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ON TRADITIONS.

"We are short of traditions as it is. This is a young school, and traditions are hard to build," wrote a student to the Daily Nebraskan. Every once in a while it is brought to our attention that there are certain individuals hereabouts who do not know the meaning of the word tradition.

Some of them think that it is a plant and that all a school has to do in order to have a good crop of traditions, is to go forth with spade and seed and proceed to plant "tradition seed." Thus little "traditions" spring up and grow up to big "traditions."

Others seem to believe that all one has to do is to bring out some new idea, name it "tradition," and by some means or other get it repeated from year to year. Then in two or three years they firmly believe that they have a tradition well on the way to maturity.

So, after listening awhile to the tradition-hoaxers, we consulted Webster, and found that his idea of a tradition was "the delivery of opinions, doctrines, practices, rites and customs, from father to son, from ancestors to posterity, or from forefathers to descendants by oral communications, without written memorials." So our opinion that traditions, like geniuses, are born not made, was confirmed.

Traditions are fine, and if worthwhile, are often the source of a great deal of pleasure. The traditions of the older schools are generally strictly adhered to, and their age usually lends enchantment and interest. Nebraska is a young University. It has many fine traditions, that no one would see abandon. Perhaps we should have more of them. But traditions are not hand-made. We can not start them. So it might be well if our "tradition" enthusiasts would be patient. In a few hundred years we may have a few.

THE STUDENT OPINION COLUMN

The Daily Nebraskan has a department that is open to all students of the University. The Student Opinion column is reserved for letters from students on all topics of campus interest. It matters not whether these communications agree or disagree with the policy of the paper.

Names of the writers will be treated as confidential and will be withheld when requested. But for its own protection, The Daily Nebraskan must know the name of the author of every communication.

In addressing communications to the editor, sign them, and the name will be withheld if it is the writer's wish.

Student Opinion.

IMITATING STATE STREET.

To the Editor:
For a good many years, it has been generally believed that State street in Chicago was among the first of the crowded streets of the world. We never disputed the statement in the least until we started traversing the walk between Social Science and U-hall between classes, at just about the same time as several hundred other university students want to use the same walk. And two lines attempt to meet each other on that walk which is but four feet wide.

No doubt the University has been hard hit by the attitude of the legislature in withholding appropriations. No doubt improvements on the campus proper would make quite a drain on the resources of the institution. But for all of that to maintain such a narrow sidewalk as that one just south of the Armory and expect it to do the heavy work that it does each day is perfectly absurd.

So narrow is the Armory walk that

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Tourist—Can you show me the best road out of here?
Oldest inhabitant (after long and careful deliberation)—Nope.

MAH JONGG!

New maid to mistress—Missus, your husband has gone crazy.

Mistress—What?

Maid—Yes, I just found him under the davenport looking for the east wind.

If a worm thought with its tummy a centipede with its legs and a giraffe with its neck what a wise old

world this would be.

Lecture profs should go to Macbeth and learn how to murder sleep.

Dr.—They named him the day I was paid?

Nurse—And the name?

Dr.—Billie Nuff.

A HOPE DIAMOND.

Liza—Dat certainly is a beautiful engagement ring. What size is dat diamond?

Rastus—Dat is de twenty-year installment size.—Judge.

students cannot walk along it in comfort. To travel its length beside a friend is nigh to impossible. To attempt to pass some students who walk slow is a tragedy. One can only keep to the right and do his best not to get himself trampled upon.

The Armory walk is without doubt the most used one on the campus. Hundreds of students travel it daily. Between classes it is worse than the ordinary city street on circus day. A new sidewalk, a more attractive walk, one that is at least half wide enough to take care of those hundreds who pass over it, is needed just south of the Armory. The installation of a new, reasonably wide, walk during the spring vacation should be authorized.

R. W. P.

ALUMNUS WRITES.

To the Editor:
As a subscriber to the "Rag" I've been much interested and pleased to see you run extracts of worthwhile doings and sayings from other campuses. The inclosed clipping I thought would be of interest in Huskerville, where the standard of the grand old sport hangs high.

The story was told by George Owen, former Harvard halfback, at a meeting in the Boston Y.M.C.A. last Sunday.

"When George Owen rose to speak at the men's meeting last Sunday he was confronted with one of the largest audiences that ever thronged the lobby for a Sunday meeting. Standing room only was available.

"Owen made a distinct hit in his refreshing talk on 'Playing the Game', in which he brought out some of the valuable lessons of life as taught by athletics.

"One story he told as an example of unwavering persistence in pursuit of a definite aim is specially worthy of repetition here. The time and place are set in the Harvard-Yale game of 1921. The score was 3 to 0 in Yale's favor. Harvard was marching down the field in a fierce drive for a touchdown when Buell, the star quarterback, received a bad head blow. It is the custom of the doctor in such a case to ask three questions, What day is it? Whom are you playing? What's the score?, to test the extent of the injury to the mental faculties. The doctor rushed out on the field and began his queries. Buell knew what was coming, and, before the doctor had more than started he blurted out, 'It's the 29th of November, we're playing Yale, the score is Yale 3 to 0 but is going to be Harvard 7, Yale 3, in just a couple of minutes.

