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**Oregon University System
Request For Proposals (RFP) Opening
To Professional Consultants Serving
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Responses Due Thursday, January 6,
2005 by 2:00 p.m.**

The Oregon University System (OUS), on behalf of its seven universities, is seeking proposals from individuals and firms working as professional consultants interested in entering into an existing Retainer Agreement program, which OUS institutions may use to acquire professional services pertaining to the design, evaluation, and management of construction projects or real property. The Retainer Agreement program includes professional services in a number of areas including, but not limited to, the following: architectural and engineering design, energy management, construction management, facilities planning, materials inspection and testing, hazardous materials evaluation and planning, engineering, cost estimating, land surveying, appraisal, commissioning, and related services. In the context of this Retainer Agreement RFP, the required professional services will pertain to maintenance and repair projects, to minor capital improvement projects and to other capital improvement projects. A number of firms will be selected and invited to enter into Retainer Agreements from which OUS institutions may select a firm for professional services contracts pertaining to project where direct consulting costs will not exceed the maximum allowed under OAR 580-050-0020. It is expected that all firms responding are thoroughly conversant with, and will perform work in conformance with, all applicable federal and state statutory, regulatory and other legal requirements.

The RFP is available online on our website: <http://capcon.ous.edu>. You may request a copy via e-mail to keri.Edwards@ous.edu or by calling Keri Edwards at (541-346-5748. Responses received after 2:00 pm January 6, 2005 will not be considered. Any questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Keri Edwards, Capital Construction Services, at (541) 346-5784.

OUS may reject any response not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, and may cancel this solicitation or reject any or all responses upon the finding of OUS that it is in the public interest to do so. OUS is an AA/EEO employer and encourages the submittal of responses from women, minority-owned, and emerging small business enterprises.

High Schools Fight to Make Grade

continued from Front

this is the first time within the last three years that Roosevelt has shown improvement throughout the state report card system," he said. "We're continuing the work on what we believe has contributed to the positive changes we're seeing. We're looking forward to many more improvements in the future," he said.

Kelly says a focus on literacy and small

He said Jefferson does not plan to make changes based on the new report card.

"We have been in reform mode for the last three years and the benefits have already taken place," Dashiell said.

He says that his students have experienced academic growth, not reflected in the report and that Jefferson's score is a mere three tenths of a percentage point from a satisfactory rating.

"It comes down to 15 students scoring



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learning communities have kept kids from falling through the cracks.

According to Larry Dashiell, principal at Jefferson, the "unacceptable" designation is misleading and does not reflect the academic gains Jefferson staff and students have made.

"This test is not measuring the group of students that are improving. We're testing a new group of 10th graders every year," said Dashiell of a flawed monitoring system that he says hurts African-American youth and other kids in inner city schools.

better in a particular area. Everything has a breaking point. In our case, it broke the wrong way," he said.

Evelyn Brzezinski, director of research and evaluation assessment for Portland Public Schools, confirms that Jefferson slipped into "unacceptable" by a slim margin.

"It looks like we're in unacceptable but we're close to the bottom of the 'low' range," said Brzezinski.

She added, "It's certainly only part of the story of what achievement looks like."

