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Tree planting honors visiting Aquino

■ **DEDICATION:** Former president's contributions to democracy and human rights recognized

By Sean Rossol
Higher Education Reporter

A new Oregon Maple was planted on the grounds of the Collier House to honor the contributions of Corazon Aquino, former president of the Republic of the Philippines.

Aquino was the speaker of the University 1995 Spring Commencement ceremonies.

University President Dave Frohnmayer attended the ceremony.

"We wish to acknowledge Mrs. Aquino's contributions toward the advancement of democracy and human rights and the growing friendship between her nation and the University of Oregon," Frohnmayer said.

The decision to plant a tree grew out of a discussion between Jerry Rust, Lane County Commissioner; Bill Morrisette, mayor of Springfield; Ruth Bascom, mayor of Eugene; and Frohnmayer.

Morrisette suggested they plant a tree to honor Aquino. Rust had a selection of trees on hand, but because every tree on University property is cataloged so that the trees are not competing for water and sunlight, Frohnmayer said it was important to select a tree that would not cause a lot of harm.

The Oregon Maple was selected because it's a native Oregon tree and because it would look good on the campus. A plaque dedicated to Aquino marks the tree.

Frohnmayer selected the lawn of the Collier House because it is clearly visible to most of the campus.



ANDREW BRACKENSICK/Emerald

This Oregon Maple was recently planted in honor of Corazon Aquino who spoke at the 1995 spring commencement ceremonies.

During the planting, the participants said they had a nice time.

"I really enjoyed visiting with her," Morrisette said. "She's a really nice and common person."

The ceremony was a way to get Aquino to come back to this area.

"I thought it would be good to set ties with the University and Mrs. Aquino and get her to come back," Morrisette said.

"The tree is a lasting symbol to tie things together between Mrs.

Aquino and the University," he said.

Frohnmayer said Aquino had a nice visit and may come again as early as next spring.

There were approximately 25 to 30 people present at the tree planting, which took place Dec. 4 in the afternoon.

Edilberto de Jesus, president of Far Eastern University, in the Republic of the Philippines, was also present at the ceremony.

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21	Wednesday	5:00-9:00	1st Aid
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