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# The Daily Collegian

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## Those New Year's Resolutions:

The time of year for resolution-making is rapidly coming upon us. We might say that now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their resolutions made last year, except that it is a little too late for that now. Last year the Daily Collegian made a list of resolutions that others might work on. Some of these have been kept. Others have failed. Perhaps the idea of making resolutions is futile, but we are naive enough to try this year.

### The New

This year's resolutions, made with an optimistic eye:

1. That Station WDFM, in realistic consideration of student wishes, change its broadcasting hours to 8 or 9 p.m. to midnight.
2. That students who believe Saturday classes are not good are able to muster enough strength to force the return of a five-day school week.
3. That Women's Student Government Association finally grows mature enough to release its election results.
4. That each of the undergraduate College student councils effectively utilize the 25-cent fee granted last year by All-College Cabinet.
5. That the Infirmary, with the addition of its new wings, be better able to accommodate the needs of the student body, and that funds be found for purchase of an ambulance.
6. That the limiting activities regulation proposal, now being considered by WSGA, be defeated.
7. That the University consider in detail what harm housemothers could do to Penn State fraternities before jumping into such a set-up; further, that if housemothers are instituted, a feasible alternate plan be adopted for fraternities that cannot comply.
8. That National Students' Association prove itself conclusively to the student body, or be junked.
9. That the Penn State Marching Blue Band be given more consideration in allocation of seats at the Penn football game.
10. That a student committee be established to investigate the unusual structure of Penn State student government, with an eye toward eliminating inequities.
11. That the student body in general, and All-College Cabinet and the Association of Independent Men in particular, shake off the sleeping sickness that has plagued them this year.
12. That the senior class gift committee announce the name of the gift before the student body goes home in June.
13. That the student body prove to the University it is capable of policing itself by mature action at the Spring Carnival and the Penn football game.
14. That both political parties create platforms of constructive—and reasonable—plans, and then proceed to carry them out.
15. That benefits of Campus Chest, Fraternity Marketing Association, and the Book Exchange be more fully realized by the student body.
16. That Penn State's national championship wrestling and gymnastic teams retain their titles this year, and that the football team receive a major bowl bid.
17. That the campus parking situation be re-evaluated and modified for more effective and equitable operation.

—Dave Jones

### The Old

Last year's resolutions and what has been done to—and with—them:

1. That an effort be made to straighten out the campus parking system. The situation is about the same as last year. The Campus Patrol has exhausted the original order of 5000 parking tickets for this year.
2. That every student invited to attend the Student Encampment do so. This situation is better than it was, but it is not perfect.
3. That University officials do something about inadequate Health Service facilities. The newly approved wings for the Infirmary will help toward this end.
4. That students help in customs enforcement. This was the nicest bit of wishful thinking in some time.
5. That students become aware of Book Exchange benefits. Not all the students have, but the situation is improving.
6. That the Pechan Loyalty Oath be declared unconstitutional. The idea of legislated loyalty was upheld by the state Supreme Court.
7. That students be indoctrinated with the true spirit of Penn State and refrain from panty raids, riots, and goal post destruction. The only actions to mar an otherwise pretty picture were the West Dorm riot to force an end to customs in the fall, and Penn weekend conduct.
8. That campus political parties make workable platforms—another nice dream.
9. That fraternities recognize the Fraternity Marketing Association. Some have, others prefer to pay more.
10. That the campus radio station become a reality and that more progress be made on establishing a student press. Station WDFM started broadcasting Dec. 6. Lack of space has been one of the principal hold-ups for a student press.
11. That the Association of Independent Men back the Judicial Board of Review. How well the independent men come to accept the board is, and for a long time will be, up to the board.
12. That all students take a real interest in student government. If anything, interest has declined.
13. That Froth become funny. Oh, come now!
14. That the football team beat Pitt and Penn again this year. They tried their best at Penn, but failed. At Pitt they did it again, and by the same margin.
15. That Hat Society Council approve a new senior women's hat society. Scrolls made its appearance late last year.
16. That the independents' Autumn Ball be even more successful this year. In some respects it was, but there is still more that can be done.
17. That a way be found to put Campus Chest over the top. This year three innovations were tried—cash solicitation instead of pledges, designation of donations, and seeking a percentage basis of contribution rather than a monetary goal. On the whole the experiments were successful.

