

Seniors of yore had customs galore

By Marg Wellinger

Time's whiskers have grown rapidly on university traditions. We ain't what we used to be, history tells us. Thumb through, if you will, to see how good old senior customs have changed, as recorded in the Black Masque Handbook 1904-1920.

Back in '04 the permanent organization called "Order of the Black Masque", consisting of thirteen senior girls, was founded. That was the year the initiates to the chapter met on a street corner downtown and were transported to the Pi Phi house for initiation. From then on they held their ceremonies at the various sorority houses and at the home

of Miss Louise Pound, one of the founders.

Pretty frivolous.

Those gals were pretty frivolous. None of this staid marching the girls now do. They used to partake en masse at the girl's basketball tournaments, dressed as witches, routing out any boys who tried to "crash the gates" in women's garb. And the year that U of N's famed girl's basket tossers took the big trip to Minnesota, the Blacks Masques entertained them at a big dinner.

Senior sneak.

Senior sneak days have been popular from way back, for the Innocent's and Black Masques of '08 "took the matter up with the deans", and obtained a day off for deserving four year students, "to be kept secret from all except the Chancellor." As time went on, then, they concerned themselves with the May Pole Dance and the establishment of an Ivy Day Picnic. The daisy chain, maypole dance, and picnic comprised the Ivy Day program. It was not until 1914 that the idea of "masking" junior girls on Ivy Day was put into practice. That was the same year that a Student Council was founded on this campus, and the Masques took on the duty of a pep club at football games, wearing red and white caps, and carrying pennants and balloons. Them was the days before Junior Senior proms (adv.), for the two classes had separate parties then. Not until 1917 did the joint party occur.

Came the War.

The war brought both men's and women's organizations great duties. They helped open classes in telegraphy and stenography to equip students for war-time jobs. They spent their time raising money for war funds. They presented the Service Flag. They assisted in entertainments for barracks on the campus, and headed the Red Cross drive.

During the year 1920 they presented the arch of Memorial Stadium as the gift of the Seniors, and petitioned for their national ideal, Mortar Board. In 1921 the Black Masque chapter of Mortar Board was granted its charter, whose birthday is celebrated in February each year. Thirty six

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ally is a deep, dark secret. The movie of the month will be reviewed and there will be the usual interesting Hot Flashes column which is enlightening to the campus in general.

A big story on the coliseum, the sports that are found there and where they are carried on will also be included. This will include wrestling, swimming, diving, tennis and numerous other sports.

Housing-

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they can afford lodgings to, by next Tuesday.

"It is imperative that all organized groups cooperate with the council if this convention, instituted on this campus, is to be a success," Mason emphasized.

Houses will be expected to serve breakfast as well as providing lodgings for the visitors during their three day stay here.

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Ag Y installs Epp president for semester

Group names committees to head organization's work at informal dinner

New cabinet members of the YMCA were installed at an informal dinner at the Temple last night. Carl Epp is the new president, Robert Gerloff, vice-president, and Lawrence Boyds, secretary.

Duties of the new cabinet officers were explained at the meeting. Dale Buschow is in charge of Bible study classes which meet at 7:30 a. m. Faculty members instruct students interested in Bible literature. Elton Newman heads the Y work with the boys of junior high school age in Holdrege where attempts are made to get the boys interested in hobbies and athletics.

Plans for delegations to the YM retreats at summer camps will be made by Morris Meyers. David Saunders directs a committee which helps to orient students in school for the four month winter course on farm operations.

Carrying on the program of a campaign for contributions for the Y from faculty members and students is Lamoyne Johnson. Gordon McNeil will contact prospective freshmen during the summer and will

Southern college choir practices on cinder track

Winston Salem, N. C. (ACP). Choir practices usually brings to mind the picture of a group sitting behind the altar of the church on Wednesday nights.

But that picture wouldn't fit in the case of the Brevard college choir, which last year won recognition throughout the south for its performances.

The co-eds of that organization, wearing light shoes and shorts, do their choir practicing on the cinder track running, sprinting and jumping.

John W. Hawkins, head of the department of music, says the physical exercise develops the physique to such a degree that bodily movements are performed with grace and precision by the subconscious mind.

"Then, the physical movement automatically associates with musical expression," he declares.

head a freshman council where topics vital in adjustment of freshmen at the university will be discussed.

Securing prominent men and literature dealing with Christian views on foreign relations will be the work of the committee headed by Joe Claybaugh. Luncheon forums at which faculty members and well-known lecturers will carry on discussion of current interest will be planned by Miles Cadwalader's committee. Vinton Hester and his committee handle all publicity and advertising.

Critic Drew hits negative literature

We need more positive literature, stated Elizabeth Drew in her lecture at the Union yesterday afternoon. Parlors XYZ were filled to hear the noted British poet and critic speak on the subject, "The Modern Spirit of Literature."

Our writers have been mostly negative since the first World War, she pointed out. Some of the negative writers of the 1920's were John Dos Passos, Ernest Hemingway, and Richard Aldington. Two authors, however, have come to definite conclusions in their works. They are T. S. Eliot, poet, and Aldous Huxley, novelist.

Dressed in a becoming dress of burnt rust, Miss Drew made a hit with the audience when she described the "Modern Spirit" in her rich, recognizably English accent. She wore brown suede slippers to match the trimming of her dress, and a brown off-the-face hat which emphasized her lovely gray hair.

"People, however," continued the critic, "have blamed the post-war derogatory opinions on the writers. Instead they are more the effect of the period than the cause. They wrote of things as they saw them truthfully, but didn't have any constructive ideas on remedying conditions."

Miss Drew, wife of Brian Downs, a lecturer at Cambridge university, has written several books, including "Directions in Modern Poetry," "Discovering Poetry Enjoyment of Literature," "Jane Welsh and Jane Carlyle," and "Discovering Drama." She also contributes to the leading literary magazines in this country.

"In England," Miss Drew said in one of her references to present day Britain, "the people wear a badge that says, 'I don't want to hear your bomb story.'—Related to the American fish story perhaps . . ."

Adams-

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is to remove the social stigma which comes to the mother and offspring when a child is born out of wedlock. It would provide for state support of illegitimate children. The unemployment compensation bill is an attempt to give the employee of the small concern a chance to receive unemployment compensation. Under existing statutes, the employer must contribute for such compensation only if he employs eight or more men. The proposed act would cut that figure down to one or more. According to Senator Adams, such a law would bring to several thousand additional workers the benefits of unemployment compensation.

In the course of conversation, Senator Adams disclosed the fact that in his college days he was something of a boxer. As a member of the AAU boxing team, he was the runner-up middle weight at the Creighton university AAU meet. Today he is married, has two children and finds time in spite of his law practice and his position as legislator to engage in his favorite hobbies, swimming and reading.

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