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ASUO VP pleads innocent to assault charge

Eduardo Morales could face jail time for allegedly assaulting a University senior last month

By Ali Shaughnessy
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ASUO Vice President Eduardo Morales pleaded innocent to assault and criminal mischief charges in Eugene Municipal Court on Oct. 22, and he now faces a jury trial at an undetermined date and possible jail time if convicted.

According to Eugene Police Department reports, Morales allegedly assaulted Univer-

sity senior Erica Hass between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. Sept. 12 outside Taylor's Bar and Grill. Police said both Morales and Hass had been drinking but the level of intoxication for each party is unknown.

City Prosecutor Dan Barkovic said the case will be set for trial and handled like every other case, adding that the only reason a trial would not take place is if Morales or his lawyer came to an agreement with the City Prosecutor's Office.

Police began investigating the incident Sept. 12 after Hass called officers at 10:24 a.m. to report the alleged assault. Officer Demian San Miguel responded to the call and filed the initial report. Officer Donnie



Eduardo Morales
ASUO vice president

Hollis investigated the claims and cited Morales on Oct. 8.

The Emerald was unable to obtain police reports of the incident because the case has not been closed, but EPD spokeswoman Kerry Delf read excerpts of the event to a reporter.

Hass told Miguel that she and Morales had a verbal argument inside of Taylor's, and that both parties were asked to leave. Hass told Miguel that she saw Morales in a nearby alley as she walked away from the bar with friends.

Hass said in her statement to Miguel that Morales ran at her, yelling and screaming. Hass told Miguel that Morales pushed her to

the ground with both hands before picking her up by her left ankle and dragging her on the ground for 15 to 20 feet.

Hass told Miguel that after dragging her, Morales picked up Hass' cell phone and threw it on the ground, destroying it.

Morales confirmed with Hollis that he and Hass had a verbal altercation inside Taylor's that resulted in the two being asked to leave.

Morales told Hollis that he did not push Hass to the ground, saying Hass instead fell over because she was drunk.

Morales also told Hollis that Hass

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Multimedia and design Professor Joey Bargsten works with music and digital arts. "Part of my job is to make sure there is student enthusiasm surrounding the collision of these art forms," he said.
Tim Kupsick
Freelance
Photographer

Multimedia maven

Multimedia and design Professor Joey Bargsten has created an interactive Web site and a symphony

By Caron Alarab
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When Professor Joey Bargsten looks at a Walkman, a Web site or a video-conference, he doesn't just see products of modern technology. He also sees the potential for a theatrical performance, artistic experimentation or jamming sessions.

A "renaissance" man of the musical, theatrical and digital arts, the visit-

ing multimedia and design professor has received local and online attention for his combination masterpieces of sound, art and creativity.

Although he has yet to find a mainstream venue for his new-age art, Bargsten said many of his performance pieces are incorporated in the classroom.

"Part of my job is to make sure there is student enthusiasm surrounding the collision of these art forms," he said.

Among his more unconventional performances is a "Walkman symphony," which involves different people wearing headphones and humming to different pitches and tracks at the

same time. Bargsten first came up with the idea in a crowded coffee shop when he was a graduate student at the University of Iowa. He said his mind started racing when he heard two Walkman users humming to different songs.

"That started me thinking about 18 people humming or speaking lines from a narrative," the 45-year-old said. "The most interesting phenomena occurs when each person is tuned into their own track or pitch."

Bargsten said he would soon be working with iPods because they seem to be the current "products

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Teach-in speakers to discuss policies of affirmative action

The Oregon Students of Color Coalition will host a teach-in today to help raise awareness about the history and use of affirmative action

By Ayisha Yahya
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Students around the country will rally for affirmative action today in observance of National Take Affirmative Action Day. At the University, the Oregon Students of Color Coalition is hosting a teach-in on affirmative action issues at 7 p.m. today in room 175 of the Knight Law Center.

OSCC member Khahn Le said the purpose of the teach-in is to educate the community.

"We want to dismantle the myths that people have about affirmative action," Le said. He added that one of the myths is affirmative action deals solely with race. However, issues of gender and disability are also tied into the debate, he said.

OSCC Co-chair Jasmin Thana said addressing affirmative action issues is timely especially after recent Supreme Court decisions on the University of Michigan admissions cases.

"(It's important) because of the history and current discrimination of who has access to getting a higher education," she said.

Thana said part of the teach-in is to inform students on how the University uses affirmative action and the reasons behind it.

Teach-in speakers will include Tomas Hulick Baiza, assistant director in the University Office of Admissions; Consuela Perez, an academic advisor in the University's Office of Multicultural Affairs; and Law Professor Keith Aoki.

United States Students Association Vice President Ajita Talwalker and Mark Harris, who teaches ethnic studies at Lane Community College, will also be part of the panel.

Areas of discussion include University admission policies, and the history, legal implications, myths and facts about affirmative action.

Post-doctoral fellow John Shuford, who works at the Center of Diversity and Community, said he will talk about affirmative action's long history and some of the reasons why it is unpopular. He said today many people look at the program from the angle of the "diversity rationale."

"What's really significant is how this is a departure from affirmative action as a form historical racial redress," he said.

Talwalker called the event a day of solidarity and said more than 80 universities are scheduled to have events on their campuses.

She added that it was important to stand up for the program

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