

# Frohnmayer and student trade places, share jobs for a day

■ **CONTEST:** The two took part in the 'Trading Places' program sponsored by the Alumni Association

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All eyes focused on President Dave Frohnmayer as he made his way to the front of the sports marketing class on Thursday morning with Siamak Fooladi.

"Morning, Dave," a student called out. "You've got your homework done, I hope," Frohnmayer answers.

But Frohnmayer wasn't teaching this class; he was playing the part of a student.

This exercise was part of the "Trading Places" program, sponsored by the Alumni Association, where Frohnmayer and a student share jobs for a day.

"The purpose of the event is to bring the University administrators in touch with the students," said Cindy Boogaard, University relations chair for the Student Alumni Association.

The chosen student, Fooladi, a journal-

ism major, was selected by a drawing held by the local radio station KDUK on March 7.

The two had never met before, but Fooladi said Frohnmayer "seems like a very friendly person."

But throughout the day, both Frohnmayer and Fooladi had the chance to get to know each other and see how the other one lives. They had breakfast together, attended Fooladi's sports marketing class and had a meeting with Barbara Edwards, special counsel to the president and Kirk Baily, director of legislative relations.

Frohnmayer said he enjoyed and was impressed by the business class. However, he said, "Eight o'clock is pretty early to start a class."

Through attending the president's meetings, Fooladi said he learned that Frohnmayer's job is a big responsibility, which requires keeping up on all the happenings of the University.

"You certainly have to be on your toes if you're going to be a president," he said.

In the past years of this program, the president and a student have completely switched places. But Boogaard said she thought that didn't provide a lot of interaction between the pair, so she modified the program.

"This way, they get a chance to know each other and understand each other's position a little better," she said.

Frohnmayer agrees this modification has its benefits.

"In some ways, it's more satisfactory. You get to trade places, but simultaneously. That allows you to be able to compare notes," he said.

Through this interaction with a student, Frohnmayer said he gets a better grasp of the undergraduate program.

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It also gives Frohnmayer an opportunity to know a student better.

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"I think it's a chance to get to know someone who's more than a passing face on the street," he said.

After "Trading Places," Frohnmayer said he hopes Fooladi has a better understanding of a university president's duties.

"I hope Siamak has a sense for the kaleidoscopic nature of what an administrator does," he said.

And Fooladi has learned just that. "Being the president of U of O is not an easy job," he said. "From the outside, it seems kind of easy, but it's obviously hard work."

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