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Open Forum

Silver Taps, the tribute paid to an Aggie who is no longer among us, was observed Friday night by most of the student body of our great school. But in passing by the Campus theater, on my way to the respected ritual, I saw at least fifty so-called Aggies waiting to go to the midnight show. True, our school is not the same school that first observed these respects to one of us passed on, but our A. & M. should and will hold Silver Taps sacred and place their observance above all else. It is the very least that an Aggie can do to show that the true Spirit of Aggeland is not gone forever.

You who were in that line at the show, remember this—all real Aggies will be at Silver Taps when they are played for you. Think it over and be there from now on.

- Russ Birdwell, '44
- Frank Burger, '44
- Bob Ridgway, '44
- Dick Saunders, '44
- O. A. Moore, '43
- Steve Kaffer, '43
- Bob Herrington, '43
- George Bolen, '44
- Vance Carrington, '44
- Bob Seay, '43

In observing Silver Taps why doesn't the corps pay tribute to the deceased in regulation uniform? Some come out of the dormitories half dressed, others with just their bathrobes on, and then act as if they were attending yell practice.

Why not have the corps in the new area form in one particular place in regulation uniform and those in the old area form in the same manner?

Surely we can pay tribute to one of us—an Aggie—in a much better manner than has been observed in preceding years. Aggies, let's observe Silver Taps in a more Aggie-like manner hereafter.

Mickey Edwards, '43

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



This Collegiate World

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The posture of the present-day co-ed is the 'collegiate droop,' as contrasted with the 'stylish swagger' affected by her campus sister of ten years ago, Evelyn Anderson of Stanford university and Mrs. Velda C. Row of San Francisco State college reported to the American Physiotherapy association.

The "stylish swagger" they described as giving the effect that the user thereof has a bustle, with chin up, chest out, and hips trailing far behind. On the other hand, they said, the "collegiate droop" demands a weary slump forward of the shoulders, back curved and hips well forward. It is particularly advantageous for tall girls, who thereby give the impression of being shorter.

Examinations of 200 freshmen women each year gave the researchers their information. Thirty-eight percent in recent tests had switched to the "collegiate droop," and seemed thereby continually hurrying home to get out of the rain.

A bare 17 per cent clung to the "stylish swagger," and an encouraging 41 per cent had good posture.

A University of Pittsburgh class has written its own textbook. The 131-page book, "Youth Education in Practical Living," is a product of the Pitt summer workshop laboratory in teaching. It is a study guide and source book in functional high school education.

Edited by Dr. W. W. D. Sones, professor of education and director of curriculum study at the university, the textbook was prepared for tri-state schools engaged in local curriculum development programs.

Science for the masses and plenty of it is urged by Dr. Edward Ellery, national head of Sigma Xi scientific fraternity.

In an address before a Tulane university group Dr. Ellery declared that until the ditch digger and waitress, along with their white-collared cousins, begin thinking, the scientific age will not be realized.

Father doesn't owe sonny a college education, according to a ruling of Pennsylvania's state superior court.

Settling a legal precedent for Pennsylvania, the tribunal, upon appeal of Morgan T. Binney, Glendolen, Pa., reversed a lower court order that he pay his son \$1,500 a year for "campus" support.

Cupid's bow is hitting fewer Vassar graduates. The college reports that only 28 of the June graduates are engaged or married. Last year's class was smaller by 13, but 46 of the young women were engaged or married in the corresponding length of time.

University of Texas scientists have developed from fresh spinach a new and important vitamin, which may prove to be one of the essentials of normal development of the human body.

The vitamin is known as "follic acid," and the scientist believe that when it is purified it will prove valuable in medicine. It is known to play a fundamental part in the life processes of plants, animals and human beings.

The name "follic," derived from the Latin "folium," meaning "green leaf," was chosen after the acid was developed from four tons of spinach. It is said to rank in importance with pantothenic acid, so-called "acid of life."

Rats have emotional and personality traits paralleling those of human beings, believes Dr. Robert C. Tryon, University of California psychologist.

His findings are based on years of observations, during which he has determined that rats are better subjects for emotional and nervous reaction study than human beings.

Dr. Tryon has established that the female rat is more "high-strung," and is capable of more complex and varied emotional responses than the male.

Twenty per cent of the females, he found, are more emotional than the most emotional male. Likewise, 20 per cent of the males are less emotional than the least excitable female.

He has found the emotional behavior of rats and other rodents varies from the "neurotic," or nervous, animal to phlegmatic rats, almost incapable of very great emotional reactions.

Five co-eds have enrolled in the engineering division at Iowa State college.

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COVERING campus distractions

By JACK KEITH

In "THE COURTSHIP OF ANDY HARDY", showing today and Wednesday at Guion Hall, Mickey Rooney returns to his home town, Carvel, and finds himself a new girl friend—temporarily.

Rooney is supported by the usual Hardy family cast of characters, including Lewis Stone Cecilia Parker and Ann Rutherford. The addition of Donna Reed to the list of players is a definite asset to the picture.

Andy's dad, Judge Hardy, induces his son to take a poor little rich girl to one of the school proms. The girl has never had a beau before and develops a crush on Rooney. Mickey manages to steer her right on what clothes to wear and what to do to become popular, and soon she is the belle of the town.

