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Tom Kerrigan and his mother Sheryl Kerrigan plant flowers as they participate in University Day on Thursday morning.

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it was revived by two University students, Waterkotte said.

Tim King, the exterior team supervisor for University Facilities Services, said when University Day was first reinstated, he wasn't crazy about the idea of students doing the work his team was responsible for, including flower planting, mulching, trash pick-up and all other outdoor work. He worried the work wouldn't be taken seriously and that apathy would result in a low-quality job.

"When it was first organized, we were a little leery about having students come out and do some of our work for us," King said.

But when he got the opportunity to work with students, King said he realized University Day was a good idea because students' volunteer work was a big benefit to Facilities Services. Besides the short-term benefit of having a spruced-up campus, King said University Day also creates long-term benefits.

"We have a lot less vandalism on campus since University Day was started because students have a sense of ownership and pride in the campus," King said. "People are a lot more respectful about the environment they're in."

UNIVERSITY AFFIRMATION OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS

The University community is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and the development of integrity. In order to thrive and excel, this community must preserve the freedom of thought and expression of all its members. The University has a long and illustrious history in the area of academic freedom and freedom of speech. A culture of respect that honors the rights, safety, dignity and worth of every individual is essential to preserve such freedom. We affirm our respect for the rights and well-being of all members.

We further affirm our commitment to:

- Respect the dignity and essential worth of all individuals.
- Promote a culture of respect throughout the University community.
- Respect the privacy, property, and freedom of others.
- Reject bigotry, discrimination, violence, or intimidation of any kind.
- Practice personal and academic integrity and expect it from others.
- Promote the diversity of opinions, ideas and backgrounds which is the lifeblood of the university.

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As another part of sponsoring a respectful campus community, the University Day Committee had seven plaques inscribed with the Affirmation of Community Standards installed in the EMU Amphitheater on Thursday. Waterkotte said that they

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wanted to make the Affirmation of Community Standards more visible to students because "its ideals are truly what University Day is all about."

Contact the news editor at jenniferbear@dailyemerald.com.

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