed the workers as they marched through the streets. The parade ended at St. Paulus, a Lutheran parochial school in the area, where the first of many "playdays" was about to take place.

Playdays were held Monday through Friday. They involved singing, arts and crafts, field trips, games, sports, and Bible stories. Children between the ages of 3 and 14 were involved in the project.

"Christ in the City" lasted 3 weeks, a total of 15 playdays. "I worked harder on this than I

have on anything in my life," commented Marilyn.

In the evenings after playdays, the workers visited the homes of many of the children. They found the parents quite concerned about their children's welfare. The adults really wanted their youngsters to grow up to be good citizens.

One of the main objectives of the workers was to try to convince the children that all people are deserving of the equality of opportunity and that they should love and respect one another.

Some of the kids thought the Bible was a fairy tale and others had never heard of God or Christ. "It was really hard to figure out ways of talking to them and teaching them."

The workers lived in the school, sleeping on cots and cooking their own meals. They ranged in age from 15-24. They worked on the project 5 days a week. Their weekends were free for sightseeing.

Marilyn's church, St. Michael's Lutheran, paid for her train ticket. She paid for the rest of her expenses.

"At the end of the 3 weeks, we'd really become close to those kids. They'd made such a large improvement. It was a valuable experience for everyone involved."

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## Stuckey to direct activities office

"As activities director, working with the executive council is one of my primary jobs, and I am looking forward to working with this year's fall student body officers," stated John Stuckey. Mr. Stuckey is taking the place of James Schell as activities director.

Mr. Stuckey then explained the purpose of the executive council as "to serve as a liaison between student body and school administration."

Concerning the General Council, Mr. Stuckey said, "It is highly desirable and can be an effective body for student legislation. It is in the General Council where the students really voice their opinions."

Mr. Stuckey meets with the executive council second period every day. This time is a sort of leadership class, where the council discusses most of its plans and does much of its work.



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