

# End of Burlesque Predicted by Strippers and Comics



PEPPER PAYNE READS — While she puts on makeup for her performance at Follies theater in Kansas City, Mo., Pepper Payne reads a book on psychology. Even some of the strippers and comics wonder if the dying theater burlesque business is worth saving. (UPI)

Follies "orchestra" consists of a piano player and a drummer. Pepper and Diana are newcomers to the business, but the other two exotics are 11-year veterans. They are Bubbles Champagne, 26, of Miami, Fla., and Marilyn Fae, wife of Lloyd.

**Has Steady Job**  
Even though burlesque may be dying, the death wiggle is quite strong. "I haven't been out of work in all my 11 years in the business," chirped Bubbles.

"But it's not like it used to be," insisted Lloyd. "Twelve years ago there were 13 burlesque theaters in New York City. Now, they're all gone." There are an estimated 2,500 strippers bumping and grinding across the United States, and according to Pepper, Diana, Bubbles and Marilyn, most of them lead lonely lives.

They all agreed they got into the business because of the glamour and good pay. The glamour, they said, has worn thin, but the \$150 per week minimum remains enticing. "I was a secretary for a brokerage firm in Dallas," Pepper said, "and I couldn't support myself and two children on the pay. That's why I went into burlesque."

As long as the sparse crowds buy enough \$1.90 tickets to see nearly nude girls gyrate on the dusty, old follies stage, manager Perlestein said, there will be jobs for four or five strippers each week in Kansas City.

"Burlesque isn't like it used to be, what with no vaudeville acts or chorus lines, but we're still the poor man's musical comedy," Lloyd concluded. Diana bills herself as the

"Greek Moon Goddess and Virgin Huntress." Her usual act includes a bow and arrow and a stuffed bobcat. She emerges from a fight with the bobcat in various stages of undress, depending upon local ordinances.

## Oregon Professor Contributes to Book

EUGENE — Dr. Albert R. Kitzhaber, professor of English at the University of Oregon, is one of 35 college professors and public school teachers who have contributed to a new volume, "The Education of Teachers of English for American Schools and Colleges."

The book, published by Appleton-Century-Crofts, New York, is the fifth volume in a series on English curriculum sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

The new book will be released Dec. 1, with advanced copies to go on sale at the Council's 53rd annual convention in San Francisco during Thanksgiving week. Dr. Kitzhaber is slated to become the next president of the council at this meeting.

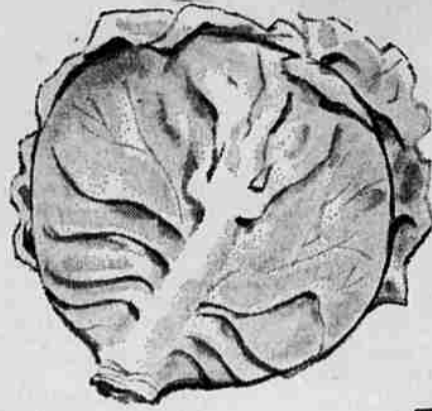
The Oregon professor contributed to the section of the book dealing with "The Doctoral Program for the Teacher of College English."

Dr. Kitzhaber is director of the university "Project English," the five-year program supported by the U. S. Office of Education aimed at reassessing and rewriting the English curriculum for grades 7 through 12.

(Bare bosoms are permitted in circuit. The various stage managers brief the girls on the ground rules.)

Recently when 11,000 Future Farmers of America were in town for a national convention, Diana changed her billing from "Moon Goddess" to "Farmer's Daughter."

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By WILLIAM COOK  
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—  
Theater burlesque is dying and even some of the strippers and comics in the business wonder if it's worth saving.  
Among the approximately 20 burlesque theaters still peddling bumps and grinds is the huge Follies in downtown Kansas City, which has been operating for more than half a century. Oldtimers remember when a full house was the rule at the Follies. But its 44 shows a week now draw small, usually unresponsive audiences. Each show

includes four or five strip acts and the comic.  
Comic Art Lloyd, who said he believes burlesque has degenerated into the "sale of sex."  
"It's not like it used to be when you had to have talent," he complained. "Once the feature girl had to know how to dance."  
Lloyd, dressed in the customary baggy pants, made this observation in the presence of Pepper Payne, a shapely, 23-year-old brunette from Dallas and the feature for the week.  
Say Theaters Shabby  
A theatrical agent here insist-

ed burlesque was "going down the drain." He particularly criticized the appearance of burlesque theaters.  
"You've got to admit they're usually pretty horrible looking," he said. "People won't go into such places. The night clubs are taking over."  
Lloyd blamed theater managers for "not putting some of the money back in the business."  
Stripper Diana Hunter, 22, of Dallas agreed. "I can't even do my usual number here because there's no music," she said. The

