





# Grads' Costume Is 12th Century Traditional Garb

The caps, gowns and hoods universally worn by faculties and candidates for degrees at graduating exercises is a costume dating back to the 12th century.

In medieval days the scholars were clerics and the buildings were cold. Capes and hoods were required for warmth, and robes of scholars were similar to the cassocks of the clerics.

In the course of years, caps with tassels have replaced capes for the head covering. The hooded cape has been modified into the present hood, and the gowns with long flowing sleeves have been redesigned to indicate the character of the degree of the wearer.

Standardized in 1893

In 1893, a student movement in the U.S. endorsed academic apparel as overcoming awkwardness and difference in dress at graduating exercises and resulted in a standardization of academic costume in this country.

The Intercollegiate Code, adopted in 1895, recognizes three styles of gowns: a bachelor's gown, a master's and a doctor's gown.

The differences in these gowns are mainly in the cut and shape of the sleeves and in the trimming.

Hoods are also recognized for each of the above degrees and vary in shape, size and length. The hood is not usually worn by candidates although practice has sanctioned the wearing of academic costume appropriate to the degree about to be conferred. The shell of the hood matches the black material of the gown, and is lined with the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The velvet bordering of the hood is of a color indicative of the field of learning to which the colors pertain.

## Colors Indicate Department

The color for each department of learning is as follows: arts and letters, white; theology and divinity, scarlet; law, purple; philosophy, blue; science, golden yellow; medicine, green; pharmacy, olive; dentistry, lilac; veterinary science, gray; fine arts, brown; music, pink; library science, lemon; pedagogy, light blue; forestry, russet; commerce and accounting, drab; engineering, orange; physical education, sage green; humanities, crimson; oratory, silver gray; public health, salmon; agriculture, maize; and economics, copper.

## Professor Posey To Make Erosion Tests in Colorado

The role of big rocks in highway side slopes will be tested in a series of erosion experiments in Colorado this summer by Prof. C. J. Posey, civil engineering head at SUH. He leaves the campus today for the Rocky Mountain hydraulic laboratory at Allenspark, Colo., where he serves as summertime director.

Posey explains that the rate of washout of such highway-fill materials as fine rock, sand and clay is now being tested in the erosion flume of the Iowa hydraulics laboratory. But the Rocky Mountain laboratory offers a readier supply of big rock and the clearer water of the region makes for easier observation of the effect of rushing water on highway fill ingredients.

Last summer Posey conducted experiments in Allenspark to help offshore oil drillers protect their apparatus from washing out in the hurricane-swept waters of the Gulf of Mexico. He concluded from his tests that the most effective protection was to place a mixture of non-uniform gravel, with certain percentages of each size, around the edges of derrick-carrying and oil-storage barges.

The Iowa engineer's newly-developed technique of last summer is described in an article in the June issue of "Civil Engineering," official publication of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Entitled "Contouring Scour Holes for Erosion Experiments," the article explains the method used by the Iowa engineer in measuring the holes created by swirling water around the edges of model barges. Posey says the technique can also be applied to bridge piers and other constructions exposed to the force of moving water.

is also symbolic of the degree to be conferred on the wearer and conforms to the code for hood trimming. Holders of doctor's degrees are entitled to wear a gold tassel.

## Sioux Citizens Get No Baths In Heat Wave

Parched Sioux Citizens sweltered through a steamy day of 90-degree heat Thursday without the consolation of knowing they could plunge into a refreshing bath when they got home.

The city's water supply, reduced to a dangerously low level after the Floyd river's most disastrous flood immobilized the pumps, simply wouldn't stretch to include baths.

Worst in Cherokee Since 1891

Meanwhile, at Cherokee the Little Sioux river crested at 8.3 feet Thursday afternoon. It was the worst flood there since 1891. Although the river dropped a half inch the first hour after cresting, a second minor crest of about 9 inches is expected to reach Cherokee sometime Thursday night.

Meanwhile, Brig. Gen. Fred C. Tandy, adjutant general of Iowa, led a meeting of officials representing the state, cities and the 12 northwest Iowa counties hit by the floods, which have claimed a total of 12 lives.

