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because litigation against affirmative action, like the University of Michigan case, can sometimes influence university policies.

"I think that administrators have a tendency to weaken affirmative action not only in admissions, but also in recruitment and retention," she said.

Some students disagree with affirmative action, however.

College Republicans Chairman Jarrett White said affirmative action separates races.

"If you really want a racially blind society then I think that programs like affirmative action really hinder our opportunity to do that," he said.

White said that institutional racism doesn't exist anymore, even though it was a problem in the past. He said that now everyone comes from an equal playing field, adding that the University should change its admissions policy.

"On the applications to get in (the University), they shouldn't ask what our color is," he said. "What does it matter? We need to get in on our merits."

Le said those for and against affirmative action were all welcome to the teach-in.

"It's better to understand the truth than walk around with assumptions in your head," he said.

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threw her cell phone at him, and he threw it back at her, which resulted in its destruction.

According to police reports read by Delf, Hass had injuries consistent with her allegations, and Miguel noted bruises and lacerations on Hass' hands and body.

In a statement dated Oct. 22 and received by the Emerald Oct. 28, ASUO acknowledged that "an officer of the organization has been cited by the Eugene Police Department for misdemeanor offenses that allegedly occurred."

The statement also said the charges are being investigated to determine their "validity."

ASUO spokeswoman Taraneh Foster acknowledged that ASUO was not conducting its own investigation but said the case is still being investigated "through the legal process," though she would not elaborate.

"We at the ASUO consider this to be an ongoing investigation, and we cannot speak for EPD," Foster said. "We have no more to say on the issue."

Delf said the department is not continuing its inquiry even though the investigation will technically stay open until the case is adjudicated.

"From our end, the investigation is complete," Delf said.

Morales had agreed to an interview with the Emerald on Tuesday, but instead ASUO President Maddy Melton arrived and issued ASUO's statement.

Hass would not discuss the incident.

Vice President for Student Affairs Anne Leavitt would not comment on the repercussions of an innocent or

guilty verdict, or on whether the University was taking any action through its code of conduct. Leavitt said she hopes people will remember that this is "an allegation against an individual, not an allegation against the University."

Morales, who goes by Eddy rather than Eduardo, is a senior majoring in Spanish and planning, public policy and management.

Morales was cited under the Eugene City Code, which defines assault as an act where a person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly

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causes physical injury to another. A person commits the crime of criminal mischief in the second degree if the person, having no right to do so, intentionally or recklessly damages the property of another in an amount exceeding \$100.

If found guilty of assault, Morales faces a maximum penalty of a \$500 fine and/or 100 days in jail. If found guilty of criminal mischief in the second degree, Morales faces a maximum penalty of a \$2,500 fine and/or 100 days in jail.

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When a police officer issues a "Notice to Disperse" or asks people to clear an area, it is important that everyone realizes that this is a directive issued by law enforcement personnel in the performance of their duties in an emergency situation. This supercedes rights individuals usually have to peacefully assemble or observe a situation.

So, if a police officer asks you to leave an area, remember the following:

1. You must leave right away. Failure to leave could result in your being cited or arrested for interfering with a police officer. This is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by jail time and up to a five thousand dollar fine.
2. Once the police have given an order to leave, you must leave.
3. While you may consider yourself an innocent bystander, your presence alone contributes to the crowd that police are ordering to disperse.
4. It is never a good idea to join a large crowd (even as an observer) that is gathering in the streets. While you may be curious to see what is going on, you are contributing to the problem if you remain in the area.
5. In large public disturbances, you should leave so that you aren't interfering with a police officer, and you should leave for your own safety. Bricks and bottles that are thrown in these types of situations have seriously injured people.
6. If the police ask you to step back into your residence or off a porch or balcony you should do so. Remember, dispersal orders given during an emergency situation supercede rights individuals usually have to peacefully assemble or observe a situation.

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