

Outside interests



Photo by Randy Thieben

Sara Brown (above), a comparative literature major, finds a tree outside of the University art museum makes a good place to study, and associate Professor Bill Rossi's class (right) insisted that the class on Thoreau and nature writing be conducted outside in the sun.



Photo by Anthony Farney

Race, gender vote may be reviewed

□ Assembly receives request to reconsider curriculum proposal

By Colleen Pohlig
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A request to reconsider the narrowly approved multicultural curriculum proposal may be reopening the doors to a torrent of debates, questions and emotion — and possibly a re-vote.

Following the University Assembly's 175-155 approval of the requirement April 7, dance instructor Janet Descutner asked that the assembly vote to reconsider the proposal at its next meeting, May 5.

If the majority of assembly members vote for reconsideration, the proposal will immediately be put back on the floor for more discussion, followed by a new vote.

At the April 7 meeting, members voted to end debate at 5 p.m., which, Descutner said, prematurely cut off discussions that were crucial in deciding how to vote. She said this was the main reason for asking the assembly to reconsider the proposal.

"I felt like we were locked out

of the discussion because all the time was taken up by talk of a secret ballot and other procedural matters when we should have been discussing the proposal," Descutner said.

Descutner said she also believes University President Myles Brand was selectively choosing faculty members to speak. She said she believes the reconsideration will allow everyone to participate in the discussions.

"The reason I want further discussion is because my mind is not yet closed," Descutner said.

Reopening discussion on a proposal takes only one assembly member who voted on the prevailing, or majority, side to request a reconsideration, said University Assembly Secretary Keith Richard.

After a member asks to reopen discussion on a proposal, the assembly must then vote to reconsider. If a majority votes for reconsideration, the proposal will immediately be brought to the floor again.

If reconsidered, three things can happen to the multicultural curriculum proposal: It can be sus-

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FDA nears approval of condom for women

□ The product needs further testing and label changes before its sale will be permitted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration moved closer Tuesday to approving the first female condom for sale in the United States, saying the device offered limited protection against sexually transmitted diseases.

The FDA said it was prepared to approve the sale of the Reality female condom if the product were tested further and its label carried a notice that male latex condoms are a better method for preventing infection from AIDS and other diseases.

The FDA said it still had reservations about the shortage of test data about the female condom's effectiveness and safety.

But the device, the only one of its kind ready for sale in this country, received expedited review because of an "urgent need" to give protection to women whose sexual partners will not use male condoms, the administration said.

"The female condom is not all we would wish for, but it is better than no protection at all," FDA Commissioner David A. Kessler said. Latex condoms for men are still "the best shield against AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases," he said.

Heterosexual contact is the fastest-growing means of transmitting

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WEATHER

More good weather today. Highs 60-65 degrees. Some cloudy periods later in the day. Chance of rain tonight.

Today in History

In 1947, a six-man expedition sailed from Peru aboard a balsawood raft named the "Kon-Tiki" on a 101-day journey that took them across the Pacific Ocean to Polynesia.

DOCUMENTS OF A KING

BOSTON (AP) — The widow of Martin Luther King Jr. testified Tuesday that the president of Boston University turned hostile when she proposed that the school return her husband's papers.

Coretta Scott King said John Silber wouldn't discuss the issue during a 1985 meeting, instead demanding she send the university all other King-related documents it didn't already hold.

"Before I could finish, he interrupted me and said, 'I have this letter here,'" said Mrs. King, referring to a letter that her husband signed in 1964 stating that the papers would become the property of Boston University when he died.

The trial in Suffolk Superior Court will determine the ownership of about 83,000 documents. Mrs. King has said she hopes to move the papers to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Change in Atlanta.

SPORTS

Former Oregon football standouts Jeff Cummins and Anthony Jones signed NFL contracts as free agents Tuesday. Cummins, a defensive lineman, signed with the Los Angeles Rams, and Jones, a receiver, signed with the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys.

They join former Oregon receiver Ronnie Harris, who signed a free agent contract Monday with the New England Patriots. Harris has also excelled this season on the track, where he has set personal records in the 100- and 200-meter events.

Former free safety Eric Castle was the only Duck taken in the NFL draft, as he was a sixth-round pick Monday of the San Diego Chargers.