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# Fading Traditions.

College students every year bewail the fact that school traditions are becoming less in number. College editors have decried the fact that that the Prairie Schooner is the campus magaenthusiasm in the old customs is lacking. They zine which affords an opportunity for literary have endeavored to arouse the student interest | expression to writers of "the prairie country. in one thing or another, linking school spirit Faculty and students of the University have up with traditions. But all the shouts of editors, all the eries of students fail to arouse the produces no results, then it might be a good Schooner. idea to sit back and analyze the situation.

on this campus. Rallics are one of the school's jokes labelled as such? finest traditions. Upperclassmen's interest in seeing the frosh wear their little caps is practically nil. The Cornhusker banquet is gone. A struggle has to be made to get folks to attend the Dad's day banquet. Class officers are back stage and take no part in the drama. A general student willingness to allow the sacred traditions to pass out unheeded, is fast supplanting that good old Cornhusker spirit. But this is not all. In the affairs outside of protest school life there is an increasing disregard for laws, a seemingly greater attitude of indifference as to long standing conventions. A good many, and to some folks, shocking ideas have been brought forth. Reformers accuse the younger generation of a "loose" morality, and too great a freedom of thought. Long established traditions and customs dear to the hearts of those who hang over from the good old days are being swiftly forgotten by the modern generation.

Is it surprising, then, that college traditions

mind regarding each day's assignment. Chucking out one hour in that iron-bound schedule, it is feared, will cause a wrinkle in the whole works. And yet, an important speaker goes suffer-

ing for lack of an audience. Convocation speakers, it devolves upon serious examination, are individuals of rare acquaintance. Classes

and books are every day occurrences. The latter can be doubled on a postponed date; the speakers must be taken as they come, for no holding over until a collection of them has been garnered will do.

It is true that too much of this excusing of classes will lead to a general sprun for the im-

portance of recitation periods. It is argued that even if classes are dismissed many stu-dents will only dissipate that time in other pursuits. If that is true, it is the loss of the pursuits. If that is true, it is the loss of the dinner at the chapter house, this founder of Zeta chapter, will prestudents, not the university. For classwork, it has been uggested, can be doubled on some dinner. Table decorations will be future date.

MORNING MAIL

TO THE EDITOR:

SOCIETY Members of Alpha Sigma Phi will hold the second fall party of the season at the Cornhusker ballroom Friday evening.

Two hundred couples are expected to attend. Eddie Jungbluth and his orchestra will play for the dancing which will be chaperoned by Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton. House parties to be given that evening are Beta Theta Pi, Omega Beta Pi, Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Kappa.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Thursday.

Friday

Alpha Delta Pi house party.

at Student Activities building. Omega Beta Pi house party.

Beta Theta Pi house party.

Saturday.

Homecoming Varsity party at

Farm House fraternity banquet

Pallidian society dinner at the

Alpha Chi Omega luncheon a

Alpha Tau Omega dinner at the

Delta Tau Delte dir ter at the

Chi Omega dinner at chapter

Phi Beta Pi tea dance at the

Phi Kappa house party

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Cornhusker hotel.

Methodist Student Council party

Alpha Sigma Phi fall party at

Delta Zeta Observes Founders Day.

The alumnae, active, and pledged members of Delta Zeta will ob-Y. .W. C. A. m ...bership tea from 3 until 5:30 o'clock in Ellen side at the program following the Smith hall. in keeping with the sorority colors.

W. A. A. executive council din-ner at the home of Margare' Day. Claire L. Poppard, Lambda Chi Alpha traveling secretary and a graduate of Oregon state, leaves today after visiting the local Cornhuskar hotel. Comonius club meeting at Morchapter. rill hall.

## EPISODES By Oliver DeWolf.

Flying at an average speed of 204 miles an hour, it took Major "Jimmy" H. Doolittle, just twelve hours and twenty-four minutes to trip from Ottawa, Canada, thru Washcording to the major the bigges thrill of the three capital flight was t he landing of his plane which he described as a "baby power-

while riding on an empty freight car, and during the course of his nap casually stepped off while the

With the rejection of proposed raise in railroad shipping rates by the interstate commerce commission, the suggestion has now been airplanes, the railroads are still one of the most important phases

of American life, and certainly every attention should be given them. It is believed that President Hoover has suggested this pooling arrangement, but that the plan has met with some opposition.

