

UNIVERSITY

Requirement for multicultural course adopted

VOTE: University Assembly passes requirement despite opposition from some groups.

By Jim Davis

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A new multicultural course requirement was adopted Wednesday by the University Assembly even after a student ripped up the proposal and called the requirement "crap."

Four student unions and two members of the Student Senate also opposed the new requirement.

Students entering the University in the fall of 1995 or thereafter will be required to take six credits in at least two of three multicultural areas.

The new requirement will take the place of the current Race, Gender, Non-European requirement.

"This was rewarding to see the work of the committee supported by the Assembly," said Paul Engelking, chair of the Assembly Committee on Multicultural Curriculum (ACMC) which drafted the proposal.

However, Andres Montoya, a graduate student in creative writing who spoke before the Assembly, ripped up the proposal and said the Assembly should be ashamed of themselves.

"This University has no consistent course of study on people of color. How does the Assembly expect to



Creative Writing graduate student, Andres Montoya, expresses his anger toward the new multicultural curriculum by tearing up the proposal at the Wednesday's faculty meeting in Columbia Hall.

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Different style defines advocate

Armsbury: Despite initial criticism, multicultural advocate is 'enthusiastic'

By Edward Klopfenstein

Oregon Daily Emerald

When former ASUO Multicultural Advocate Eden Ajrian-Omari resigned March 3, he charged that student government was manipulative and controlling.

One of his prime examples of this ASUO wrongdoing was the appointment of Erika Armsbury as his replacement. She lives in the same house as the official who appointed her, ASUO President Eric Bowen.

"As far as that comment, no answer was needed," said Armsbury in a recent interview. "I know why I'm here. Eric's decision was justified because I'm qualified."

Bowen's decision to appoint Armsbury to the post, along with the January appointment of his

girlfriend Caitlin Twain to the Incidental Fee Committee, has been criticized by many campus publications, including the *Oregon Commentator* and *The Insurgent*.

"When can I move in with Eric?" asked *Insurgent* columnist Carrie Fenelon in the paper's March 15 edition.

"Who is Carrie anyway? I've never heard of her," said Armsbury, who complained that none of the writers that referred to her in their stories ever talked to her. "I'm very well prepared to defend myself, but they hide behind their stories and don't come out to talk to me."

Others complain that because she's "white" she doesn't understand minority issues.

Another fallacy, she said, because though her skin may be white, her father is black.

"That goes back to the old 'white is right,' 'brown stick around' and 'black go back' mentality," she

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DeFazio talks on health care, timber policy

Politics: Health care plan can't provide it all, must focus, DeFazio said

By Stephanie Sisson

Oregon Daily Emerald

A national health care system will not provide all necessary medical operations for everyone, but instead should focus on preventative and alternative care, said Rep. Peter DeFazio at a Town Hall meeting Wednesday.

The meeting, which was hosted by the ASUO and the College Democrats, was in the EMU Fir Room. For an hour, DeFazio



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Rep. Peter DeFazio addresses health care and timber policy before about 50 students Wednesday in the EMU Fir Room.

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GOOD MORNING

► Ernie Woodland and Yohanna Kinberg announced that they would run for the ASUO president and vice president seats, according to a press release from the pair Wednesday. The filing deadline for candidates was Wednesday.

An unofficial tally of proposed ballot measures filed by the deadline was 15, according to the ASUO.

Also Wednesday, *Oregon Commentator* Publisher Owen Brennan Rounds and *Oregon Daily Emerald* Editor-in-Chief Jake Berg filed for the ASUO race Wednesday on a get-out-and-vote platform.

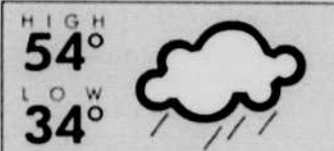
The pair aren't serious about running, said Berg, who will be graduating at the end of this term, but wanted to make a statement against student apathy.

"I think it's pretty lame that only 10 percent of the people here vote," Berg said.

The platform for Woodland and Kinberg presents the pair as facilitators that will help students accomplish their goals, the pair said. Student empowerment is a similar theme on the Shannon Varney/Joey Lyons ticket.

Woodland currently coordinates concerns for older students at the ASUO. He transferred to the University from Lane Community College where he was involved in student politics and, on a statewide level, worked with the Oregon Student Lobby.

Kinberg is currently codirector of the Jewish Student Union. She has also been involved in



planning several civic events, including the Martin Luther King Celebration.

► SALEM (AP) — An artist who erected 14 neon horses along Interstate 5 plans to corral the illuminated animals and put them in storage unless he can come up with more money.

"I either have to find another funding source or sell them individually," Martin Anderson of Cloverdale said. "I just can't give them away."

Anderson figures it cost \$38,750 to create and install the horses, which arts groups say generated an unusual amount of public support.

Vincent Dunn, assistant director of the Oregon Arts Commission in Salem, said he's received calls from people saying how much they like them.

"Usually they're only compelled to call if they're upset and angry," said Dunn, a neon horse fan himself.

"They're great and they make you see the world in a slightly different way," he said.

Others just passing through feel the same way.

"There is no way I can adequately convey my appreciation for the magic you have created," Tim Larson, a Redding, Calif., resident, wrote Anderson after seeing the neon herd.