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New Year's Resolutions

Each year on the last day of publication of the year The Daily Collegian staff takes time out to sit down and indulge in an ancient custom—making New Year's resolutions. Following are our last year's resolutions and how they fared and those of the New Year for the Penn State family to work on.

The Old

Here are last year's resolutions and how they fared:

1. That the counseling program in freshman women's dormitories be placed on an equal with that in the men's dormitories through making the job more attractive and having more counselors. Due to the differences in the needs of the women and the men the two programs have remained specialized.
2. That the University Health Service re-evaluate itself in preparing to utilize its planned new facilities. An organization the nature of the Health Service should constantly be re-evaluating itself.
3. That the University Food Service work with the All-University Cabinet Food Committee to eliminate the many students' complaints about the dining hall service. The Cabinet Committee has not been active and complaints have been numerous.
4. That the University and the unions of University employees cooperate to avoid a work stoppage that would not be in the best interests of the student body. These particular segments of labor and management have been reasonably cooperative.
5. That the grading system be investigated and possibly revised with special attention being given to the bar grades since they take away points from the average that has been earned in other courses. Not only the suggestion has merit, but the solution as well.
6. That definite plans be announced for the construction of additional bleachers in the open-end of Beaver Field to make it a bowl and for the construction of a field house that would seat up to 12,000 and accommodate the athletic program of a school the size of the University. Nothing definite has been accomplished toward these ends.
7. That Players be given the use of the Temporary Union Building for its center stage productions on Friday and Saturday nights. This has been accomplished.
8. That the marching Blue Band be increased in size to 120 pieces which would better enable it to compare with other large colleges and universities. The Blue Band still has only 96 pieces.
9. That party constitutions be revised so as to make the parties once again responsible to student interests. Constitutions have been revised.
10. That party leaders and students realize student government offices and varsity athletics both are too great an activity load for one individual. Few of this year's Cabinet seats have been filled with varsity athletes.
11. That All-University Cabinet this coming year make a final and decisive evaluation of the need or lack of need for the National Student Association at Penn State. Cabinet is still trying to figure this one out.
12. That great emphasis be placed on adding to the number of books in the University Library; possibly the initiating of a book buying fund with the 1955 senior class gift. No such great emphasis has been made and the \$10,000 senior class gift is to be used for pews and furnishings for the nave of the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.
13. That Campus Chest be retained but revised by dropping religious groups and the Red Cross which have met with noticeable student objections. Campus Chest was retained but instead of dropping the groups in question the Chest committee again instituted the designation system by which students were allowed to specify where their contribution was to be sent. The Chest solicitations drive this year collected less money than ever before.
14. That the good taste and conduct of the students as exemplified in the Pitt and Penn game conduct be carried into Spring Week, future away athletic events, and other University functions. We have been well-behaved in 1955.
15. That WDFM reach more than its present estimated possible 2500 listeners. More students "can" hear WDFM. The question is, "do" they?
16. That the year 1955 see the birth of a liter-

The New

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

1. That the Nittany-Pollock council re-enact its ruling requiring formal dress for the Sunday noon meal in the area dining hall.
2. That campus politicians drop their petty bickering and devote their entire efforts toward building respected political parties and improving student government.
3. That more fraternities join FMA and show its detractors what a success it can be.
4. That owners of downtown student housing facilities be required to make improvements following an investigation by the proper authorities.
5. That students refrain from destructive acts at other schools under the cloak of school spirit.
6. That the good conduct of the past two years at away football games be continued.
7. That Spring Week be a good time and not a cause of poor grades.
8. That the operators of the movie theaters in the borough install air-conditioning and make general improvements for the comfort of their patrons.
9. That a bill permitting absentee voting in Pennsylvania be passed by the state legislature.
10. That the University Board of Trustees' meetings be opened to the press and public.
11. That All-University Cabinet vote against joining an organization which has proven in the past that its need at Penn State is nil—the National Student Association.
12. That one "floating" holiday for each semester be incorporated into the University calendar.
13. That hat societies again be designated as the enforcers of Freshman Customs.
14. That Customs be cut to one week and be capped by a tug-of-war between the freshmen and sophomores.
15. That a more equitable seating arrangement for students be devised for the football games.
16. That the LA Lantern, which will make its first appearance early in the New Year, be given an enthusiastic and encouraging welcome and ultimately develop into a highly respected University literary magazine.
17. That All-University Cabinet's Food Committee get functioning and work with the University Food Service to improve the food service in the dormitories and snack bars.
18. That WDFM conduct a survey to ascertain how many of its potential listeners are listening to the station.
19. That the senior class gift committee again announce the nature of the gift before the final examination period so that the information may be disseminated to the student body.
20. That the football team beats Pitt and that all the Lion squads finish with a winning record.
21. That the 1956 LaVie be dedicated to a man who has served Penn State long and well and will soon retire—Adrian O. Morse, provost.
22. That Froth become funny.

