

BECOME A UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO TRADITION KEEPER

Tradition: Customs and activities handed down from one Vandal generation to another.

University of Idaho students, alumni and supporters are encouraged to become Tradition Keepers to honor and preserve the customs and activities that make us Vandals. This book will help you identify ways to make your time at the University of Idaho truly a Vandal experience. You may be new or seasoned, but by participating and sharing stories about what is included in these pages, you are on your way to becoming a Vandal for life.

To be a Tradition Keeper simply follow the directions given on each page:

- Date and initial the box at the top of each page or follow the task listed.
- We encourage you to note memories using the spaces provided.

To receive incentives, those on the quest to become a Tradition Keeper may, at the end of each semester, bring your *Traditions Book* to the Grad Finale event held in the fall and spring, to be awarded your University of Idaho Tradition Keeper lapel pin or medallion.

Incentives:

- By completing 15 traditions, you will receive a silver Tradition Keepers lapel pin.
- After completing 35 traditions, you will be awarded a Tradition Keepers medallion to wear at graduation, and the honor of being a University of Idaho Tradition Keeper.

Visit www.idahovandals.com to view or share photos and memories

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Past Traditions



LOSERS WALK

Following the annual Idaho-Washington State College football game, billed as "The Battle of the Palouse," students from the losing school walked the eight miles to the victor's campus.

In 1938, Bill McGowan, a sports writer for the University of Idaho student newspaper, *The Argonaut*, began the "Losers Walk" tradition. After the Idaho vs. Washington State College (now Washington State University) football game, fans from the losing team walked to the opposing school, took a good-natured ribbing and had their feet ceremoniously washed. The most memorable "Loser's Walk" occurred in 1954 when the Vandals defeated the Cougars 10-0. It was Idaho's first win over the Cougars in 29 years.

The walk was disbanded after 1969, but you'll find a few traditionalists taking the walk after the Idaho-WSU football game.

Sources: the Dean of Students office, and "Beacon for Mountain and Plain"

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PAJAMA PARADE

On the eve of the Homecoming football game, University of Idaho co-eds would dress in a wild assortment of colored pajamas and parade through campus and the community. Since it was generally cold, the pajamas were worn over assorted other garments. As they moved through dormitories and fraternity and sorority houses, they picked up additional recruits and proceeded to Third and Main streets where a rally was held.

Source: "Beacon for Mountain and Plain"

"A unique rally consisting of a great "Singing Snake," composed of nearly a thousand girls, is Idaho's famous tradition. The "snake" winds itself through the fraternity houses, feeding well on lollypops, nuts, apples and what-not, finally coming to a stop at Center Main Street. There it meets a parade composed of pajama-clad boys, each of whom grab a vertebra of the snake (a girl!) And proceeds to the burning effigy of W.S.C., our football foe."

Source: 1928 book at Gamma Phi Beta



Today, the Pajama Parade is known as the Serpentine during Idaho's Homecoming celebration (see page 54).



VANDAL WALK AND PRESIDENT'S BARBECUE

This event kicks off fall semester and welcomes new students to the University of Idaho. Students meet at the ASUI-Kibbie Activity Center, and led by the Sound of Idaho Marching Band, walk across campus to the Administration Lawn, where administrators, faculty and staff serve the new students a picnic meal. Student Alumni Relations Board members hand out Vandal Game Day T-shirt and teach new students our fight song. When students graduate, they reverse Vandal Walk and march from Administration Lawn to the Kibbie Dome for the Commencement ceremony.

From: SARb website



As an official Vandal, your duty now is to take part in the full University experience that Idaho has to offer. In a few short years, you'll be lining up to make the trip back to the Kibbie Dome for commencement. Write a few lines about what you want to accomplish between now and then.



My notes: _____
