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### Curriculum committee discusses proposals

**Assembly:** Group hears five plans but makes no decisions about the course requirement

By Jim Davis  
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Discussion about alternatives to the current race, gender, non-European class requirement continued Wednesday with proposals ranging from a multicultural requirement with departmental discretion to last year's plan, which was tabled by the University Assembly.

The Assembly Committee on Multicultural Curriculum, which has separated itself into two groups — one formulating the proposals and another dealing with the costs of the requirement — heard five specific plans but made no definite decisions.

Variations of the proposals were also discussed. The committee is expected to present a progress report before the University Assembly in just two weeks.

"We only have a fortnight before the hanging," said Paul Engelking, the committee's chairman.

The first plan discussed would require one course aimed at teaching students about the relations of two American cultures. It is based on a similar requirement at the University of California, Berkeley.

Five specified groups are in this plan: African-Americans; Chicanos or Latinos; American Indians; Asian-Americans; and European-Americans.

Some committee members criticized this plan because it would not deal with gender equity, homosexuality or religious groups.

The second plan would call for a single course dealing specifically with group relations and would directly address problems of discrimination, prejudice

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### Majoring in love?



Dorothy Jackson stops to double check the office door of the Department of Romance Languages. University employees working on the door took a lunch break before finishing the lettering, which temporarily gave the department a new name..

## Group hopes initiative will help save ozone

**Ballot:** Local organization wants to ban sale of ozone-depleting chemicals in Eugene

By Meg Dedolph  
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A local organization is hoping to ban the sale or use of ozone-depleting chemicals in Eugene through an initiative on the May 17 city ballot.

If passed, the Save Our Ozone initiative would prohibit the sale of styrofoam manufactured with ozone-depleting chemicals

and spray foam insulation products that use ozone-depleting chemicals for application. Some parts of the ban would take effect as early as August.

Products containing methyl chloroform, which include some silicone lubricants, spot removers and hair dyes, would also be banned.

An ozone-safe coolant would be required for the air conditioners in all new automobiles sold in Eugene.

Halon fire extinguishers would no longer be available to the public; their sale would be limited to fire departments and med-

ical facilities.

Furthermore, the use of pesticides that contain or use methyl bromide for application would be limited.

"Ozone depletion is worse than it's ever been," said Mark Sigel, a member of Save Our Ozone. "Although it rebuilds itself, it will take several decades."

Sigel and other supporters said in the initiative that the protective layer of ozone surrounding the earth is being degraded by chemicals, like chlorofluorocarbons,

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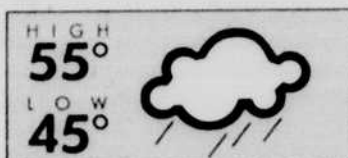
## GOOD MORNING

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Kim Basinger is baring her own skin to save the hides of animals.

A poster of Basinger — supine and stitchless — was unveiled Monday at a private vegetarian dinner. Basinger and her husband, actor Alec Baldwin, helped raise \$50,000 for anti-fur activists, according to the Washington-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The poster, which PETA plans to display in Europe, reads: "Beauty Is Not About Wearing Someone Else's Coat." It is the third in a series that so far has featured models Christy Turlington and Naomi Campbell — also in their own skins.

ATLANTA (AP) — A device that can recharge a battery-powered car almost as quickly as a gas station fill-up could help



overcome a big obstacle to getting electric autos on the road.

Electronic Power Technology Inc., the suburban Atlanta firm that developed the charger, said tests last weekend showed lead-acid batteries powering an electric pickup truck could be effectively recharged in about 18 minutes. Most batteries used in electric car tests have taken hours to recharge.

"At McDonald's or the grocery or your local mall, there could be a bunch of fast-charge stations that give the customer security — if you run out of juice, you're not going to be stuck for four to six hours," company president Karen Robinson said Wednesday.

day.

Electronic Power and GNB Battery Technologies, an Atlanta-based company that supplied batteries, ran the tests Saturday using a converted Chevrolet pickup at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. The tests set a record for miles traveled in 24 hours by an electric vehicle when the truck logged 831.8 miles, about 200 miles better than the previous record.

Other research groups, electric utilities and the big Detroit automakers also are in the race to develop a practical electric-powered car, although the automakers have expressed skepticism about the technology. Environmental concerns as well as the desire of electric companies to move into transportation, one of the few areas where they do not make money, are behind the push.

## KWVA asks to remodel bathroom to office space

**Radio:** Station asks EMU for extra space it needs to function

By Mandy Baucum  
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KWVA approached the EMU Board of Directors on Wednesday, asking if it could transform a women's bathroom into office space.

The bathroom, which is located next to the KWVA office is rarely used, said James Pierson, general manager of KWVA.

"We're talking about less than ten people," he said in an interview.

KWVA, which now operates in a 700 square foot space, will need at least 1,500 to 2,000 feet to function as it would like to,

Pierson said.

Pierson said the station, with its increasing popularity, has the potential to raise up to \$100,000 a year from underwriting, grants and corporate donations.

"But there's no way we can do that now," he said of the space limitations.

Eventually, Pierson said he would like to see the station operate without the use of Incidental Fee Committee funding.

"With eight departments operating out of three desks in a room that is crowded with six people in it, our ability to grow internally through non-IFC funding, and be an effective training ground for all who

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