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## LONE GUN DEFENDS SECOND AMENDMENT

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South Medford High School teacher Shirley Katz maintains a need to carry a firearm to school in order to protect herself from her abusive husband.

The school district policy forbids this out of concern for students' safety.

The main issue in Medford is the district ban on weapons. State law affirms that Katz may have her gun as long as she has the proper license.

Katz went to court Thursday, Oct. 11, to argue that her Second Amendment rights, according to Oregon state and federal law, are being violated by the ban.

Until Jackson County Circuit Judge G. Philip Arnold makes his final decision, she will be allowed to bring her pistol to class.

Depending on what Arnold decides, wholesale changes to the current administrative regulations may ensue not only at the K-12 level,

but also at the community college level.

The rules and regulations for Clackamas state that the following persons may be armed at the college: sheriffs, police officers, any person summoned to assist a peace officer – provided that they are assisting said officer – any member of the military engaged in the performance of duty, any valid Concealed Handgun License holder and campus safety officers. The policy parallels state law.

According to Oregon Revised Statute 166.370, on condition that individuals have a license under ORS 166.291, they can legally carry a gun anywhere that does not have a no-weapons policy.

The former Clackamas policy did not permit any weapons whatsoever.

After examining state law, the school chose to authorize concealed weapons. The board then wrote up the current administrative

regulation. Before implementing it, a lawyer verified that it was constitutionally sound.

According to Head of Campus Safety Richard Ashbaugh, Clackamas is currently the only campus that allows its safety officers, along with its students, to carry firearms.

First-year criminal justice student Brandon Key was surprised to learn about the campus regulations.

"I figured it was just like high school, only without the prison fencing," Key said. "I feel safe knowing

that a Columbine-like incident would be handled properly so there wouldn't be as many student deaths."

Campus Safety's stance regarding weapons is that they are permitted only if they are out of sight, provided the student has a CHL. Hunting rifles in gun racks, open carry or overly visible weapons

are not acceptable.

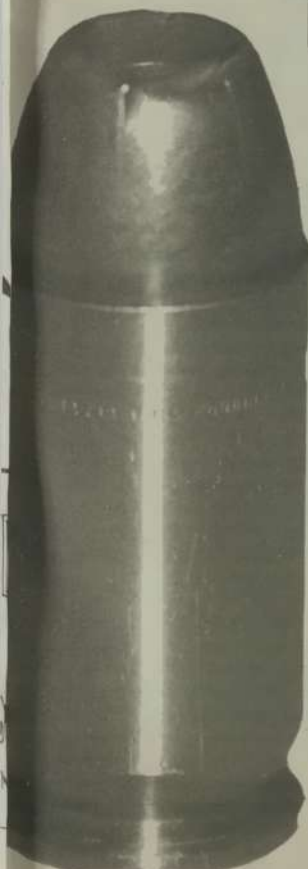
Ashbaugh would prefer to see as few weapons on campus as possible. He would support a policy that restricts them to qualified persons only, he said.

Ashbaugh agrees that the current policy is the only legal way to go about weapons on campus.



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According to policy, students at Clackamas are allowed to carry firearms if they have a concealed handgun license.



Clackamas is the only school in Oregon to arm its campus safety officers, who are issued Sig 226 pistols.

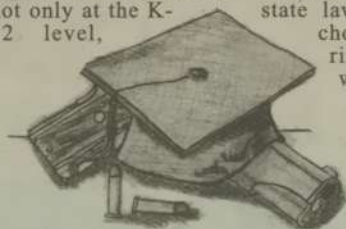


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Oregon is one of 12 states that allows people to carry weapons to school.

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## DOORS OPEN FOR FORMER BASKETBALL COACH

**Lak Laster**

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Waking up every morning, driving to work and mingling with celebrities like Dustin Hoffman and Pamela Anderson – for Mark Campbell, former assistant basketball coach and player, these occurrences are routine.

Mark Campbell was hired as an assistant coach at Pepperdine University in August of 2007 after spending two years working the same position at Clackamas.

The job has let him witness sights he has never seen before.

"Pepperdine is great," Campbell said. "Dustin Hoffman lifts weights in our weight room, and

Pamela Anderson walks the track a lot. Those are the types of people that live in Malibu and that you see run into the grocery store."

Campbell's position at Pepperdine has opened more doors for him than he ever imagined.

"When (former NBA player) Reggie Miller was thinking of making a comeback with the Boston Celtics this year, I happened to be the guy that got to be his workout partner," he said. "We worked out every day and every night; it was a great experience. (Boston Celtics forward) Kevin Gamett also came to work out with us."

Other than visiting with his celebrity clients, Campbell does have a job to do for

Pepperdine. He gets to the office at 6:30 a.m. every morning and is lucky to leave by 6 p.m. His responsibilities as assistant coach include guard development, recruiting in the Oregon and Washington area and scouting opponents.



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Campbell is especially proud of three basketball commitments coming to Pepperdine next year: Brad Tinsley from Oregon City, Paul McCoy from Grant and Ameer Shamsud-Din from Benson.

"They are all very big-time, big-time basketball players," he said. "Brad and Paul were First Team All-State last year as juniors."

Even though Campbell enjoys his new job, he hasn't forgotten the people who helped him get where he is today.

"I am very thankful for the opportunity that (Head Basketball Coach) Cliff Wegner, (Athletic Director) Jim Jackson and Clackamas gave me," he said. "I had a great experience coming back to CCC after playing there. Coach Wegner really helped me develop as a coach."

Wegner feels Campbell will be a good fit for Pepperdine.

"He's a bright guy with a really good understanding of the game, especially from the athlete's point of view," Wegner said. "He will be a great asset for his ability to recruit, relate to players and develop players' skills. He will also contribute a lot of fresh energy and ideas."