The officials were attempting to arrive at an estimate of total damage in the entire area for use in requesting federal aid. But they reached no dollar and cents figure Thursday.

May Last 2 Days

City officers who imposed the order limiting water use by Sioux City residents to drinking and cooking, said the restriction might continue for a couple of days.

Only one pump was working, supplying two million gallons of water daily to this city of 84,000 which normally used 15 million gallons on a warm day.

Engineers got another pump to working but state health authorities were checking it Thursday to determine whether the water was safe to put into the mains.

## 10 Families Leave Homes

Meanwhile, the Raccoon river, swollen by heavy rains in west central Iowa, sent water splashing into a part of West Des Moines and forced 10 families from their homes.

In Des Moines, the water spread over Waterworks park and for a time closed Valley drive at the south edge of the park. But Fleur drive—the city's most direct route to the municipal airport—remained clear.

The Raccoon was receding at Van Meter after cresting at about 19 feet—six feet over flood stage.

## September Date Picked by Turner, Dorothy Burgess

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Burgess of Charles City announce the engagement of their daughter Dorothy La Vonne to Robert Stanley Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner, Dunkerton.

They will be married in the First Congregational church early in September.

Miss Burgess was graduated from St. Luke's Methodist hospital school of nursing, Cedar Rapids. She is now a general duty staff nurse at University hospitals.

Mr. Turner is a junior in the SUH college of medicine. He is a member of Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity.



Dorothy Burgess

## Among the Injured



WHIMPERING IN FEAR, a little girl tornado victim is treated for injuries in Worcester, Mass., city hospital. Nurse holds her hand to comfort her. Her left arm is in a splint.

## Coffee Hour, Dinners Scheduled for Alumni

Reunions for alumni of all colleges of SUH are scheduled this weekend as part of the Commencement and Alumni day celebration.

An Emeritus club dinner for alumni who graduated 51 years ago or more is scheduled for 6:30 to 8:00 in Currier hall.

Approximately 70 members and guests are expected for the dinner. The oldest alumnus expected is Charles Clark, Babson Park, Fla. Clark graduated with the 1884 engineering class.

Saturday at 12:30 p.m. the class of 1943 will have its 10th anniversary luncheon in Currier hall. Robert Noble, executive assistant in the SUH office, will be master of ceremonies.

Prof. Leslie Moeller, director of the SUH school of journalism will be the featured speaker. One the 100 members of the 1943 class expected is Robert Pfeiffer who was president of the liberal arts class.

Pfeiffer is a former program director at WSUI and is now an announcer for CBS television.

President Virgil Hancher will speak at the Silver Jubilee luncheon for the class of 1928 Saturday in the River room of the Iowa Memorial Union.

Approximately 230 members of the class and their guests are expected. Loren Hickerson, director of the SUH alumni service, will be master of ceremonies.

## 19 Plan to Attend 1st Handweaving Workshop at SUH

Eighteen Iowa women and one Californian have made reservations to attend the first workshop in handweaving to be held at SUH. Scheduled for next Monday through June 26, the workshop will be taught by Prof. Lula E. Smith of the home economics department.

The course will include handweaving of fabrics for wearing apparel, household textiles and miscellaneous decorative pieces, with instruction tailored to the needs of individual registrants.

Students will choose projects to suit their own needs after a week of experimentation with materials and weaving processes and work in creating designs. Two semester-hours of credit may be earned in the workshop, though the course may be taken without credit.

Registration is limited to 20 students by the equipment available. Miss Smith says, noting that a fee of \$12.50 will be charged to those who are not regular summer session students.

## County Observer Corps To Attend State Meet

The Johnson county ground observers corps will participate in a state-wide practice air alert on June 21, Leo Ruppert, county corps chairman, announced Thursday.

Air observer posts are located at Iowa City, Hills, Lone Tree, Oxford, Solon and North Liberty.

The local observer corps keep watch for aircraft and notify the state filter center of their activity and location.

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## Handwriting Survey Findings Revealed

Younger first grade children have no more difficulty with beginning handwriting than do their older classmates, according to a survey made by a master of arts degree candidate at SUH.

Cora Davidine McGinnis, a teacher at Cedar Rapids, completed the survey as a thesis for the master's degree which she will receive at commencement this morning.

