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PAID FOR WITH BLOOD

It started out with a simple mention of someone's birthday. James (all names are changed except my own) mentioned that Peter's birthday had been yesterday.

"How many does it make Peter? Eighteen?" Andrew asked.

"No, nineteen."

"Just turned old enough for the draft," Levi said.

"I was eighteen last year," Peter said.

"You registered for selective service last year," Levi said. "But when they start taking men for the draft they start with nineteen-year-olds. In less than a month I'll be twenty, and no longer on the first draft list."

"That's no way to be safe," I said.

"You poor freshmen, entering the prime draft age," Levi said.

"I hope Reagan keeps us out of war until I am out of the draft age," Andrew said.

"In other words," I said, "let someone else do the fighting, not you."

"Exactly."

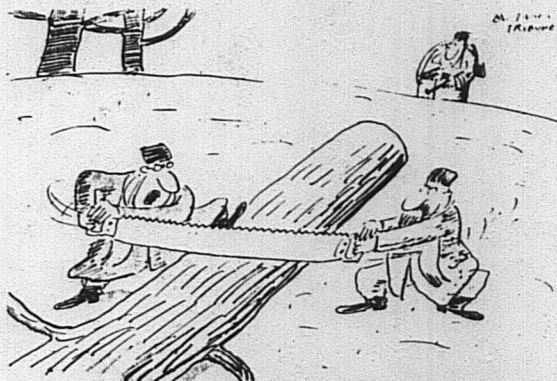
I was shocked to be part of the above conversation. Not that I want to fight. It has been a part of my resolve not to volunteer for the armed services, but if called, to go willingly and with good spirit. But to hear people talk of putting off the fight long enough so they will not have to fight, to let somebody else face the danger rather than ourselves, that goes against my sense of justice. If there must be a war, I say let it be now, let me bear the brunt of it rather than shirk my duty and force others to die in my place.

Our age likes to forget that everything that is most valuable to us has been paid for with blood. Both our salvation and the freedom that we experience as Americans have been paid for with blood. To diminish that fact is to put us into mortal peril. Time and again we have secured our freedom with the terrible price of our people's blood. As long as we are willing to pay that price we will remain free, but when the day comes that we are no longer willing to die for our country, that is the day our country will cease to be free.

Some Christians think it would not be such a tragedy not to be free. Some reason that a persecuted church is a healthy church. I cannot agree with that. Why else would Paul say to make prayers for all that are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life? If persecution were so good for the spiritual life, God would have left the nation of Israel in Egypt, and he would not have delivered them again and again from oppressors in the land of Canaan. Furthermore, can we justify forsaking our duty to defend our family, and to give our lives for it? The whole suggestion reeks of bringing more misery into the world. That is not our goal as Christians. Our freedom is important.

It is my prayer that we will not be dragged into another useless and wasteful war, and I pray that we may have peace, though I know we will have no permanent peace till Christ comes. But an unwillingness to fight will not mean that the fight will not come, it will only mean that we will lose our freedom, and all that goes with it. May that day never come.

Respectfully yours,
Jonathan Robords Lightfoot



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Townhouses Home To Interns

by Wendy Kipp

Buffalo Suburban Campus
As contractors worked this past August to ready Houghton's new men's dormitory for returning students, a similar project was underway at the Buffalo Suburban Campus, with Haven Homes Inc. working furiously to compensate for a late start on the new town house units that were to house 40 Houghton seniors this fall.

Located on the west side of the Union Road campus, the houses were delivered in prefabricated units and assembled on the campus. Each two-story unit houses eight students, who experience the luxuries of washer and dryer, two full baths, furnished livingroom, and a kitchen complete with oven, refrigerator and basic cooking utensils.

The town houses are currently home to 40 college seniors who are involved in various business internships or student teaching experiences in the

Buffalo area. Since teachers and interns complete their programs in December, plans have been made for BSC women to take up residence there in January.

The first stage in a major development plan, the town house construction was made possible by a gift from West Seneca businessman, Dr. Carl Lambein, who will donate a total of \$3.6 million to the Buffalo Suburban Campus for development by the year 2000.

Despite the fact that when the 40 residents arrived most of the houses still lacked heating, hot water, paint and appliances, and looked as if "tab a" had been fit into "slot b" the day before, things have slowly fallen into place with the help of Houghton's hard-working maintenance men, Don Weller and Sam Wolcott. The Brick facades are slowly climbing the housefronts, the heating is beginning to function, and the front yards are looking less like a construction site.

