

# The Houghton Star

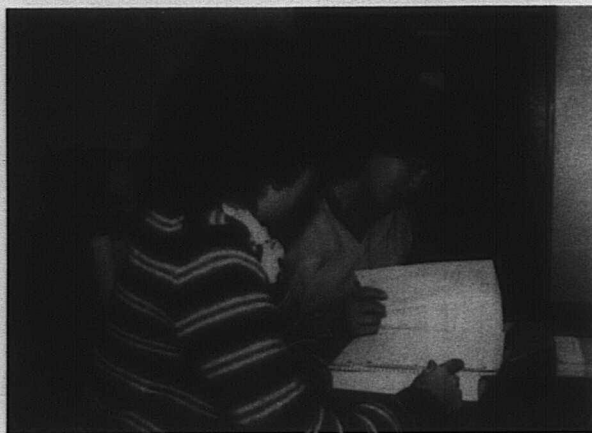


*Building the  
Best of Broadway*

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Students can find qualified help writing papers and preparing for tests in the Writing Lab, located in Fancher 202. The lab is open to all students and is free of charge.

## Get By With a Little Help From the Lab

by Jonathan Lightfoot

Students in need of writing help can find it at the Writing Lab located in Fancher 202.

The lab is open during specific hours each weekday. A tutor is always on duty during these hours to give the necessary help. These tutors are all qualified upper-division students.

To any student coming into the lab, three forms of help are offered. The tutor can give aid directly, he can set the student up on computer assist, or he can set the student down with self-instruction helps.

The hours for this semester, as posted on the door, are:

Monday and Tuesday 10-11, 1:15-3:15  
Wednesday 1:15-4:15  
Thursday 10-11, 1:15-2:15  
Friday 10-11

Next semester the lab might expand its hours. Chairman of the Writing Department, Prof. John Leax said, "The more use it (the lab) gets, the more hours it will be available."

The Writing Lab started last semester in response to a need in

this area. Basic Writing is offered only first semester, but some students need help during second semester as well. So the college started the lab, and reaction to the lab was so positive that they carried it over to this semester.

The lab is open to all students, not only to POW and Basic Writing students. Leax commented, "Even good students get into a bind sometimes," noting especially that "use peaks around term paper time." But he also mentioned that the help is "not guaranteed," which means that just because one receives help from the Writing Lab does not assure that he will receive a good grade. Ultimately it is up to the student.

Miriam Dilmore, Study Methods instructor, noted that the lab also offers free materials and guides to help students prepare for tests. "I can offer assistance on particular problems or help set up study schedules," she said. Students can stop in the lab for more information about this service.

## Salvation Army Wants YOU!

by Alethea Roberts

The Salvation Army in Wellsville needs several people to assist them in their active outreach to the people of the Wellsville community.

In actuality a church, the Salvation Army holds open-air meetings and door-to-door visitations. In addition to this, it holds Bible studies and has a special youth program to reach the many young people in Wellsville. They need dedicated people to give some time or to become officers in the Salvation Army.

In the 1960's, many students from Houghton were involved in the Salvation Army, but since that time interest has declined and not many students from Houghton have been actively involved in their ministry.

Sunday School is held each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.; the morning service is at 11 a.m.; and the evening service begins at six p.m. Transportation is provided. For more information, you can contact Lieutenant James Fletcher at 593-3413 (collect).

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# Registration Dispute Settled

The Houghton student voter registration drive ran into difficulty this week when the Board of Elections in Belmont returned student registration forms with a letter stating that "your role as a student from outside Allegany County...does not make you a resident of Allegany County." The letter then went on to state the requirements for residence as defined in the election law.

Jeff Kushkowski, organizer of the voter registration drive, re-

acted by making plans to fight the county. "I spent the better part of Monday on the phone with SUNY Buffalo student government leaders and school officials at Houghton discussing our options. By Monday night it looked like the only course of action was a court fight."

On Tuesday, Kushkowski made an appointment with a lawyer for Wednesday morning. After consulting school officials again on Tuesday, Kushkowski decided to visit Belmont and talk directly

with the election commissioners. "I went to Belmont knowing that I had an appointment with a lawyer and that if results weren't satisfactory, legal action would result," said Kushkowski. "Commissioners Heany and Cretekos, Warren Smith and I sat down and discussed the issues at hand and reached a workable compromise."