Handwriting samples from 335 Cedar Rapids first grade pupils were used in the survey. Three samples were taken, the first two during October and December of 1951 and the final one during March of 1952, with the pupils each time copying the same paragraph.

Miss McGinnis discovered that the average age of the top five per cent was 6 years and 4 months and that the average of the low five per cent was the same. This was also the average age of all the first graders tested in the survey.

13 Grades Represented

Representing 13 first grade classes in seven of the Cedar Rapids public schools, the pupils were rated on such factors as general appearance, legibility, letter formation, uniformity of direction, spacing of line, spacing of letters and spacing of words. Spelling and creative thinking were not measured in the test, but only the quality of the handwriting itself.

Miss McGinnis also states that there is no marked difference between the quality of handwriting for boys and girls. She found that the pupils on the average scored almost twice as high on the final sampling as on the first, indicating a huge improvement during the five month interval.

Age No Handicap

Final conclusions of the survey showed that age is apparently neither a handicap nor an advantage in manuscript writing.

One of the general difficulties of both the exceptional and the poor pupils was the lack of uniformity of their letter formation. One of the main differences between their samples was that the

WASHINGTON (AP) — The agriculture department's dairy industry advisory committee will take further time to study the question of how federal milk pricing programs might be changed to encourage greater consumption of fluid milk.

The department is anxious to get more milk consumed in fluid form so that less would go into making "surplus" butter and other dairy products piling up in government hands under the price support program.

The 14-member committee, appointed by secretary Ezra Taft Benson last month, discussed federal milk marketing order programs at a closed conference with farm officials Wednesday.

## Miss Rorabaugh, Lofton Will Have June 21 Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Rorabaugh of Keokuk announce the engagement of their daughter, Dolores, to Richard L. Lofton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lofton of Keokuk.

The wedding will be held June 21 at the First Christian church in Keokuk.

Both Miss Rorabaugh, a senior in elementary education, and Mr. Lofton, a senior in commerce, will be graduated from SUH today.



Dolores Rorabaugh

## Contest Will Mark Dedication Rites

A model plane contest, a flight breakfast and a speech by Rep. Thomas Martin of Iowa City are part of the dedication ceremonies which will be held Sunday at the new airport administration building.

At least 20 entries are expected from Iowa City model plane builders in the model plane contest, officials of the contest said Thursday.

The contest will go on throughout most of the day.

The dedication ceremonies and plane contest are being sponsored by the Iowa City airport commission and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Competition in the model plane contest will include combat, jet, speed, balloon burst, scale model, team race and hand launched gliders classes.

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## Miss Burger, Woodhouse To Wed Aug. 6



Ruth Elaine Burger

Mrs. Marie Burger, 321 Johnson st., announces the engagement of her daughter, Ruth Elaine, to Donald A. Woodhouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Woodhouse, Harlan.

The wedding will take place Thursday morning, Aug. 6, at St. Mary's church, Jefferson and Linn sts.

Miss Burger was graduated from St. Mary's high school, Mr. Woodhouse was graduated from Harlan high school and attended SUH. Both are employed by The Daily Iowan.

## Zoning Commission Suggests Vacating 3 City Properties

Three sections of property wanted by SUH would be given to the university if several provisions are made, according to an Iowa City planning and zoning commission recommendation which has been presented to the city council.

The main provision is that SUH agree to let the city have the land which may be needed in the future for possible highway or bridge locations in exchange for the property wanted by SUH.

SUI Wants Right-of-Way

The city has the right-of-way to these areas but the university owns land surrounding them.

Fred Ambrose, SUI's business manager, said that SUI wanted the areas primarily to develop a playground for University school and to provide a parking lot for Currier hall.

SUI would repair a drainage problem which now exists about University school and causes erosion in that area, Ambrose said.

## Gilbert-Lawhorn Wedding Revealed

Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Lawhorn, Garner, announce the February marriage of their daughter, Sonyalea, to George Richard Gilbert, son of Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, Clear Lake.

Mr. Gilbert is a sophomore and Mrs. Gilbert is a freshman in the SUH college of liberal arts. They will live at 319 S. Capitol st. during the summer session.

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