

# Gay Lumbago And His Merry Men

New Years — the time when you throw out the old and bring in the new, right? So how come you bring in the new with that old sang line, "Auld Lang Syne" while watching some mechanical globe falling onto a building in New York City?

Along with this tear-jerking ceremony comes an onslaught of ill-fated New Year's resolutions. While some persons make their resolutions seriously, many

persons make them because they think they have to — and everyone breaks them within a few weeks. You'd think they'd learn by their previous failures, but not these diehards.

Every year it's the same old story — make it today, break it tomorrow. This year a few resolutions have been recorded to see how long they last.

One student, a born politician, composed the following list.

1. Give up drinking
  2. Give up girls
  3. Give up first two resolutions
- Reid Squires gave up his raunchy cornball jokes with a "Shucks!"

Mr. Smith resolved to cut down the homework load to five and one half hours a night.

Marcia Carlson has resolved to look upon the sophomore and junior classes as equals.

Mrs. Harrison resolved to turn over a new leaf.

Finally, Mr. Hawkins issued the following resolution. "I firmly vouch and assure that I shall endeavor to perpetually and unequivocally abstain from a plethora of profusity in the utilization of phraseology in impending utterances concerning academic consequences."

# DISTORTED REFLECTIONS

Faster than a bullet of speed, more powerful than a toke of locoweed, and he thinks he can leap off a building in a single bound. It's not a bird. It's not a plane. It's "Haircut Man!"

This masked maulrauder has been slinking around Senior High several months. His appearance explains the disappearance of hair from the "This End Up" direction of various freaks, flower children, beatniks, gypsies, tramps, and thieves.

His appearance also clears up some malicious rumors over the reasons for the haircut trend. Some observers had been blaming the loss of locks on the school administration.

Retaliation would be an understandable motive for such actions, since a practical joker put "Nair" in Mr. Hawkins' hair tonic bottle; but the administration had nothing to do with the wave of haircuts.

Haircut Man's influence was too strong for several proud possessors of long hair. For the facts and effects, several victims shared their experiences.

Chuck Lowder — "I still liked the reaction I got from it. I don't get that anymore so I guess I'll have to grow a beard or something."

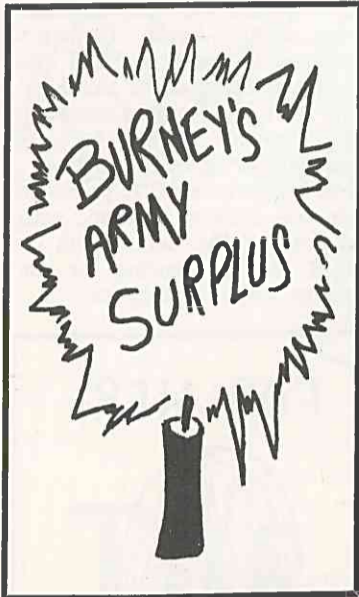
"There was no pressure for me to get a hair-cut. I decided to do it because I was just tired of messing with it. It satisfied a lot of people and relieved some of the tension it brought on. Just because I got a haircut doesn't change my views on things, the way I do things or what I do. Now I get waited on when I go into a store or restaurant, and I don't have as many people after my

"Appearance really has nothing to do with a person's actions or feelings. I feel a little out of place when I go to concerts, but in general I seem to be getting along better with everyone. There was no pressure from anyone. I just got tired of messing with it — washing, combing, drying.

Andy Harwood — "You walk in the door of your grandmother's, she hugs and kisses you, pinches you on the cheek and says, 'You would be so cute if you would only get your hair cut'."

