

Editorial Opinion

# New Year's Resolutions

An old Japanese poem goes, "Felicitations! Still I suppose this year too, will be only so-so."

It's a new year with a clean slate and we're proposing some resolutions for the student body and administration to carry out to prevent another "so-so" year, or worse yet, another "so-what" year.

**Be it resolved in 1961:**

That SGA officers and members get out and meet their constituencies and make student government a reality by getting down to the chief business of representing the students.

That students take an active interest in how a portion of their tuition is being spent and vote in student government elections and participate in campus politics.

That Richard Haber glance at his new office teddy bear and recall another Teddy who said a president should carry a big stick and be the motivating force in a government.

That Donald Clagett use a megaphone at SGA Assembly meetings.

That Sue Sherman maintain a complete and accurate record of Assembly members.

That campus organizations with large financial reserves find some constructive use for the money other than exchanging Christmas cards.

That all Assembly members invest in a copy of Roberts Rules of Order.

That Cabinet meet on time and members shop up to serve their function as an advisory body to SGA, not a social gathering.

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That President Walker continue his new program of meeting the students.

That Dr. Bernreuter not be afraid to tell the students policies and changes that will directly affect them in time for them to take action through proper channels to make student opinion known.

That Mr. Diem plan nightly entertainment to attract visitors and townspeople to fill the 162 spaces that stand empty in the HUB parking lot every night.

That Mr. Proffitt eat a meal of meat turnovers in the University dining halls.

That TOCS (Thoughtful Observers of the Contemporary Scene) decide whether they are a serious group or whether the "T" really stands for Temporary.

That the University build up a stronger lobby in Harrisburg than the American Legion so they don't have to fear cutbacks in the appropriations if they drop compulsory ROTC.

That community living move full speed ahead.

That SGA reorganize to accommodate community living and the four-term system.

That IFC, AWS, Leonides, ARM, TIM, and all the other alphabet-soup organizations decide what they are doing and prepare for the term system.

That SGA show its all out support for a University bookstore by some reminder to all trustees such as telegrams.

That landlords who discriminate according to race, color or creed realize that they contribute to the United States' black eye as much as Little Rock and New Orleans.

That the University gain the conviction to stand up on moral issues in the future rather than repeat its housing list performance.

That administration and student government apply to Bell Telephone to see if they can't get a direct line in exchange for the party line that is always busy and prevents any communication.

Snowed

# Worst December on Record

by Joel Myers

The next time your grandfather starts bragging about the severe winters of the good old days, just remind him of this one.

The combined effect of snow and cold weather made last December the most wintry twelfth month that Pennsylvanians have endured since weather observations began about 100 years ago.

Temperatures were well below usual December normals with most observing stations averaging 10 or more degrees below the normal December readings. This was sufficient to make last month the coldest December ever noted in many areas of the Keystone state. Other sections report it to be the second or third coldest on record.

However, it was the one-two punch of snow and cold which made the month unique.

Two major snowstorms brought widespread and heavy snow to the Commonwealth on the 11th and 12th and again on the 21st.

The first snowstorm was the fifth heaviest fall on record in the Philadelphia area where accumulations ranged from 14.6 to 20.1 inches.

Total falls across the state for the month ranged from 18 to 40 inches.

During recent years, prob-

ably prompted by the unusually mild winters of the early 1950's, many older folks have been busy telling tales of the harsh winters of the past.

The famed blizzard of '88 and many other well-known storms have been the main topics in these stories. Old-timers also tell tales of huge drifts which took all winter to melt and bitterly cold weather that kept the main rivers frozen from early December to late March.

Well, the fact of the matter is, the final six weeks of last winter and the past four weeks of this winter can rival, if not surpass, any wintry period in Pennsylvania's history.

So, when grandpa starts telling stories of the bad weather that he had to endure, here's a few comments which will probably invalidate his arguments:

If he claims that the snow lasted longer, he may be partially correct. But, that's not due to warmer temperatures these days. It's because trucks, plows and autos equipped with chains are capable of clearing the main highways.