Pollock Urges Cultural Awareness

by Jed McKee

There are hundreds of thousands of U.S. citizens, as well as many foreigners residing in this country. It is predicted that by the year 1990, there will be one million people every year coming into the U.S. to live, study and work. With this trend, there is a growing need for awareness of international affairs and cross-cultural issues. This is a particular need on the college campus, where many cross-cultural encounters occur.

Dave Pollock is overseeing the development of a larger program of international and cross-cultural awareness. He hopes to do this not only through the Care program for international and missions students, but also through lectures, missionaries-in-residence, chapel presentations and an emphasis on Foreign Missions

Fellowship and the International Students Association.

Dave is a consultant on the development of a program of international studies, which will hopefully lead to a major in this area. Currently he is working on a course arbitrarily (but aptly) named World Appreciation. He hopes to incorporate international studies into the core curriculum, thus "broadening the educational direction" of the liberal arts program here at Houghton. Pollock also assists in such cross-cultural practicums as semesters abroad and summers overseas.

Pollock emphasized the need for cross-cultural awareness and communication skills in any profession, whether business, science, the arts, or public and interpersonal relations.

Honeywell Hosts Essay Contest

MINNEAPOLIS— Honeywell has launched its fifth-annual Futurist Awards Competition, an essay contest that asks students to predict technology advancements 25 years from now.

Honeywell wants college students to imagine the year 2011 and write essays about the technological developments they foresee. This year's contest will offer 10 winners \$3,000 each and the chance to work for Honeywell next summer.

Last year, 450 students, representing 325 colleges and universities in 47 states, entered the competition.

The contest is open to all full-time students at any accredited college in the United States. Students are asked to leap 25 years in the future and write an essay predicting developments in one of six technological areas: electronic communications, energy, aerospace, computer science, manufacturing automation or office automation. A second essay must address the societal impact of the technological predictions. Each essay must be no longer than 1500 words. Students can receive contest rules

by writing Futurist Rules, Honeywell Telemarketing Center, Honeywell Plaza MN12-4164, Minneapolis, MN 55408, or calling toll free 1-800-328-5111, ext 1581. Request for entry material must be received by Dec. 31, 1986.

Completed essays must be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 1987. In February, a panel of top Honeywell scientists and engineers will judge the essays on the basis of creativity, feasibility, clarity of expression and legibility.

Winners will be announced in early March, and each of the 10 winners will receive a two-day, all-expense-paid trip to Honeywell's headquarters in Minneapolis.

Honeywell is a Minneapolis-based international corporation that works together with customers to help them achieve their goals through the application of computers, communications and control. The company has 94,000 employees worldwide, with 1985 revenue of \$6.6 billion and net income of \$281 million.

Spud's No Dud

by Barb Felder

Spud Wentzell, Professor of Physical Education and P.E. department head, graduated Doctor of Education from Boston University last May.

Dr. Wentzell completed three years in the doctoral program with his dissertation, "Relation of an Occupation to the Family: Perceptions of Basketball Coaches' Wives." Primary concerns of this study included time commitment and preoccupation with the job.

At Boston University, Wentzell participated in the Human Movement program which explored teaching methods, curriculum development,

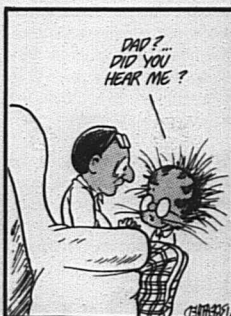
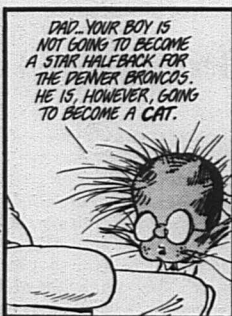
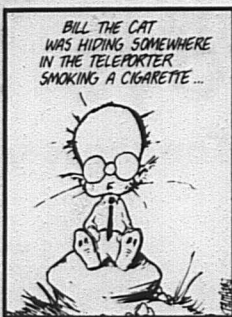
and sport theory.

Wentzell himself is honored with the degree, but he gives credit to the Lord for providing the opportunity, resources, and timing. He also credits his family's sacrifice and support. In fact, Wentzell considers it a "family degree."

