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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 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 Nittany-Pollock council re-enact its ruling requiring formal dress for the Sunday noon meal in the area dining hall. Men still don't look so sharp on Sundays down there. No dress rules.
2. That campus politicians drop their petty bickering and devote their entire efforts toward building respected political parties and improving student government. Looks pretty hopeless at this point.
3. That more fraternities join FMA and show its detractors what a success it can be. Fraternities voted 32-21 against a 100% FMA. With the demise of FMA fraternities may soon see how successful downtown merchants can be. They'll cry too late.
4. That owners of downtown student housing facilities be required to make improvements following an investigation by the proper authorities. This has been accomplished.
5. That students refrain from destructive acts at other schools under the cloak of school spirit. The student body wins a gold medal.
6. That the good conduct of the past two years at away football games be continued. Ditto.
7. That Spring Week be a good time and not a cause of poor grades. The program was modified so that academic problems were kept at a minimum. The carnival was held for one night instead of two.
8. That the operators of the movie theaters in the borough install air-conditioning and make general improvements for the comfort of their patrons. No luck; it's still hot in there; and we're still trying.
9. That a bill permitting absentee voting in Pennsylvania be passed by the state legislature. It would seem no—since there was a large evacuation on national election day.
10. That the University Board of Trustees' meetings be opened to the press and public. The press and public are still excluded.
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. Not only did Cabinet vote NSA in again, but NSA is already over its budget, having spent some 1200 odd dollars. All the students have to show for it is a big fat zero.
12. That one "floating" holiday for each semester be incorporated into the University calendar. It wasn't incorporated. We told you so. The result has been the worst student-administration relationship we have seen in a long time.
13. That hat societies again be designated as the enforcers of Freshman Customs. Hat societies and customs are still a flop.
14. That Customs be cut to one week and be capped by a tug-of-war between the freshmen and sophomores. The score was 50-50; we lost on the first and won on the second.
15. That a more equitable seating arrangement for students be devised for the football games. The situation is temporarily satisfactory but still needs attention.
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. Although the magazine was not given an enthusiastic welcome, it was not a discouraging welcome for so new a publication. It is, we think, generally considered the University literary magazine by its readers.
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. Student food committees find great difficulty in working with food service. They generally get little in the way of results and a great deal in the way of fancy explanations.
18. That WDFM conduct a survey to ascertain how many of its potential listeners are listening to the station. The station did conduct such a survey, but, for some unknown reason, did not release the results. We understand, from unofficial sources, that 181 of the thousands of students at the University have the pleasure of hearing the student radio station which they all support financially.
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. This was accomplished.
20. That the football team beats Pitt and that all the Lion squads finish with a winning record. We tied Pitt and only one of our varsity sports had a losing record—basketball.
21. That the 1956 LaVie be dedicated to a man who has served Penn State long and well

The New

This year's resolutions made with an optimistic eye.

