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Open Forum

All Aggies are enthusiastic about Kadet Kapers and are having a great deal of fun taking part in the programs. It is the answer to a need that has existed on the campus for many years—the need for a place where we could go to forget about the rest of the world and have a good time.

Kadet Kapers belongs to us. It is our program and its success is determined by our attendance and participation. Each successive Saturday night has seen the attending crowd swell in numbers and the number attending now will probably be doubled in a short time.

The one thing that makes this program of ours so likeable and so different is that there is no formality, no precedents, nothing that reeks of the stuffed shirt type of entertainment. Instead it is a sort of spontaneous affair, for when we feel like singing, we sing; and if we feel like heckling the speaker, we do so.

Thus far everything has proceeded very smoothly but there are still a few minor matters which if eliminated would make our program even better.

Most of the visitors who appear on the program come free of charge and at their own expense. They come to College Station because they hold a high regard for us and are glad to provide entertainment. Unfortunately some of us have been heckling these visitors. Now, it's allright to "rib" students, but let's show a little more respect for the visitors who entertain us by giving them our attention when they are trying to speak.

We all like to make darts out of the song sheets, and throwing them around doesn't hurt anybody, but these sheets are limited in number and it requires considerable effort to make new ones. Not only is the practice wasteful, but many entertainers are likely to mistake this as an act of discourtesy.

Some of us occasionally light a cigarette during the program. This practice is very dangerous for after all the Assembly Hall is primarily a wooden structure and if it were to catch fire some of us present would probably pay with our lives in the ensuing rush. Let's think about the boys in the balcony the next time that you feel the urge to smoke during Kadet Kapers.

It is the intention of no one to preach a sermon or to enforce any sort of rules, but you all know that this is our program and we must take those steps to make it more enjoyable in the future.

Roland Bing, '42.
A. E. White, '42.
Oliver Meadows, '42.
John L. Shipley, '42.

The World Turns On

By Dr. R. W. Steen

In the summer of 1940 the armies of France collapsed and Marshal Petain was called to head a new government. He had to decide quickly what course to follow. Britain proposed that France and Britain be united to one state and continue the war until victory was won. The French government could have retired to the colonies and continued the fight with the navy and the colonial armies. Either course would have aided the Allied cause and would have preserved the honor of France. Petain, however, rejected both proposals and decided to make a soldier's peace—interpreted by Petain to mean an honorable peace—with the mad housepainter. The peace was made, and Petain assured the people of France that honor had been retained. It was obvious that nothing else had been, and it is difficult to see that even honor has been retained.

This week France learned what other countries learned before her. That is, that you cannot deal with Hitler. For two years the government of the doddering Petain has tried to retain a semblance of independence. This week the government was forced to reorganize. It now contains as its chief member the oily Laval who is in favor of complete cooperation with the Nazis. Petain retains his office as chief of state, but he is now a figurehead. Collaboration, as Laval interprets it, will probably mean the surrender of the French fleet to the Nazis. There will then remain only one step more: the declaration of war by France on Britain and the United States. Of such is the tissue of French honor in these days of international gangsterism.

The American ambassador will leave France within a few weeks. It is stated officially that he is coming home for a consultation, but it is doubtful that America will again be represented at Vichy. The state department has rejected the most recent French note for the reason that it was submitted to Berlin for approval before being delivered.

The British are now engaged in the most extensive bombing operations of the war. Almost every night great numbers of planes bomb the industrial centers of Germany, and occasional planes make their way across the Alps to the cities of northern Italy. During the past two weeks hundreds of British bombers have been raiding French industrial plants and German concentrations in France during the day as well as during the night. No second front has yet been established, but these raids will doubtless be of some service to the Russians as they await the beginning of Hitler's delayed spring offensive.

should revolutionize our whole attitude toward physical fitness." Dr. George M. Gloss, associate professor of health and physical education at Louisiana university.

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope



This Collegiate World

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College women smoke "because everyone else does," a survey at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University reveals. However, an almost equally large number replied that they "really don't know" the reason for smoking. Almost three out of five co-eds use cigarettes and packs last from one day to three weeks.

Most women students who smoke have been doing so for two years, according to Carl Barch, sophomore, who interviewed 50 co-eds as an assignment in a reporting class.

"Nickel hops" are currently the rampage at Oregon State college. Men enter the sorority houses, carefully scrutinize each co-ed—up and down, put a nickel in the slot, and dance with their dream girl, if they find her. The women like this idea of the hops, but object to the one-sidedness of the affair.

"We'd like to do a little looking for ourselves," they opine. The gals want the men to hold hops in fraternity houses, allowing the women to trudge from house to house, scrutinize, deposit, and dance—if they find "him."

Most of the Oregon men are willing to hold fraternity hops as a turnabout, although one skeptical member questioned as to his opinion replied that "there aren't enough wolfesses" on the campus!"

The male species of the college student isn't the only one that works.

Figures released by Jeanne Parrish, assistant dean of women at Kent State university, reveal that university coeds earned almost \$24,255 last year. Work in the university's dining hall paid out the highest total with desk jobs finishing second. Other jobs included maid service, cleaning, dish washing, library and laboratory assistants, clerical, ushering, checking, and modeling.

Here's a case of close army-navy co-operation.

The military department of the University of California is giving a course in International Morse

Code which is so crowded with navy reservists that ROTC cadets can't enroll. So many students wished to take the course, given without university credit, that a priority system had to be worked out.

