

Guest speaker's CD collection stolen from campus

The CDs were used to study music's effect on terminal patients

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For dying hospice patients, Robert Groves' collection of CDs meant a lot more than relaxing music. Groves used his music collection to help patients come to terms with their death and reduce their dependence on painkilling drugs such as morphine before they died.

But last weekend someone decided he or she wanted Groves' CD collection for his or her own.

Groves had been teaching a seminar on his techniques at the University in Columbia 150 last weekend. His collection of about 80 CDs — many recorded overseas — was locked inside a cabinet that held stereo equipment for the room. Groves left about 5 p.m. and returned about 7 a.m. the next morning to find the cabinet lock broken and his collection missing.

"He kind of beat himself up over it," said Miki Mace, program administrator of the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, which sponsored the seminar.

Groves has a clinic in Bend

called the Sacred Art of Living Center, and he teaches seminars a few times a month in colleges and hospitals around the country.

Thomas Hicks, assistant director of the Office of Public Safety, said he did not know whether it was common procedure to lock a large lecture hall such as Columbia 150.

"We don't lock all the rooms on campus," he said.

If Columbia 150 does get locked, he said it would be locked at 9 p.m. Saturday when Columbia Hall is locked.

Mace said much of the collection is irreplaceable because it

was collected from different cultures during Groves' travels to places such as Africa, Tibet and Hong Kong. Mace said one of Groves' CDs was given to him by the Dalai Lama.

Groves said he collected his CDs while doing research on the effects of music on the dying.

"It's more than just listening to nice music," he said. "The nature of the rhythm and the words reduce pain and make the person less dependent on drugs."

Music that has a circular rhythm is most effective, such as Celtic music or medieval Christian music, Groves said. Instru-

ments such as the harp are especially relaxing to patients suffering from terminal ailments such as cancer, he said.

"It's been scientifically proved," Groves said. "In terms of vital signs — blood pressure and heart rate — it has a definite effect."

Groves is offering a reward for the safe return of his collection.

"The police told me it's better not to say how much," he said.

Anyone with information can call the Sacred Art of Living Center in Bend at (541) 383-4179.

University class organizes dance to help local teenager

Crystal Hauser needs money for a heart and lung transplant

By Amy Jennaro
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At first glance, it seemed like a typical high school dance. Last Friday, 250 students filed into Sheldon High School ready to party. There were raffle prizes, punch and costume judging.

But this event had a twist: It was put on to provide funding for a Sheldon junior to receive a heart and lung transplant.

Crystal Hauser was born with a congenital heart defect and has been on a waiting list to receive organ donations. The Crystal Hauser Fund was set up to help

the Hauser family raise the \$30,000 for the transplant. The dance was just a start, raising more than \$1,000.

The event was planned by University students in a student leadership class to meet the community service requirement of the class. But fulfilling requirements wasn't the only reason the students decided to put on the program.

"Crystal had a compelling story," said class member Caitlin O'Rourke.

The dance took most of the term to plan, according to event planner Nate Blauer. It was originally slated to be held in Agate Hall, but budget problems and other planning difficulties forced the students to move the event to

Sheldon.

"It was difficult for us to cover the costs of putting on the event at the University," Blauer said.

Abe Thornagle, a leadership class member, said two high schools — Sheldon and South Eugene — were involved in the event as well as several businesses, including McKenzie Outfitters, Circuit City and the Campus Skate Company, which donated prizes.

Thornagle said he was impressed with the student support at Sheldon for Hauser.

"I think we've gotten some good student reaction," he said. "I know they want to see her well."

O'Rourke said the students have shown their support for Hauser by putting on several dances and other events over the past year.

"The students have really wanted to help her out," she said.

Hauser was able to attend the dance, but her illness prevented her from being able to do much dancing. Blauer said he is impressed with the emotional strength Hauser has shown.

"She keeps a bright outlook all the time," he said. "It's kind of inspiring."

The dance's \$4 ticket price was just the beginning of fund-raising efforts for Hauser. The media have been alerted to Hauser's

cause and are starting to devote attention to it, according to Blauer.

"I think the media will help raise more money than our dance did," he said.

He also plans to get his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, and the Office of Greek Life involved in the program, Blauer said.

"I think the greek system can do a lot of good things to support Crystal's situation," he said.

O'Rourke said she enjoyed the opportunity to help Hauser and would like to continue with the Crystal Hauser Fund in the future.

"The work was worth it," she said.

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