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Photo by David Nait

Blind since birth, Annie Morison, 8, of Eugene, uses her ears to find a prize at an Easter egg hunt for blind children at Corridor Elementary School. The eggs used during the hunt chirp repetitively to help the children locate them.

Students take part in fast protesting hunger

□ Those participating hope Congress will make ending hunger a national priority

By Rebecca Merritt
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More than 100 University students Monday joined U.S. Rep. Tony Hall on a nationwide fast to protest the elimination of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Hunger.

Members of the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness and OSPIRG announced at a rally in front of Johnson Hall they will fast for at least 24 hours. Some members have vowed not to eat for as long as a week.

"The voice in Congress for the hungry and the needy has been silenced," OSPIRG member Jim Treloar said at Monday's rally. "We cannot ignore hunger."

Students who promised to fast for at least 24 hours wore red armbands to call to attention the need for hunger and homeless aid and to support Hall's efforts.

Across the country, students are joining Hall in his fast and are encouraging people to sign a petition urging Congress to make hunger a national priority, Treloar said.

"The fasting is a symbolic action," Treloar said. "We are willing to give up a basic human need for something that should be a national priority."

Hall, an Ohio representative, officially began his fast Monday after the hunger committee was cut on March 31. OSPIRG member Vanessa Pepe said Hall will fast for four weeks, and Treloar said the length of Hall's fast is indefinite.

"His fast is a call to Congress to make hunger a national priority," Treloar said.

According to Hall, nearly 27 million Americans are on food stamps, and 20 million Americans go to food banks. Worldwide, 40,000 people die from hunger-related causes each year, and about one billion of the world's population is undernourished.

More than 4,000 Lane County families pay more than 70 percent of their income on housing and 2,000 families are homeless, Wayne Ford of the Eugene Homeless Action Coalition said.

The former hunger committee enacted a task force to provide aid for the hungry and homeless. The committee was dedicated to addressing the growing problems of hunger in America and also initiated relief programs in Somalia and other places around the world. The committee was the least expensive of all national committees, Treloar said.

"Hunger was by far the cheapest committee that the House of Rep-

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Cost, politics of multiculturalism proposal questioned

□ The requirement may change number and focus of courses

By Colleen Pohlig and Sarah Clark
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The often heated debate over a proposal to change the University's race/gender/non-European requirement has raised several questions about the politics and cost of teaching multiculturalism.

The University Assembly, which consists entirely of faculty members, administrators and student senators, will consider

Requirements not unique to Oregon

□ Universities across the nation are experimenting with multicultural courses

By Jen Ellison
Oregon Daily Emerald

The University isn't the only educational institution working on multicultural require-

ments. Many American universities require or will require completion of a race/gender class for graduation.

The University's current race/gender/non-European requirement can be satisfied by one of more than 175 courses already available.

The Multicultural Curriculum Committee will submit a two-course requirement to the

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these questions when it votes on a new multiculturalism proposal Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in

Room 150 Columbia.

The proposal would change the current requirement from

one course to two. One course would focus on race relations in modern America. The other

would address how gender, race, ethnicity and/or class shape society.

If the assembly adopts the proposal, it will become part of the University's curriculum beginning as soon as the 1994-95 school year.

Education for the future?

Supporters of the proposal say students need it to learn how to function in an increasingly racially diverse country.

"Let's learn about each other so that when we have to work together and live together, we

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WEATHER

A high pressure system arrived over Oregon Monday allowing for some sun and warmer temperatures for the next few days.

Today in History

In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

GUILT OR INNOCENCE

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - James Earl Ray was acquitted of slaying the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. during a mock trial in a cable TV special Sunday.

The three-hour program, *Guilt or Innocence: The Trial of James Earl Ray*, was broadcast on HBO on the 25th anniversary of King's slaying.

Ray, serving 99 years for shooting the civil rights leader in 1968 while King stood on a motel balcony, testified during the mock trial by satellite from the Riverbend State Prison in Nashville.

In 1969 Ray pleaded guilty to the slaying but later tried to recant his plea. The 10-day, unscripted mock trial was filmed in Memphis in January.

SPORTS

The Oregon women's tennis team finished with nine points and in last place in the Pacific-10 Conference Northern Division round robin tournament with Washington and Washington State over the weekend.

Washington won the event with 32 points and the Cougars were second with 19. Points from the three-day tournament will combine with points from the dual-match tournament, April 16-17 at the 15th Street Courts in Eugene, to determine the Pac-10 Northern Division champion.

In men's tennis, the Ducks defeated Washington State 7-0 Sunday in Eugene. They are now 6-11 for the season.