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Freddie Jones scores with one second left to give Oregon a 67-65 win over USC and at least a share of its first Pac-10 title in 57 years. Page 9



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"Men are not rapists. Rapists are rapists." — Susie Shauger, student



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EMPOWERMENT through AWARENESS

Project Saferide holds a women's awareness discussion and self-defense demonstration in response to sexual assaults on campus

By Robin Weber
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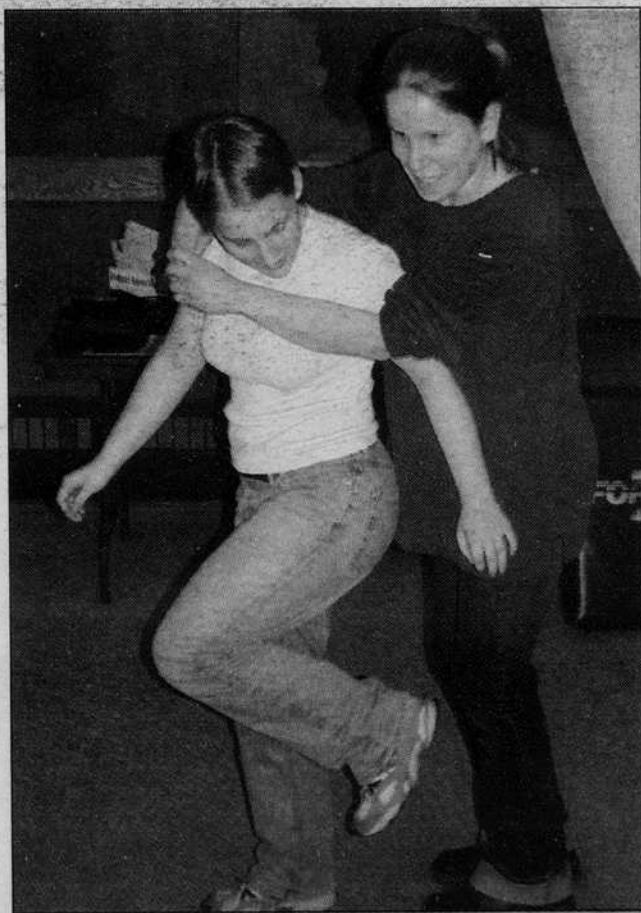
Man-haters, angry feminists, frigid "womyn," ball-busters, call them what you want — they've heard it all before. But to the group of nearly 10 women who met for a night of support sponsored by Project Saferide on Thursday, they just want women to be aware.

Saferide education coordinator Caitlin Tatum joined forces with Sexual Assault Support Services program coordinator Raven Koch to inform women through discussion, action and information how they can become empowered in the fight against sexual assault.

"It's a safe, comfortable place where women can come be with women of similar interests," Tatum said.

The event was held in reaction to sexual assaults on campus becoming a bigger concern, according to Tatum.

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(Above) Nikki Fancher, Mary Stuenkel and Holly Zeuthen (left to right) engage in empowerment and confidence-building exercises at a self-defense workshop on Thursday in the Ben Linder Forum.

Demonstrating, Caitlin Tatum (left) fends off Holly Zeuthen in a mock attack.

Senate tables tuition increase

While legislators attempt to solve Oregon's budget woes, OUS administrators worry

By Brook Reinhard
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The Oregon Legislature reached a compromise Thursday that tables a proposed tuition increase and dulls program cuts for higher education.

Student leaders cheered and University officials were dismayed as legislators avoided action on a University-backed amendment to budget proposals that would have allowed individual Oregon University System schools to raise tuition rates up to 3 percent beyond normal levels.

As part of the compromise, legislators agreed to restore \$5 million to the undergraduate education budget for OUS. The increase will fund exclusively "student-professor" costs including salaries and academic budgets.

"This is a solution that all of us can live with," said Joelle Lester, executive director of the Oregon Student Association, an Oregon higher education advocacy group.

Legislators have been meeting all week in their second special session to solve to

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Cemetery safety still an issue

Increased lighting may not help, but might actually create more problems, campus officials say

By Marty Toohy
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Emily Lepkowski doesn't feel safe near Pioneer Cemetery.

The University student gets nervous when friends walk in the cemetery after basketball games at McArthur Court, and she won't stray from the sidewalk onto cemetery grounds, even on the days when sunshine softens its shadowy corners.

"If you walk by the cemetery, anyone could reach out and grab you," she said. "You don't feel safe there after the stories you hear."

The stories include official complaints to the Department of Public Safety and the Eugene Police Department of a man in the cemetery following women and

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DPS, University Housing distribute safety fliers

Three recent incidents of a man masturbating outside female students' residence hall windows prompted the Department of Public Safety and University Housing to post fliers around campus Thursday afternoon informing students of the occurrences.

"Hopefully with these efforts we'll make people aware of what's going on, and we'll be notified if any suspicious people are seen," DPS director Tom Fitzpatrick said.

University officials believe the same man is

responsible for all three incidents, but DPS and the Eugene Police Department say they have no suspects.

The most recent incidents took place at neighboring rooms in Clark Hall last weekend, and were preceded by an incident Jan. 31 around 8 p.m. at Hamilton Complex ("Police suspect same man is behind campus masturbating incidents," ODE, 2/28).

DPS distributed fliers to announce that the incidents took place and give safety tips.

They will "help (people on campus) avoid the perpetrator or help us catch him," Fitzpatrick said.

University Housing's fliers give basic reminders such as "lock your door at night" and "don't allow strangers in the building."

"It's important for students to realize they can have a major impact on the safety of their surroundings," University Housing director Mike Eyster said.

Fitzpatrick and Eyster encouraged students to notify DPS if they notice anything suspicious. The DPS emergency line is 346-6666, and the non-emergency line, to be used if there is no immediate threat, is 346-5444.

—Marty Toohy