Harvard made that touchdown and later added a drop-kick for a 10-3 victory."

KENNETH M'CANDESS.

Editorial Department, Christian Science Monitor.

The College Press.

BANNING COACHES.
(The Dartmouth)

Yale University, somewhat dissatisfied with the mechanism of the athletic system now in vogue at New Haven, proposes its partial reform by barring coaches from contest. Confident that the present procedure has robbed captains and individual members of teams of the responsibility for the actual conduct of a contest, Yale officials would restore this element of responsibility by eliminating any vestige of supervision by coaches at games. And now coaches at New Haven may no longer be allowed the privilege of the team bench—and must be satisfied with lending moral instead of mental support to their proteges.

More than likely President Angell of Yale is correct in assuming that he can develop undergraduate initiative and responsibility by such a method. And perhaps he is right when he subtly hints at the downfall of the modern system of intercollegiate athletics with the barring of coaches from contests as the first step toward such procedure. Opponents of the Yale plan will raise the objection that it would tend to over-emphasize the position of the athlete, and that of the two so-called evils,—campus hero and coach,—

the latter is to be less feared. Yet one is inclined to believe that the suggested reform, rather than glorify captains, would serve to enhance the general respect for the athlete mentally as well as physically.

As the system exists today in America only a relative few participate in athletics. The successful coach is exalted; and the ends of development in physique and character are often subordinated to the desire to win. On the other hand one finds abroad,—as exemplified by Oxford,—the workable ideal of participation in athletic competition by the majority,—for their physical and mental betterment. There the sole function of the coach is one of instruction, not one of leadership in competition. And if the indictment of the American system is well founded, and if the Oxford system has real advantages to offer, then American undergraduates and college authorities might as contemplate some sort of radical reform. Meanwhile the Yale plan serves as an interesting experiment,—and possibly as an opening wedge for further constructive revision.

Notices

Kearney Club Meeting.
Friday March 14, 511 No. 16th.

Lutherans.

Rev. Eerck, the new student pastor, requests all Lutheran students to be present at a meeting at the Parish hall of Trinity church, 13th and H streets next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Delian.

Supper Friday evening at Faculty hall.

Square and Compass.

All masons among the faculty members and student body may obtain tickets for the annual club banquet to be held at 6 o'clock March 21 by calling at Prof. R. E. Cochran's office, S. S. 203. The banquet will be held at the main dining room of the Grand hotel.

Mortar Board Tea.

Mortar Board tea for junior and senior girls will be held at Ellen Smith hall from 4 to 6 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Kearney Club.

Kearney club will meet at 511 No. 16th Friday at 8 o'clock.

Palladian.

Palladian will give a program consisting of musical numbers at an

open meeting Friday at 8:30. Everyone invited.

Union will hold an open meeting at 8 o'clock Friday night. Everyone invited.

Zoology Club.

The Zoology club party will be held Friday at 8:30 in the judging pavilion at the Ag campus.

Senior Girls Attention!

The Graduate Students club will hold a kid costume party at Ellen Smith hall Friday at 7:30 p. m. The club extends a particular invitation to all senior girls who hope to do graduate work in the near future.

Senate Club.

The Senate club will meet in Law 101 Friday evening at 7:00. "Adjusted Compensation for War Veterans" will be the principal measure for discussion. Public invited.

Scholarship Applicants.

Applications for the \$50 scholarship offered to junior girls by the Faculty Women's club will be received in Dean Heppner's office until April 1.

Okioa.

Rural economic students meet at campus studio for Cornhusker picture at 12:15 Saturday.

Menorah Society.

Dean Buck will address the Society Sunday evening, March 16 at 8 p. m., Faculty Hall, the Temple, on "Literary Aspects of the Bible." Everybody invited.

Debate Tickets.

All unsold debate tickets and cash should be turned in to Elton N. Baker at the Temple lobby Friday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock.

St. Patricks Party.

A St. Patricks Day party for Y. W. C. A. girls will be held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon in Ellen Smith hall.

Calendar

Friday.

Scabbard and Blade dinner dance, University club.

Gamma Phi Beta house dance.

Alpha Xi Delta house dance.

Silver Lynx spring party, Lincoln hotel.

Delta Upsilon banquet, house.

Saturday.

Xi Psi Phi freshman party.

Delta Sigma Delta spring party, Lincoln hotel.

Alpha Delta party, Knights of Columbus hall.

Delta Upsilon party, University club.

Alpha Delta Theta house dance.

Phi Gamma Delta house dance.

Alpha Sigma Phi house dance.

Alpha Phi house dance.

Lambda Chi Alpha house dance.

Kappa Delta house dance.

Kappa Psi party, Ellen Smith hall.

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