

# Pacific University

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Pacific's \$1.7 million athletic center, completed last fall, features a gymnasium with three basketball courts, an indoor field house, a weight-lifting room, dance and gymnastic facilities, handball courts, classrooms and faculty offices.

Every school has an "Old Main." Pacific's is Marsh Hall, the oldest of campus buildings now in use and includes the administrative offices and some classrooms. It is snuggled among the many oaks and sequoias which abound on the campus.



The Harvey W. Scott Memorial Library, opened in 1967, provides Pacific students one of the finest study facilities in the Northwest.

By Steve Prince

Pacific University--what a placid name in these days of campus upheaval. And what idyllic setting in this age of air pollution and urban high-rise, twenty miles west of Portland, on the skirts of the Coast Range, an hour's drive from that magnificent ocean, its namesake.

Here, in a grove of stately oaks and proud sequoias, students and teachers have collaborated in their mutual pursuit of knowledge for 122 years--since 1849, when "Tualatin Academy and Pacific University" was issued a charter by the Territorial Legislature, ten years before Oregon achieved statehood.

In those pioneer days, the student body consisted of orphans, Indians and surrounding residents. The curriculum leaned toward courses in Religion, Ethics, the Classics and, for prospective teachers, an extension of the three R's.

Today, the idyllic setting remains. The oaks are broader, the sequoias higher, the Coast Range still offers its forest and rivers, and the mighty Pacific still thunders on the white sands. But Pacific University, for all its rural advantages, is no longer the parochial "Academy" of Gay Nineties days.

True, the majority of her 1200 students come from Oregon and California, but they also find their way to Forest Grove, from 39 other states and 10 foreign countries. One hundred and fifty come from Hawaii, including most of Pacific's 117 oriental students. And with 67, Pacific has the highest percentage of black undergraduate students of any college in the Northwest.

These students, like students everywhere today, are demanding a larger role in the decision-making processes of the University. And at Pacific they are getting it. When

trustees, faculty, administrators and alumni formed a committee to find a successor to retiring President M.A.F. Ritchie, student body President Paul Ranslow and one of his peers were members. All academic divisions of the University have student representatives who attend all meetings. All standing committees of the faculty include students with voting privileges. The Student Body President and representatives of all campus news media have the right to attend all faculty meetings.

And what of the faculty? Native born and educated? Native born, perhaps, but a glance at the catalogue will prove that they are as cosmopolitan as the students in their backgrounds. Not only have members of the faculty earned their doctorates at the University of Oregon, the University of Washington, Stanford, U.C.L.A., U.S.C., and other western colleges, but also at midwestern institutions like Ohio State, Indiana and Minnesota, and eastern universities such as Pennsylvania, Columbia, Rochester, Cornell, Boston, Harvard and Yale.

In this day of Bigness, of the "multiversity," a small institution like Pacific offers challenges to the administrator as well as the teacher. Provost Brock Dixon, formerly a dean advisor under Branford P. Millar, ex-President of Portland State, Business Manager Joe Whalley from Colorado State, and Deans Brad Wild of Optometry and Albert Shaw of Music, formerly of Ohio State and Indiana University, respectively, are all dynamic proof of this.

Naturally, a small university like Pacific in a small-town setting relies heavily on the extent of its local support. Resident trustees such as Mr. C.G. Burlingham, Mrs. William W. McCready, businessman Louis Busch, and others, exemplify local interest. Here, too, however, as with students, faculty, and administration, the University reaches out beyond the borders of city and county for diversified talent. Succeeding former Board of Trustees Chairman Ronald M. McCreight of Jantzen, is Charles K. Bishop of Pendleton Woolen Mills. Assisting him in the ever more complex and time-consuming job of directing a private institution like Pacific are metropolitan business leaders of the calibre of Mrs. A. Scott Bullitt of King Broadcasting, Juan Del Valle of Boise Cascade, Tom Hartung and Douglas Strain and others, as well as financiers like Leland H. Johnson, Ralph



Dr. James V. Miller, Pacific University's Thirteenth President (right) is shown here with, from left: Dr. Brock Dixon, Provost; Charles K. Bishop, executive of Pendleton Woolen Mills and chairman of Pacific's Board of Trustees; and Dr. Clifford R. Josephson, Dean of Planning and Development.

