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Located at the north end of UNL's city campus, at 1640 Holdrege St., Stormie's is open from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closes at 7 a.m. or 8 a.m.

And when one is on the borderline -- between surviving and celebrating, the local bars fit the bill, or -- if you will -- the tab.

According to Doug McCleese, co-owner of O'Rourke's Tavern there's an increased number of students who study at the bar, but it's not a huge increase.

Jackie Podraza, a bartender at the Brass Rail, said she sees the same number of students come in all the time and there is little to no increase.

McCleese said, "...but you can sure tell when finals are over."

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS -1989-

1. I will not swim under the ice any more.
2. When it's time to go south, I'm gonna go south!
3. I will not call my friends 'Moby'.
4. I will not go too close to the beach.
5. I will only use my blowhole for breathing.
6. I will switch to low tar cigarettes.



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New Year's Resolutions: Meant to be kept, but made to be broken

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That time again approacheth, folks. Time to make promises with no intention whatsoever of making good on them. If this sounds cynical, good. It's meant to.

Few people, if any, make New Years' resolutions and keep them. So why bother making them?

Sure, people make all these pledges to lose those or be more like so-and-so with genuine intentions of carrying them through. But after a week or two, these vows fall to the wayside.

No one's exempt from it -- everyone's done it at one time or another. And after talking to people of all ages and numerous occupations around town it seems most people either aren't even attempting to make promises they know they can't keep or, if they are they're doing so without taking themselves too seriously.

For the past week, I've been asking whomever seemed at all intriguing or unbelievably dull the same questions:

"How do you feel about New Years' Resolutions? Do you have any?"

Boy oh boy, the looks I got. No matter what the age or background, the response was identical. First a split second of shock, as if they felt invaded, like their faults were somehow apparent to the naked eye. Then the notorious look of chagrin registered, followed by a sheepish laugh. After going through all these contortions people either responded or walked away. Responses ranged from an elderly woman's reply that she's "a good little girl with no faults to fix" to "yeah, self control" from a construction worker busy painting skinny orange lines in a downtown alley.

What can possibly be attributed to this incredible passivity? Is the good


ole vow becoming extinct? Are people losing the willpower they were so well-endowed with in years past? Maybe all of these possibilities are the case. Or none of them.

Resolutions, it seems, have become more of a tradition than serious, heart-felt promises. People make them to be sentimental, nostalgic and "in," not because they mean them. Think about it -- who is going to stop saying this, or become more like that within the space of one year? Realistically, an extreme minority (if any-one at all).

There's nothing wrong with a little sentimentality, nostalgia or awareness of one's faults. But make the "promises" light, have some fun with them. For those who plan to keep them, best wishes. As for those who don't, don't lie to yourself about your intentions. Face them, and have fun with what you choose. Remember -- the new year is a time for fresh starts, not new burdens.



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