

Requirement up for review

□ University Assembly will reconsider vote on race, gender curriculum today

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The debate over the new race, gender and non-European requirement will come to a head when University Assembly members decide whether to reconsider the requirement today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 150 Columbia.

The assembly passed the requirement by a 175-155 vote April 7 at an emotionally charged meeting. Afterwards, dance instructor Janet Descutner, who voted for the requirement, asked for a reconsideration, saying the assembly hadn't had enough time to discuss the issues.

Since the last assembly meeting, memos and discussion decrying the requirement and the process through which it passed have circulated among faculty members.

Anti-Semitism?

Supporters of the requirement say they've been called anti-Semitic because the first part of the requirement, which studies race relations in the United States, specifies African-Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Americans and Latinos/Chicanos — not Jews.

Some supporters say the charges stem from the belief that black and ethnic studies programs are centers of anti-Semitism.

"Because we're black and we're male, it's very easy to put that kind of label on us," said ethnic studies Director Clarence Spigner. "But to be charged with anti-Semitism is obscene."

Psychology Professor Jacob Beck said he doesn't

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Kickin' back



Photo by Randy Theben

Pat Casey, a senior in fine arts, writes at a table outside of the EMU Fishbowl Tuesday afternoon.

Cuts unexpected under measure

□ Numbers show effects of Measure 5 were not predicted

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What did Oregonians expect when they passed Ballot Measure 5 in the fall of 1990?



More efficiency in government? Probably. Tax relief? Probably. An overhaul of the tax system? Probably. A massive wave of cuts that would decimate basic and higher education? Probably not.

Polling data indicate that most Oregonians hoped for one or all of

the first three.

Nevertheless, higher education has been going through a major budget crisis during the last biennium, and there is no guaranteed relief in sight.

Now that the impact is hitting basic education

hard, more people are beginning to sit up and take notice.

In the mid to late 1980s, property taxes rose more than 50 percent. In 1987-88, Oregonians had the seventh-highest per-capita property tax in the country.

Measure 5 promised property tax relief that would be phased in during six years. Each year, starting with 1991 and ending in 1996, there will be a lowering of the maximum property tax rate.

One of the reasons Oregon ranks so high in the collection of property taxes is that there are only two major sources of revenue in the state: income taxes and property taxes.

Unlike most other states, Oregon has not passed a sales tax.

When property taxes began rising rapidly in the 1980s, the burden of taxation shifted more on to individuals than on businesses, said Margaret Hallock, director of the University Labor, Education and Research Center.

"Business' share of the burden was declining because they were getting write-offs, exemptions and special assessment procedures," she

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ASUO elections go to Constitution Court

□ Former candidates complain of elections board rules violations

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The ASUO Constitution Court will meet tonight to hear three complaints concerning candidates who either ran or were written in for ASUO positions in the primary elections and are alleging election rules violations.

Leslie Warren and Mark Johnson, who lost the race for 1993-94 president and vice president, respectively, filed a complaint against the ASUO Elections Board for three alleged violations of rules.

Warren and Johnson said the elections board didn't act impartially when it allowed

Saferide members to operate a voting booth after Saferide officially endorsed the Eric Bowen/Diana Collins Puente ticket on the first day of the primary election.

When not operating the poll booths, booth workers can endorse any candidate they choose, said Tracy Dennis, elections board coordinator. They are only prohibited from endorsing a candidate while working at a booth.

"The burden of proof is on Warren and Johnson," Dennis said. "They have to prove that Jane Doe recognized the booth workers as Saferide members; second, that Jane Doe knew that Saferide endorsed a candidate; and third, that the way she voted was influenced by Saferide's endorsement."

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WEATHER

Another nice day today! The sun should prevail after morning low clouds and fog. The highs will be near 70 degrees.

Today in History

One hundred years ago, the "Panic of 1893" hit the New York Stock Exchange. By the end of 1893, the country was in a severe depression.

QUAKE OR QUACK

PORTLAND, (AP) — Monday was the appointed day of doom, the day a street preacher said Portland would be devastated by an earthquake in retribution for unholy deeds.

No earthquake struck. But rain drenched the city, as usual.

Street preacher John Gunter had said God told him the city would be destroyed May 3 by a temblor. In March, Gunter sent a letter to churches in the region, saying Portland was "ripe for judgement" because it is a major center for Satanic activity.

Gunter said this vision came to him while he was driving across the Fremont Bridge reading his Bible.

Gunter got out of town for the big quake.

SPORTS

Oregon was one of nine golf teams from the Far West District selected to compete at the West Regional May 13-15 at Tucson, Ariz., the NCAA Women's Golf Committee said Monday.

In addition, nine teams and seven individuals from the West District were selected and will comprise the 18-team West Regional field at the Tucson National Golf Club. The top 10 teams from the West Regional will advance to the NCAA championships May 26-29 at the University of Georgia Golf Course in Athens, Ga., along with the top four individuals not on teams already qualified.