—The Editor

Gazette...

Today
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 304 Old Main
NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:15 p.m., 219 Hetzel Union
University Hospital
Joseph Beres, James Byszack, Richard Doherty, Francis Gansz, Dorothy Hickok, John Kersh, Charles Lahr, Paula Lutsko, Joseph Markalonis, John Ritz, and Thomas Wooden.

ary magazine co-sponsored by the University and the student body. The Lantern, a new literary magazine sponsored by the Liberal Arts student council, will go on sale soon after the holidays.

17. That the coffee in the new Hetzel Union Building be better than that in the Lion's Den or the TUB. We like it.

—Jackie Hudgins

A Christmas Tale

Yes, Virginia, 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
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Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"May I borrow a cup of CH₂O₁₁?"

—the rolling stone

Year's Best Day

by dottie stone

What is the best day of the year? Opinions may temporarily vary, although after thought opinion will go to the true one. It is not Christmas, an admittedly good day, nor is it the birthday, or the last day of school. All of them are fine, and not to be dismissed, but none is the best.

That one day is the day before vacation begins. That day should be written on the calendar page in deep purple ink, like the highway on a road map which will be followed tomorrow.

At first there may be a temptation to declare vacation's first day as the best, but that is not so. As each hour of that one passes—at an accelerated speed—the length of vacation becomes so much shorter. But with the day before, nothing is lost. The day before contains twenty-four hours of anticipation, and then when it is over the full vacation remains.

Everything is at its best on this day before vacation. The birds sing a little louder in the morning, and the sun wears a broad grin. Even if it rains that is all to the good, since it may eliminate a day of rain later on.

Meals are a bit more fun too, for the cook brings out treasures that won't keep for the refrigerator must be cleaned later on. An extra bit of jelly for breakfast, and a variety of desserts add to the lavish occasion.

One of the best moments involve school work. It's ideal on this day before vacation begins. The desk must be cleared, all knotty assignments can be shoved across the desk into a drawer. All unfinished business can be generally distributed between the trash can and already filled drawers.

And it is only courteous to say good-by to colleagues, and only human to remark what will dawn tomorrow at this time.

Since all unfinished business is cleared before noon, the few classes sprinkled throughout the day hardly dent the glow of satisfaction of returning to the room and lounging by reading magazines and general loafing.

The end of this day before vacation is the best period of all. After farewells have been made comes the wonderful twilight. Perhaps, with no studying to do, and bags packed, and school work forgotten, a movie can be seen. By tomorrow night the dinner will be a grand festive one at home—and everybody will be relaxed. It is only sensible to get into the mood—on this best day of all the year.

Agriculture students edit the "Penn State Farmer, Forester and Scientist," published by the College of Agriculture. It features articles on farming and research.

Town Resident Hit by Student Reported Good

Mrs. Florabelle Segner, State College resident who was struck by a car driven by a University student Thursday, is reported in good condition in Centre County Hospital.

Arthur Wert, sophomore in education from Mount Carmel, struck Mrs. Segner as she was crossing W. Beaver avenue at the corner of S. Frazier street at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Segner received an injury to her left leg. She was taken to the Hospital in an Alpha Fire Co. ambulance. Borough Police have charged Wert with speeding.

Ronald Galazin, freshman in chemical engineering from Nanticoke, was found guilty of disorderly conduct yesterday before Justice of the Peace Guy G. Mills. Galazin paid a \$25 fine on charges of stealing light bulbs from the borough Christmas tree at Co-op Corner.

5 Traffic Violators Fined Total of \$45

Five students were fined a total of \$45 at Traffic Court last night. A sixth received a suspended fine of \$3, and a seventh lost driving privileges on campus for 60 days.

Traffic violations accounted for \$38 of the \$45. A fine was levied for failure to register a motor vehicle, and a failure to report to the Campus Patrol Office brought a \$5 fine.

The court also levied \$24 in automatic fines against students who failed to appear.

AIM Concert Tickets on Sale

Tickets to the Jan. 9 Community Concert from the Association of Independent Men block are now on sale at the Hetzel Union desk. The price is \$2.

Tonight on WDFM

7:15	Sign On
7:20	News and Sports
7:30	Phil Wein Show
8:15	Education in Russia
8:30	Phi Mu Alpha
9:00	Top Drawes
9:15	News
9:30	This World of Music
10:35	Sign Off