The compromise reached by Kushkowski and the Board of Elections is as follows:

1. Houghton students cannot register in Allegany County unless they have permanent residence there and are financially independent. The reason for this is that the Board of Elections has to follow the guidelines concerning residence set forth in the election law or they could be penalized by the state.

2. Houghton students who live elsewhere in New York can forward the registration form returned to them to the Board of Elections in their home county and register. They should also enclose a note explaining that the form was returned to them by election officials in Belmont and that they are forwarding it to the correct address. Students doing this can also include an application for an absentee ballot.

3. Students who live outside of New York have to call the election commission in their state to find out if the deadline for registering

has passed. If so, they have to ask if the election officials will consider accepting a valid New York registration in lieu of the regular state form. "There is no guarantee that the other states will accept the New York form, but it is worth a try," said Kushkowski.

4. Students who feel that they are indeed permanent residents of Allegany County should make a request in writing to the election commissioners in Belmont. They will review the cases separately and inform the student of the decision.

Commenting on the outcome of the dispute, Kushkowski said, "The basic difference with the Board of Election was one of interpreting the terms 'residence and resident.' We both have our opinions and they are both valid interpretations of the election law. It will take a court to make the final interpretation. The Board of Elections showed a concern that everyone who registered be somehow allowed to vote. They were cordial about the matter and gave the students an alternative to a lawsuit. I can't say that I'm totally pleased with the outcome, but we did manage to register a considerable number of people."

If anyone has any further questions about registering to vote or forwarding his application, please contact Kushkowski either in person or intra-campus at box 1127.

## Covering All Corners

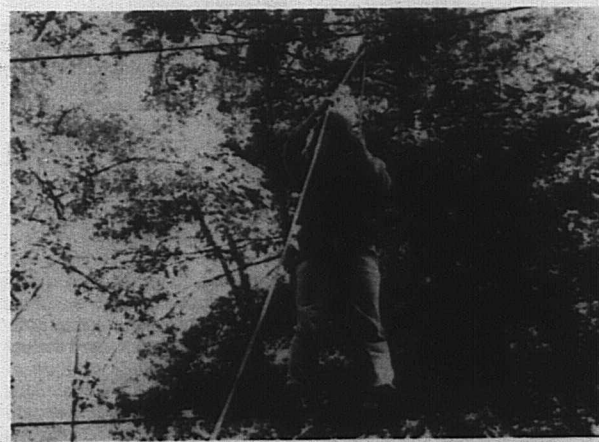
by Jon "Snake" Merrill

**Los Angeles**—The FBI last Wednesday arrested one of its own, counterintelligence agent Richard W. Miller of Los Angeles, for selling secret FBI documents to a Soviet KGB agent. Miller was the first FBI agent ever to be charged with espionage on behalf of a foreign government. Working with Miller were Nikolay and Svetlana Ogorodnikov, a Soviet couple who emigrated to the US in 1973. All three were charged with conspiracy to provide national defense information to a foreign government, and, if convicted, could receive a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

**New York**—Israel's Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, arrived in New York Sunday to talk with American leaders about the future of US financial aid to his country. Shortly after his arrival, Peres visited with New York mayor Ed Koch and several American Jewish leaders. Monday he met with Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale, New York Governor Mario Cuomo, Vice President George Bush, and Secretary of State George Schultz. He ended his three day trip with a session with President Reagan, and the President promised to extend US aid to Israel. Former Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, was at Peres' side during the visit. (Shamir holds the position of Foreign Minister in return for forming a coalition with Peres' Labor Party.) These talks are not expected to solve Israel's internal divisions over its presence in south Lebanon, the occupation question of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the uncontrollable 400% inflation, and the huge foreign debts owed.

**Dublin**—The Irish Navy seized seven tons of arms and ammunition early last week off the southwest coast of Ireland from the gun-running trawler *Martia Ann*. It is believed that these illegal arms were destined for members of the terrorist group, the Irish Republican Army (IRA), in Northern Ireland. The seizure struck a big blow to American sympathizers of the IRA, who provide the group with money and arms. Irish officials are hopeful that the FBI can trace the origin of the shipment, and possibly connect the involvement to members of the New York-based Irish Northern Aid Committee. Presently, figures show that two million dollars in aid are provided for the IRA from private American citizens.

