

News brief

Students groups to discuss recent thefts, vandalism

Members of ASUO student unions will meet Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Multicultural Center to discuss recent thefts in student union offices and the vandalism of two students' property last week.

Early Friday morning, or late Thursday night, someone threw eggs at Oscar Arana's car and Mario

Sifuentez's house, Arana said. Both students are board members of the Oregon Students of Color Coalition.

Student unions have also had problems with crime recently, Arana said. He said purses and other personal items have been stolen from the MEChA office and other student unions. A bookshelf was knocked down in the MEChA office, he said.

MCC director Steve Morozumi said it was unclear whether the van-

dalism of Arana's car and Sifuentez's house was racially motivated or had any connection to their involvement in a particular group.

He said Arana and Sifuentez thought the vandalism was more than coincidental, however, because they do not live near each other.

Morozumi said he did not believe the thefts and the vandalism were related.

— Kara Cogswell



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Maya Williams-Young (center) plays with Ani Clifford at an Asian-Pacific American Student Union-sponsored event celebrating its Big Brother/Big Sister program. The program helps adopted non-Caucasian children who have Caucasian parents by teaming them up with both active and inactive APASU members once a month to explore different cultures.

APASU program helps kids learn about their cultures

■ APASU's Big Brother/Big Sister program gives adopted Asian kids a chance to connect with their peers

By Diane Huber
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Noelle Ji Sun Miller doesn't know anything about her Korean birth parents except that they were unmarried and unidentified when they gave her up for adoption the day she was born. After living in at least one foster family, she was

adopted by Caucasian parents when she was six months old, and grew up in Lake Oswego with them.

Since fall term, Miller has coordinated the Asian-Pacific American Student Union's Big Brother/Big Sister program for non-Caucasian adopted children and their Caucasian parents in Eugene.

Last year's APASU co-director Sugie Hong began the program in spring 2001.

About 50 active and inactive APASU members meet with 20 children, from 1 year to 16 years

old, and their parents about once a month. The meetings provide a network for parents of adopted children and offer a diverse atmosphere where the children can connect with each other and the big brothers and sisters.

The big brothers and sisters held a Halloween party in October and a holiday party in December.

On Saturday, they met to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year and to learn the Hukilau — a Hawaiian fishing dance.

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