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Signs of spring

ASUO candidate finds her home vandalized

Presidential candidate Maddy Melton says her apartment may have been vandalized because of her sexual orientation and recent political activity

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An ASUO Executive candidate's room was ransacked sometime Thursday afternoon in a crime that may have been politically motivated.

Maddy Melton, a contender for ASUO president in the April primary election, returned to her apartment near 29th Avenue and Willamette Street at about 7 p.m. to find her room vandalized.

"Every drawer was dumped out and turned

over," she said, adding that pillows were ripped open and her clothing was scattered. "Just anything and everything was messed up."

Melton, who is an out lesbian and is currently an ASUO multicultural advocate, was co-director of the LGBTQA nearly nine months ago when one morning she unlocked the office to find that a hole had been punched in the wall and a poster was burned.

Melton said she believes Thursday's crime may have occurred because of her sexual orientation or because of her increased political activity.

"It could be both," she said. "It's a definite possibility."

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Precautions can make vacations go smoothly

Whether planning a road trip or traveling abroad, a few cautionary measures can protect one's well-being while away from home

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With spring break in sight, thoughts on challenging projects and exams intermingle with sweet ruminations of the relief a vacation will bring. During the break, many students may travel. To make sure the break is not only fun but safe, there are a few tips to keep in mind.

Home and personal safety

Before students leave for paradise, they

must secure their homes, according to Department of Public Safety Associate Director Tom Hicks. Hicks said burglaries are likely in the dorms and off-campus if people observe the occupants are away for a long time. He said students should remove valuables like laptops from easily accessible areas.

"Close and lock all windows," he said. "Don't leave any message on your phone indicating that you'll be away for a long time." Hicks said it's important for students to inform someone that they are going to be away.

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