Where else but at

college?

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CHATTER BLITHELY about 5-pound parties and Veishea to your friends from other colleges and they will probably stare blankly and ask what they are. Here at Iowa State 5-pound parties seem as natural as the proverbial "death and taxes." College wouldn't be college without them. But what happens on other campuses throughout the nation?

Every school has traditions which go with the announcement of an engagement. At Texas Tech., fraternity brothers of the girl's fiance send her a white orchid. "Cookie Shines" at the University of South Dakota are similar to our 5-pound parties. The table centerpiece is a huge frosted cookie in the shape of the fraternity pin. Potato chips, cakes and other party foods are served.

Valentine's skit

On Valentine's Day sophomore girls at Clark College in Dubuque, Iowa, give a skit, "Diamond Circle," about their classmates who sport sparklers on the left hand. One fraternity at Valparaiso University, in Indiana, salutes a new pinmate by lighting flares in the pattern of its Greek initials on the residence lawn.

And you may think that dating is called dating the country over, but in Arkansas the term is still "courting." Campuses without a campanile have other ways of making a girl a "coed." Drake University has a special tree which serves this purpose, and at Cornell University, New York, women must be kissed on the swinging bridge.

Recent football mischief at Iowa State centers around our victory bell. But when Kansas University plays Kansas State, the K. U. men delight in dyeing State's pond.

Men at Texas Tech. and the University of Texas guard their campus grounds when students from the rival school come to compete on the gridiron. Any student caught invading the campus gets his hair shaved Indian-style. To kidnap, or "tiger-nap," Louisiana State University's mascot tiger is the chief aim of Tulane University, Louisiana, students when the



Betty Stevens, H. Ec. Jr., announces her engagement to sorority sisters by giving the traditional Iowa State 5-pound party.

two teams clash in their big game of the season. Mike, the oldest tiger living in captivity, has been successfully spirited away from L.S.U. on several occasions and proudly driven through the streets of New Orleans by gleeful Tulane students.

Tradition at Cornell University states that the two statues which stand on opposite sides of the quadrangle cross over at midnight and shake hands. Their footprints are there to prove it, too!

Coeds at Louisiana State University who attend the "Undertakers Ball" wear black and come to the party alone. They have to look for their dates under a row of sheets.

Here's a money raising scheme that Iowa State men might like. At the University of Nebraska, to obtain money for foreign student scholarships, a man may keep a coed out after hours by paying a cent a minute. (This can be done only on one special night, however, and the limit is 60 cents.)

In Missouri, Stephens College women raise money for Student Chest with a faculty auction. Faculty services, which can be bid on, are meals in the faculty homes, a trip to St. Louis to see the Cardinals play (this is offered by a dean who is an ardent Cardinal fan) and a week end trip to the Ozarks. The college president offers three beds in his home for the week end. Breakfast is served in bed by the president himself

Courting or dating, stealing tigers or dyeing ponds, it all fits into the pattern of college life on some campus.