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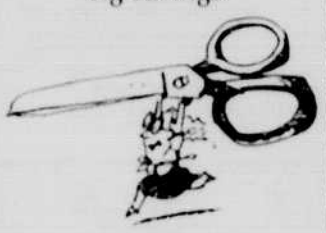

## ASSEMBLY

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ogy and sociology may be combined to form a cluster.

The new system was designed to maintain the depth of course study and decrease the number of classes required to graduate. Supporters of the plan believe the new requirements will help students complete their degrees in four years.

Frank Anderson, who chaired the committee that designed the new requirements, said students at the University now take more classes in order to graduate than students at other colleges and universities.

"The problem is clear," Anderson said. "Our students are expected to take too many courses. The key to this plan is flexibility."

Although many departments are expected to adopt the two-course/four-credit cluster, this system will not be unilaterally imposed. Departments will still have the authority to design approved clusters within their disciplines.

The new plan is not without its opponents. Fifty-two out of 135 assembly members present at Wednesday's meeting opposed the motion to change the requirements.

John Nicols, director of Arts and Letters, warned his colleagues that the new requirements will confuse students and dilute the general education offered by the University, perhaps without even solving current problems.

Nicols defended the current cluster system and proposed that instead the University should reduce the number of stand-alone requirements.

Other opponents described the new requirements as "voodoo education," "an academic step back" and "the Titanic."

Charlie Wright, who chaired the committee that designed the current cluster system and describes himself as "academically conservative," said he thinks change is in order.

"The cluster system, as you know, has gone to hell," Wright said. "Personally, I prefer to scrap the whole cluster system."

The assembly's decision is still pending official recognition by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. The University Assembly, which includes University faculty and ASUO student senators, governs University curriculum.

## BROWN

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thousands, campaign organizers say.

The EMU scheduling representative said the Brown campaign contacted the EMU just one day before the event because no one was, and still is, exactly sure when Brown will speak.

The Brown coordinator of the 4th Congressional District, Ben Bochner, said he didn't know when Brown would be speaking until late Tuesday night.

"It's difficult to pin him down," Bochner said. "We just don't know exactly when he'll be speaking."

The state organizer for Jerry Brown, Scott Spaan, said Brown will talk about environmental issues like the ancient forests and social change issues such as getting the system back to the people.

Spaan said Brown will travel from Portland to Medford in over two days, stopping in at least four towns to speak.

Spaan said he hoped the speeches will get people out to the voting booths and that people would not be discouraged about past Brown disappointments in New York.

"If Oregon or this region voted on Super Tuesday," he said, "instead of Brown, it would be Clinton in this position.

"The Oregon Brown Campaign is sick and tired of elections being over before they get out here," Spaan said. "The Clinton camp stops here and from now on out it's Jerry Brown."

Bochner said Brown will also be talking for a half-hour about the recent events in Los Angeles.

Bochner said Brown will address where the grassroots movement is headed and how it will not end with this election.

"He realizes that Oregon is a place where a lot of people are in tune with his message," Bochner said. "He's counting on us to send the rest of the country a message that we're ready for a progressive change."

Patrick Starnes, the leader of Students for Brown, said the speech will hopefully empower frustrated voters to get back into politics.

"Even though Brown may not win the nomination, it's important that his delegates speak for us," Starnes said. "If Clinton is short of 2,100 delegates, they'll have to negotiate with Brown and address some of the issues he's addressing."

Bochner said when he heard Brown's message of change and progress, he decided to start working on the campaign and organized Eugene's Brown headquarters. He said there has been a lot of support, citing between 200 and 400 active volunteers in Eugene alone.

Bochner said his group is largely responsible for the highest percentage of registered voters to occur in Lane County.

"Voter registration is the highest it's ever been," Bochner said. "We've been registering voters for the past two months."

Starnes, who was the table coordinator outside the University Bookstore and the EMU, said the Brown volunteers have registered more than 200 University students.

Starnes said he expects support to pick up after Brown speaks.

## SESSION

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made a step toward taking action against racism, said community member Coralie Washington.

"You live with your fears, your hate and your doubts," Washington said. "Many of you say you identify with the minorities, but how many of you have had a black at your dinner table? How many many of you have had a black ride in your car?"

Community member Henry Luvert said racism won't end until the year 2076, when whites will be the minority. Until then, people must elect politicians who support rights, he said.

"Instead of kicking windows, let's kick some of these politicians out of office," Luvert said. "It's up to us to make the system more active."

Voting in the upcoming elections is one way to promote human rights, said Marion Malcolm of Clergy and Laity Concerned.

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