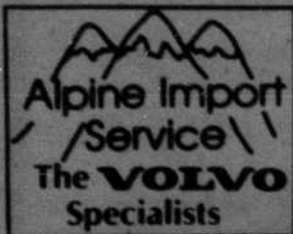


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In quest of perfect New Year's resolutions for '86

By Julie Shippen
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While world leaders recently resolved to work harder for global peace in the coming year, University students and local residents were making New Year's resolutions of their own — somewhat less profound, but important nevertheless.

Topping the local list of resolutions was the resolution not to make a New Year's resolution. Most of those interviewed said they hadn't made any resolutions yet and probably weren't going to do so. Others simply decided that this was the year to end their participation in the annual tradition.

George Gessert, a graphic artist for the University, was among this group of non-resolution makers. Ironically, however, he made and fulfilled his pseudo-resolution as he spoke Friday.

"I thought vaguely of resolving to do less, but I never got around to it," Gessert said.

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Bedo Crafts, a graduate student in fine arts, decided any resolutions she was going to make would be made when and if she deemed it important enough — not "just because the calendar turned a page," she said.

"You should do it because you want to and not because it's New Year's," Crafts said of the typical resolutions to go on a diet or stop smoking. "I wonder how many people really stick to it," she added.

Mike Ritzow agreed. Ritzow, a mechanic at Pedal Power on 13th Avenue, said he didn't make any resolutions for a number of reasons.

"I don't depend on the new year to make decisions for me," he said. "Also I'm not very well disciplined... maybe I should have made that my New Year's resolution."

The new year caught some too busy to consider making resolutions. "I haven't had time to think about it," said Sylvia Nunez, a junior in business. "This is probably the first year I haven't got around to it."

"This may not be a New Year's resolution, but I got a camera for Christmas, and I'm going to learn how to use it," said Susie Johnson, a junior studying psychology and gerontology.

Another student's resolution involved photography as well.



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'My New Year's resolution is to be more healthy.'

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Nicholas Lenn, a junior with an undeclared major, wants "to go into modern photography as a career," he said of the coming years. His immediate goal, however? "To graduate."

Sarah Logan, an undeclared sophomore, had more definite ideas about what to do with the new year. Logan's resolution is to "exercise more authority over my roommates," she said. "They have to clean up the house and bring me breakfast in bed."

Logan's friend Rita Sohlich, a student at the University of California, Berkeley, also had a

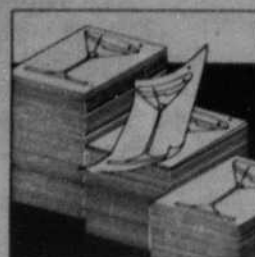
resolution. "My New Year's resolution is to be more healthy. I want to eat better... and exercise more," she said.

Another health-minded maker of resolutions is Patrick Murphy, a local resident. "My New Year's resolution is to break myself of an addiction to one of the most dangerous drugs of our time — sugar," Murphy said.

Leland Hanson, a junior in telecommunications and film, also had a simple but sweet resolution — "to make more money."

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