In refusing the carrier's petition for a blanket 15 percent increase the commission has offered to allow increased rates on coal, lumber, ores and oil, if agreed to the railroads before Dec. 1, 1931. While this increase will probably cost every man, woman and child in the United States about one dollar, it will come in such a manner as to escape the notice of the orMANY INSTRUCTORS WILL APPEAR BEFORE TEACHERS CONCLAVES Continued from Page 1.) Decker of the University of Ne-

## braska

languages by University of Ne- Teaching of Geography in Elemenbraska professors will feature the braska professors will feature the program of the Modern Language Girls in the Community"; Miss section. Czech will be presented by Margaret Fedde, on "Correlating Prof. Paul Bartunek; French, by Dr. James Raymond Wadsworth; German, by Dr. Wilhelm Pfeiler; Italian, by Dr. Archimede Marni; Russian, by Prof. Orin Stepanek; Spanish, by Prof. James Cuneo; Swedish, by Professor Hedeen; and Portuguese, by Prof. J. E. A.

#### Alexis Italian Speaks.

Other addresses on this program will be "Recent Trends in Italian will be "Recent Trends in Italian Literature" by Dr. Marni; "Cul-tural Value of Modern Language Study" by Dr. Marguerite Hoch-doerfer; "Modern French Writers" by Dr. Wadsworth; "The German Scheel Bafer and the the Wort Schools Before and After the War" by Miss Klasine von Westen; "Modern German Authors" by Dr. Pfeiler; and the "Role of the Extension Division of the University of Nebraska and the Radio in the Teaching of Foreign Languages" by Prof. A. A. Reed. A discussion of the direct versus the indirect methods of foreign language teaching will be conducted by

Prof. Lawrence Fossler, chairman of the German department. Dr. A. J. Jenness of the department of psychology, will give an address on "Some Problems of Mental Hygiene" at the meeting of the Mental Hygiene and Character Education Section.

Professor Williams of the School of Fine Arts will speak at the meeting of the art section.

Beers on Program. Miss Gertrude Beers of Teach-

chapter house. Tau Kappa Epsilon homecoming ers college will address the comgoose dinner at the chapter house. mercial arts section of district two, meeting in Omaha. Her topic will

to Philadelphia just to clear his mind of worry. So the people con-tend that if a little walk from New hand.' York to Philadelphia will clear his mind of worry, a little walk from New York to the west coast might Sidney

The best crack that this writer has heard about the present socalled depression comes from the pen of one Mr. Blum of Chicago. In a letter to Collier's Mr. Blum brought forward that a pool of says, "The world depression will millions of dollars be formed to not end until we start buying aid the weaker roads, now in fi- again the large number of things nancial difficulties. Despite the in- that the depression taught us to

## WIDE APPROVAL OF **BALLOON TRADITION** VOICED OVER CAMPUS

Continued from Page 1.) would be a very fine one.

Miss Amanda He, ner. dean ou women, when told of the plan said "I heartily approve of this plan as sponsored by the assels. It is something entirely new, and will make a fine annual tradition for

Homecoming." Marvin Schmid, president of Corn Cob, said "I feel that Nebraska should have a new tradition, particularly in connection

tors listed on the district four program in Hastings include Prof. Kady B. Faulkner, speaking on "Educating the Child Through Art," before the art section; Herbert Yenne discussing "The Coachraska. Five minute talks in foreign Dr. Nels A. Bengston, on "The tary Grades"; Dr. K. O. Broady, Home and School Activities"; Dr. C. H. Oldfather in an address be-fore the Latin section; Dr. B. C. Hendricks, speaking on "Charac-

ter Objectives in Science Educa-tion" and Dr. J. O. Hertzler, on "The Social World and the High School Sociology Course." In Holdrege, where district five meets, Dr. W. H. Morton of Teachers college will address one of the general sessions on the topic, "The Artistry of Teaching." The school boards and school executives section will hear him on "The Test of Our Efficiency." Miss Margaret Fedde will speak on "Vitalizing the Home Economics Program" at the meeting of the home economics section.

At the meeting of district three in Norfolk, teachers of English will hear Miss Letta Clark on 'Problems in Teaching Grammar.' Dr. J. E. A. Alexis will give an ad-





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Students and Humor. Two headlines in parallel columns of a

recent Daily Nebraskan call attention to what seems to be a notable difference in the amount of literary interest and sense of humor possessed by university students. In the first column was a discussion of the precarious existence of the Prairie Schooner, brought about Since only two hundred students have signified their interest to the extent of subscribing

F. D.

for this magazine, it may not be amiss to state been prominent among its contributors.

The second headline was "Awgwan' to student body from its apparent slumber. Those Appear." No one needs to be told what the who shout the loudest produce the least results. Awgwan is. Last year two thousand copies Hawk's speed records, and that is Perhaps they are talking in their sleep and were issued at each publication. The subscripneed to be awakened themselves. If ballyhoo tion price is the san as that of the Prairie

Does the comparison indicate that the University students' sense of humor is ten times as great as their literary interest? Is there a valuable addition to Lowell Thom-Spirit at football games and rallies has as great as their literary interest? Is there a noticeably subsided, so it is said by those who possibility that they feel such a lack of a sense have been here when spirit was overflowing of humor that they must be supplied with

# Warped?

## TO THE EDITOR:

The following paragraph from a newspaper story giving the views of a college president upon youth is to me a source of irritation which should call forth student comment and

"Modern youth." in the opinion of Dr. George Willard Frasier, president of Colorado State Teachers college, "is confused and cynical and has 'warped ideas' about problems of life, primarily because of the influence of the home, the church, and motion pictures.'

