

'Twas The Night Before...

by Fay Stickney

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the dorm
 Not a student was cramming, in any way or form,
 We all should be tucked in our snug little beds
 And dream of Saint Nick in our pin-curl'd heads.
 But some chattering and yelling were heard by the frosh,
 And racing and romping were sported by the sophs.
 The proctors with whips did at last quiet our screams
 And we settled down to plot our vacation schemes.
 More than rapid than rapids blonde Joan did recite
 All the names from a list, she clung to so tight.
 There's Jim, and there's Tim, and there's Slim, and there's Don.
 There's Bob, and there's Rob, and a snob who's called John.
 Her roommate called Lizzie has thoughts but for Rog
 As she slammed shut her suitcase, which was all hodge podge.
 Then there's Dolly, whose plans with her Chapel Hill man
 Have caused quite a commotion with the rest of her clan.
 The dieting gals sigh an "oh" and an "ah"
 As the tape measure proves that they're thin as a bar.
 Black-haired Julia has thoughts for some Citadel stuff.
 Since her bank book is empty, she'll sign it on the cuff.
 And we laugh when we see Jean and also lithe Beth
 Dance out a boogie; it seems a sure death.
 But they must learn the latest in the clicking of feet
 So at home at the dances they'll be termed as "reet".
 As we bound all to bed in the wee of the night
 And pray for the hour of tomorrow's flight,
 We think, soon we'll be home to ma's cookies and cakes,
 Soon we'll be home to our family and dates.
 As Saint Nick once did say, as he drove out of sight,
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But then a small Christmas spirit, cold and wandering around, found Folderol, and lighted on her shoulder.

She took the snow out of the office. The Christmas spirit smiled. Folderol put the leg back on the dog. The little spirit snuggled up to Folderol's ear. She stopped grinding her teeth.

Yes, life really was good and so thinking, Tried and True loped over to the Christmas party in Snapping dorm. When she entered, three eager beavers were sniffing and feeling presents under the tree, a mangy last year's number with nine strands of tinsel hanging from the well chosen locations.

Folderol smiled happily, for tonight she would get a gift from someone when presents were exchanged.

"Hey, In there, let's dispense with all this dillyin' around. Let's open the presents now."

Katy Eares and Adenoid Baum drooled feebly.

Four figures jumped from the mantel, crawled quickly among the presents and snarled angrily at the gathering crowd.

One thing led to another and before Folderol could say "Geowhiz-offthewhiskeymilltowindupthesundown" the casualties mounted up into two figures—The militia called in, order was restored, and when the last gift was exchanged, Folderol took her light bulb and went happily to bed while visions of snowballs, Santa Claus, seniors, old ladies, light bulbs danced a tune in her head.

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