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Happy New Year

New Year's resolutions seem to be flying all over the place this year. In and out of open windows, for instance. Here's a few resolutions we'd like to see materialize around here during the 1966 annum.

(1) We'd like to see UNC-C get a chancellor. Chancellor Sharp's resignation from the post at Chapel Hill is going to give some committee a good bit of trouble. Now two chancellors must be appointed. We hope UNC-CH doesn't have to hang in suspension as long as we have already before one is named for them. We sympathize with the committee in charge of selection and trust they are working out the problem as quickly as possible. But it has been more than six months now since Charlotte College became UNC-C. Surely a chancellor could have been decided upon by now.

(2) A finished student union building would be very nice. No gripes here, however. We are pleased with the progress already made. The additional space will make for much smoother operating by the various organizations that function here. Also, "good fences make good neighbors."

(3) We'd like to see some big name bands play at someone of our dances. Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S.C., draws more UNC-C students for dances than does UNC-C.

(4) We'd like to see campus organizations stop using newspaper racks for private bill board stands. When this happens students think The Journal is backing the product advertised, whether it is a bill going up for referendum or a basketball game. Many times, The Journal is behind the product. But quite often it is not.

(5) We'd like to see a winning basketball team. We had one last year (1964-65) and we'd enjoy another. So far this year, the team looks fairly good in the conference. But we hear via el grapevine that things might change when fall semester grades come out. Let's hope not. If the boys were to hit the books half as hard as they've been hitting those backboard lately, we wouldn't have a problem.

Many other things are wanting to be said—things like getting dorms this year, or building a gym or fieldhouse this year, or getting a football team, complete with uniforms, stadium, and coach. There're a lot of things that will just have to wait. But some things we'd like to see this year.

Once A Year

We note with a slight degree of dismay that the annuals won't be out until August again. It seems like the other student publication that is tied down to a schedule would be able to pick a more convenient time to give students their yearbooks than the beginning of the next academic year.

The annual's timing, we think, is a bit awkward. Many of the people who have already paid for the annuals via activity fee will not be here to receive an annual next August. This doesn't exactly come under our estimation of fairplay.

The annual maintains a policy that students falling into the above situation may come back to pick up their annuals when they are published. It must be remembered, however, that one does not "just come back" from Viet Nam to pick up a yearbook.

Of course, the feat would be out of the question for this year's annual. However, in future years, we would suggest a more suited time for publication. Spring.

Crossed Wires

Every one in a while, which is once in a while too often, a newspaper will print something which is not true. Not all of the time, but certainly most of the time, the cause is a crossed wire and not a cross reporter,

Last time was one of those times. It hurts, but we admit it. We made a mistake. Crossed wires.

The editorial, The Democrats, which appeared in the Dec. 15 issue of The Journal, had a mistake in which is due correction. The editorial read ". . . First, the club was threatened with the word from Dean MacKay's office that it would be disbanded if its president did not resign and new officers were installed . . ." The fact is Dean MacKay did not threaten to disband the club.

And another thing. The sign reads 20 m.p.h. instead of 15 m.p.h.

Exams Before Christmas?

Several colleges in our area begin their fall semesters early, have examinations before Christmas holidays, start their Spring semesters earlier, and finish their academic year in early May. We asked students here what they thought of the idea and received varied reactions

By MIKE WILSON
 Journal Staff Writer

I think I would flunk many courses," says senior Bob

Schaeffer, "If I did not have Christmas vacation to write term papers."

Ben Horack agrees, "Christmas holidays give the student a chance to prepare for his exams and gives him the opportunity to write pre-exam papers without pressure from other work."

The opinion of the majority, however, favors final examinations before Christmas.

Says Shirley Conyers, "It is definitely a good idea for

mental health reasons. Ending one semester and immediately starting another is too much strain on the student."

Duane Coggin recalls that this program is now in use at Pfeiffer College. "It was found that the students studied more diligently before the holidays and their grades showed an impressive improvement."

Martha Caton sees several advantages in having fall semester beginning early and the end of the second semester ending in May. "First, Christmas holidays could be used for what it is intended, relaxation and fun. Secondly, students who need to work in the summer would have the advantage of being able to start earlier, and possibly to work in another vacation."

"I am personally in favor of it," agrees Dr. Joseph Slechta. "A study by the Consolidated University is now under way to study the school schedules and these things will be done uniformly by the Consolidated University."

Barbara James fears that the change would pose a problem for transferring students. "Although I personally like the idea, it might be terribly hard for other students to transfer here from colleges whose schedules are several weeks different from ours."

The idea of having a "carefree holiday" swayed many to favor early examinations. Wilma Happy and Ann Hood "like the idea of getting out early." Says Ann, "It is also more likely that I would study before Christmas than during the holidays."

Now It's A Weekly



Dorms Vote Is Rediculous, But What About School Seal?

By HUGH J. HORSLEY

Just the other day I noticed a ballot box which proudly announced the fact that we the students could debate the necessity of dormitories.

Seriously! What we would actually be debating is do we want out-of-town students?

If a student lives fifty or more miles from campus he would find dormitories a necessity. It might prevent him from attending if there were none.

As for students that live less than forty miles from campus the chances are ten to one that they would not even be allowed to live in dormitories.

Therefore, we find ourselves left with only those people who live between forty and fifty miles from campus who would even have a choice on the matter. There is actually no controversy at all.

The question resolves itself to this: If we want to become a major institution, we must have dormitories; if we don't want to become a major institution, then we don't need them.

I might mention that if we did not wish to become a major institution then we would not have struggled to become a part of the university system. On an undebatable issue we were invited to debate, where on a highly debatable issue (the Seal) we were not even allowed to speak.

It is a great pleasure to me to see students taking an interest in school matters, the Seal in particular; for the Seal is the school. Not only does it represent the school it may become the rallying point of interest in the school and of school spirit. Therefore, its design is of great importance to every student and faculty member on this campus.

The manner in which the Seal was designed and the way in

which it was approved left little chance for individual students to voice their opinion on what it should look like. Because the seal was not voted on by the student legislature, very few students had the opportunity to state their opinions on it.

Thus, there was very little chance of anyone expressing themselves on it. If we are intended as students to have a voice in its design, then this was a major infraction of representative procedure. If the Seal had been popularly ap-

proved of by the students, then this would have only been a minor issue.

It has not been approved of, however, and thus the Seal as well as the manner by which it was created is being contested by a number of students through a signed petition.

It is my belief that the school administration and legislature should review the proceedings which created and approved this seal with an eye on student opinion in order to resolve an unsightly controversy.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"YOU HEARD ME SHUFFLING MY RESEARCH NOTE CARDS, MRS. HANSON— I'M WORKING VERY HARD WRITING A TERM PAPER."