Such a statement is disturbing. Not merely because it is the view of one particular college president but because it is a viewpoint which is being either openly or covertly held by many of the educators in most of our universities. Furthermore it is not essentially true.

make an "Uninteresting" by its lack of student and faculty support. ington, D. C., to Mexico City. Ac-

house.' In case your memory has failed you, this same Major Doolittle, was that intrepid gentlemen who landed a plane while enclosed in the cockpit of his plane. He de-pended absolutely upon his instruments to effect his landing, and he is still living to tell the tale. Recently he broke one of Capt. Frank

something of an accomplishment. This young man who fell asleep

as's "Tall Story" club.

should fall? Are they any more, or even as much, immune to the attack of changing times than other long standing customs? The age of mechanism is becoming more and more mechanistic, and this change is bound to bring with it changes in all lines of human activity. In view of this, what hope is there for a few traditions that were instigated in an age much different than now.

Do not mistake us. We do not advocate that a new series of traditions be installed to fit the times. All we ask is that the students go farther into the matter than merely bemoan the situation and urge the other fellow to do something about it. There are very good reasons why traditions fade away and these reasons can be found. Any time spent in looking for causes would be much better spent than that used in ventilating the room with "hot air."

FAMILIAR FIGURES: The boy who wears his freshman cap with his drill uniform.

## When Humor

#### Meets Its Stride.

Awgwan appears for the first time this year in an entirely new light. Apparently the staff of that publication has really looked into this humor proposition and has discovered what selves. magazines of that type are intended to be. The Awgwan is away uptown.

The Cornhusker campus has long needed a magazine that can come up to the times in the not have to rely upon the constant pumping of life-blood by artificial means. Student intcrest and support should be manifest.

The Awgwan, nevertheless, is having a plenty tough row to hoe, what with the natsuffered, also, because of the fact that the Awgwan has not in recent years been able to meet the stride of humor. If that can be overcome, the present staff will undoubtedly shake hands with a successful year. A good start has been achieved.

## Suffering for Lack of Audience.

Simultaneously, as it was announced that students to wonder whether the doctor is barter-education. really a good speaker, or whether it is more undisturbed.

number of days each week, and only a definite talent on part-time jobs.

instructor wants to clear within the student Dame Scholastic.

When youth isto be accused of "warped dinary citizen. In the meantime re-deas" and when the home and church are to gardless of the slight increase it is Tassels should arouse spirit, enideas" and when the home and church are to be blamed without any mention of the entire educational system it is time for student pro- sible at their regular wages.

Essentially these people who represent somewhat upset, intrigued, and frightened as the time for his visit ideas." There is no group of people who are more open minded, more full of hope and faith The reason is this: It is Monsieur in the world at large than the college going generation. And if there is any institution

which is to be blamed for the cynicism which they may seem to show it is not the home, nor the church, but the educational system itself.

Youth does not definitely form his own opinons until he leaves the ties of home behind. Certainly the things which have been taught him by his parents are a weighty factor which contribute to his final formation of opinions on the things which go on about him. Also does the church do its share in helping him to distinguish sound practices from those which are unsound. But it is the university which must perform a major duty in this final guidance of the thought of youth before it reaches the point where it is fixed. This is a heavy responsibility. It is one which cannot be taken

lightly. And when certain college presidents or members of the faculty undertake to blame youth's shortcomings upon the home and the church they are merely condemning them-

In the first instance there is no justification for such charges as were issued by the Colorado college president. If youth shows a cynical attitude, if his ideas appear to be "warped' lighter veins of life. This magazine can be- and if our smooth-spoken pedants are to income a tradition within itself, and it should terpret these as genuine they are guilty of a lack of understanding of human nature. It should be easy to see that this apparent "cynicism" is entirely feigned. "Modern youth" is mercly amusing itself and if university representatives choose to let this amusement be at ural downward slant of things, anyway. It has their expense it is all right with students. But their charges. These two institutions are still fulfilling their duities.

MORPHEUS.

