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## Curriculum experiment starts in fall

□ Anthropology first to add four-credit classes

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The University's anthropology department will be the sole participant next year in an experiment with new curriculum.

Beginning fall term, all undergraduate anthropology classes will be offered at four credits instead of the usual three. Under the new system devised last spring, students will be able to graduate in less time with fewer classes.

The plan will allow the anthropology department to offer two four-credit classes as an academic cluster, instead of three three-credit classes, as in past years.

Though the total number of credits needed for graduation will remain unchanged, students will earn them with fewer classes.

Professor Jack Whelan, chairman of the University's curriculum committee, said the change is designed to make it easier for undergraduates to get out of the University in four years.

"It's difficult keeping up with five classes a term," Whelan said. "Students will be able to take four classes a term, but study the topics more in-depth."

After almost a year of planning, anthropology last month submitted its course changes to administrators. It dropped 13 classes and added two new courses. Other classes will be taught as before, but with an extra class-hour each week, upping their credits from three to four.

In winning University approval for its curriculum changes, anthropology may become the blueprint for other academic departments.

Professor Stephen Durrant said almost every department in the College of Arts and Sciences has submitted course changes converting classes to four-credits.

Other departments are less enthusiastic. Biology, chemistry and physics are holding out for the current cluster system.

Physics Professor Stephen Kevan said students understand the material better when a cluster is spaced

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Photo by Anthony Forney

State Rep. Cynthia Wooten speaks to college and university students at a Salem rally Wednesday. Wooten told students they should continue to push legislators to come up with an acceptable tax reform plan.

## Students rally for new tax plan

□ State lawmakers encourage students to continue activism for tax reform.

By Lisa Kneefel  
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SALEM — The capitol building looked more like a college campus Wednesday as some 400 concerned students filled the halls and chambers to demand tax reform from legislators.

Recognizing the gravity of Oregon's state of education funding, students and student leaders from Oregon's higher education institutions turned out for Oregon Student Lobby Day and asked

state lawmakers to "Let the people decide."

Students assembled on the capitol steps for a rally that included speeches from Gov. Barbara Roberts and Rep. Cynthia Wooten, D-Eugene. Following the rally, several students met with senators and representatives to relay personal stories of hardship due to Ballot Measure 5 and to request tax reform support.

At the rally, Wooten encouraged the students gathered to hold legislators accountable for higher education and for Oregon's future.

"No longer do we live in the state of Oregon," Wooten said. "We live in a state of crisis."

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## Newsletter offers forum for homeless to tell their stories

□ Founder hopes to improve quality of life for homeless

By Meg Dedolph  
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In the space of three months, Steve West made it off the streets and onto paper as the editor and publisher of "H.O.P.E.," the Eugene-Springfield area's first newsletter for and about the homeless.

West, who was homeless in the 1970s and again in 1992, said he first began thinking about starting a newsletter while he fell asleep on the streets at night.

"When it was cold," he said, "I had nothing to do but think."

West said his homeless experiences were "outrageous and despicable, especially the treatment of single men and women."

"Because they've been cast aside," West said, "they have no hope, they turn to drinking, they turn to bumming, and get cast aside some more."

West said his motivation to begin the newsletter also came from a determination to get off the street, get himself straight and help other people.

The newsletter is a part of an organization

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Photo by Anthony Forney

Steve West began a newsletter for the homeless after his own time on the streets had ended.



## WEATHER

Today will bring mostly cloudy skies with a good chance of rain. Highs will be in the upper 50s.

### Today in History

In 1933, the start of the Roosevelt administration brought with it the first woman to serve in a president's cabinet as Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins.

## MUSLIMS SIGN AGREEMENT

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Bosnia's Muslim-led government joined warring Serbs and Croats in accepting a future cease-fire and military withdrawal, taking an important step Wednesday toward peace in the war-torn land.

The decision is the biggest breakthrough in the faltering Yugoslav peace talks since they moved to New York from Geneva last month.

The Security Council, meanwhile, demanded Bosnian Serbs halt their attacks in eastern Bosnia and called for deploying U.N. monitors or troops in the region to protect civilians.

It was one of the council's strongest statements on the Balkan civil wars.

## SPORTS

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers announced Wednesday they will not file a formal application to acquire a Canadian Football League expansion team.

The National Basketball League team had spent several months considering whether to bring a CFL team to Portland but Trail Blazers officials said they decided building a new arena for the basketball team was more important.

"We just feel that we can't commit the necessary amount of time required right now," said Marshall Glickman, senior vice president of marketing for the Trail Blazers.

However, Glickman said the Blazers would support any other group that attempted to bring a CFL team to Portland.