

NEWS RELEASE: Parkland History Project
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Several history students at Pacific Lutheran University are currently working with citizens and groups of Parkland to collect and write the history of the community. It is hoped the results will produce an illustrated book which can be made available to the public.

According to Dr. Arthur D. Martinson, Northwest historian at PLU, and who is directing the senior history students, the most difficult task is finding and collecting the historical information. Such data can be found in libraries, business establishments, newspaper files, public records, and within the memories and private collections of the citizens themselves. Anyone having--or knowing of--such information is asked to contact the Parkland Library or the History Department at PLU. Records donated to the project will be classified and preserved in the Nisqually Plains Room, PLU Library, which houses written and oral records in selected areas of Pacific Northwest history.

So far the project has received excellent support from many interested citizens, and it is a fine example of teamwork that has as a goal the documentation of a community's ways of life that once were. Students working on the project are Dick Osness, liaison between university and community, Diana Casteel, Paul Daneker, Scott Iverson, Teri Jelinek, George Sheffield, and Ron Wilson. Community efforts are being spearheaded by Mrs. A. W. Ramstad, Pat Tyler, Nancy Marshall, Marywave Godfrey, and the Suburban Study Club, and the Friends Group, Parkland Library. These project supporters urge others to help in any way they can. It is an uncommon opportunity for citizens to contribute to the story of their own community.