**Berlin**—"Goose-stepping" East German troops marched past Soviet Foreign Minister and East German leader, Erich Honecker, Sunday as the Soviet-bloc nation celebrated its 35th anniversary. (The German Democratic Republic was found in 1949 out of the Soviet-occupied zone.) Troops, border guards, and Soviet-made tanks and missiles moved through the Berlin streets, which were decorated with portraits of Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko and Honecker. The American, British, and French ambassadors to East Germany boycotted the ceremony on grounds that the Soviets violated the agreement signed with them after WWII that prohibited German troops in the former German capital. However, this protesting has been happening for several years since the East German Communist Party celebrates its October 7 anniversary every year with a military parade in East Berlin.



Suzette Bressler attempts the Wallenda Walk during the 'Campus on the Ropes' held over Reading Day Weekend.

# Sports

## Men's Soccer Continues Winning Ways

by Patty Ryan

The men's soccer team traveled to Canisius Wednesday, October 3, and beat them 4-3. According to Coach Burke, the team got off to a rough start. "It was a windy day, the field was rough, and the guys didn't seem to want to play," he stated.

The conditions didn't seem to bother the Canisius team, as they scored two goals, giving them a good lead at the beginning of the game. Freshman Billy Clark put the Highlanders back into the game by heading the ball into the goal before the close of the first half.

Early in the second half Canisius scored again putting Houghton behind 3-1.

"Canisius had never beaten Houghton before and this looked like the first time," said Coach Burke.

With only 15:30 left in the game, Danny Ortlip scored on a breakaway. This brought the team's momentum up and closed the score to 3-2. To keep the rally going, Jon Irwin scored on a free kick which tied the game for the Highlanders. Then, with just five minutes remaining, Greg Gidman scored the winning goal on a breakaway.

Coach Burke was glad to see such a good distribution in scoring. He also added that Tim Kangus played strongly in goal the second

half.

The men traveled to Niagara on Saturday, October 6, where they earned their first shutout, 5-0. Myron Glick scored for the first goal off an Ortlip corner kick.

At the beginning of the second half, the team played stronger, scoring their next two goals within two minutes. Gidman put in the second goal of the game assisted by Ortlip. Soon after that, Ortlip moved past a defender and put in a shot inches from the post, making the score 3-0.

Gidman got in on the action again as he dribbled past four opponents and passed the ball to Billy Clark who headed the ball into the goal, putting the team ahead by four.

The final goal was scored again by Gidman who out-manuevered the defense and drilled a good shot into the goal. He ended the game with two goals and one assist while Ortlip had two assists and one goal.

The men have three important games coming up which are all at home. They'll be playing tough competition, such as Fredonia and Nazareth.

Goalie Ken Eckman remains optimistic. "We're getting stronger every day and by play-off time we'll have reached our peak." The record for the Highlanders is now 5-3-1.

## Houghton Women Win Roberts Invitational

by Ned Farnsworth

Houghton's Mary McCollough pushed into high gear to outrun all but one of her opponents, leading the Highlanders to victory at Roberts Wesleyan's Homecoming Invitational last Saturday. In the men's race, Roberts' Steve Wellem smashed his former course record with a 25:56 along five miles, spurring his squad to a narrow 56-61 advantage over Houghton.

After a conservative start, McCollough clutched second place

near the mile mark with a 5:58 split. She sped through the finish chute in 18:39, 38 seconds after RIT's top runner's record setting effort.

"I did the best I've ever done time-wise," stated McCollough. "I didn't feel like I was going as fast as I was. My time surprised me." Her time, a 51-second improvement from last year, surprised everyone else as well.

Karen Holland was the next

Houghton runner to finish, stealing seventh with 20:45. Trailing Holland, dependable Highlanders Janet Russell (21:29) and Stephanie Button (22:43) grabbed ninth and eleventh positions. When an RIT runner chased Mimi Hale and Mary Alice Banker with 150 yards to go, Banker forced RIT to yield, clocking in at 22:50 for twelfth. Hale battled her opponent with every stride, slipping past her by four inches for a 22:51 time and the thirteenth spot. Grace Obringer rounded out the Houghton team with a 25:38 three-mile personal record.

