

Carnival: Live music, dance define fundraising occasion

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Crites said he was inspired to start the program when he met Yvonne Bezerra de Mello, a Brazilian human rights activist working with children in the slums of Brazil. He asked her how to best help, and she told him the most beneficial thing would be to provide the scholarships for the brightest students to get a private-school education so they could escape poverty.

Often, students pair with a business or other private party to help fund a scholarship that pays for full tuition and fees, including books, uniforms, school supplies and food. The funding group receives pictures and a biography of the student it is sponsoring. Each year, new pictures, as well as school reports, are sent to the sponsors.

Students who were looking for something new to do Saturday night got a night of live music, dance lessons and other entertainment, while also helping to sponsor a Brazilian

student's education.

Freshmen Kristen Mico and Corey Duffy attended the carnival.

"I saw advertising and love dancing," Mico said. "We are always looking for something to do. This seemed really great, samba dancing and Brazilian boys to teach us the dances."

Brazilian student Jackeline Silva taught some popular Brazilian dances at the beginning of the night and also performed throughout the night.

"I learned the dances in the streets in Brazil when I was little," Silva said. "I like to show the dances, and love to dance. It is one of my passions. Brazilian dances are very free and wild."

Those learning the dances from Silva soon realized the steps were the least-important part of the dance. People who first robotically mimicked Silva's movements were soon swaying their hips and letting the music carry them through the dance.

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RHA: Students to go through judicial affairs

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retreat, a total of \$160 each, after a two-and-a-half-hour debate during the Jan. 31 meeting.

Conferences are paid with the social fees from residence hall dues, Mann said.

"That's student money and it needs to be paid back," Mann said.

The ASUO went through a similar situation after an October retreat to Sunriver, and the RHA looked at the student government's handling of the situation when deciding how to handle its own. The ASUO discussed paying back student money spent on the annual retreat, but later decided against it because it wouldn't be feasible to raise the money and because it would send the message that the retreat wasn't worthwhile.

"We looked at a lot of the mistakes the ASUO has made," Mann said, though he added that the two situations are different on many levels.

The students will also go through the judicial affairs process with Chris Loschiavo, director of student judicial affairs, and will be required to design a program "aimed at informing future RHA representatives of the consequences of this type of behavior," Mann said in the statement.

University Housing officials said they are not able to release the three students' names because Student Judicial Affairs is handling the case.

"I think that we handled it very quickly, very stern," Mann said Friday. "This was a huge situation that reflected very poorly upon our

organization ... that's why the Council acted on it quick."

An incident like this had never occurred before in the RHA so there was no precedent to examine when drafting a course of action, Mann said.

Mike Eyster, director of University Housing and assistant vice president of Student Affairs, said he was impressed with how well the RHA Council handled the situation.

"RHA has been extremely responsible in the way that they've responded to this as an organization," Eyster said.

Hollan said he and Eyster had heard rumors of the violations just a few days before informing Mann of them.

The RHA was left in charge of handling the situation rather than housing officials because of the high level of trust that exists between the RHA and University Housing, Eyster said.

"We have a lot of confidence in their ability to manage themselves and to do the right thing once a problem comes to their attention," Eyster said.

The RHA requires attendees to pay a portion of the conference fee either through fundraising or their own money to increase the sense of personal investment, Mann said.

Mann said the students were required to pay \$53 to attend the conference — an amount that is included in the \$160 repayment.

Eyster, Hollan and Mann all commended the RHA's handling of the situation and the debate the RHA Council had regarding the punishment process.

Mann said the three individuals

were honest during the investigation and are sorry for what happened.

"No one denied it," Mann said. "It was simply, this is what happened."

Mann said the RHA Council took the situation extremely seriously and discussed many different punishment options, including the students' resignation from their positions in the RHA.

"The maturity level of the Council was astonishing to me," Mann said. "I thought we might get reactions like, 'Hey, this is the norm, it's not a big deal.' I did not see that."

Eyster said he never saw a need to intervene in the punishment process because of how well the situation is being handled.

"They did a great job discussing and having conversations with each other," Hollan said. "They wanted to make sure they all had a chance to look at the different options and examine the impact on the individuals and also on the organization."

Although everyone within the organization wishes the violations had never occurred, Eyster and Hollan said, everyone is hopeful that the handling of the situation has resulted in a learning experience for those involved.

"A lot of positive changes will occur within the organization as a result of this," Hollan said. "The group is very optimistic about moving forward, and I think they've got the energy and the drive to do it."

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IN BRIEF

Man shot by police after attempted kidnapping

ONTARIO — Authorities in Ontario said a man was shot and killed by police when he refused to drop his gun after trying to kidnap a clerk in a grocery store parking lot.

The incident started about 4:45 p.m. Friday. The girl fought with her would-be kidnapper, got away and ran inside for help. She described the attack to

co-workers, who identified Zbigniew Stasinski, 41, of Ontario, for police.

Later, when police tried to pull him over, Stasinski drove into his garage and came out of his vehicle holding a 9mm handgun.

An officer fired seven shots at Stasinski on Friday afternoon, hitting him multiple times.

The officer has been placed on paid leave while the shooting is reviewed by Oregon State Police and the Malheur County sheriff's office.

— The Associated Press

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