## Glands May Help Give Exams for Astronauts

By DOUGLAS DILTZ  
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FULLERTON, Calif. (UPI)—  
The glands that swell up when you get the mumps may help give physical examinations to astronauts on prolonged space flights.  
This is the prediction of Dr. Thomas B. Weber, a noted biochemist and former Air Force scientist who has devoted six years to the study of the parotid (mumps) glands.  
Weber says the parotids secrete a clear, colorless fluid, free of contaminants, which can be used directly for any type of clinical analysis. He says the pure biological fluid can be analyzed for about 50 body constituents—including sugar and salt balance, proteins, enzymes and other indicators of physical well-being.

because of the difficulty of collection and risk of infection. Safe Measurements  
He said measurements of parotid gland fluids could be obtained safely without pain or discomfort.  
The aerospace scientist has disclosed that Beckman has under development a miniaturized device designed to collect parotid secretions and deposit the pure, biological fluid in tiny vials for analysis during actual space flights. The device is about the size and shape of a dime and it caps over a duct inside the cheek leading to the parotid glands.  
"A person wearing the device can generate ample supplies of parotid fluid by chewing, or placing a drop of saliva-inducing acid on the tongue," he explained.

## Pharmacy Work At OSU Creates Industry Interest

CORVALLIS — Oregon State University pharmacy research on use of tree bark and corncobs as tablet disintegrating agents has created great interest in the pharmacy industry, according to Dr. Robert W. Sager, professor of pharmacy.  
Three OSU researchers, Taghi Fakouhi, Norman Billups and Sager, cooperated in the study. Their findings are reported in a recent article in the Journal of Pharmaceutical Science.

Pharmacists want a tablet that will break apart within a certain period of time so that the medication can be absorbed, Sager said. To do this, a substance must be added to the medication which will cause the tablet to break apart when brought into contact with fluids. This substance is called a disintegrating agent.

Designed To Test  
The experiments of Fakouhi, Billups and Sager were designed to test powdered corncob powdered Redwood bark and powdered Douglas fir bark as possible disintegrating agents for tablets.

The researchers discovered that the corncob mixture caused the tablet to break up about twice as fast as cornstarch — considered to be the best disintegrating substance in tablets — and was over three times as fast as Redwood bark. It was seven times as fast as wood flour and about eight times as fast as powdered Douglas fir bark. In certain concentrations, the powdered Redwood bark was found to be as good as starch.

After analyzing the results of the powdered corncob, the OSU pharmacists subjected this material to more intensive study. They found that the disintegrating action of corncob was superior to that of starch in tablets containing soluble, partially soluble and insoluble material.

Present Report  
"Chemical determinations of these fluids may reflect the true metabolism rate of the body and present an accurate, continuous health report," said Weber, now manager of bioastronautics for Beckman Instruments, Inc.  
"The ability to obtain these measurements will be essential to the well-being of those aboard space flights of more than two weeks duration," Weber said.

## Shrimp Pack Seized On Federal Orders

DETROIT (UPI) — Government inspectors seized nearly five tons of frozen shrimp Wednesday on the ground that it was improperly packed.

Federal authorities, acting on orders from Washington, seized 661 cases of 24 packages each — a total shipment of 9,915 pounds sent about a month ago from Kansas City.  
There was no botulism poisoning involved, authorities said. But they charged the shrimp was packed under unsanitary conditions and was "contaminated with filth."

## Prince Charles Now 15 Years Old

LONDON (UPI) — Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne, celebrated his 15th birthday today.

Letters and cards from his family and friends were arriving at Gordonstoun School in Scotland, where Charles is a student, and his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, was expected to call her son during the day.

But the rules at Gordonstoun apply to both princes and paupers and no birthday celebration was planned beyond a birthday cake to be passed around at teatime.

## Montreal To Build New Transit Network

MONTREAL (UPI)—This city has awarded contracts for a 21.4 mile rapid transit network to cost \$150 million.  
Montreal's rapid transit system, like the Paris Metro, will use rubber-tired subway cars.

FALLOUT SHELTERS  
SACRAMENTO (UPI)—There are about seven and one-half million fallout shelter spaces in California, one for about every two and one half people, according to civil defense officials.

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