The Highlanders landed the invitational win, gliding past Roberts (41-68), RIT (41-68), and Nazareth (41-81). According to team captain, McCollough, "most of us brought down our times. It was also nice to get a trophy." Men's co-captain Dave Reither (with Rob Coy) believes "the women have a good shot at qualifying for nationals."

For Roberts Wesleyan senior Steve Wellem, his record capped his collegiate cross country career, the meet being his last on the Roberts' course. Houghton freshman Dave Wingard topped Hough-

ton's roster of racers, coming through the flags in 27:08 for fifth place, Andy Bradshaw (seventh in 27:22) shifted to second Houghton runner, slightly out-distancing mainstay Coy (ninth in 27:31). Reither hustled to check in at 29:47 for nineteenth, Ned Farnsworth placed twenty-third and ran a 30:36 personal best for five miles, and Steve Seen battled the sundial to burn for a 30:48 twenty-fifth position.

Houghton's men's varsity combined for 61 points, dropping to meet champ Alfred (28) and Roberts (56) but outscoring Hobart (82) by 21. Commenting on the meet, Reither analyzed Houghton's effort. "Our number two man (Bradshaw) misjudged the finish and kicked too early, losing to Roberts' second man (John Buskey), whom he has beaten consistently this season. The most significant reason for our loss was our having too big a gap between our third (Coy) and fourth (Reither) runners, allowing Roberts to place their third, fourth, and fifth runners in front of our fourth man. This lack of depth has been our consistent problem all season."

## Field Hockey Drops Two

by Lynne Ross

Though the Houghton College field hockey team has been improving, it lost two tough matches during the last week.

On September 26, the team traveled to St. Bonaventure and lost 2-0. The team dominated the game but could not score. Cathy Weaver scored, but the goal was called back. The team members felt that "poor officiating added to the loss." Houghton outshot St. Bona 26-12, but could not put one into the net.

On Friday, October 5, Houghton College fans were treated to an exciting and well-played match with Oswego. Even though Houghton lost 2-1, the game was one of the best played by the team. Holly McAbee started off the scoring with a hard shot, putting the Highlanders in front 1-0. Oswego came back with a goal by Diane Gilligan which left the score 1-1.

at halftime. The second half saw only one goal scored by Oswego's Angela Ryan. The Highlanders slowed down the second half which gave Oswego a chance to win the match.

Coach Wells felt the team played well. "The first half, we really went after the ball. The second half, we tended to wait and slow down." Coach noted that maybe some tougher conditioning could help the team play a stronger half. Excellent performances were turned in by Barb Felder, Kim Dunbar and McAbee.

According to Wells, the team has the potential to do well in its final matches. The key will be the front line's ability to start scoring so that some of the pressure will be taken off the defense.

Come out and see the past and future stars of the hockey team on Homecoming weekend.





# Letters

## A Case of Mono?

Dear Editor,

I am sick and tired of being told that ordinary decent people in this country are fed up in this country with being sick and tired! I am certainly not; and I'm sick and tired of being told that I am.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lamburger Syndrome

P.S. I am not a moose!

## Criticizing Criticism

Dear Editor,

The publishing of Ron Whiteford's view of Prodigal's *Electric Eye* album was a serious setback to the quality of the *Houghton Star*. His highly negative attitude combined with poor journalistic style served to alienate his audience. A review should address a point directly and not have double standards or unnecessary vagueness.

For example, he calls *Electric Eye* a "versatile disk" but then describes the songs it contains as "trudging in a blind, directionless path." Is this versatility? Secondly, he violates a basic principle of journalism. That is, keep it simple! If your reader can't understand

what you wrote, you have defeated your purpose in writing. Why, then, did he dig out a thesaurus to compose the phrase "quasi-subliminal extrapolation?" Why must he follow the national media in trying to keep the population confused?

Let us get to the point. In addition to its failure to inform the reader and its uncalled-for wordiness, the review is also slanderous. Why does Mr. Whiteford suggest that Prodigal has committed "a surprising and tragic theft" of Pink Floyd's "characteristic dubs of voices, radio, and television sounds?" While it is true that Floyd had used these techniques, Whiteford gives us no evidence that it is characteristic of that group. It most certainly is not unique, for he also incriminates REO Speedwagon in the review. Why then is Prodigal's use of these voice/noise tracks surprising, let alone tragic? There is no evidence to demonstrate that it is a "theft."

