

'What I Wish For The New Year'

By JAN HILL

Wishes can be funny or serious and could possibly come true. Some wishes, however, more or less are dreams which are impossible. At the beginning of each new year many people make "New Year's" resolutions. Often they come true, according to how much effort the person puts into it. Wanting to lose 25 pounds is more likely to happen than wishing for two million dollars to appear overnight. The question, "What do you wish for the new year?" was put to various students who had these responses.

Kim Herring — "To get accepted at the college I want to go to."

David Russell — "To lift more weights!"

Sheila Pennington — "To get

out of here!"

Bonnie Little — "To have this very special person close to me."

Dottie Ingram — "To make good grades."

Ann Dennis — "I want to have a 23 inch waist."

Randy Herrin — "A million dollars!"

Jane LaSalle — "Just to pass chemistry and trig, so I can graduate."

Lynn Rivers — "I want a boat."

Ellen Green — "A house on the river."

Harlie Clark — "I just hope that everyone has a great new year."

Rhonda Faulkner — "To lose 10 pounds and to proportion my school time better and of course to have a good time my last high

school year!"

Jimmie Faulkner — "To get a better report card."

Donna Gathings — "A whole new life!"

Todd Hopkins — "To get a new car."

Bill Moore — "I just want to have many friends."

Lisa Page — "One big Moon-pie!"

Scott Kinlaw — "I hope our wrestling team can win the invitational tournament."

Patty Aguirre — "A vacation to celebrate New Year's!"

From these students' response one can tell that many are funny while a few are serious. Hopefully everyone will have a great 'New Year' and that it will be the best ever.



Creative students work very hard.

Pictures Paint A Thousand Words

By DEBBIE FARLOW

Since the beginning of time, expressing feelings has been a problem. Most people solved this problem by either writing or speaking. There are some who show on canvas what they feel. Men like William Shakespeare or Ernest Hemingway have done beautiful jobs of communicating through the written media. Others like Julius Caesar or Moses had multitudes to follow them just because of their ability to communicate by talking. But perhaps the most creative and difficult job had been done by the artists. When a man like Michelangelo Buonarroti felt something, he relayed his opinion to the canvas. That's what art is all about — showing what life is about rather than telling it.

When students are trying to decide what courses to take, they usually think of art class as a "slide" course. At first, it may be just that. But as the year progresses, so does the ability to paint and sketch so the course becomes more challenging and interesting. The students have learned new skills and are

therefore required to use these skills in what they do. They are no longer asked to copy something they see. They now have to go deep inside themselves and produce original work. It may sound easy, but it's not.

Some of the major projects of the class have already been finished. One of the first ones assigned was a "Gods' Eyes". These were multicolored string woven around sticks. Another project was line extensions. This is taking magazine pictures cut in half, and then finishing the pictures free-hand. They also have sketch books in which they draw what they feel. It can be anything from mushrooms to islands in the Mediterranean. Their big Christmas project is linoleum prints from which they make Christmas cards. These are very difficult to do, if they are done correctly.

The next time you feel like saying something, try 'showing' your feelings instead. Remember, a picture paints a thousand words!



Marty Mauldin as Gene Simmons.

Kiss Invades Campus

By SONYA MAULDIN

A great scandal has hit Albemarle Senior High. There have been reports that KISS is invading our school. Students roam the halls looking for evidence that the rock group members are here. The entire situation is too bizarre to be real. The so called "invaders" come and go without a trace. Can all this really be happening or has some kid gone loco and imaged the whole thing? Well, The Full Moon staff decided to investigate. Traps were set and members of the staff stood on guard at all times. It took some time, but finally the "invader" was caught. When the staff began interrogation of the intruder, he broke down. He admitted he was Marty Mauldin, a student at ASHS. He confessed that two boys had bet him that he would

not come to school dressed as one member of the KISS group. It's only too obvious who won the bet. Marty thinks of himself as one of the greatest KISS fans ever. Why does he dress up as KISS? Marty said that when he went to a KISS concert and saw people dressed up like them, he was inspired to do it himself. Which member is he? Gene Simmons, who plays bass guitar, is the one Marty patterns himself after. The other members of the group are Peter Criss, the drummer, Ace Fraley, the lead guitarist; and Paul Stanley, the rhythm guitarist. KISS calls their music Heavy Metal. In the Parade section of the Charlotte Observer, Gallup Youth Survey asked 1069 teenagers across the country who was their "Favorite musical group or personality." KISS was the number one answer. They have a concert scheduled December 31, in Greensboro and another January 5, in Charlotte. With all this commotion over KISS, maybe everyone should attend these concerts and find out what they are missing.

Plan Mini-Events For Christmas Season

By DONNA KIRK

Christmas is a time of great expectations. Trimming the Christmas tree, shopping for special gifts, sending holiday greeting cards and joining friends at festive parties are traditions each of us look forward to. Along with the holiday cheer and festivity comes a certain amount of stress. For each 'big event' spirits and nerves usually soar, and by law of gravity, spirits that go up, unfortunately, must come down. To avoid a severe case of the "jolts" this Christmas, try planning some 'mini-events' for the low days that fall between those mammoth traditions.

Take a walk to no place in particular, just to be outdoors in the crisp wintry air.

Spread out Christmas shopping into several short sojourns instead of a hectic last minute disaster. Wrap each gift soon after you purchase it, rather than saving them to do all at one time.

Plan a small casual get-together for a few friends and hot chocolate and baked goodies. Take this time to relax and really talk, instead of trying to yell over the fever pitched gibberish that

goes on at most large scale holiday parties.

Sit home and watch a Christmas TV special or a good football game.

Return all the borrowed things and pay up all 1977 debts and clear the slate for 1978.

Realize that you are doing these 'little events' in the Christmas spirit — not just as an escape route from boredom.

Don't hold a grudge over holiday squabbles. During the hustle and bustle people often forget to think before they speak. Many times feelings are hurt or arguments breakout over a statement that was not meant to be said. It's best to brush off conflicts like this and not become upset. Forgive and forget is a good holiday policy to practice with dates, friends and parents.

Keep your spirits up by making several small New Year's resolutions instead of one huge one. Then breaking a resolution is not so critical, and keeping them will be more beneficial.

Greet friends with Joyeux Noel and Feliz Navidad as well as Merry Christmas.

Old Fashioned Christmas Joys

At Christmas play and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year.

—The Farmer's Daily Diet, Thomas Tusser

Just make friends before Christmas— you will be so much merrier if you do.

—Christmas Storms and Sunshine, Mrs. Gaskell

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. . . . The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

—New York Sun editorial, 1897



Heap on more wood! —the wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

—Marmion, Sir Walter Scott

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, Please to put a penny in the old man's hat . . .

—Beggar's rhyme

I think there were not in the world four merrier people than the hungry little girls who gave away their breakfasts . . . on Christmas morning.

—Little Women Louisa May Alcott

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