

Assembly passes race requirement

□ 175-155 vote approves multicultural guidelines

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After tense debate plagued with accusations of anti-Semitism and coerced votes, the University Assembly Wednesday voted 175-155 to revise the University's race, gender and non-European requirement.

Wednesday's vote increases the requirement from one to two courses. One course will discuss race relations in modern America, focusing on African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Native Americans and/or Latinos/Chicanos.

The other will discuss how gender, race, ethnicity and/or class shape society. The new requirement will affect freshmen entering the University during the 1994-95 school year and after.

University Assembly Secretary Keith Richard said Wednesday's faculty attendance was the largest he's seen in 14 years.

The close vote marked the end of a two-year battle by students and some faculty to narrow the focus of the requirement.

"What it means is that this University is ready to move into the 21st century," said sociology Professor Sandra Morgen, co-chairwoman of the committee that drafted the new requirement. "It means that the state will have a better informed citizenry and a better informed work force."

Student supporters said they were happy with the vote, but that it's only a step in diversifying the University's curriculum.

"We're still light-years behind where we should be as far as addressing issues of race and gender equality in this century," said Student Senator Brian Hoop, who has worked more than two years to revise the requirement.

Though supporters said they were surprised the revision passed, one professor said assembly members were forced to

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Photo by Pat Malach
Political science Associate Professor Sumi Cho, a member of the President's Multicultural Curriculum Committee, addresses the University Assembly Wednesday. Cho recommended that the assembly vote in favor of the new multicultural guidelines.

University not likely to go private, say officials

□ Board will continue evaluating privatization

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Privatizing the University would save few dollars in the next four years, state higher education board members found after completing a report requested by legislators last February.

State representatives Carolyn Oakley, R-Albany, and Jim Whitty, D-Coos Bay, asked the board to consider making the University a private institution in the wake of fewer available state dollars for higher education.

"As far as short-term savings, it's probably not a possibility," Oakley said. "But for the long term, it's something we still haven't given up on."

Oakley said she will ask the board to submit further reports on the long-term possibility of privatizing the University or Southern Oregon State College, which has a large percentage of out-of-state students.

Privatizing the University would shift the costs more from the state to students through higher tuition. Currently, in-state students pay about one-third of the cost to instruct them — \$2,721.

The report said that if the school became private in the next year, there would be a sudden drop in enrollment caused by a minimal \$10,000 tuition rate. The hike could price as much as 60 percent of the current 16,400 students out of an education, according to the report.

Privatizing the University would not only reduce access for Oregonians, but the University would have to eliminate many faculty members because there would be fewer students to teach.

The Lane County economy would further suffer, the report said, because departing faculty would take their federal contracts and grants with them.

Privatizing one or more institutions is only one option the board and the Oregon Legislature are considering to bridge the budget gap, said Robert Bailey, Oregon State System of Higher Education board president.

"Our concern is if the state does nothing about revenue in the next 18

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Sensor flashlight illuminates drunken drivers

□ Eugene police department first to use vapor-analyzing Passive Alcohol Sensor

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Drunken drivers will have a more difficult time not getting caught, thanks to the Eugene police department's simple new tool.

A flashlight.

Not just any flashlight, but an \$800 flashlight that is equipped with an alcohol sensor. It's called the Passive Alcohol Sensor, and officers who have used it say it's a very accurate and helpful weapon in the fight against drunken drivers.

Officer Tim Bulski said the sensor detects alcohol vapors and

displays the amount of alcohol present on a bar graph.

"There is a motor behind the head of the flashlight and it pumps in air into a cell that analyzes the air," he said. "It works well because other smells, like tobacco, don't interfere. It operates on vapors."

The flashlights are currently being used by the officers who drive EPD's DUII car and officers who work the University campus and local high schools.

The flashlights were provided by the Century Coalition, a group of alcohol producers. The coalition targeted Eugene and four other cities in the United States for funding of alcohol-abuse prevention programs.

Officer Carrie Axtell, a DUII car driver, said the flashlights have made her job easier. She said that, during a DUII stop, she holds

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WEATHER

It's past April 1 and we're still foolin' you.

A storm arrived overnight that should produce light sprinkles this morning and clearing by this afternoon.

Today in History

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

PUT ANOTHER NICKEL IN

COLFAX, Calif. (AP) — The latest police weapon against a shrinking budget? Piggy banks.

In fact, pigs seem to have become the unofficial mascot of the Colfax police as the six-member department struggles to make do with its \$30,000 budget amid a rising population and diminishing revenues.

Officers have put a dozen pink plastic piggy banks in stores in this village 50 miles northeast of Sacramento.

On sale are T-shirts with the words "Colfax Police" and a picture of a pig's head. A fund-raiser and drawing drew 200 people to a pizza parlor Monday.

SPORTS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than 48 hours after committing one of the biggest mistakes in NCAA Tournament history, a gracious Chris Webber appeared at an awards ceremony Wednesday and talked about becoming a hermit.

Webber's infamous time-out call with 11 seconds left cost Michigan a chance at the title Monday night. The gaffe, however, did not cost the bald, clean-shaven All-American his sense of humor.

"I think I'll grow long hair and a beard and move out to the California desert and wait for the basketball season to begin," he said.

"I've been in a state of denial," he added.