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time around, to have Rodney King as a witness," Westling said. "Jurors love to see the victim."

Westling also said he believes the jury was not as inundated with the famous videotape this time.

"In first trial, it appeared that there was an incredible amount of videotape used," he said. "It was shown in its entirety, in slow motion, in freeze frame. One thing that does is dull your senses to it. You become desensitized and that's exaggerated if it's in slow motion. By slowing it down you tend to separate it from the actual content. It becomes more of a visual experience and less of a gut experience."

Westling said it appears the tape has been used considerably during this trial, but not as much. He added that, for the first trial, he had anticipated a hung jury — where no unanimous decision can be reached by the jurors — and believes that may be result this time around.

"But I've been in a courtroom trying to guess what a jury is going to do after I've heard all the evidence, and you can't do it," he said. "It's even harder from a thousand miles away."

Margaret Paris, an associate professor of law, said it is especially difficult to convict police officers.

"It's hard for the obvious reason that we put police officers in very dangerous circumstances and most people have some understanding that those circumstances are sometimes going to result in conduct that's unpleasant to us," she said.

Paris addressed questions as to why the officers are standing trial a second time. Although the Constitution prohibits



Lisa Kloppenberg, associate law professor, presents information about federal courts during opening remarks of the University law school forum on the Rodney King trial in the EMU Ben Linder Room Monday.

"double jeopardy" — being tried twice for the same crime — exceptions can be made when the federal government believes it has a vested interest in pursuing a case on its own. It's a rare decision, Paris said, because generally federal and state governments cooperate and decide that one will pursue the charges.

Paris said if the result of this trial is a hung jury, a mistrial would be declared and the officers may be tried again.

Marvin Re'voal, an officer with Eugene police department, said police abuses can

and do happen in any community where the citizens are not involved.

"Why did it happen in L.A.? I don't care if you live in L.A., Kansas City or Eugene," he said. "You get the type of police department the community wants."

"If you look at your community as merely a place where you go to work and then you can leave because it's so terrible, you have no investment in that community," he said. "then the types of abuses that occur repeatedly in this country will occur in your community."

CANDIDATE

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said Lee, who appointed Collins Puente as the multi-cultural advocate last spring.



Collins Puente

Brady said he was also not aware of the status of Collins Puente's enrollment. He said Fore was in charge of the ASUO staff, and "if it doesn't have to do with money, I don't want to have anything to do with it."

Fore said there was usually no system of ensuring that ASUO employees were enrolled in the term of employment.

Fore also said she did not know whether Collins Puente was enrolled in the fall.

During fall term, Collins Puente asked Fore what the minimum number of credits was to be an ASUO employee, Fore said. Fore said she told Collins Puente she needed to be enrolled for six credits — enough to qualify as a part-time University student. The registrar's office confirmed that Collins Puente was enrolled winter term.

Collins Puente was paid an extra \$150 in September for work she did in the May-June pay period but was not given a stipend. The money was taken from the August paycheck of University Affairs coordinator Christi Drue, who was on vacation during that time.

The re-allocation was approved by the Incidental Fee Committee June 2, 1992, according to Fore's records.

GREENS

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They organized a public forum at the end of February that brought together representatives from some of the independent party initiatives along with several social activists from Eugene.

The local chapter of Greens consists of 15 active members and an equal number of passive supporters. They do not have any paid staff members, so the success of their projects depends on their own voluntary initiative.

Coordination has not been easy for the local Greens and the group has been through fits and starts since it was first organized in 1985.

"You get many people who are prepared to do something, but they need your constant direction," said Joseph Boland, a University graduate student in political science and an active member of the group.

Although there have been no Greens who have run for office locally, there were 92 campaigns run throughout the United States last year, which promoted their agenda of ecology, justice, democracy and non-violence.

They won several city council seats. The most notable victory was by Hawaii's Keiko Bonk-Abramson, who, in winning a board of supervisors seat over an incumbent

democrat, is claiming to be the first Green to win a partisan race.

The Greens are most recognized for taking a strong stand on environmental issues, but they don't want to just clean up the environment — they want to clean up the whole system of government.

"We do have a strong environmental agenda," Boland said. "And it does call for a restructuring of the economy, so that it be ecologically sustainable."

"But what we want to see is greater community control over the economic system," Boland said. "And we think that with community control over the system, the economic system will become more responsive to ecological needs."

Although the environmental message has been taken up by the Republican and Democratic parties, Boland said their rhetoric is not supported by their actions.

"Bush had nothing to show for his environmental presidency claim," Boland said. "What Clinton and Gore do remains to be seen, but Gore has already reneged on a promise to oppose the opening of a hazardous waste incinerator in Ohio."

Boland said the Democratic Party is the greatest obstacle to building an independent party.

"It is there to assimilate and to co-op and to repress in a certain sense," he said.

"The Democratic Party, especially on a national level, really uses and abuses progressive movements. It turns to them to mobilize voters to rally support for its candidates," Boland said.

"But then it puts them in a position of always reminding them that they're just one interest group among many," he said. "And they better be willing to accommodate their demands, which are set by their leadership. Their leadership is corporate controlled."

Charges of left-wing extremism against the Greens may come from their firm belief that the corporate system is a major part of the problem, Boland said.

"We're not against personal property. And we're not against private corporate property, especially on a small scale," he said.

"What we want to see is how communities can have more effective power in determining their own economic lives," he said.

The local chapter of Greens is currently considering supporting a proposed ordinance that would ban the use in Eugene of chemicals that deplete the ozone layer.

Boland said he would like to see the group invite minority activists to come and speak to Eugene's mostly white progressive community about their issues and concerns.

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