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## KICKING AND SCREAMING

The Tae Kwon Do Club is offering a self-defense workshop this Saturday



By Lisa Toth  
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Sayaka Mimura used to be too shy to scream, let alone punch, kick or hurt a potential attacker. But since she joined the University's Tae Kwon Do Club last term, Mimura is now armed with the self-defense techniques and tools — her elbows, knees, arms and legs — that she may need one day to protect herself.

Mimura, a coordinator with the ASUO Women's Center, said she became interested in the sport after taking a self-defense class in Bend, and she wanted to learn how to protect herself after the recent sexual assault attacks on campus. And with the instruction of the

club's head coach Randy King, Mimura said she is vocally stronger and better able to escape from any potentially unsafe situation in which she might find herself.

"He (King) teaches not just physical confidence, but how to avoid dangerous situations," Mimura said.

The club will host a self-defense workshop covering tools, tips and techniques for effective self-defense in real-life scenarios from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in Gerlinger 220.

With a growing emphasis on personal protection among students since the six sexual assault attempts

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## Shuttle criticized for unsafe climate

■ Some claim the DDS doesn't do anything about harassment

By Diane Huber  
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When possible, Melissa\* calls Project Saferide rather than the Designated Driver Shuttle to get her home after dark. But DDS is her only option for a safe trip when she stays out or gets off work later than Saferide operates.

While riding DDS, the senior said she's experienced several instances of harassment by other passengers, which she said the driver and navigator ignored.

But controlling patrons' behavior — particularly when they are drunk — is not the role of DDS employees, DDS co-director Tiffany Sparks said. She said complaints are extremely rare, but she encourages students to notify the drivers if they feel uncomfortable.

"If it's a dangerous situation, that needs to be brought to our attention," Sparks said.

In one instance that occurred before winter break, she was the only rider when DDS picked up a male rider, Melissa said. She said he sat on the

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## Nader says corporations control all

■ Ralph Nader praised Oregonians and criticized Bush's policies in his speech Thursday night

By Marty Toohey  
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Spotlighted under a banner that read "Money is Not Democracy," Ralph Nader told a near-capacity McDonald Theatre crowd Thursday night that citizens should "refuse to grow up corporate," and educate themselves about the growing disparity between rich and poor caused by corporate control.

"We grow up so corporate that we don't even know what we own," Nader said in reference to the American public's legal ownership of airwaves. "We're allowing these national broadcast stations to be rent-free tenants on the public airwaves."

He emphasized throughout his Thursday speech that corporations "control the many" because "they have greed as an organizing factor," and said

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## Mother Nature graces Eugene with a late snowfall

■ Many were surprised to see hail and snowstorms throughout the day Thursday with the sun shining

By Eric Martin  
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Winter's icy grip held the South Willamette Valley on Thursday for a crisp few hours as it battled breaks of sunshine and the onset of spring, beginning in 13 days.

"It seems like Mother Nature is being a little fickle today," University student Shannon Duff said. "When I went to class at eight this morning, it was sunny."

Portland meteorologist Russ Willis said he was surprised to see sun this morning because the National Weather Service issued a snow advisory at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday for the southern Willamette Valley.

Students watched as feather-light flakes began descending at 9:07 a.m. on University lawns, roofs, cars and blacktop. The weather service said less than an inch of fluff was likely to accumulate below 500 feet; Eugene is 426 feet above sea level.

The early snowfall in Eugene lasted less than an hour and was followed by another short flurry at noon, the Eugene Airport reported. Willis said several storms were moving in from the coast Thursday and could drop more flakes if they cleared the Coast Range.

"Showers will be coming in as the day goes on," Willis said. "It'll be getting warmer, but with a good shower, you'll get some snow anyway."

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As flurries fell Thursday morning, Mayela Cardenas decided to take 'a snow break' from her letterpress class. The ground was much too warm, though, for any of the snow to stick.