



University Day

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dent and alumni volunteers have been wonderful."

With sidekick Christine Carson, a sophomore journalism major who won a contest to follow the president around for the day, Frohnmayer handed out the Thomas Herman Faculty Achievement Awards and gave speeches at the Oregon Hall ceremony and at the dedication of the Glenn Starlin Courtyard at the University Museum of Natural History.

"This is a really nice day to celebrate the good things here," Carson said. "There's been so much bad stuff going around lately that it's nice to return to what we came here for."

As interim co-president, Carson met with Michael Redding, University vice president for governmental affairs, and members of Frohnmayer's executive staff for a briefing on community relations.

"She's been involved in some important policy-making decisions, so she's the accountable one," Frohnmayer said jokingly in his speech.

Carson said she saw Frohnmayer's schedule and was surprised at how busy he is.

"I don't know when he sleeps," Carson said of Frohnmayer's schedule, which is nearly full for the next 18 months.

The opportunity to trade places for Carson was provided through the Student Alumni Association, which holds the contest each year. Traditionally, the president and the student trade duties for the day, but because of the day's events, Frohnmayer said it was not possible to attend Carson's classes.

"He just didn't want to take my test," Carson said.

"I like it better when we're side by side," Frohnmayer said. "It's



Catharine Kendall Emerald

(top) Christine Carson shadows University President Dave Frohnmayer Thursday. (above) Junior political science major Monica Maldonado plants flowers in front of Johnson Hall Thursday afternoon as a participant in University Day.

nice to get a glimpse of student life."

Alumni Association Director Daniel Rodriguez said the event is used as tool to encourage students to participate in campus organizations.

"It's a great opportunity for students to get involved in campus life," Rodriguez said. "It's an eye opener for both the president and the student because they get an idea of what it feels like to be that person."

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This program is coordinated by Conflict Resolution Services (CRS). It is modeled after programs of the same name at UC Berkeley and the University of Colorado that were developed in the 1960s.

Some points to consider:

- If you are organizing a group event and would like to have neutral observers present, please call CRS at 346-4240.
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