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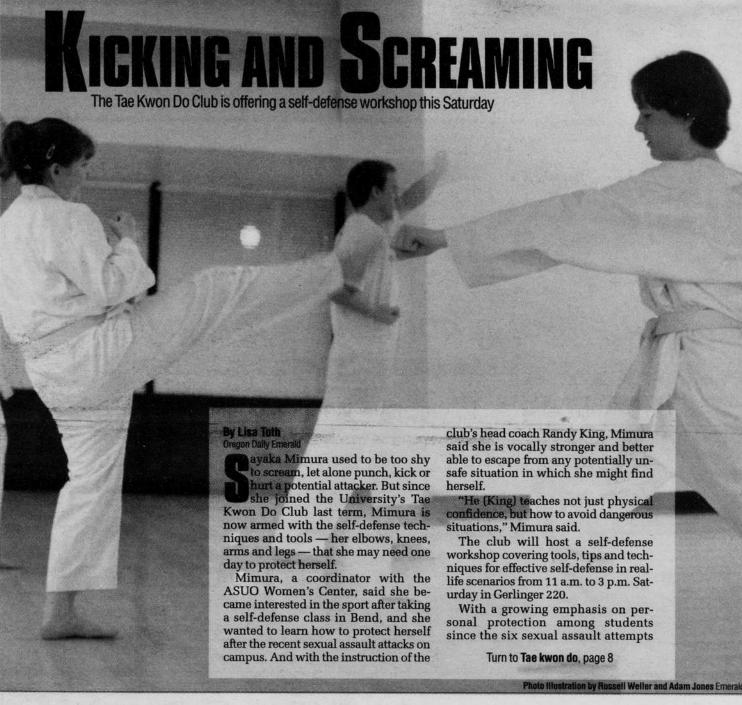
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Mother Nature graces Eugene with a late snowfall

■ 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 to warm, though, for any of the snow to stick.

Shuttle criticized for unsafe climate

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

By Diane Huber Oregon Daily Emerals

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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