Wentzell joined Houghton's faculty in the fall of 1985. He spent eight years at Barrington College in Rhode Island, teaching Physical Education and coaching varsity Cross Country and Basketball. He earned both his BA and MA at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



AIDS Destroys Brains

The Black Death which reached Constantinople in 1347 and rapidly spread across Europe is estimated to have killed from one-fourth to three-fourths of the population in many areas. Now, a leading British venereologist believes that all signs point to a pandemic of AIDS "of a magnitude unparalleled in human history." Hardest hit will be the Third World. John Seale, formerly of The Middlesex and St. Thomas's Hospitals in London, presented the evidence for his proposition in the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine* (August 1985).

Seale began by emphasizing that "confusion and misunderstanding" about the true nature of AIDS continues "on a monumental scale amongst public and doctors alike." He suggested that the term AIDS, first used only in mid-1982, is less than ideal. Although the acronym means Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, it is now becoming clear that vast numbers of people will ultimately die from the virus (variously called the HTLV-III or the LAV virus) without ever having had their immune systems become deficient (as in "classic" AIDS).

Seale argues that "the spectrum of disease caused by the [so-called] AIDS virus is much greater than that covered by the CDC [U.S. Centers for Disease Control] definition of AIDS." Most notably, many American homosexuals are now beginning to have their brains progressively destroyed by the HTLV-III virus, even as their immune systems hold up well. The reason why dementia is only now starting to ravage many gays is that the disease's incubation period in the brain is much longer. But if parallels from the animal kingdom prove valid, the brain destruction brought on by HTLV-III will claim a greater number of victims than that caused by the destruction of the immune system.

Some scientific background is essential here. For nearly two years following the isolation of HTLV-III in the laboratory, it was falsely assumed to be a retrovirus of the subfamily *Oncornavirinae*, "which causes leukemia in man (HTLV-I and HTLV-II) and neoplastic [i.e., tumorous] diseases in many other vertebrates." A great deal is known about certain members of this large viral subfamily, which vary greatly in their lethality.

Researchers must have been horrified to learn that HTLV-III is in fact a retrovirus of the subfamily *Lentivirinae*, "of which only three other species are known: the lenti-viruses causing maedi-visna in sheep, infectious anemia in horses and encephalitis-arthritis in goats." According to Seale:

The lentiviruses have been largely neglected because they appeared irrelevant to disease in man and they could not be transmitted to small laboratory animals. In domestic animals lentivirus infections have proved so lethal and unresponsive to treatment, and vaccines have proved so useless, that slaughter of infected animals has been the universal means of control.

In the case of maedi-visna virus in sheep, mortality is 100% by the end of six years, yet death occurs without any immune system deficiency. The culprit is progressive brain disease, as the virus becomes "integrated" into the genome of brain cells, making effective treatment impossible.

The first cases of "AIDS-virus progressive encephalopathy without severe immune deficiency and without CDC-defined AIDS are now beginning to appear in New York," writes Seale. CDC researchers have calculated an AIDS incubation-time range of one to 14 years, with a mean of six years. However, these figures apply only to CDC-defined or "classic" AIDS. By analogy with other slow virus infections of the brain such as kuru in man, Seale calculates a mean brain incubation period for HTLV-III of "about 15 years between infection and symptomatic . . . encephalopathy." It will be "well into the 21st century," he estimates, before we know if the HTLV-III virus is as universally fatal in man as its counterpart is in sheep. The author concludes with these jarring observations:

A highly significant consideration is that the AIDS virus is spreading as a virgin-soil epidemic throughout mankind after crossing the species barrier, probably from a green monkey (Essex, 1985). A virus which successfully crosses the host-species barrier is often highly lethal to the new species, though harmless to its natural host.

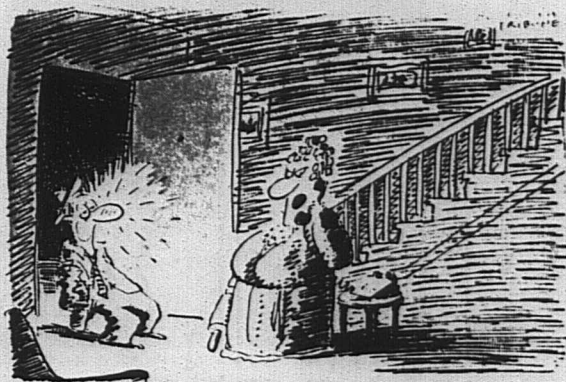
However, a new virus which produces a persistent viraemia for life, and causes a slow virus encephalopathy after a mean incubation period of many years, would produce a self-sustaining epidemic. Indeed, it would produce a lethal pandemic throughout the crowded cities and villages of the Third World of a magnitude unparalleled in human history. *This is what the AIDS virus is now doing.*