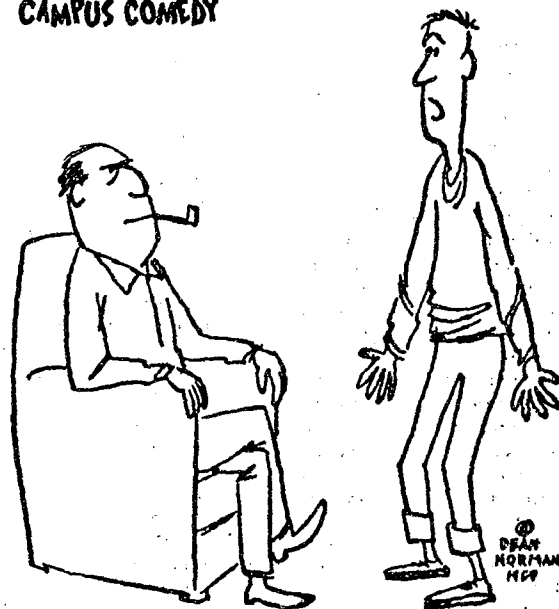
If he claims that the rivers were frozen longer in those days, he may also be correct. But, again its not because of milder winters. Ice breakers, many more boats and pollutants in the river prevent the water from freezing as easy as it could in the past. Industries dump waste in the rivers which in turn lower the freezing point of water.

And finally, if grandpa says the snow was higher when he was a youngster, you can politely point out that snow which came up to his knees when he was in grade school will now barely cover his ankles.



MYERS

CAMPUS COMEDY



"IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CAR WHEN YOU WENT TO SCHOOL, HOW DID YOU GET TO KNOW MOM WELL ENOUGH TO PROPOSE?"



Interpreting

# Castro Enemies Get Support?

By J. M. ROBERTS  
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Although the incoming John F. Kennedy administration was not directly involved in the decision to break diplomatic relations with Cuba, one phrase of President Eisenhower's statement comes very close to the "moral support" of Fidel Castro's enemies for which Kennedy called during the campaign.

In it may be found a clue as to what the so-far-silent Kennedy thinks of the U.S. action.

Kennedy criticized Republican handling of the Cuban crisis and suggested the United States should support Castro's opponents — presumably those in the United States as well as in Cuba and other parts of Latin America. Later, recalling inter-American agreements against intervention, he said he meant moral support.

In explaining the break in relations, Eisenhower expressed his hope and conviction that normal relations could be resumed in the not too distant future.

That represents a public expression of hope from one of the world's most powerful figures that the Castro regime will come to an end. Since it is a military regime, it is hardly likely that its end can be brought about except through application of at least some force, over and beyond the economic collapse which many observers consider overdue.

Castro, having forced his country into the last steps of an economic reorientation toward

the Communists — the United States was the seventh American nation to break relations — will soon have to find some means of covering the checks he so often writes without even filling out the stubs. His trade deals with the Communists are mostly barter, and heavily involve the import of arms which nobody can eat.

A break in relations does not mean a break in trade, but usually reduces it because of its psychological effect on credit and the necessity of private business working through third party governments. The United States already had cut off most Cuban trade. Others will follow.

The prospects of Castro getting enough money to keep going seem slim.

Only a few hours before the break in relations the Castro government broke a 25-year record of meeting its obligations on time, defaulting on a \$2,366,529 payment to the Manufacturers Trust Co. on a long-term loan.

Two years ago people in the United States not only hoped but believed that Castro would set Cuba on a new and happier course. Dictatorship merely replaced dictatorship. And now the dictator has forced a break with his most powerful neighbor, the neighbor, which started Cuba toward nationhood. It all seems so stupid.



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# Gazette

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- Gamma Sigma Sigma, officers and projects chairmen, 6:30 p.m., 128 McElwain
- Gamma Sigma Sigma pledges, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
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