

Splendid Audacity tells story of Pacific University's beginnings

Splendid Audacity: The Story of Pacific University, the first comprehensive history of the 150-year-old Forest Grove institution has just been released and is now available. The coffee-table book is the product of more than a year of extensive research and writing by co-authors Gary Miranda and Rick Read.

"Splendid audacity" was a phrase used in 1905 by writer James R. Robertson to describe the circumstances of the founding of Pacific University. Today that theme is carried through the history of the institution and still rings true 150 years later. Miranda and Read weave the memories, traditions, and history of the University into an extraordinary tale of community, students, professors, alumni, and administrators who built Pacific and keep it thriving. The history of Oregon and Forest Grove is also tied into the stories to create a unique look at the Northwest.

Gary Miranda is a well-known Northwest writer. He did his graduate work at San Jose State College and the University of California, Irvine. He has taught at various colleges, including Chapman College's World Campus Afloat, the University of Athens in Greece, and Reed College. His published works include two books of poetry from Princeton University Press, one of which was nominated for the 1980 Pulitzer Prize; a translation of Rainier Maria Rilke's *Duino Elegies*; and a history of Portland's Congregation Neveh Shalom. His work has appeared in many magazines, including *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and *Poetry*.

Rick Read is currently Field Services Coordinator for the Oregon Historical Society in Portland. From 1988-1997, he served as the archivist and museum curator for Pacific University. His familiarity with the University archives and a

virtually encyclopedic knowledge of Pacific history and lore proved invaluable keys to researching and writing the book. In addition to spending many hours digging up new aspects of the Pacific story, he also contributed numerous sidebars

to the finished book.

Splendid Audacity: The History of Pacific University is available through the Pacific University Bookstore. To order a copy, call (503) 359-2224. Books are \$29.95 (plus \$4.95 postage and handling).

Pacific University will formally conclude its sesquicentennial anniversary on June 16 and 17 during Reunion Weekend. A 150-cent Picnic will be held at McMenamin's Grand Lodge in Forest Grove on June 17, from noon to 4:00 p.m. to celebrate

Pacific's special year. Entertainment and birthday cake will be provided at no charge for this old-fashioned, outdoor picnic. All-American menu items, including hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and sodas, will be available for 150 cents each.



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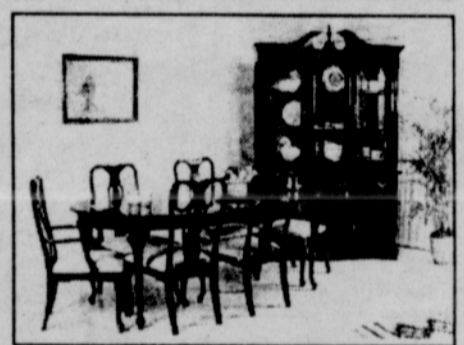
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