

# CAREER & EDUCATION

## Residence Halls Open at Concordia

In a flurry of back-to-school excitement, 500 students moved into residence halls at Concordia University in northeast Portland on Friday.

College President Charles Schlimpert, Oregon's longest-standing university president, began his 29th year at Concordia by joining the move-in crew to welcome new and returning students and their families.

Concordia University anticipates another year of record-breaking enrollment growth with nearly 3,000 students attending the school this fall.

Also in 2011, the University will finish construction on its new Concordia University & Community Athletic Complex. Meanwhile, in downtown Boise, Idaho, construction will also be completed this year on the Concordia University School of Law and George R. White Law Library.

Concordia University is a private, Christian, liberal arts university.



Back to School at northeast Portland's Concordia University brings in students and unpacked boxes. Concordia President Charles Schlimpert (left) joined the move-in crew to welcome new and returning students.

## PCC Southeast Expanding to Full Campus

### Minorities make site more diverse

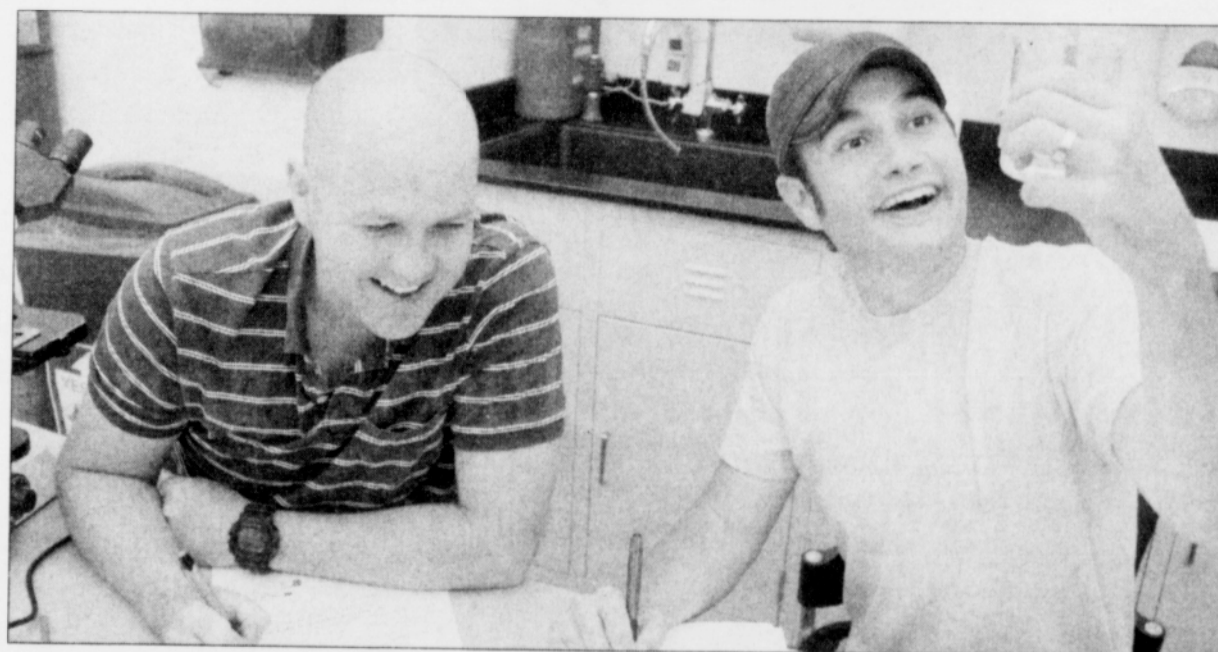
Walk through Mt. Tabor Hall at Portland Community College's Southeast Center and you might encounter long lines or crowded study areas.

The center at Southeast 82nd Avenue and Division, which opened in 2004 after moving from another Southeast 82nd Avenue location, has experienced the most rapid enrollment growth of any PCC location.

College officials say the site will eventually accommodate more than 20,000 students annually, up from nearly 11,000 now. The center has recorded a 31 percent increase in students since 2008.

The population has not only gotten larger, but also it has become more diverse. Minorities make up 39 percent of the student body (11.4 percent Asian, 11.3 percent African American and 8.5 percent Hispanic) up from 35.8 percent three years earlier.

Construction from a property tax bond levy approved by PCC district voters in 2008 will double size of



Portland Community College biology student Mike Kempf analyzes fluid during a recent lab with fellow student John McCall at the college's Southeast Center.

classroom space and expand the Southeast campus to make it a full-service comprehensive campus - the fourth one in the PCC district. Ground will be broken on the \$39 million project this spring.

The class and program additions will allow students to earn degrees without having to leave the center for another PCC campus. Currently, the center has 26 classrooms and the bond will double the space devoted to classrooms, labs, study space, gathering areas and library.

"Since we don't have a library we have no real area for students to have a quiet place," said Luis Rodriguez-Garcia, academic advising coordinator. "We have a mix of activities in our Great Hall, from students studying to others just hang-

ing out. It's hard to balance those activities for some students."

A key component of the expansion will be adding more science labs for biology, chemistry and physics classes as well as career training facilities, classrooms, and a library, computer resource and tutoring center.

This will go hand in hand with expansion of all student services and resource development departments, including a new childcare facility.

"Our Southeast Portland community will be better served as a result of the expansion of the center into a comprehensive community college campus," said Craig Kolins, Extended Learning Campus president.

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