Pacific's historic Carnegie library was recently renovated to include the Department of Education and the innovative Department of Speech and Communications.

Shumm and George Geist, attorneys such as Grant Anderson, John R. Hay and Glen R. Jack, and doctors like Jason Boe, C. O. Carkner and Dean M. Wilcox.

Aware of their responsibility to the community at large, both faculty and administrators find time to devote energies to state and local government, the arts and scholarly research. This year, Director of Public Information, Les AuCoin is on leave of absence during his tenure in the Oregon House of Representatives. Holding down fulltime jobs on the campus, a half-dozen professors and administrators still find time to contribute to the community at large in government, the arts and research. Several serve on the Forest Grove Planning Commission. Professor of Political Science Eldon Hout is a Washington County Commissioner and Chairman of the Metropolitan Service District. Provost Brock Dixon serves on



The informal gathering place for Pacific Students is Washburne Hall, student center opened in 1963. The facility includes lounge and snack area, dining hall, auditorium, student offices, radio station, and meeting rooms.



the State agency which reviews boundary changes for local governments in the 4-county area. Dr. Clifford R. Josephson, Dean of Planning and Development, is Chairman of the Water Resources Committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce which is concerned with the ecological, economic and overall uses of this resource on a regional basis. The Dean of Men, Charles Trombley, sings in Portland opera productions, and Al Freedman of the Music School performs with the Portland Symphony. Dr.



Two students observe a "find" at the Malheur Environmental Field Station, the development of which was spearheaded by Pacific's Dr. David Malcolm.

Pacific University was the site of the Portland Trailblazers professional basketball training camp last fall and is scheduled to repeat as host this year. Athletic director, Frank Buckiewicz (left) and basketball coach Dan French (right) are shown above with center LeRoy Ellis.



Jurgen Meyer Arednt, Professor of Physics and Optics, has found time to write some 160 scholarly articles plus a textbook that will be published this year, as well as climb mountains in Europe and the U.S. and act as an instructor for the Mazamas. Dr. Donald West, of the College of Optometry, has spent two summers in Barrow, Alaska, under a research grant from the Public Health Service, studying myopia in Eskimo children, while Professors Levine, Pitblado and Gerke conduct physiological and psychological optometric research funded by federal grants totaling \$82,000.

These professors work in the recently completed Jefferson-Brombach addition to the College of Optometry plant, one of six new buildings comprising Pacific's 4 million dollar expansion program, which, under the leadership of former President M.A.F. Ritchie, increased the size of Pacific's plant by 25 percent. Today, Pacific has a University Center, a Library and a Speech and Communications building, all less than five years old, plus a brand new field house-gymnasium that offers both student and the community three full-size basketball courts, one squash court, wrestling, weight-lifting, and dance rooms, and men's and women's sauna baths.

These facilities are in almost constant use, not only by the students in one of the most diversified and active intramural programs of any college in the Northwest (over 80 of the students participate), but also by the citizens of Forest Grove, over 100 of whom have locker space alongside the students. During the noon hour on any given weekday, it is not unusual to see the President of the local bank playing doubles handball with two businessmen and a doctor, or one of the local dentists playing basketball with the Chairman of the Psychology department, the Dean of Students, the Chairman of the Religion department and an Instructor in Business.

The local chapters of Kiwanis and Rotary meet weekly in Washburne Hall, the University Center. In keeping with its philosophy of social responsibility, the Rotary club has donated over \$12,000 toward the construction of the audiology testing suite in the Speech and Hearing clinic which is located in the new Speech and Communications Building. Here, students with a major in Speech and Hearing are trained to work with persons having speech, language



Del Martin, sophomore from Portland, portrayed Don Quixote in "Man of La Mancha," a joint product of the Drama Department and the School of Music.

and hearing impairments. Using closed-circuit television monitoring equipment for the clinic rooms, the hearing testing suite, and working in a supervised clinical situation, these students learn the rudiments of diagnosis and therapy. Their training is rounded off with a semester of clinical practice in the public schools.