Ruth Levine and Kenneth Rogers, both juniors at Bethany college, Lindsborg, Kans., were elected most popular girl and boy by the student body.

Both, it developed, had been chosen as most popular in their high schools.

Members of the Delta Gamma sorority at the University of Akron, hearing that men students were buying fewer defense stamps than were the co-eds, offered a kiss with each stamp sold on "bargain" day.

The usual day's sales had been \$8. "Bargain" day hit \$30.

Not to be outdone, the Purdue university chapter of Alpha Zeta, national agricultural honorary fraternity, held a dinner. But there wasn't any food on the table. Money that would have been spent for food was given to the Red Cross or used to buy defense bonds.

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday—"All-American Coed", with Frances Langford and Johnny Downs.

Saturday prevue, Sunday, Monday—"Remember The Day", starring Claudette Colbert and John Payne.

AT GUION HALL

Saturday—"Boom Town," with Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr.

Monday—"Woman of the Year", featuring Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn.

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Right up in the top bracket of entertainment as far as the cinema is concerned is "REMEMBER THE DAY" at the Campus tomorrow and Monday opening with a midnight prevue after the corps dance tonight. Claudette Colbert and John Payne get the leading parts in the story. Anyway you look at the picture it is all right. The story is good, the acting excellent, and the directing superb.

Claudette as an American school-teacher is sitting waiting for an audience with a man who is running for President of the United States. The scene flashes back to when the man, John Payne, was a student of hers and figured in her love, marriage and widowhood. The story has a unique touch that makes it outstanding and entertaining.

Payne improves his standing no end with his performance, and Miss Colbert makes the most of every opportunity in each scene.

The story of life in the oil fields told in an epic manner is "BOOM TOWN" at Guion Hall today. It is a perfect role for the characters of Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy. Claudette Colbert as Gable's wife is quite convincing, and Hedy Lamarr does a remarkable job as

she tries to win Clark away from Claudette.

Chill Wills turns in an excellent character portrayal as a native of the oil fields and a marksman. Frank Morgan is his same old self as an equipment dealer. On the day their wildcat well comes in Claudette arrives to see Spencer, who is in love with her and who is Clark's partner in the oil venture. However, it is "love on first sight" for Clark and Claudette and they marry; Clark and Spencer toss a coin for full ownership of the new field—and Spencer wins.

Gable and Colbert take to the road and eventually hit a streak of luck in the Oklahoma fields. He becomes a power in the industry and meets Hedy Lamarr who makes him neglect his wife. Eventually Clark is haled into court for violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Law and Spencer comes to his defense.

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GUION HALL

SATURDAY

1 P. M. — 6:45 AND 8:30

Gable - Tracy - Colbert - Lamarr

"Boom Town"

COMEDY --- CARTOON

Coming Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

"Woman of the Year"

Uniform Change

At last the long awaited change from the wool to the cotton uniform has been made. There is no doubt about the reception which this order has received among the corps. Aggies now can be more comfortable as well as retain a military appearance on the campus.

But something to think about, Aggies: This summer due to the speed-up program that the college has undertaken Aggies will find themselves attending classes in the hottest part of the year. Buttoned collars and sleeves will be at a minimum, and if the present regulations are enforced comfort will also be at a minimum. All of you know what it is to keep a tie on and your sleeves down.

A change in regulations or a new uniform of a summer style would be welcomed here at Aggeland by most of the students. Many changes have been suggested, such as wearing no tie except for certain formations. Another is the introduction of a polo shirt on the style of the "Aggie" shirt worn by many. No matter what the change may be, there should be no reason for some kind of an improvement in the uniform for the next term.

Cool Summer Entertainment

Without the regular schedule of entertainment which Aggeland has during the regularly semester, students will probably find themselves with excess time on their hands. And what a group of regular fellows will do without anything in particular to engage their time is known to all officials.

This summer will be the first semester as Aggies for some 1,500 boys who have never attended a college. Heretofore the first term of an Aggie freshman's life had an outstanding series of events, but now there will be no football games until the second semester of his first year, and he won't make his first corps trip until then. The whole system has undergone a change. But likewise the other classes will be affected. As it stands now there have been no suggestions to take the place of the fall events.

Because of the many contingents that will be here on the Campus for training in the services and in National Defense, there seems to be no reason why a definite program should not be undertaken. The army and navy have their USO entertainments and why shouldn't Aggeland have a corresponding method of entertainment?

One of the best plans yet is to construct at Kyle Field a moveable stage in the form of a shell which can bet set up in the bend of the horse shoe. This would be an amphitheater which could easily take care of the corps for any big shows or entertainments which might be brought to the campus. The Town Hall programs and Kadet Kapers could be held here in the cool evenings or at night. And these two organizations should strive to obtain the best performers possible under the present conditions.

An outdoor entertainment center is mandatory because of the picture shows in Guion hall and of the heat in the Assembly hall. Kyle Field can serve as the perfect place for a center. Its location is suitable; there will be no question as to the diversity a shows that can be put on. And as shown by past programs which have been held there, it can be done.

Quotable Quotes

"The last war brought about the teaching of health and physical education in the schools. This war may bring about a new pattern of physical fitness for all of society. The startling and sometimes shocking findings of the medical boards, plus the fact that many men from sections without recreational facilities will become accustomed to regular recreational facilities in the army and on furlough,