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Saturday of this week is the day set aside in honor of the red-haired co-eds of the University. On this day the Order of the Golden Fleece meets to hold its annual luncheon. This yearly meeting, with the competition and awards which play so conspicuous a part, has come to have a wide reputation in the college world of this country.

We might even say that it has come to be one of Nebraska's well-known and cherished traditions if it were not for the fact that almost every event attempted at Nebraska is advertised in this way. Truly it seems that one year's success is enough to turn any activity into an established tradition. By speaking in this way we are belittling the few well-established traditions which are closely connected with the fifty years of history of this institution.

Such customs as Ivy Day, Olympics and Phi Beta Kappa Day are true Nebraska traditions—known to students of many classes. Let us make a distinction between these traditions and the so-called traditions of only a year's standing. The Order of the Golden Fleece has not yet, perhaps, graduated into a tradition, but its popularity assures for it a bright future.

**Campus Comment**

Editor's note. The article following clearly shows that a reiteration of the policy of this "Campus Comment" column is necessary. The writer speaks of the letter from "A Student" in the issue of February 22 as an anonymous one. For the benefit of all, let it be repeated that letters and communications from students and faculty members on questions of general campus interest will be printed at the discretion of the editor if the communications are signed as an evidence of good faith. However, the name will be withheld on request. Letters signed by such names as "A Student," therefore, are not anonymous and the name of the writer is known to the editor. The sentiments expressed in the communications are not necessarily endorsed by the editor.

In regard to the controversy that a large number of replies have been received to the original letter and that the letter printed below presents the "other side" of the question as fairly as any. It is the present intention that this letter will close the discussion of this question in these columns.

To the Editor: Despite the fact that anonymous letters usually are, and always should be, ignored, it behooves us, nevertheless, to give attention for the moment, to the letter of "A Student" in the issue of The Daily Nebraskan for February 22nd. In the interest of the enlightenment of the student body, it is necessary for us to consider "the propriety" of permitting the University buildings to be used as "headquarters of an agitator who by own confession is endeavoring to raise funds to continue civil strife in Ireland."

In the process of analyzing such a complex and somewhat indefinite collection of statements as presented by "A Student," a hazy conclusion may be reduced to this: Should government buildings be permitted to be used for the purpose alleged in this case?

The heart of the objection seems, then, to hinge on the so-called "propriety" of the proceedings, which is susceptible of various interpretations. In the final analysis the objection may be construed in either of two ways: Was it proper for Mr. Golden, from the point of view of the government (or of individuals representing the government in renting the hall), to make use of the hall for the pur-

pose for which it is alleged he did use it, or is it proper for the government from the point of view of the general public, to permit such a use of the hall?

The basis—or should I say the excuse—for the objection seems to center around the former construction, to which the answer is perfectly clear. Once the representatives of the government agreed to allow Mr. Golden to lecture in the hall, they temporarily turned over to him, or his representatives, the control of the building. Hence, so long as all proceedings therein were legally unimpeachable and warranted no interference, whether or not a payment of rental bound the agreement, the government relinquished all rights of sanction. Its right to objection held only in so far as it was called upon to decide whether or not to loan the hall, and once an agreement was reached, its interest in the matter necessarily ceased. Therefore, Mr. Golden's conduct cannot be construed as other than proper from the technical viewpoint.

On the other hand, was it proper for the government to allow this? Propriety forsooth! If Mr. Webster knew his business, "propriety" may be taken to mean "consonance with established principles and customs." But this, perhaps, means naught to us of today. Have the principles and customs of American democratic life really lost their significance? Have they become mere empty phrases—the catchwords of the eager politicians, the vain, impossible, transitory generalities of the frantic and the visionary? The gods forbid!

In the editorial for the same issue of "The Daily Nebraskan" we find an interesting thing—"Today the nation commemorates the birthday of George Washington whose name is revered in every country of the world. Many of the most cherished ideals of this land are typified in this great leader." Ah, there's the rub. Think you that he, oblivious of the aid of gallant Irish patriots and unselfish Irish assistance in carrying on the Revolutionary War, would condemn the soliciting of a few paltry dollars to keep alight the flame of Liberty and Freedom in a country where seven centuries of unmitigated sacrifice had failed of accomplishing that ideal?

