

Dember: Younger brother makes plans for permanent, personal memorial

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athletically inclined and sports-oriented as he was, he did have an amazing appreciation for art," Barbara Dember said. "He was a little bit of a study in contrast, if you will, in terms of how he lived."

Dember got the chance to see most of the art that was on his list, his mother said.

"That was something he really wanted to experience in Italy."

He was also enjoying his work with the children at the camp, his mother said.

"He was having so much fun with the kids over there," said Barbara Dember. "They were playing capture the flag and flag football; he would take them to roller coaster parks."

The University of Oregon is one of several colleges around the country that recruits and trains counselors for

the Camp Adventure Youth Services program, which is based at the University of Northern Iowa.

"He was immediately selected to be the athletics counselor because he was so incredibly athletic," Barbara Dember said.

Dember, who played varsity baseball in high school, was an avid Ducks fan as well as an avid Seattle sports fan. He had been selected as the vice-president of the Pit Crew administration for the upcoming basketball season.

Barbara Dember said she could see her son in the stands on television whenever she watched Oregon basketball games.

"I always could find him because he had his green bandanna on and was jumping higher than anyone else."

Dember was a business administration major with a focus in sports

marketing. He was also minoring in economics, and planned to get an MBA/JD combination after his undergraduate studies.

Dember hoped to one day be a sports agent, according to his younger brother David.

"He was always looking to take care of our mom and dad," David Dember said.

David Dember graduated from Sheldon High School in June. Though he won a scholarship to play baseball at Columbia Union College in Washington, D.C., he may not go in order to be with family.

"I'm trying to listen to Stephen and see what he'd want me to do," David Dember said. "I want to live for my brother now."

David Dember is planning to get a tattoo on his right arm in memory of his brother. The tattoo will be de-

signed by Stephen Dember's three best friends at the University.

Though David Dember's religious beliefs prohibit getting a tattoo, he said Dember would understand the gesture.

"I want to show my brother that I will do anything for him, and bend the rules," David Dember said. "Every time they poke me and I start to bleed, that's a brotherly love — a bond."

Dember had been in the last pledge class that was supposed to join Sigma Nu before the fraternity was shut down. During the process he became friends with University alumnus Dharm Khalsa.

"I thought he was a really great guy. I always liked him. He was super-intelligent," Khalsa said. "He was just great to be around."

Before leaving to work for Camp Adventure in Italy, Dember had

worked for the Eugene Country Club. He had just been accepted into the Business Honors College at the University's Lundquist College of Business.

"I think he did more things in his 20 years than most people do in 60," his mother said.

The Dembers will host a celebration of Stephen's life at Calvary Chapel of Eugene at 4060 W. Amazon Dr. on Friday at 1 p.m. The event is open to the public.

In lieu of flowers, the Dembers ask that memorial contributions be made to the Stephen A. Dember Memorial Warsaw Sports Business Scholarship Fund through the UO Foundation. This fund will help send sports business students to school at the University.

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Howell: His condition was caused by a drunk driver, but 'he was never vengeful'

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"That's the type of guy he was, always making people laugh and playing tricks; everybody liked him for those sorts of things," he said.

Rob Howell said his son always felt a little ashamed of the accident that paralyzed him, even though it was not really his fault.

Cody Howell, one of his friends and another guy he did not really know, Justin Rainwater, were drinking at a bar in Veneta in 2003. Rainwater wanted to leave but Cody Howell and his friend said they

should stay.

"After arguing for a while, Cody said he wasn't going to drive since he'd been drinking," Rob Howell said, "so he got in the back of the car and went to sleep." While Cody slept in the back, Rainwater got behind the wheel. He took a corner too fast and flipped the car on Territorial Road near Cheshire, crashing into an electricity pole and pinning the rear of the car against it.

"Cody's friend and Rainwater got away without a scratch, but Cody broke his neck," paralyzing

him from the neck down, Rob Howell said.

"He was never vengeful, though," Rob Howell said of his son. "The district attorney tried to get me to prosecute him, but I walked away. I probably would have went after him, but Cody didn't want to. We didn't care what happened to (Rainwater)."

Cody Howell received his settlement from the accident and began investing it in the stock market. He and his investing adviser got along so well, his father said, that

she told him if he went back to school and finished his business degree she would hire him as an investing consultant.

"She would come see Cody about two times a week," Rob Howell said. "They made \$1,800 one time when he was in the hospital in Portland."

Cody Howell went to Seattle, Wash., for rehabilitation, where he learned how to operate a computer and wheelchair with his mouth. Then, during a minor operation to combat a urinary tract infection,

doctors cut through the back of his bladder. From Easter 2005, when the operation took place, until July 30, when he died, Howell fought through 33 operations.

Cody's death will add new details to the Measure 11 charges against Rainwater, but Rob Howell said he was not concerned with the outcome.

"Whatever happens won't bring Cody back and it wouldn't make him feel any better," he said.

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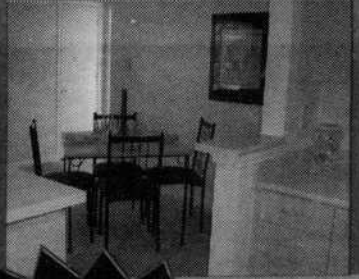
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