

# Campus organizations revive University Day

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Various campus organizations are joining forces to resurrect a long-lost University tradition — a day devoted to sprucing up the campus.

The goals of University Day 1990, scheduled for May 18, are to improve the physical appearance of the campus, stimulate student morale and encourage camaraderie among the faculty, students, staff and administration, said Doug Untalan, University Day committee member.

"Through these activities, the participating students will see the tangible results of a single day's effort by a united University community," Untalan said.

On May 18, the committee hopes to have students painting light posts, power-washing sidewalks and cleaning the fountain in front of the Knight library.

Volunteer student labor forces will be assigned landscaping tasks as well as litter pickup and disposal. The committee is also planning a tree planting ceremony with an honorary guest who will be named at a later date.

The committee is planning an ice cream social and a free concert to reward participating students at the end of the day.

Committee member Brian Sandy said he got the idea for reviving the tradition of University Day when he toured campus with the student orien-

tation staff last year.

Sandy said he was unhappy with the conditions of the campus and thought a good way to improve the area was to reinstate University Day.

University Day was a tradition from 1904 until the mid 1920s. Students and faculty worked together to improve the appearance of the campus. The University provided the capital for projects such as building sidewalks, installing plumbing and laying foundations.

In the mid 1920s, however, University Day was overshadowed by "Junior Day," a few days wherein the junior class planned and provided activities for the entire student body.

The traditional University Day potluck was replaced by a campus-wide dance, featuring nationally-acclaimed entertainers such as Duke Ellington. Eventually this event became known as Parents' Weekend, and thus the original intent was lost.

Untalan said the committee has been working on the project since July.

"We gathered support from Johnson Hall, Oregon Hall and President Brand. Now we're trying to get the students involved," he said.

The committee is now in the midst of completing their budget and securing needed equipment.

"We've chosen leaders from the faculty and administration," Sandy said. "There's a lot of red tape to go through. The only way to make this is a

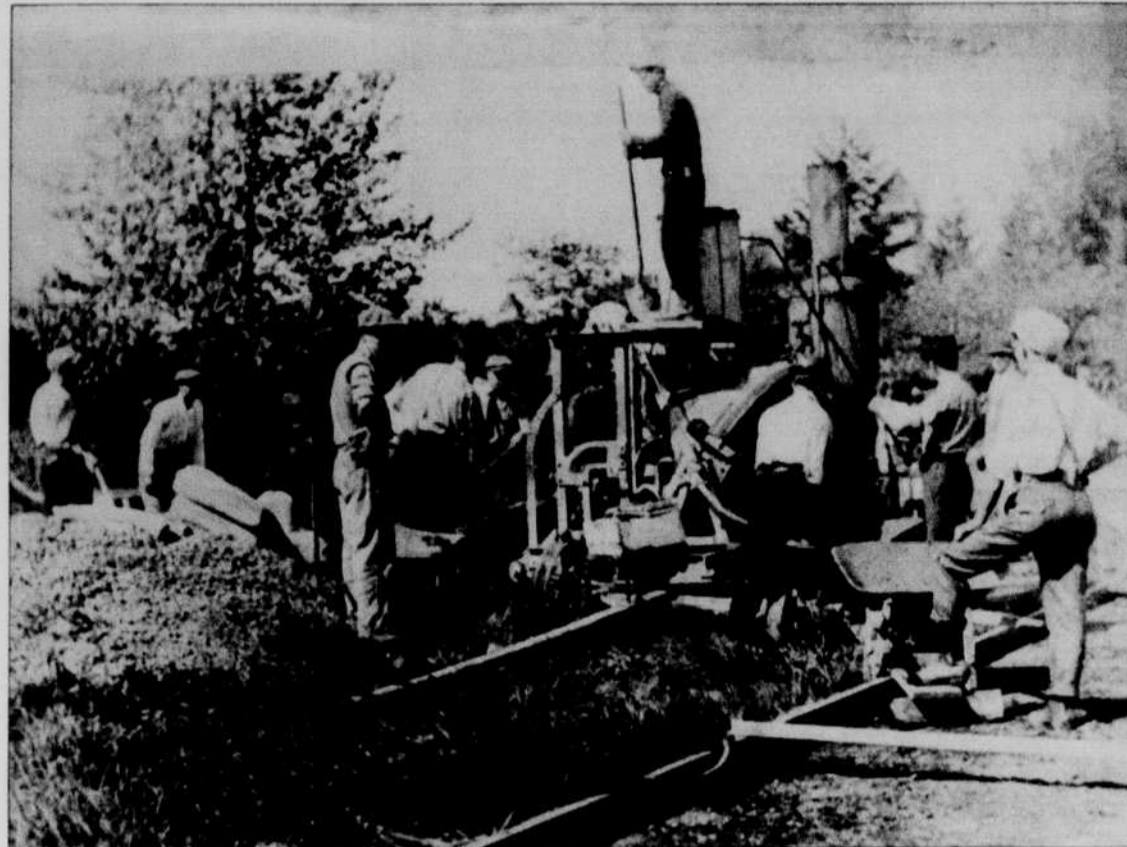


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University students lay a sidewalk as part of the original University Day.

good day is with the support of the students, faculty, and administration."

To date, the following groups are organizing this event: the Mortar Board, the ASUO, the Greek Community Student University Relations Council, Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society, the Office of the President, the Office of Student Development, the Physical Plant, University housing and the Erb Memorial Union.

University Day is scheduled to last from noon until 5 p.m.

For more information on University Day contact Sandy or Untalan at 346-3216.

## Sociology Club to hold meeting tonight

### MEETINGS

**Sociology Club** meets tonight at 6 in Room 714 PLC. All interested sociology majors and minors are invited to attend.

**OSPIRG's Consumer Research** group meets tonight at 6:30 in EMU Century Room E.

**University of Oregon/University of El Salvador Sister University Project** will hold a general interest meeting tonight at 5 in EMU Cedar Room C.

**Incidental Fee Committee** will hold a hearing today at 4:30 in EMU Century Room A.

**Riverfront Design Advisory Committee** meets today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Room 245 of the Computing Center.

**Desert Ducks/SCD** will hold a planning meeting tonight at 5 at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St.

**Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma** freshman honor societies meet tonight at 7 in EMU Cedar Rooms A and B. Those who attend are asked to remember their t-shirts.

### SPEAKERS AND LECTURES

**Clevenger Westing** will speak about Russian advertising today at 3:30 in Room 221 Allen. The presentation is

sponsored by the Ad Club.

**Cathy Siegmund** from Serenity Lane will be in Clark Lounge of Walton Complex tonight at 6:30 to discuss the effects of substance abuse on relationships.

**Mary Vogel** will give a presentation on an innovative passive solar design tonight at 7 in Room 110 Willamette.

**Joshua Stampher**, a nationally known speaker, will discuss the Israeli/Palestinian conflict tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Ballroom. Israeli and Palestinian cultural exhibits will be outside the room.

**Dr. Ivan Restrepo** will speak on the environment and development issues in Mexico tonight at 7:30 in Gerlinger Lounge.

**Rosary** will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Adopting New Lifestyles of Food and Fitness** and cultural variations is the topic of a forum to be held by the Lifestyle Planning Program and the Student Health Center. The event is tonight at 7:30 in EMU Cedar Room C.

"**Environment Under Fire**" is the title of a video dealing with the socio-economic roots of environmental destruction and alternatives posed in Nicaragua. The video will be shown twice, today at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

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