Transmission of the AIDS virus is blood-borne, like hepatitis B virus (HBV) . . . Both are very easily transmitted during anal intercourse, particularly male homosexual, because it regularly causes minor or major injuries of, and bleeding from the rectal mucosa. Similar lesions rarely occur during vaginal intercourse . . .

[I]t is probable that, as with so many viraemic diseases, a single virion introduced directly into the blood will regularly transmit infection. Consequently both virus infections are readily transmitted on multi-use, non-sterile medical needles. They are also easily transmitted by the close, non-sexual contact between cuts, sores and abrasions, and the blood or serum of other people, which commonly occur (particularly in children) in the crowded and unsanitary conditions in which most people on earth live.

For some reason, this information is not being widely disseminated in the American popular press. As of January, there were more than 16,000 American cases of active AIDS, half of them already fatal. But according to the CDC in Atlanta, about 1.75 million Americans had then been infected by HTLV-III virus, with more than 1,000 new victims being unknowingly added each day. This means that we have now reached the two-million mark domestically, and that many people around us are walking sexual "time-bombs." If Seale is right, many millions of Americans may eventually die an ugly death from the HTLV-III virus, in which case a social-religious-political reaction of still unimaginable proportions will certainly result. In the unhygienic Third World, the losses will be vastly greater and vastly more destructive.

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"YOU THE GUY STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY THAT CHERNOBYL MAY CAUSE RADIO-ACTIVE CONTAMINATION IN FOREIGN BOOZE? I'VE GOT A LEAD FOR YOU!"

Sports

Three out of Three— Not Bad!

by Joan Robertsen
and Prashula Patel

Last Wednesday, the men's Varsity Soccer team defeated their arch rival, Roberts Weeleyan on home turf.

Scott Parkinson led off the scoring on an indirect kick assisted by Greg Cidman. Within seconds, Roberts tied the score. The remaining 30 minutes of the first half went without another goal.

Ten minutes into the second half, the Highlanders broke the tie. Mark Estep took a direct kick that sent the ball to the far post where Jim Cook headed it in. At 30:37, Cook scored once again. Due to defensive mistakes Roberts managed to score within

minutes of Cook's second goal. At 10:30, Danny Meade netted the ball with an assist from Parkinson. Later in the game, Roberts got a lucky break and pulled themselves back into the game. The Highlanders persisted in their domination of the game, and with a mere five seconds remaining, Cook assisted Robert Beckford in the last goal, bringing a final score of 5-3.

The Highlanders traveled to Canisius on Sept. 18 and came home with a victory, 2-1. Billy Clark began the scoring for Houghton late in the first half, and ended it in the second half with another goal after Canisius had tied the score. Meade assisted Clark on his first goal. Varsity keeper Tim

Kangas could not play due to illness, so Tom Cutting filled his cleats. Three injuries resulted from this game. Mark Ashley received muscle and ligament damage to his neck. Derek May sprained his ankle and Scott Parkinson pulled a hamstring.

On Sept. 20, the team defeated Geneva 1-0 at home. Despite their injuries from the previous game, May, Ashley and Parkinson played extremely well. The playing conditions were not the best. The ground was wet and very slippery. However, it did not deter the Highlanders. Not until 12 minutes into the second half did Houghton score. Cook carried the ball down and passed it to Clark, who shot at the goal. It bounced off the goal post where Clark retrieved, followed through, and scored.

The varsity record now stands at 4-2.

Three Victory Laps

by Colleen Morgan
and Annie Lennox

The Houghton College women's field hockey team left Thursday, Sept. 18 for Oberlin College in Ohio. Oberlin never knew what hit them as Houghton swept all three of their games. On Friday, Sept. 19, the Lady Highlanders defeated the top-ranked Kenyon I team 1-0. Freshman Doreen Lamos scored with assistance from newcomer Amy Burcaw and "Wild African" Ndunge Kiiti. In the second game of the day, Houghton beat the host team Oberlin College. Co-captain Kiiti was the high scorer, driving three goals into the cage with help from right wing Becca Meighan and freshman link Lisa Hill. Kiiti then assisted on a powerful Hill shot which brought the total score to 4-1.