Naturally, Mickey has to keep his long-time sweetheart, Polly Benedict, placated throughout all these proceedings. He manages to do this and to aid his father in bringing together a couple who are about to get a divorce.

The Lowdown:—Can't be beat. A thriller starring Tyrone Power with Rita Hayworth and Linda Darnell is showing as one of the two features at the Campus Tuesday and Wednesday. It's "BLOOD AND SAND", the story of a matador of Spain.

Tyrone Power, as the ignorant, arrogant matador become the hero of all of Spain by his daring and courage in the bull ring. But he tastes the despair and disillusionment of success, Rita Hayworth

plays the part of the siren who lures the famous matador away from his wife, Linda Darnell. Besides the Power, Hayworth, Darnell combination, good performances are turned in by John Carradine, Laird Cregor and J. Carrol Naish. The musical background is remarkable as well as the scenic background.

The Lowdown:— Bloody and sandy. Puffed soybeans, analogous to other "exploded" cereals, may become an acceptable breakfast food. An invention, patented recently, mainly is a method of removing the bitter beany flavor.

Farm harnesses should be inspected, repaired and oiled at least once a year, or twice a year if used continuously.

The campus of Norwich university is undergoing a major facelighting operation to provide a setting for two new buildings, White mess hall and a civil and electrical engineering laboratory.



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Box Office Opens 1 P. M.

TODAY -- TOMORROW
DOUBLE FEATURE

"BLOOD AND SAND"
with
Tyrone Power Rita Hayworth
Linda Darnell

1:00 - 4:18 - 7:44

"STRANGE CASE OF DOCTOR RX"
with
ANNE GWYNNE
PATRIC KNOWLES

3:05 - 6:23 - 9:49

Also
Donald Duck Cartoon
"DONALD'S SNOW FIGHT"

WHAT'S SHOWING
AT GUION HALL
Tuesday and Wednesday—
"The Courtship of Andy Hardy", with Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone Cecilia Parker and Ann Rutherford.
AT THE CAMPUS
Tuesday and Wednesday—
"Blood and Sand," starring Tyrone Power with Linda Darnell and Rita Hayworth. Also "The Strange Case of Dr. Rx" with Patrick Knowles, Lionel Atwell, and Ann Gwynne.

WATCHES
Hamilton Elgin Gruen
WEDDING RINGS
\$25 to \$500
CALDWELL'S
Bryan

MOVIE
Guion Hall
Tuesday - Wednesday
3:30 and 7:00
Mickey Rooney — Lewis Stone
in
"Courtship of Andy Hardy"
COMEDY — LATE NEWS — CARTOON
Coming
THURSDAY — FRIDAY
Robert Sterling — Ann Rutherford
in
"This Time For Keeps"

Silver Taps

Elsewhere on this page there are two letters in the open forum column which concern the observing of Silver Taps.

Silver Taps is Aggeland's last respects to a fellow Aggie who has died. It is also played when the corps leaves at the end of a school year. This is one tradition which belongs altogether to Aggies, and how it's observed is left up to the corps alone.

Suggestions such as those found in the open forum column should be presented to the corps for its approval should they want to establish rules concerning this tradition. Read these letters, Aggies, they are written by your fellow men and are about your college.

Our Neighbors to the South

By HARRY CORDUA

It is foolish to believe that this war will be over this winter or even next winter; H. O. Knickerbocker, correspondent from Australia shows us the perfect position that the Japanese have established themselves. They have made themselves solidly present by gaining the East Indies, Malayan Peninsula, Indo China, the Philippines . . . etc., and therefore can't be defeated by blockade but only by actual combat. That is why we must realize that the Latin American republics are one of our most important allies. They are able to supply us with metals and minerals, and furthermore serve as a defensive outpost because they prevent the enemy from landing and attacking by land.

If we were to create unfriendly feelings with our Sister Republics by assuming an aggressive attitude towards them and taking by brute force their material which we need urgently, we should foolishly create another front and the number of men whom it would take to quell the uprisings that would occur could be used elsewhere on our more important fronts.

The Latin Americans are a very sensitive people; they are not a strictly business race as are the North Americans, therefore the United States should never take an attitude other than a diplomatic one because of the assuming nature of the Latin . . . assuming that we would take advantage of him.

It is estimated that the Latin American republics have lost 70 percent of their foreign trade because of the war—a majority of their trade was with Germany; therefore it is the duty of this country as the acting big brother of the countries of this hemisphere to take it upon itself with all its other burdens to find a solution and market for their products.

The Monroe Doctrine clearly states that no foreign power shall enter this hemisphere for the purpose of colonization or for any other purpose, although it never did occur to the writer of this Doctrine that foreign powers would try to enter this hemisphere by promoting their political ideals and letting them take root. Our country can fight this only by slowing the Latins that the American way is the best way of living.

Allowing another to do your thinking makes you a mental flunky.

Quotable Quotes

"Democracy is a theory not of what men are, but of what ought to be and can be. Our people have demanded a shift from the older individualistic, laissez-faire democracy to a new social, co-operative democracy, because of a growing disparity between private profit and public good. More and more men have become interested in acquiring property, prestige and power, and have lost interest in being good." Dr. Donald Piatt, professor of philosophy at the University of California, says the price of peace is reorganization of the world on a moral basis.

Next week this theme will be carried forward to include man and his discipline.

To reform a man you must begin with his grandmother.—Hugo.