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## Assembly adopts changes for semester curriculum

By Paula Green  
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The University Assembly on Wednesday passed three curriculum changes brought forth by the General Education Subcommittee of the Special Semester Curriculum Committee.

After heated deliberation, the assembly amended the "Non-Western; Race; Gender" requirement to become the "Non-Euro-American; Race; Gender" requirement.

History Department Head Mavis Mate originally presented the motion to include courses dealing substantially with areas outside Europe and the Americas, non-white races or interracial relations and issues of gender.

However, several assembly members found the proposal's wording vague and failed to understand Mate's use of geographical alignment.

"What we're saying here is that American Indians, Eskimos and natives of Latin and South America are being excluded because of this 'non-western' idea given to exclude people in the Americas," said Keith Richards, University Archivist.

In a majority vote, the assembly passed the amended motion, which will require undergraduate students under the proposed semester system to take three semester credit hours of approved coursework involving a Non-Euro-American topic, or issues of race or gender.

The assembly also discussed the removal of the field requirements for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. In another majority vote, the members eliminated the 36 hours of required course work for B.A. and B.S. degrees.

However, students still will be required to demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language for a B.A. degree and proficiency in mathematics for a B.S. degree.

In a final majority vote, the assembly accepted the minimum credits required for a degree as calculated for conversion to the semester system.

The three curriculum issues, which were approved by the University Senate at an earlier date, will be presented to the State Board of Higher Education in 1989 when the system begins converting to semesters.



## Detail

University School of Architecture and Allied Arts students Jill Chappel (left) and Andy Curtis inspect the finer points of Villard Hall's east porch, restored last summer by students in the Historic Preservation Program. The historic building will soon receive further renovation.

Photo by Jeremy Choo

## Neighbors, businesses lack parking

By Betsy Clayton  
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*Editor's Note: This is the second story in a two-part series on the campus parking problem. Today's story examines community and campus concerns.*

"Our help has to park out there," said Phyllis Parker, kitchen manager at Bubba's Place restaurant, 1249 Alder St., referring to the traffic on the congested street in the University's business area.

"We set a timer for the help so they can run out and feed the meters and avoid tickets," she explained.

In the past 15 years the parking problem has become increasingly worse for business employees, students and neighbors, said Shirley Gall, manager of U.S. Bank's campus branch, 810 E. 13th Ave. "It's a no-win situation for everyone," she said.

Gall said businesses like hers that have private parking lots have tried various solutions to accommodate customer and employee needs. "The range goes from hiring parking attendants to towing to verbal warnings. I know a lot of businesses are having problems," she said.

Both Gall and the manager of Kaufman's clothing store, 840 E. 13th Ave., agree that signs indicating "customer parking only" don't have much of an effect on people. Kaufman's signs state that a \$40 ticket will be issued if a non-customer car is parked in its lot.

Bubba's doesn't have any designated parking for its customers, "and probably we lose business because of it," Parker said.

The business has problems with its delivery trucks, too. "We've had a lot of good arguments out there in the alley," she said. Delivery trucks stop and motorists want to drive through.

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## Greeks work to curb substance abuse

By Andrew LaMar  
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The incident involving Robert Seyler more than three years ago alerted University officials to the seriousness of drug and alcohol use problems in the Greek system.

And as a result, there have been increased efforts to educate Greek members about drug and alcohol use and involvement with house leadership and alumni groups, University officials say.

"What happened at Beta (Theta Pi fraternity), happened three years ago," said University President Paul Olum. "In that period of time, a lot has changed. For one thing, the fraternity has changed. . . . Second, the people in student affairs over this period have really been working extraordinarily hard to change campus attitudes toward both alcohol and drugs."

On the morning of Oct. 28, 1984, Robert Seyler was found half-naked and unconscious in the rain on the sidewalk beside a campus sorority. Seyler sued

the Beta fraternity and its alumni association for negligence and two students at the time for physical assault.

On Tuesday, the Lane County Circuit Court trial ended when a jury awarded Seyler \$30,000 in punitive damages. In addition, Seyler will receive \$500 in general damages, less 38 percent for his own negligence in the case.

The jury apparently responded to Seyler's attorney, Douglas Haldane, who said it had a duty to send a message to

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## History of GTF union reflects growth, progress

By Mike Drummond  
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The times have changed since the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, Local 3544 took root at the University 12 years ago.

Although the union's leadership has switched hands numerous times since then, its mission of striving to improve working conditions for graduate teaching fellows remains intact.

The year was 1969 when campus graduate teaching assistants first entertained the idea of organizing. It was a time of conflict, idealism and protest. It also was a time when students across the nation began rallying for empowerment.

Dissatisfied with salaries, working conditions and the Vietnam War, University graduate teaching assistants

hitched their wagon to this empowerment train and formed the Graduate Student Employees Association (GSEA).

The University signed a contract with the fledgling GSEA, which covered appointments, job terminations and grievances. However, this proved to be a short-lived venture. The University and the GSEA never renegotiated a contract and the association dissolved a year later.

Graduate teaching assistants' interest in organizing went on a brief hiatus following this but returned in the fall of 1975. Unionizing was in vogue on campus. Food service workers and classified staff gained union status, and faculty members in the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) were gearing up to renew representation rights.

It was then the graduate teaching assistants' turn to organize.

According to GTF records, campus organizers filed for an election with the State Employment Relations Board (ERB) in December 1975, whereby GTFs could vote whether they wanted collective bargaining rights. The ERB approved their application on Jan. 20, 1976.

But this didn't play well with the University administration, and it requested that ERB grant a hearing to contest the GTFs' desire to unionize. The University argued that GTFs were students, not employees; ergo, they weren't entitled to collective bargaining. Moreover, the University also threatened that jobs would be cut, faculty and graduate student relationships would suffer and frequent strikes would cripple

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