Here, too, is the Dorothy Stimpson Bullitt Media Center, where the ALERT staff ("Assistance Through Learning and Education Through Related Technology") operates TV, video and audio tape equipment, and produces and processes film and other reproduction materials for classroom use. These facilities are complemented by the "self-learning centers" in both the library and the Optometry College, where students can go to use programmed-learning tapes, cassettes, slides and films to supplement their classroom instruction. All three of these centers are staffed with personnel ready to help both teacher and student alike.

A hundred yards from the Speech and Communications building is the new Jefferson-Brombach Optometry building, home of the only private four-year college of Optometry in the Northwest, and the only one in the county with a degree program majoring in optics. Entering its twenty-sixth year and now under the direction of Dean Bradford Wild, with a full-time faculty of 21 and a student enrollment of 268, the College of Optometry is a solidly established professional school of national reputation. Last year, in cooperation with the Oregon Optometric

Association, the College opened its Portland Optometric Center, a vision care clinic to which patients are referred from Portland Schools, Welfare agencies, and the public at large. In addition to providing a much-needed vision care service for the greater Portland area, the Center also gives optometry students the actual on-the-spot training in diagnosis and treatment that no classroom experience, no matter how good, can hope to replicate.

Aware, also, of their relationship to the "real world" are other departments of the University: such as Psychology with students working in the St. Mary's Home for Boys in Beaverton, in the Forest Grove and Cornelius public schools and in Westside School for Retarded Children in Portland; and Sociology with its dozen student "Interns" who are working in social agencies, day-care centers and courts in Washington and Multnomah counties.

Even farther afield from the oaks of their quiet campus are the students in Science who will be studying at the Malheur Environmental Field Station near Burns, in southeastern Oregon. Formerly the Malheur Job Corps Center, this facility is located in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Under the leadership of Dr. David Malcolm, Chairman of the Science Division, Pacific University is organizing a consortium of Oregon colleges which will jointly fund and operate the center as a science research station. This summer, Pacific University will offer four three-week summer sessions with a total of eighteen courses in the sciences at the Malheur Field Station, with instructors coming

from institutions of higher education throughout the state. Students will be able to live at the site in the dormitories already there, while families with trailer houses will find "hook-ups" available. During the regular school year, science professors take their students to the site for week-end field trips.

Optometry and the sciences are not, of course the only areas of study available to Pacific students. For students who choose elementary or secondary education as a career, there is the School of Education. But these are the specialized fields of a curriculum that is still largely liberal arts oriented. Courses in theater, fine arts, languages, literature and history make up the bulk of the program of the student working toward a Bachelor of Arts. And for the musically talented, there is a School of Music with its own program of studies leading to a Bachelor of Music Education.

Today at Pacific, the opportunities for education are provided to students not only by off-campus programs, new facilities, and dialogue with faculty, administrators and trustees, but also by a changing curriculum. In practically all areas of study, yesterday's requirements have become today's small-group seminars.

Ultimately responsible for all of these

**Clinical facilities on campus and at the Oregon Optometric Center in Portland provide students an opportunity for wider experience in clinical optometry while involving them in health matters of a large urban community.**

**Pacific University's College of Optometry is among the outstanding professional schools and ranks fourth in enrollment among the eleven colleges of optometry in the nation.**

innovations, both those on the quiet campus and those that reach out beyond it, is Pacific's new President, Dr. James V. Miller, former Academic Dean at Otterbein College, in Westerville, Ohio. In a press release issued before he came to Pacific, Dr. Miller was quoted as saying, "Retaining and augmenting a sense of community in a time of dramatic institutional and social change--that is the challenge."

At Pacific, Dr. Miller has found this kind of change. He has found an institution whose trustees, faculty, administrators and students are working to "create a sense of community" while at the same time they preserve those qualities that are unique to a small, private, liberal arts university whose campus is in an oak grove twenty miles west of Portland. ■