Why try to justify such an action? It can be but wasted time and energy. Those who are willing to face the facts need no such explanation and those who aren't would scarce receive it anyhow. But remember this—the ideals, the principles of a nation are the measure of its success, the norm of its failure. And, if the time has come when Americans shut their eyes upon the hand of Liberty beckoning for relief from oppression, then, the cherished American ideals have come to be but empty things. In denying her sanction to ex-President Wilson's appeal for "the self-determination of small nations" and in scorning the ringing question "Shall people be ruled and dominated in their own internal affairs by arbitrary and irresponsible force or by their own will and power?", America has descended to the plane of hypocrisy.

Today Ireland sends her representative to plead for her in America, just as seven score of years ago America sent to Ireland her "anti-British," (un-Irish) (?) and unneutral reactionary propaganda. And did Ireland falter and quibble and object? She did not. Three ship loads of food left her shores for the American colonists and Ireland did what little she could to aid her sister colony. Why, then, today object to the solicitation of a few dollars from private individuals for the Irish republicans fighting against the so-called "Irish Provisional Government," the constitution of which is an exemplary exhibition of under-handed British diplomacy, unless we are willing to repudiate in like manner our government in seeking the aid of France against the mother country in the dark days of the Revolution by "propaganda" exactly identical to that of Mr. Golden's?

Why, in heaven's name, must anything that is anti-British always be considered un-American? It is, to say the least, an irritating thing to have the misconception continually cropping up. Say what you please, opine what you choose, yet "believe you me" there is a greater natural, mutual relationship between Old Erin and America in two minutes than there is between Great Britain and America in a score of centuries.

Far be it from me to stir up sentiment against Great Britain or to advocate government action in the case of Ireland. If America so choose, let her keep completely outside the whole affair. Buy why should she hesitate to hear the truth? From the press all over the country and from innumerable other sources she hears the British interpretation of the question. Why, then should she hesitate to hear from a loyal Irishman who knows the real condition of affairs, his version of the case? Call-

ing it "propaganda" is but an evidence of moral cowardice.

Furthermore, why grumble and growl if a few charitably inclined, but presumably foolish individuals, are cozened by "perfect oratorical technique" into separating themselves from a few of their hard-earned and well-loved dollars in the interests of a destitute, war-ridden country, the hallowed land of their ancestors and not infrequently the cherished land of their birth?

Lack of time and space permits of a more detailed discussion of the article of "A Student" but such discussion and attendant explanation will be readily forthcoming if the need occurs. With all due allowance for human frailty and imperfection, it seems inconceivable that anyone should take to quibbling upon a discussion so insignificant in itself but so manifestly all-important in all that it implies, and it seems inexcusable that it should be necessary to exert energy, and it must be confessed, not a little patience, in endeavoring to clarify a subject obviously so clear and simple in itself.

CLARENCE J. RIORDAN.

**Notices**

(Notices of general interest will be printed in this column for two consecutive days. Copy should be in the Nebraskan office by five o'clock.)

Group Be of the Square and Compass club will meet in Faculty Hall, Temple building at 7:15 Wednesday evening. Professor J. O. Rankin will speak. All Masons are cordially invited to be present.

Christian Science Society  
The Christian Science Society of the University meets Thursday evening at 7:30, Faculty Hall, Temple.

Engineers  
Meeting of all Engineers who plan on taking inspection trip. Final arrangements and grouping of squads will be made at this meeting for the Blue River trip. March 6 at M. E. 206.

All Bandmen  
All bandmen who were registered last semester but who are not now registered and have uniforms and band books, please turn in both immediately. Books to Professor Quick.

Iron Sphinx  
Iron Sphinx meeting will be held at the Delta Upsilon house, Tuesday evening, 7:15. Initiation of new members and other important business. All initiated men must bring their own paddles.

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**Calendar**

Tuesday, February 27  
Iron Sphinx meeting and initiation. Delta Upsilon house, 7:15.

Thursday  
Xi Delta, 7:15, Ellen Smith hall.

Friday, March 2  
Phi Delta Chi house dance.

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