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I've never seen anyone with as much support and enthusiasm across the University and various outside constituents," Bergeron said. "I've had the opportunity to work with him on many occasions and have been extremely impressed with his intelligence, his grasp of issues, his passion for the University, his compassion for students, the faculty and staff, the alumni, and his dedication to the state of Oregon."

Frohnmayr, who was in San Francisco Monday to continue fund raising for the Oregon Campaign and to attend his daughter Kirsten's graduation from Stanford University, said in a phone interview that he is optimistic and realistic about the presidency and the year ahead of him.

"It's a thrill, a challenge and a deep responsibility that I hold very personally," Frohnmayr said. "It's a thrill because the University is a great institution. It's a challenge because I've never really done anything like this before, and it's a deep responsibility because I have always cared about this institution in a deep way. I believe in the people, and it's exciting to see us unleash our potential."

"It's the people that make the place. Institutions aren't just bricks and mortar and acreage. They represent an underlying spirit of real greatness and community."

Frohnmayr's appointment came just one year into his expected two-year temporary position — an action Frohnmayr said he could not have foreseen.

"This was an unexpected twist and turn; it was not in my crystal ball 18 months ago," he

said. "What has surprised me is the warmth of the style of leadership and the resilience of people trying to be the best at what they do."

"I want to be in an environment where people have a sense of pride and collective commitment to excellence. That's still part of the Oregon spirit."

It is that dedication to excellence and his respect for students and their needs that excites ASUO President Jennifer Williamson about the 1995-96 academic year.

"[Frohnmayr] is so accessible — more than past presidents have been," she said. "He's honest, straightforward, and has students in mind when he makes his decisions. He's been a great advocate for students, and he's well-known and respected on the state level."

Frohnmayr said he is "gratified and quite astonished" at the level of support and "humbled" by the many compliments he has received. Still, the future will not be without conflict, he said.

"I know there will be issues of disagreement, and I will make mistakes," he said. "I hope we can deal with our differences with mutual respect. Our University has a larger mission, a commitment to something greater, and our goal is to make that mission successful."

Frohnmayr, 54, is a native of Medford and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard University. He attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, where he earned a bachelor's and a master's degree. He received his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1967. He was a University law professor from 1971 to 1980, and served as the state's attorney general from 1981 to 1992.

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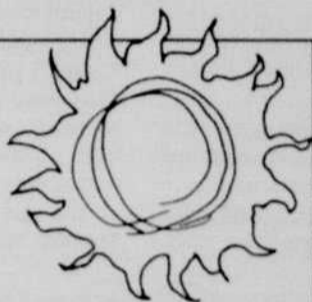
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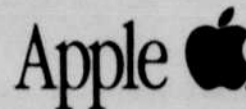
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