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Diversity curriculum examined

□ Race/gender requirement may change to provide better understanding of issues

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In 1987, faculty members reviewing academic requirements suggested that the University should have a race/gender/non-European-American requirement. Beginning fall 1990, entering students were required to take one course that addressed at least one of those issues.

Now, the University is considering plans to restructure the requirement, which could result in a narrower, more focused selection of classes that provides students with a better understanding of diversity issues.

The original idea of the requirement, said University President Myles Brand, was that "these are critical issues that face all people these days in terms of understanding and getting respect for all points of view that emanate from different cultural perspectives."

But from the very beginning, the requirement has faced criticism, especially from students.

"The requirement, as it is, gives the impression that the University is offering a strong multicultural curriculum," said Brian Hoop, a student senator who has worked since 1991 to change the requirement. "In fact, this University has failed to prepare students for a multiracial society in the 21st century."

"We found the majority of faculty at the University really had no idea what multiculturalism means," Hoop said. "Essentially, faculty rushed to get their classes to be accepted into the requirement."

Students say the requirement is too broad. According to the winter course guide, 175 courses fulfill the requirement.

An ad hoc committee of students last spring analyzed syllabi for about half of the courses and found that most of the classes didn't meet the requirement's intent or weren't even offered.

"It got diluted to the point where it doesn't meet the original intent (of the requirement)," said sophomore Dick Lee, a member of the ad hoc committee.

"There are so many classes that have nothing to do with what the requirement was originally there for, (which was) to give students a better understanding of

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What break?



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Senior Ben Kaplan, a sociology major, unloads his belongings from a friend's car as he moves back into the dorms Sunday afternoon after the winter break.



Photo by Dylan Couler

Dan Long-Coogan, an employee for Pedalers Express, makes regular deliveries on this load-carrying work-bike. The bike is the first of its kind in the nation to be used for delivery service.

Bicycle delivery service offers ecological dream

□ Pedalers Express uses only large work-bikes and still remains competitive

By Jacqueline Woge
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Dan Long-Coogan strides through a small crowd in the Lane County Court Administrator's office and picks up a couple of letters. The crowd eyes him curiously.

With a tubular black gaiter stretched over his head, helmet, cyclist's rain jacket and pants, sack slung over his shoulder, and cordless phone jammed in a pouch at his chest, Long-Coogan does look unusual.

Back outside and riding to the next delivery, Long-Coogan, one of two full-time delivery riders for Eugene's only bicycle

delivery service, looks more in his element. Now, his bicycle attracts all the attention. The front half of what would otherwise be a regular mountain bike is dominated by a two-foot white box.

After a few more deliveries, Long-Coogan charges up Eighth Avenue with surprising speed for a bicycle loaded with more than 200 issues of the *Comic News*. Long-Coogan takes a sharp, right turn, demonstrating the bike's excellent turning radius, thunks onto the sidewalk and cruises down the street to the Dwyer Simpson Attorneys' building.

Pedalers Express is the first bicycle courier service in the nation to use the load-carrying work-bikes. Besides Long-Coogan's long bicycle, there is one shorter, 100-pound-load bike. Tere Blue uses that bike for longer-distance runs.

Jan VanderTuin, owner of Human

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WEATHER

Keep your umbrellas handy, because you just might need them today.

Expect an 80 percent chance of rain around the area and snow in the higher elevations. High near 40.

ELVIS SIGHTING

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) - You've heard of seeing Elvis after his death? The Elvis stamp has been spotted before its birth.

The 29-cent commemorative stamps weren't supposed to be available until Jan. 8. But Ruth Peoples noticed an Elvis stamp and a Dec. 30 postmark on a letter that came Thursday for her son.

But Mrs. Peoples' sister-in-law, Kay Peoples, bought 60 Elvis stamps at a post office in Amarillo on Wednesday.

Kay Peoples said a worker later told her that the office received the Elvis stamps that day, but it wasn't until the next day that the letter arrived saying the stamps couldn't yet be sold. Maybe the letter got lost in the mail.

SPORTS

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) - The greatest comeback in NFL history was no big deal for Frank Reich. He's done this kind of thing before.

With no Jim Kelly and no Thurman Thomas, and in a 32-point hole, the Buffalo Bills turned to their miracle man.

"We were thinking, 'Let's make it respectable, start to generate something and then see what happens,'" Reich said.

What happened was a playoff-record 28 points in the third quarter.

The Bills' hopes for a third straight trip to the Super Bowl - no team has ever lost three in a row - were still alive.