In their final game on Saturday, the team pulled together to soundly trounce the second Kenyon team. Kiiti tied her previous day's record scoring three more goals with Hill adding two more. Freshmen Burcaw and Ellen Chege each added a goal, with assists by Meighan, Lamos, Hill, and co-captain Barb Felder, bringing the final score to 7-0. The team invites everyone to attend their next home game on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Bad Luck Plagues Women

The women's frustrating season continues. After games with Keuka (8-2 loss) and with highly touted Nazareth (8-0 loss), Houghton still finds itself without a win. Although prospects for a winning season looked great in August, the realities of injuries and unreach potential are hitting the team hard. Six starters have missed games at one point or another. Three of them are out for the season due to injuries: Dione Matney (knee), Anita Dubois (thigh), Kelli Lies (shoulder).

Every cloud has silver lining though and bright spots for the team have been Patty Reichter, freshman walk-on Kelly Schoonmaker, and Sue Stephens to name a few. The atmosphere remains positive and the women are determined to turn things around. There is still a lot of soccer to be played. Watch for things to start happening soon.

More Field Hockey

by Colleen Morgan
and Annie Lennox

Houghton lost a hard-fought battle against Mansfield College in Pennsylvania on Sept. 22 at 3:30 pm. With evenly matched teams, Houghton tried to duplicate their wins in Ohio but couldn't quite take over as Mansfield scored soon into the first half. Houghton retaliated in the second half with Lisa Hill scoring the lone goal. The final score was 2-1 after Mansfield pulled away with another goal.

With their record now at 4-3, the Houghton team is looking for a good season as they face St. Bonaventure in Olean for the second time on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

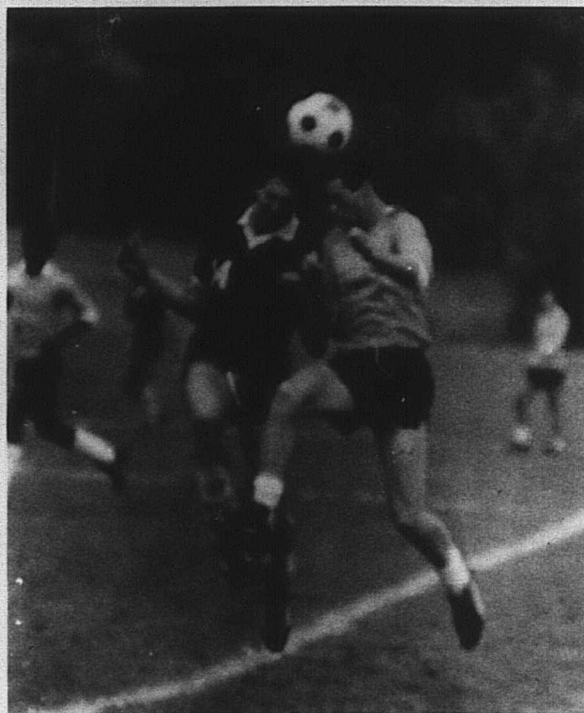


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Head to head competition. Ouch!

Yogi, Boo Boo, And Bonabi Too!

by Cathy Stoner

The mascot of the Houghton women's volleyball team, Bonabi the Bear, had a hopeful gleam in his eye before the team's second home tri-match of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 17. Houghton met Roberts Wesleyan head-on and romped over them in two straight games 15-7 and 15-13. A highlight of the Highlander victory was the dazzling quick-set combo of Eileen Reed and Lynne Leathers which left the Roberts team standing flat-footed.

In the second match against an aggressive St. John Fisher team, Bonabi's satisfied grin became a frustrated grimace. Fisher captured an early lead and controlled both games of the match, defeating Houghton 9-15 and 11-15.

The team's spirit was bruised but not crushed by the disappointing loss. Their defeat did not keep them from

singing a traditional chorus of "I Will Call Upon the Lord" and sharing pizza at Big Al's with St. John Fisher after the match.

On Saturday, Sept. 20. Houghton's faithful mascot faced the same range of emotions as the Highlanders confidently overpowered Buff. State 15-12 and 15-4, but succumbed to Alfred State 3-15 and 10-15 in the second match.