Perhaps Mr. Whiteford has been isolated at Houghton too long. His perceptions of life seem to be rather weak. He has more regard for "climactic riffs" than for the messages in the lyrics. For example, he characterizes the song "Boxes" as being "monotonous simplicity." Must every song on an album be accompanied by thundering drums and crashing cymbals? The words and meaning of "Boxes" would be lost in such a style. As for simplicity, the words deal with extreme poverty

and souls separated from God. If Mr. Whiteford believes there are simple solutions to such problems, he should let the rest of us know.

My advice to you, Ron, is to take an objective look at *Electric Eye*. In the meanwhile, refrain from publishing reviews which are vague and which contain incorrect statements.

Sincerely,

Jim Logan

## Geek Busters

Dear Editor,

The apparent lack of interest directed towards the editorial section of this fine periodical leaves us mortified. To rectify this problem, we would like to hurl insults and mindless arguments (like last year's "All freshmen are ugly"), but we won't. Instead, we would like to alert the Houghton campus and sophisticated people galaxy-wide that a dangerous phenomenon hovers over society, threatening to rupture the delicate fabric of reality (how poetic?). Yes...its the deadly mutoid Geeks.

Geeks (geekimus nurdum) are evolutionary descendants of the pencil-necked geeks from Uranus. This severe mutation was caused by Pamperus Endo Reversum (for the laymen that means pampering the wrong end, thereby causing the adolescent geeks to confuse his head from his end).

Characteristics of Geeks:

- 1) They have an affinity for tripleknit polyester plaids as well as imitation naugahide jackets.
- 2) They're quite fond of the cafeteria's "Mystery Meat Casserole," and can often be seen going back for seconds and thirds.
- 3) Conversation is their high point. Even if no one is listening, they can talk to the wall for hours.
- 4) Dogs love them. They have often been mistaken for near-sighted utility poles or fire hydrants.
- 5) Lastly, they LOVE Broadway shows.

If you think you have seen a Geek, go to the nearest phone and call (212) 976-2727 or send all reports to Geek Busters, COB 31. We're ready to help you.

Love, Joy, Peace, and the cosmos, the not-ready-for-Prime Time Poets,

Paul Priolo and Darren Allen  
P.S. Contributions to SAVE THE NAUGAS deeply appreciated.

I could have danced all night.  
—Eliza Doolittle

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# Editorial

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## Can We Afford Houghton?

I've often felt imposed upon by Houghton College. I become annoyed when I find the library closed, I have to rush back to the dorm before the bewitching hour, or I stomp to chapel for the fourth time in that week. I wonder how much longer I have to put up with Houghton and its tremendous distance from Pizza Hut. I vow I'll forget this place as soon as my diploma is in my hand.

I guess I figure I'm what makes Houghton operate. Shouldn't Houghton cater to me and to the rest of the students? Obviously Houghton was created for us—the students. Think of it. Without students there wouldn't be any reason for professors and administrators, Pioneer, CAB, chapel cuts, or any of the other components of HC. Most students, in a moment of frustration or indignation, have muttered, "My money runs this place. Who's this college here for anyhow? Doesn't Houghton owe me something?"

Actually, we each owe Houghton. How? we ask, when we figure that our bills aren't due until next semester. The bookstore has claimed our firstborn. What else do we have to repay? But, this isn't a dollars and cents issue.

Whether we realize it or not, Houghton College is our future. Whether we stay only a semester, for the full four years, or on the infamous five-year plan, we have as much at stake in Houghton as Houghton has in us. "Well, when Coach Jack calls me on the phone-a-thon after I'm established, I'll donate two-hundred thousand," we can casually promise. Our debt isn't just in terms of time, money, or additions to the library in the future. Although Houghton may be far from an idyllic experience, we should appreciate the college for the present it provides us and the future it prepares us for.

When I heard about the alumni career day, I thought it was a good idea. Then I considered what these former students were doing. Sure, they get a Friday off from work, but would we spend a Friday in Houghton if we could help it? The alumni remember themselves as students griping about the food and worrying about their futures. Now, in a sense, they are returning some of what Houghton gave them. They understand. Hopefully, this example clarifies our obligation. We can realize this before we graduate. We may feel that Houghton owes us, but we should consider what we owe Houghton.