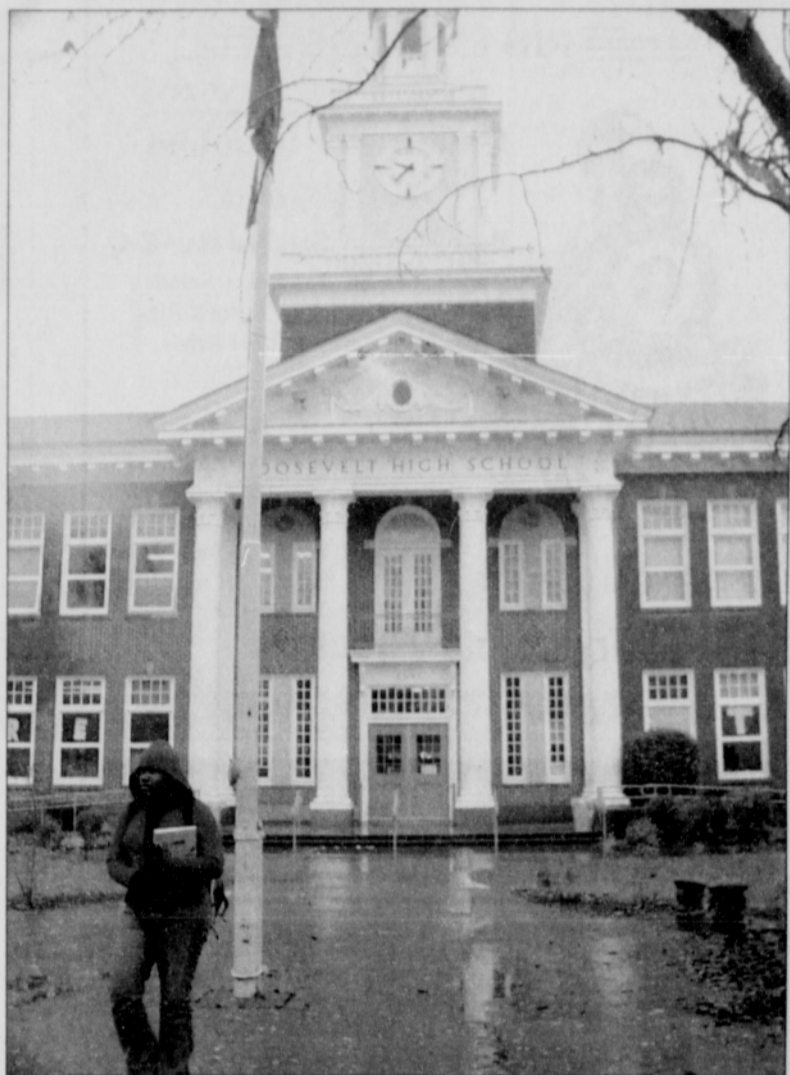


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Roosevelt High School in north Portland has shown some improvement in student test scores, moving from from the "unsatisfactory" to "low" category.

Breaking Cultural Barriers

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Fear Ends" at Portland State University. Group volunteers also teach a class titled "Politics of Immigration" through PSU's Capstone program.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, the group has organized a hearing with Multnomah County Commissioners and citizens who feel their civil rights have been violated. After testimony, officials will vote on a "Resolution Expressing Commitment to Protect Civil Rights," which addresses matters of discrimination and harassment in the county. The event is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at 501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.

"We are dealing with a system set up to keep the status quo. Systematic injustice happens on a daily basis," Jama said.

He hopes his group will empower immigrants to have a presence at civic meetings such as neighborhood coalitions, school board and City Council meetings, to change the institutions from the inside.

"Immigrants know what their issues are and they know what the solution is also. The problem is the system is not listening. We are trying to empower them by saying, 'it will be better if we work together,'" said Jama.

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County Officer Resigns

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While Davidson reportedly does not deny that discrimination exists within county offices, he has insisted that he does not contribute to a racist climate and says his superiors have a "political agenda."

He called the encounters with the black employee a "misunderstanding."

Because Davidson resigned, county officials said they will not investigate the intimidation complaint.

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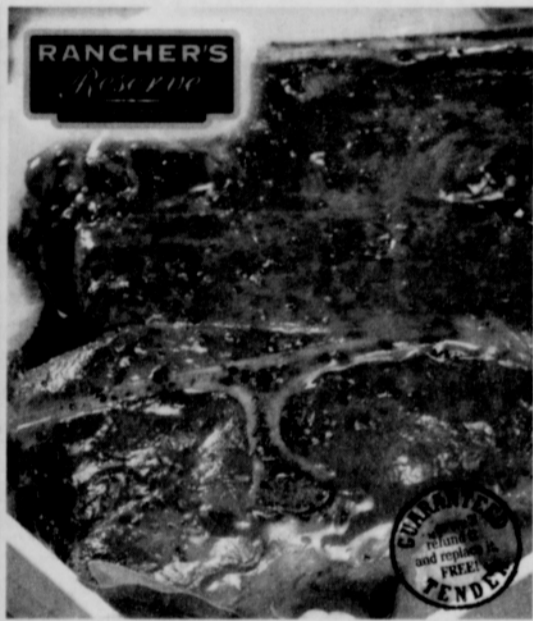
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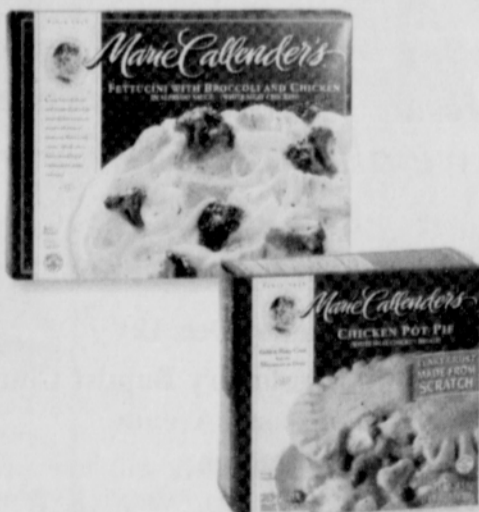
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