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## New Rules at Roosevelt High School Fight Gangs

Roosevelt High School in north Portland has announced new measures to create an atmosphere for each student to be successful.

Increasing gang violence near the school and a desire to boost achievement at the school has led Roosevelt administrators and teachers to take new steps to guarantee that kids are safe.

"We will not be satisfied until each and everyone of our students are graduating at standard, prepared for life after high school and further education," said Roosevelt Principal Andy Kelly. "A safe environment is key to

this pursuit."

Beginning Tuesday, the Roosevelt campus will put more emphasis on demanding an appropriate atmosphere and appropriate language in school hallways, insisting on student and staff mutual respect.

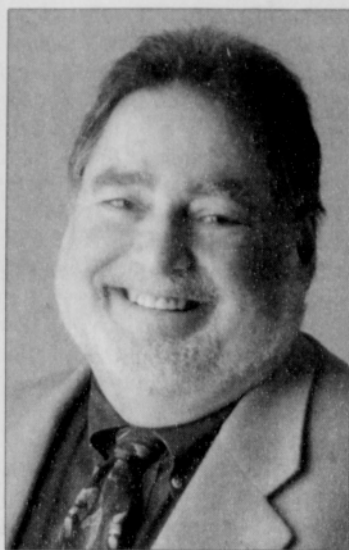
Roosevelt will close the campus during the school day and forbid all head coverings except for religious purposes. The use of sound recording devices will not be allowed during school. A new suspension strategy will support both good behavior and prompt attendance.

## Church Celebrates Black History

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Lift Every Voice series of workshops and concerts to celebrate Black History Month begins Sunday, Feb. 27 and continues through Saturday, March 5 at Sharon SDA Church, 5209 N.E. 22 Ave.

The free events features a reunion theme and includes uplifting anthems, spirituals and gospel selections. For information, call 503-287-7649 or visit [www.sharondachurch.org](http://www.sharondachurch.org).

## Community College Students Pushed Out



Mt. Hood Community College President Robert Silverman

### Enrollment hurt by higher tuition, fewer courses

Remember when attending community college was an affordable alternative to starting out at a four-year school?

Presidents from Oregon's 17 community college remember, which is why they held a news conference to talk about new research that suggests tens of thousands of students are being shut out of an education.

Enrollment is on the decline



Fewer students have access to college because of higher tuition costs, leading to a decline in enrollment at community colleges around the state, including Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

statewide at community colleges, partly because of decreased state funding.

The Oregon Community College Council of Institutional Research found that if funding had not been reduced by the legislature for the schools, community colleges would be serving nearly 65,000 more students than they currently are.

"Community colleges are in a crisis situation as tens of thousands of students have been shut out of our educational system," said Dr. Robert Silverman, president of Mt. Hood Community College. "This study reinforces our belief that reduced state funding has been a factor in decreased enrollments. As a result of reduced state support, community

colleges are being forced to increase tuition and eliminate courses in order to balance our budgets. This in turn has shut out many of our students."

During the 2001-2002 school year, Oregon community colleges served 406,931 students. By 2003-2004, enrollment went down to 330,595 students.

## PCC Sees Gains and Loses

Enrollment at Portland Community College's largest campus in southwest Portland has gone down from a year ago but the school system had gains on other campus, including the Cascade Campus in north Portland during winter term.

The growth in the student population at Oregon's largest postsecondary institution for winter term grew by 11.7 percent in total headcount and 1.5 percent in full-time equivalent students.

The Extended Learning Campus at 2305 S.E. 82nd Ave. experienced a 29 percent growth in

total students to 15,099 and 12.5 percent in FTE. The Cascade Campus at 705 N. Killingsworth St. had a 6.7 percent growth in total students to 6,630 and 9.9 percent increase in FTE.

The Rock Creek Campus, 17705 N.W. Springville Rd., saw a mixed bag in enrollment numbers. The total headcount increased by 3.1 percent to 7,265 while FTE dropped by 1.6 percent.

Total enrollment on the Sylvania Campus, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave., fell by 2.7 percent to 12,368 while FTE dropped by 4.7 percent.

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