—Dick Rau

## A Christmas Tale

### We Were Wrong: There Is a Santa Claus

(The following editorial, a perennial newspaper favorite, was published in the New York Sun on Christmas, 1897. It was a reply by Francis P. Church to a letter from one of the Sun's readers. It imparts some of that Christmas feeling we too often forget.)

"Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?" —Virginia O'Hanlon."

Virginia your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no

romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Now WHO in this class would send ME a Christmas present?"

## Short 'Change

By GUS VOLLMER

Education has been defined many times in many different ways. One of the most interesting, if you could call it interesting, was printed in the Cavalier Daily at the University of Virginia. It said: "We've been sitting around this university, man and boy, for over five years, and we have finally decided that an education is a process

of deadening one end in order to liven up the other."

And then there's the old saying that college is a four year loaf, seasoned with the flavor of youth and baked with the old man's dough.

It has been found that the "Letters to the Editor" column is the best read column of any newspaper. Here's a different one, anyhow. It comes from the University of Vermont and reads: "To the Editor: I like your newspaper. It is good. It is sometimes funny. My roommate lets me read it. I read it. I have a dog. His name is Rusty. He likes to read it. I have a cat. Her name is Kitty. She reads it. I am in the 1st grade. I am 69 yards old. Mother says I am crazy. Mother is always right. I like your newspaper. I am crazy. (signed) A Friend." (Yes, you read it right—"69 yards old.")

The philosophy behind the following will be immediately apparent to the reader. Whether or not he cares to agree with it is strictly up to him. In any event, it was printed originally in the Northeastern News, Northeastern College in Massachusetts, reprinted here without further comment.

**AN ODE TO MALADJUSTMENT**  
Now Studious Sal from Southern Cal

It must be admitted, was quite a gal;  
She knew her math and physics, too,  
And with each year her knowledge grew.  
With angles obtuse and circles round,  
Sal could cover academic ground.  
Latin, Spanish, even Greek,  
She did a semester in less than a week.  
Her marks were known throughout the school,  
And Sal would never break a rule.  
Though promise of work was right nearby,  
Down in the mud was her chance for a guy.  
In social circle Sal wasn't advised,  
So she went to a doc to be analyzed.

She wanted to know, and she wasn't coy,  
"Why the heck can't I get a boy?"  
"You're terribly smart, your chem is great,"  
The doc replied, "but before it's too late,  
Forget the stuff that comes in books  
And use your brains to improve your looks.  
"When you're with Einstein out in space,  
It's clear you overlook your face,  
Instead of reading Roman tales,

Why not polish and trim your nails?  
"Instead of looking for calculus tips,  
Why not paint and shape your lips?  
Go out of doors, acquire a tan,  
For after the sun will come a man  
So Sal did what the doctor said;  
Now she wishes she were dead.  
Although dates each night have become her rule,  
Her marks dropped so low, she flunked out of school.

And finally, the University of Virginia has challenged Columbia to a pipe-smoking contest. Don't know what it is or how it will turn out, but I needed one more item to finish my column.

## Christmas Spirit—Robber Style

Topping the day's news from the Associated Press is the report about a foresighted burglar somewhere in Ohio. He broke into a store and stole several cases of whiskey—plus two cans of tomato juice. He must be planning to drink the alcohol himself.

And the Bradford American Legion is having trouble in its collection of Christmas toys for needy children. A thief stole 50 games, a movie projector, and a child's sewing machine from legion headquarters. Just wanted to make sure he didn't get slighted.

## Dunlop to Lead Band

James W. Dunlop, associate professor of music education and director of the Penn State Marching Blue Band, will direct the 100-piece Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America Band January at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg.

Any idea a college professor has about money is almost certain to be theoretical.

—Grand Rapids Press

## Military Ball Contest Photographs Available

ROTC students who submitted entries in the Military Ball queen contest may pick up their photographs today at the main ROTC offices, Carl K. Lunde, publicity director for the dance, has announced. Office locations are Army, Carnegie Hall; Navy, Electrical Engineering; Air Force, Armory.