

CLEANING

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University Day work on the sidewalk leading from Deady Hall to Kincaid Street.

Sandy and Untalan decided to resurrect the long-abandoned tradition, calling the hybrid event University Day. After a 70 year hiatus, they thought the spring-cleaning event could recapture the University's sense of community.

"Every day we were celebrating the differences between student groups," Sandy said. "What we wanted to do was provide something where we could celebrate our community, at least for a day. Ultimately we're all ducks," he said.

On May 17, 1990, the pair organized the first campus clean-up in seven decades, which attracted some 800 students.

"It turned out to surpass our expectations," Untalan said. "It was a really healthy start."

Instead of offering free T-shirts, as has been done in recent years, Sandy and Untalan gave painters caps. The volunteers planted a blue cedar to replace a tree that fell down earlier in the year, spread bark dust, painted lamp posts and "pressure washed anything that was pressure-washable," Sandy said. Students also repainted the "O" on Skinner's Butte, as was done so many years before.

"We were trying to remain true to the tradition," Sandy said. "We actually set up the groups to make sure that there was interaction between people who wouldn't normally interact."



FILE PHOTO

Students help clean up the campus on University Day. This tradition started in 1904.

The University Day tradition has regained its place on campus, and today the tradition continues. Just as campus scholars did 90 years ago, University students will help clean and improve the school.

This year's University Day

Director, Matt McCalley, expects a strong turnout. "Last year we had 1,200 [students] and this year we hope to see 1,400."

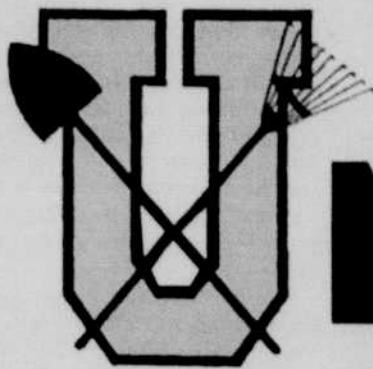
Projects planned for today's clean-up include refurbishing the Gerlinger Hall turn-around, painting duck feet on campus

sidewalks, repainting the Skinner Butte "O," as well as the usual pressure washing, flower planting, and bark dusting.

Volunteers will get a free T-shirt if they work for at least an hour. Sign up to volunteer in the Memorial Quad between Chap-

man and Condon Halls between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. today.

"It's nice to see the tradition has not only been resurrected, but it seems to be thriving," Sandy said. "It's important that students get out and participate."



UNIVERSITY DAY

Today!

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Check in at the Memorial Quad between Chapman and Condon Halls to receive instructions about work projects.

11:30 a.m.

Dedication ceremonies in front of Gilbert Hall.

Besides gaining a sense of campus spirit and ownership, participants will also receive a **FREE T-SHIRT** and snacks from **Golden Temple Natural Foods Bakery!**



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