NEWSPAPER TALK

## Applied Economics.

At Texas Tech, a truckload of beans went Dr. Morley would speak at an all university to the registrar. A receipt for thre months' convocation and that this famous archeologist room and board went to one Herbert Bell. A is a very interesting person, it was also an- Virginia college, going further, announced that nounced that classes would not be dismissed at any student who had plenty of farm stuffs but the hour designated. This probably causes some little cash could make arrangements for a

Although Registrar Riordan has not been important that those never ending classes be approached in a similar vein yet, the situation is not as different as it appears at first. Some

It is a peculiar thing to understand, this have bartered two or three years of their youth going-to-school business. It seems that there to bank enough to "go through" Notre Dame. are only so many hours each day, only a certain Over 400 right now are bartering time and

number of weeks per fiscal school year. There The days when college was a country-club are a required number of assignments to cover are giving way to days when the belt is tightduring that fiscal school year; and there are a ened and work actually begins. There is a zle addicts had inferior mentalitspecific number of pet arguments which each gradual tightening all along the line .- Notre les. Furthermore, the same gentle

thusiasm, fight, and co-operation. imperative that all railroad workers be kept employed, and if pos- If the students enter into it in such

to the United States draws near. Laval's first visit, and he "no speka" English. However, many Americans visiting the sunny shores of France for the first time, manage to make themselves understood, and from all reports they seem to have a pretty good time while doing it.

It is expected that the French premier will have a very interesting conversation with our President Hoover. Such subjects as disarmament, tariff, gold, Kellogg-Briand anti-war pact, war debts, reparations are due to be thoroughly discussed and it wouldn't surprise us any if some of above mentioned "bones of contention" were pretty thoroughly cussed, to Anyway with subjects as boot these coming up, we don't envy the interpreter his job.

"Hunk" Anderson, Notre Dame coach remarked the other evening in a radio interview with Grantland Rice, that any team with a schedule proportionate to its own strength that comes thru this season undefeated, will have ceraccomplished something. tainly Saturday's results seem to bear out his statements. For instance, the the Harvard victory over Army, which is rated as the strongest team in the east, Columbia whipping Dartmouth for the first time since 1889, the defeat of Michigan and Purdue at the hands of Ohio, and Wisconsin respectively, and several other upsets. It is our prediction that 1931 is going to be a "dark horse" year.

About this time of year hunters begin to prepare for the usual welcome accorded to ducks, geese, pheasants (when the law allows and to other forms of wild life. At the same time congress is planing to do a little hunting of its own accord. It is rumored that the senate is all set to do a little "bear" hunting on Wall street, and this writer hopes that they will not accidently shoot a hole in the welfare of the American people, in connection with this proposed hunting episode.

A college professor has an-nounced that civilization will last for 40,000 years. This may be true, but at the same time we don't quite like the crack made by the Thomaston, (Ga.) Times, when in connection with this statement it asks, "when will it begin?"

One hates to give any more publicity to Dr. Shaw, but this may turn out to be a pretty good We find that this gentlestory. man who informed the world about 'wnistling morons" was the same personage who passed the remark (so that the public could not help but hear) that all crossword puzman once walked from New York

spirit as is forwarded by the Tassels, not only the cheering section, Premier Laval, is admittedly but also the other rooters in both stands should enter into the cheering fashion to that displayed by other schools, such as Northwestern, Pittsburgh, Stanford, Columbia, Southern California, and many others.'

Rathburn, president of Jean Mortar Board: "The plan outlined by the Tassels will make an excellent tradition. It should certainly prove a means of arousing more spirit and enthusiasm games. I hope the students will cooperate and make it a success. Art Wolf, Innocent and Managing Editor of Daily Nebraskan: "It is a new custom and I hope it becomes a new tradition." Julienne Deetkin, president of

Tassels, in urging the cooperation of all students in making this an annual affair for Homecoming stated: "It should be possible for everyone to purchase at least one balloon, since they cost only a dime. Our plan is to have only scarlet balloons with Nebraska printed in white across each one, to be released after the first touchdown made by Nebraska. thus making, we hope, an even more colorful display than the an even purple balloons sent up by the Northwestern cheering sections and the blue ones released by the supporters of the Yale team. balloons will go on sale at 12:30 Saturday and may be obtained from any Tassel. We hope to see everyone enter the stadium with a balloon at Saturday's game.

All organized houses have been canvassed and the plan outlined to them. Announcements have been given to Lincoln high school and Irving junior high and the support of the knot-holers has been assured, and it is hoped that every member of the cheering section will have a balloon to celebrate Nebraska's first touchdown in the game against Kansas Saturday.

### OCTOBER NUMBER OF BLUE PRINT APPEARS

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of national engineering organizations in each department, sets out ideas on how these activities can take a nigher plane in the cur-ricula of the various departments, and how it may arouse new inter-

month's Blue Print which is written by A. L. Harvey, who graduated from the electrical enginnering college of Nebraska in 1906. This article is entitled "Induction Motors and Starters with Reference to Torque Produced in Starting." Harvey is now employed by the Westinghouse Manufacturing company

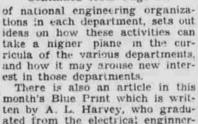
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