By this time, Bonabi the "all new materials" Bear is becoming skeptical, but the girls remain philosophical if not positive about their performance. "We're just working on some of the rough edges," comments senior setter, Eileen Reed. "We're getting better all the time." Convinced by these observations, Bonabi readies himself to support the girls in their three away matches on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of the coming week.

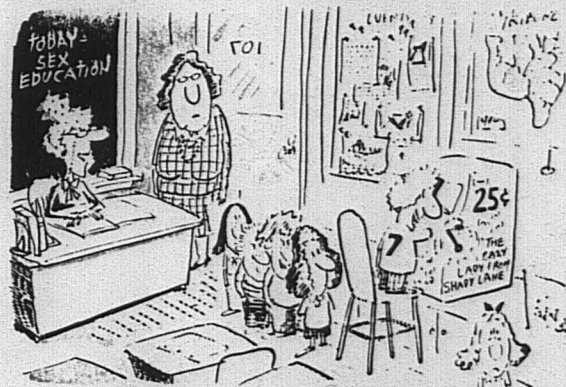
Mr Nordic Freezes Punque

It was always some collection of heroes going out to bang heads with the football team who earned the reputation as the villainous bad guys who go head-hunting every game on the quad. These games have drawn more and more attention over the past few years. The most recent one, Waldorf House vs. "Bob Hill's Team," (AKA the L.A. Raiders of Houghton) was no exception. Now I don't wish to address the attitude problem here, (which was only in spectator's minds and idle talk), but rather the concern of those in decision-making positions who feel no further games should be played because of the risk of serious injury, and I suppose the whole mess is my fault.

I was playing for Hill's team and the game had been free from cheap

shots and out-of-hand tempers. It was a good game at that point, (for us anyway, 28-7) when it happened. On a kickoff, I had a friendly collision with Scott Olsen, (AKA Mack Truck, Freight Train, Mr. Nordic). Scott and I have been good friends for just about as long as I've been here and the block he threw which floored me and gave me a healthy concussion won't change that friendship. What it did change was the attitudes of people who, after seeing me knocked out, decided that no more football games should be played.

I know my babbling about how I saw three Bruce O'Byrnes, Brent Thompsons, and Paul Allens when I came to frightened people. (After all, one is enough of each of those boys.) At any rate, I've had worse injuries in



high school football and realize the risks of the game. Football is a well-loved game here and guys find it healthy and enjoyable to get into a good physically rough game like this. My concussion would have happened in any level of football, pads or not. It could happen in soccer, basketball, floor hockey, or buck-buck. It doesn't matter.

I understand the insurance binds placed upon this institution. I believe however, that it's unethical to impose restraints on us concerning activities

such as tackle football and rugby. Furthermore, a good majority of students are interested in participating and spectating such events. (Plus it gives people something to do on weekends.)

I have the utmost respect for all those in authority here and their concern, but I thought I'd throw in my two cents worth. I sincerely hope to see quad games continue, (including rugby) and hope my little boo-boo won't alarm anyone prematurely. By the way, nice hit Scott.

Classifieds

To My Darling Wife,

I'm glad that we've finally decided to date. After all, we've been married for almost two years!

Your Darling Husband

Ramona Ranalli is one terrific woman!

Mr. Wahler,
Each day my affection grows stronger, and I am longing to be with you. But you seem to have another interest. Please decide quickly...
The 44 Woman

DUE TO EXCESSIVE SLASHING AND OTHER DIRTY TACTICS, Karen Holland is hereby banned from intramural hockey.

HART AND SOUL—
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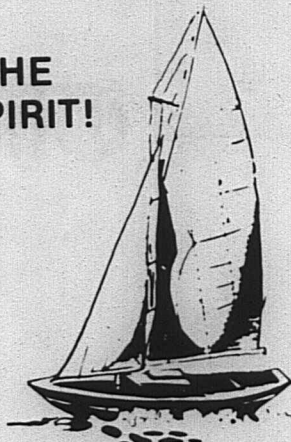
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—PAPA



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You can rest easy, Cath.



Greg Gidman—
Get a real haircut!

**"Pete, I'm a woman!
I forget those things."**
A. Durkee

I Love You, Gwenn;
Two are better than one;
because they have a good reward for their labor.

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Hey Sheldon—

Did "Christmas" come early this year? Congrats.

Hack

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