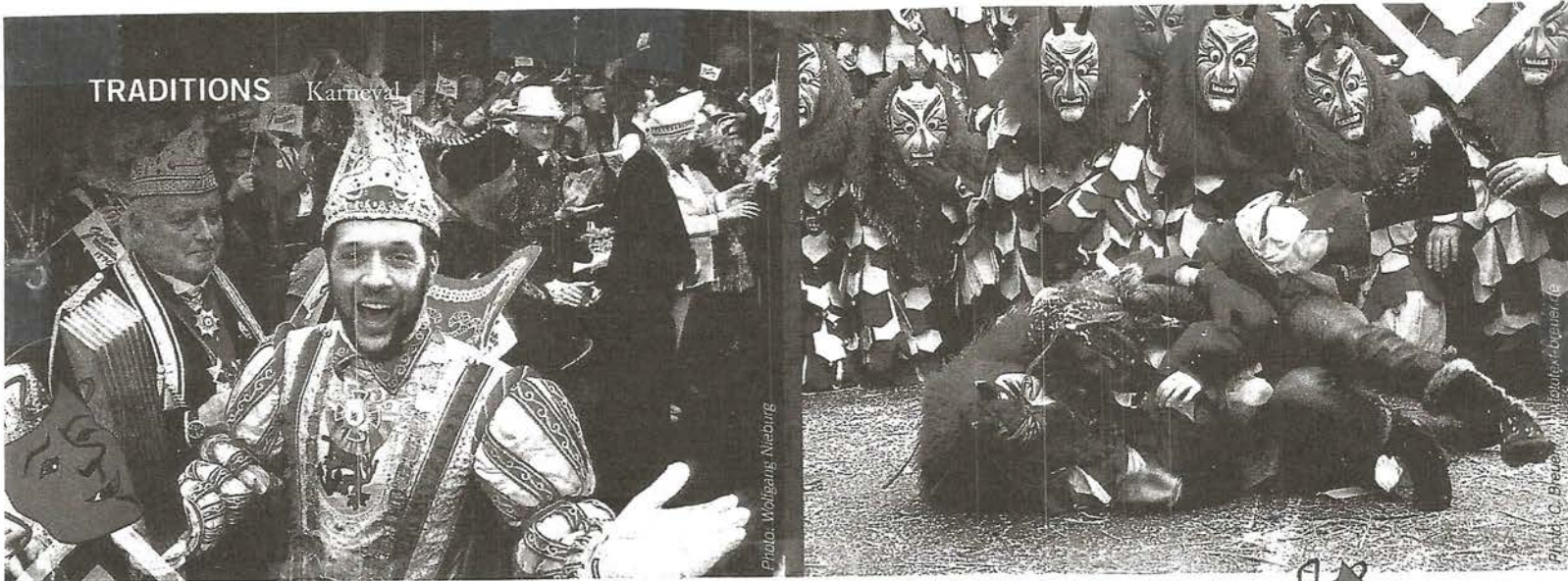


Fasching und Karneval: Narren / Fools

(male) fool: der Narr, die Narren
 (female) fool: die Narrin, die Närrinnen
 fool in Cologne (dialect): der Jeck, die Jecke (Köln)



[1 Karneval Fun at the Karnevalsgesellschaft Düsseldorf. 2 Devilish fun in Seelbach, Germany.]

Die Narren sind los

Fools paint the town during fifth season



**Fröhliches Karnevals- und Fastnachtstreiben
in Deutschland, Österreich und der Schweiz**



During Karneval's Fool's Congress, people are awarded prizes for the craziest costumes and the funniest speeches.



A "Närrin" (fool) snips a tie right off the chest of its owner on Thursday, February 7, in the city of Mainz. Carnival begins in earnest in German cities including Cologne, Düsseldorf and Mainz on "Weiberfastnacht," when women dress up and act "zany," including antics that involve snipping off unsuspecting men's ties. (Many men, for this very reason, wear hideously ugly, ridiculous or their least favorite gift ties on this particular day of the year!)