



the fact that they can't go to clubs and drink. A quieter atmosphere is usually preferred.

Not all dates consist of the ordinary dinner at a restaurant followed by a movie. Several members of our studio audience have come forth to share some creative dating experiences.

"It seems we're so bound by our culture that we don't lift our heads to creative experiences in relationships," said Jim Reynolds, a more philosophical student in our audience. "This just leads to complacency and mundaneness."

Tim Washer said that he tries to come up with original dating ideas. He said that his favorite activity is going to the park and feeding the ducks.

"I find that this has an aphrodisiac effect on girls," he joked.

Crosbie said that once she and a date packed a lunch and went to the Houston Zoo. She said that looking at the animals and talking to each other was a good way to get to know each other.

Picnics are definitely one of the more common yet creative ideas.

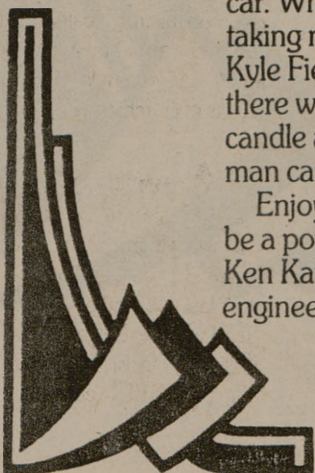
Sophomore speech communications major Heidi Heit said that she recently went on a picnic in the park and flew a kite. She said it was a different but relaxing way to spend the day.

Lubrano said he has also gone on the kite-flying date, but under very different circumstances. He said that one evening after it was already dark, he just got the urge to fly a kite. So, he and his date went out, bought a kite and flew it.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "We couldn't really see the kite very well, but it was a lot of fun."

Amy Mann, a sophomore speech communications major, said that she had a picnic date but, likewise, it was under different circumstances. She described her off-the-wall date: "He called and said to wear something casual and not to eat, but wouldn't tell me anything else. He picked me up and said that he was really embarrassed, but we had to walk over to the MSC to get his car. When we got to the MSC, instead of taking me to the parking lot, he took me to Kyle Field. In the very middle of the field, there was a blanket spread out with a lighted candle and music playing. Then the pizza man came and delivered pizza."

Enjoying the night air on campus seems to be a popular dating activity for many couples. Ken Kavalew, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said that after dinner at a



romantic restaurant, he took his date to the steps of the Systems Building and brought out a bottle of wine.

Finally, one gal told us about an indoor picnic. Her date sent her flowers, and then came over with wine coolers, grapes and cheese, and they enjoyed their picnic right in her dorm room.

**W**e've been saving our best category for last, to leave you with a pleasant feeling. We asked our participants this final question which really got them thinking and brought smiles to their faces: What is your idea of an ideal date?

Megan Hooper, a sophomore biomedical science major, told us her idea of the best possible date: "We'd start out the evening with dinner at a very nice restaurant such as the Palm in Dallas and then go down the road to Dallas Alley and have a few drinks and some dancing at a jazz or piano bar. Finally, the perfect date would end with a horse drawn buggy-ride around downtown."

Washer said that his ideal date is similar to one he once had. Going to Galveston, riding bikes on Seawall Boulevard and eating in a restaurant overlooking the water would start out the perfect date.

"Then we'd ride the ferry that night," he said. "It's just like the Love Boat, just without Gopher. Finally, we'd take a walk on the beach . . . with me holding her shoes."

Anne Romeo, a junior applied mathematics major, said her perfect date would be very casual and relaxed.

"I would take him (and I have a specific 'him' in mind) to the grocery store and pick up fixings for dinner, like hamburgers," she said. "Then I'd cook dinner for him at my place. After dinner we'd have a few drinks and watch old movies together on TV."

Another junior said that she has no specific date in mind. Her only criterion for that ideal date is that no money can be spent. She said that kind of date is much more meaningful than a terribly expensive one.

Lubrano said that he especially likes dates that aren't structured yet. He said it's much better when the evening plans itself.

Well, folks, it seems that we've run out of time — and room on this page. We've been able to talk to a variety of people and pick up a few interesting opinions on dating. Tune in next time when we will once again look for new advice for the love-stricken. Thank you, and have a love-ly day.