*Thea Hurd*

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### Man on the Street

#### Jeff Crocker

**What do you do for weekend excitement at Houghton?**



**Neil MacBride**  
*Sophomore*

"Well, if Beth Sperry already has plans, I just sit in my room and enjoy a good book..."



**Beth Sperry**  
*Senior*

"If Neil MacBride is busy, I clarify my relevant personal values...or lose myself in phrenology."



**Wendy Soderberg**  
*Sophomore*

"Walking around Houghton at night is fun if the weather is nice. I usually watch movies: the Brass Unicorn's or CAB's."



**Wade Patterson**  
*Sophomore*

"On Saturday I visit my ACO kids and if CAB has something going I usually attend."



**Amy Towers**  
*Junior*

"I do whatever CAB activities are available and play Trivial Pursuit with friends."



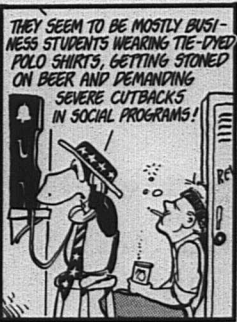
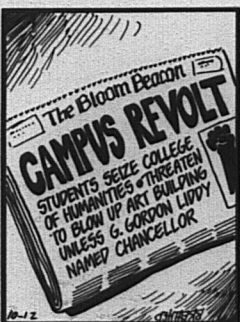
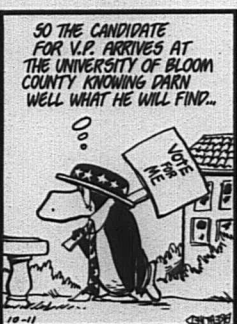
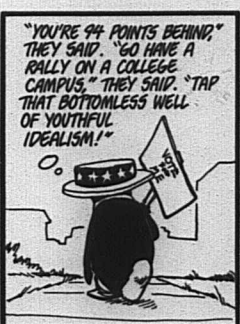
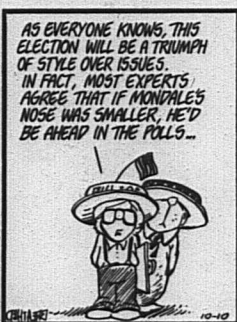
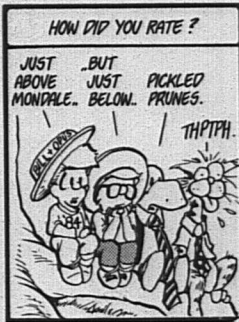
**Tim Johnson**  
*Sophomore*

"I go to a movie or a concert if there is one that sounds promising. If not, I get together with friends or visit my ACO brother."



# BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



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# Classifieds

Hey—Happy Homecoming! Wish I could be there.

### SPECIAL HELLOS TO—

the guys of Beta Sigma Theta: Tim, Mark, Jeff, Rob, Greg, Glenn, Joe, Tim, Wayne, Barry, Ron, Jeff, Dwight, et.al.

### Computer flunkies:

Dave P., Paul, Steve & Odie professors: Gallagher, Pettrillo, Jake, Pocock, Parker, Lindley, Saufley & Trexler.

### and last but not least:

Colleen, Kathy, Wendy, Ingrid, Laurie P., Doris, L. Jake, Darice, Kelly, Jean, Shelly, MariBeth, Deb, Marcia, Barb, LeeAnne, Emily, Mel, Heather & AnneMarie

For those I overlooked, please forgive me. A special thanks to Thea for printing this message.

Stop in sometime. (Melbourne, Fla.) I miss you all. These days on the beach are getting to me. Bye for now, Jon B.

And hey, let's be careful out there.



We would proudly like to announce the engagement of

Wenda Mastin (85)  
to  
Brett Coburn (86)

Congratulations. We wish you both the best of luck always. God Bless you. Love Debbie, Wendy, Karen, and Jenny.



Doug & Wendy,  
Never in Keenya have we seen such finesse.

Love,  
The Sawyers

A-Team minutes, September 25, 1984: voted in an upperclassman, "Mr. T"; chose annual fund raiser—Van Halen concert on the quad (pending Student Development approval). —VBN—

The A-Team is proud to announce this year's first freshman finalist. Congratulations Christine Greisner. —VBN— & Mr. T

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