1. That Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalistic fraternity, revive an old tradition and stage another satiric Gridiron Banquet this year so that campus personalities may get their due rewards.
 2. That the Senate's calendar committee remember the students in the future when they are considering holiday vacations and football games.
 3. That the student leaders be alert and not let the grass grow under their feet in trying to get concessions from the calendar committee.
 4. That the students get their long-hoped-for air conditioning in downtown theatres.
 5. That the abominable, disgusting ratio at the University be somehow, someday bettered.
 6. That the plan to eliminate eighth semester final examinations pass all the tests with flying colors—and all students get to enjoy this privilege sometime in the future.
 7. That All-University Cabinet quickly establish a workable, simple Supreme Court which will do the student body some good before time runs out.
 8. That the Interfraternity Council not try to keep some semblance of a Fraternity Marketing Association with less than 100 per cent membership.
 9. That the neophyte flash card system be expanded and more strategically located so that Penn State can be done proud in coming football seasons.
 10. That the administration use foresight in dealing with the parking problem; and that further car bans be avoided at all costs.
 11. That the University get the nicest present of all; everything they asked for in the new budget.
 12. That the Spring elections receive a record voting turnout.
 13. That the automation be removed from the Waring Hall snack bar and the old system returned.
 14. That Town Independent Men, which once looked like a group with some promise, get straightened out and begin, once again, some worthwhile projects.
 15. That Food Service keep the best interests of the students in mind in the future instead of concentrating on the strict business of its work.
 16. That the class advisory boards follow the lead of this year's Senior Class advisory board and do something worthwhile instead of merely advocating or rejecting the topics of controversy which appear from time to time.
 17. That All-University Cabinet take a close look at its organization and make a few necessary changes.
 18. That Campus Chest be revamped or use a different approach next year so that better results are obtained.
 19. That political parties take a more realistic attitude toward platforms and not harp on trifles or shoot for something which is entirely out of reach.
 20. That culture be improved through some official act of the administration.
 21. That Cabinet not spend an undue amount of time on the age-old matter of compensation this year.
 22. That National Student Association quit blaming other campus groups for its failure to make a place for itself here, and that Cabinet look realistically at the actions of the group over the year.
 23. That Froth admit that every issue is an "Exchange Issue."
 24. That customs, despite all the criticism which is sure to come, be continued in some form.
 25. That the Lantern continue to grow and to establish itself because of the great need for a campus literary magazine.
 26. That meetings of the Board of Trustees be opened to the public and the press (we try every year.)
 27. That Rip Engle mould together another spirited football team which, this time gets that coveted bowl bid.
 28. That the IFC freshman minor drinking ban continue to be well-enforced.
 29. That the administration and student groups get off the soapbox and permit the names of discipline violators to be printed.
- The Editor
- and will soon retire—Adrian O. Morse, provost. LaVie was dedicated to the late James H. Millholland, former president of the Board of Trustees.
22. That Froth become funny. They'll never make it at this rate.
- Sue Conklin

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"I take it you'll be leaving for vacation directly after class."

According to Moyle

by mike moyle

Trial of the Suitcase

The students' long-forgotten friend, the suitcase, makes its entrance on the scene today for one of its infrequent appearances.

Most people find that this object has the most remarkable tendency to shrink between September and the Christmas holiday. Somehow everything you "just have to take home" will not fit into that suitcase (or suitcases).

Then there's always the problem, in the dormitories, of having your suitcases put away by the janitor or some other housing employee and finding that it has disappeared. This, especially among the more flighty coeds, causes a great deal of panic.

Today, when the multitude of cars are loading up with students ready to go home for the Yule vacation, though, the suitcases mashed and broken will be bulging with newly acquired possessions from Allen Street establishments.

And because of this, the tried and true luggage ends in failure and drivers have to fight evening gowns over their shoulders all the way to Philly.



Roy Elwell has at last gotten the word. That stalwart WMAJ announcer has been pronouncing the name of the top scorer in the National Hockey League incorrectly for months.

Jean Beliveau, of the Montreal Canadiens, has had his moniker murdered long enough. Someone has come to his rescue and informed Mr. Elwell how to say it. Hoorah!

The Daily Pennsylvanian, student-run newspaper at the University of Pennsylvania is really getting tough.

They got headlines in many of the state's larger newspapers this week when they blasted their president, Dr. Gaylord P. Harnwell, for re-hiring football coach Steve Sebo, who has won four games and lost 23 in his three-year tenure.

The newspaper ran a front page editorial denouncing Harnwell for giving Sebo a new three-year contract. It charged that a poll of the players showed that they did not like Sebo and did not want his return as coach.

Freedom of the collegiate press

certainly will be tested to the hilt down at Penn.

Whatever happened to that brilliant plan to hold some of the more important Cabinet meetings in large rooms like 121 Sparks so that the student body could attend and thus become more interested?

These meetings were to be staged as "productions" of some sort with campus station WDFM joining in on some of the festivities.

Maybe the advocates of the plan decided that there were no interesting meetings in the future which would be worthy of such elaborate planning. Or maybe they decided that nothing could drum up student interest.

We hope the plan isn't entirely forgotten, though. It might prove quite interesting.

Instructor Plans To Give Paper

J. David Lockhard, instructor in science education, will present a paper Thursday in New York City before the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Lockhard is a consultant to the science teaching improvement program sponsored at the University by the association.

The objective of the program is to make available to high school teachers of science and mathematics assistance that will help them improve instruction in those fields.

Lockhard will speak at the general session of the National Association of Biology Teachers on his experiences as a high school counselor.

University Gets Painting

"Foundation," a painting by Carl R. Kinscherf, has been presented to the University by the National Academy of Design.

The painting was purchased by the Academy through the Henry W. Ranger Fund.