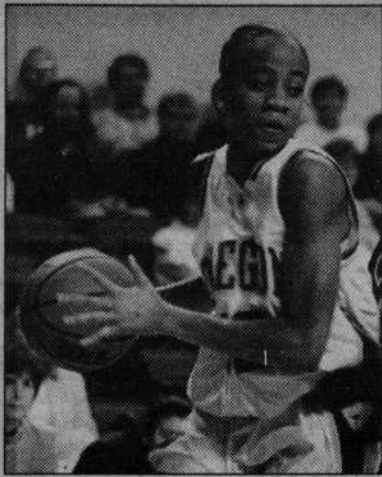


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## UO passes test

Thanks largely to Nicole Strange's 17 points and Ndidi Unaka's 10, the Ducks got past an energized Cal team, 75-63, on Saturday at McArthur Court. **PAGE 11**

## The Flash

### Outreach program to focus on solar energy

In an effort to teach elementary school students about the benefits of solar energy, the Education Outreach Program plans to tour schools around the city next year. Eugene's fourth and fifth graders will have a chance to learn about basic energy concepts.

The outreach program was created by University students from the Solar Information Center during winter term of 1999. The program is accepting volunteers and offering internships to University students who would like to help with program preparation. **PAGE 10**

### University wants \$98 million for construction

The University has requested more than \$98 million from the Oregon University System for 32 "wish-list" construction projects. That projection includes money for a \$22 million renovation and addition to the College of Education and \$32 million to build a five-story Integrative Information Science complex between Franklin Boulevard and Deschutes Hall.

Master-plan studies for the University Health Center building and the EMU are also on the list of capital construction budget requests for the next three bienniums, according to documents from the University Planning Office. **PAGE 7**

### Commuter train hits barrier at airport

LINTHICUM, Md. (AP) — A light rail commuter train arriving at Baltimore-Washington International Airport hit a safety barrier at the end of the line Sunday, injuring the train's conductor and most of its 30 passengers, a transit official said.

Maryland Mass Transit Authority spokesman Frank Fulton said the injured were transported to several area hospitals. The conductor was in serious condition Sunday night at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center. The passengers' conditions were not immediately available.

## WEATHER

Today



high 51, low 40

Tuesday



high 49, low 34



Azle Malinao-Alvarez Emerald  
Sheryl Stahl, a management analyst for Johnson Hall, participates in the Oregon Public Employees Union protest.

## OPEU workers protest denial of dividends

For the second time since December, the Oregon University System has postponed payment of insurance dividends

By Darren Freeman  
Oregon Daily Emerald

About 30 Oregon Public Employees Union workers held a protest Friday because insurance dividends weren't included in their Feb. 1 paychecks, the deadline Oregon University System officials had set for distributing the surplus dollars.

The scene outside Susan Campbell Hall exemplified the friction between University classified workers and

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## Students support Mexican protests

Members of the University Survival Center voiced their anger regarding the arrests of 632 Mexican students

By Brian Goodell  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Students from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) in Mexico City were arrested Sunday after nearly ten months of protesting a proposed tuition increase.

Members of the University Survival Center

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## Austin takes on ASUO exec race with confidence

*"I'm honest about how I feel. If I don't like you, I'll tell you about it."*

Scott Austin  
ASUO exec candidate

■ Solo executive candidate Scott Austin is ready to tackle tough issues with his flamboyant style

By Edward Yuen  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Scott Austin is running for ASUO president without a running mate. He is a senior majoring in political science and will be returning to the University next year as a graduate student.

Q: What is your platform?

A: I can do anything better than the dingleberies that are doing it right now. ... I would disband the [ASUO] exec office, pretty much. I would do the bare minimum duty set up by the constitution and nobody else would be there. ... Just me and maybe the vice president if I had to appoint one, out of necessity. It's just

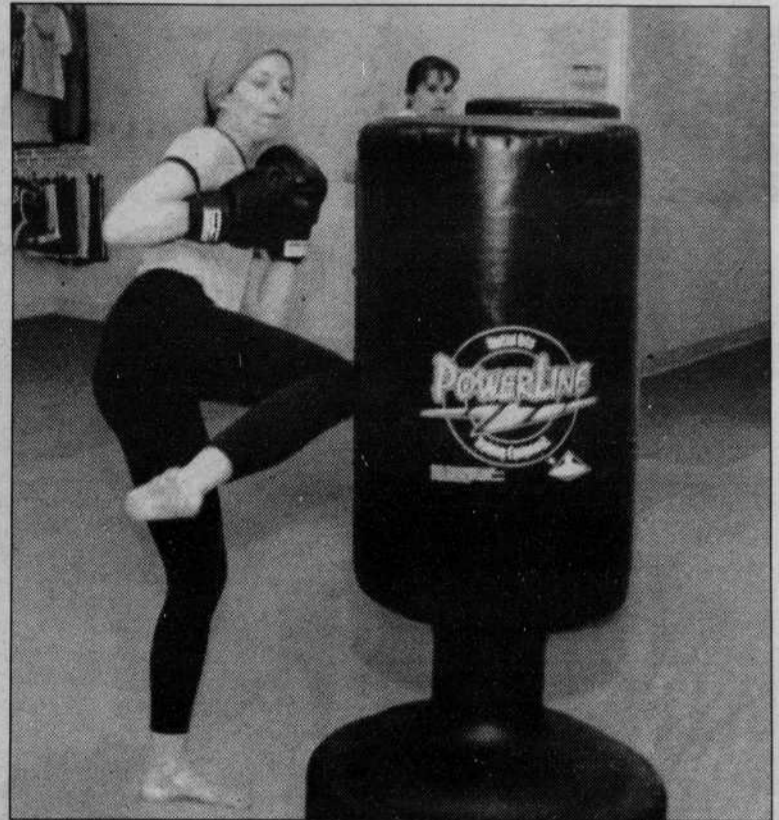
a waste of space in there. ... My platform is that student government is too big as it stands and that it doesn't do anything worthwhile.

Q: What experience and qualifications do you have that makes you a worthy candidate?

A: I know everything about student government. Like seriously, you would be surprised how many times those senators

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## Kickboxing



Mike Crisp Emerald  
Chloe Wilson practices a kick during a class at Japan Karate-Do Northwest.

## Kicking Up controversy

■ Tae-Bo and other forms of martial-arts aerobics are proving dangerous to students without the proper instruction

By Darren Freeman  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Christine Ashburn learned first-hand that self-improvement can be painful.

Last winter, Ashburn, then 38, signed up for a kickboxing fitness course at the Eugene Family YMCA. After each of her first three sessions, Ashburn experienced sharp pain in her knees.

"It hurt enough that I had to walk gingerly for a couple of days," said Ashburn, a graphic designer for Willemalane Park and Recreation District. "I kept thinking maybe it's me; maybe I'm out of shape."

In reality, Ashburn wasn't out of shape, she overstressed her knee during the strenuous kickboxing exercise, under what she felt was insufficient supervision from the instructors. After the third ses-

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Christine Ashburn  
kickboxing class participant



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