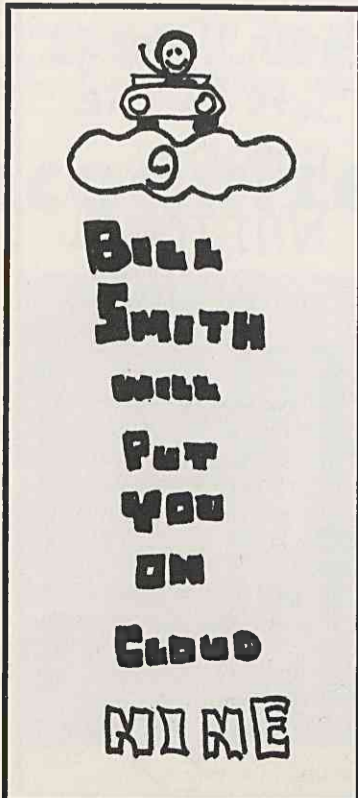
"Hair, what a problem. At home your mother says get your hair out of your eyes, your father says you gotta get some of that hair cut off. My mother offered me \$75 to get my hair cut — can you believe it?"

"Ah — if only they would quit hassling me about my hair. But I



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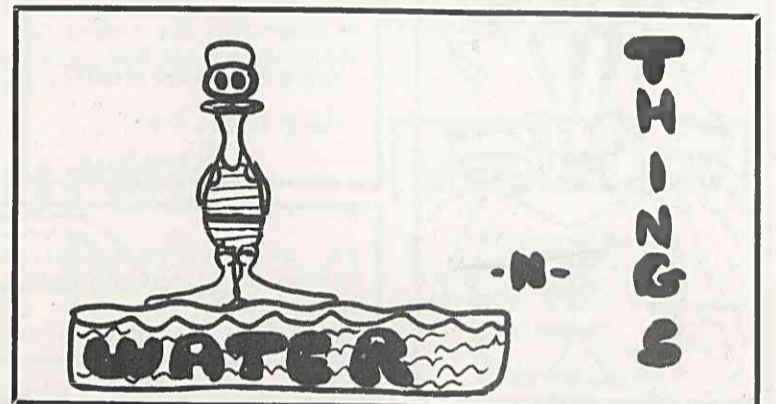
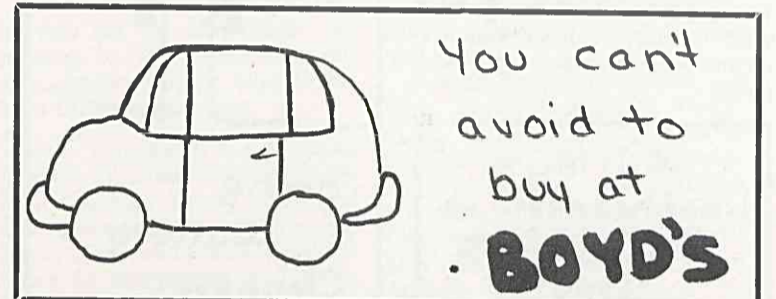
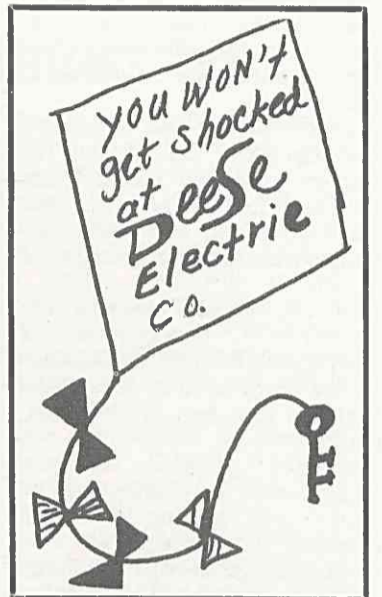
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guess it's part of life. Last week I surprised my father by asking for money to get my hair cut — I thought he was going to have a heart attack. I got my beautiful locks cut off. As the shears were cutting, I was about to cry."

"I went home later that night and walked into the house. My mother looked at me and cried, 'What did you do to your beautiful hair?' My father said only this, 'If you like it . . . I just don't understand.'"

A statement from Kerry Ross sums up the power of Haircut Man. Said Kerry, "Everybody was in my hair. I thought cutting it was the only way to get rid of them."



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