

# How To Cope With Homesickness

By Troy Hughes

Does anyone have a spare car he can lend me? Or maybe \$200 for a plane ticket? It's tough living 700 miles away from home sometimes, especially when you're broke and your car doesn't run.

Homesickness is a disease that strikes everyone, I think, to some degree or another while they are at college. (You day students can stop reading now--go home for lunch or something.)

It could be just missing something trivial like your room at home, or a favorite radio sta-

tion, or your family. Or it could be something important like a boyfriend or a girlfriend, or the beach (for you Floridians...). I'm sure everyone misses something back home, and that's a symptom of homesickness.

We're now entering that time of year when cases of homesickness really become acute. It's sort of like the flu--it has something to do with the cold weather.

Cold weather brings memories of staying warm with that special someone at high school football games, of your first snowball fight (for you non-Floridians...)

and of Christmas, all memories you associate with home.

So what can you do? It's bound to happen sometime--homesickness strikes the hardest of souls (usually when they least expect it). What's the best treatment for homesickness?

Probably the best thing you can do is simply go home. If you don't live too far away and you have transportation, you can go home every weekend. Problem solved. But, for those of us who live a good distance from home (anywhere from 800 miles to half

way around the world) or don't have a car, we're lucky to get home once a year.

People who can't go home every time they get homesick have to settle for substitutes. The best substitute there is is mail. Mail can bring all kinds of things to help you get over the away-from-home blues, or at least make them more bearable. Things like cards from sweethearts, news from friends, and money from Mom and Dad. Especially money from Mom and Dad.

But if all else fails (and it has to be a severe case of homesickness is money doesn't help...) there is one more thing you can do. It

takes a lot of effort, and it isn't by any means a sure thing, but it might work. It's simply this: try to think of college as sort of a home away from home.

I know it sounds corny, and it is. I tried it and it didn't help much. See, it doesn't look like I'll be going home until Christmas. Unless of course someone has an extra car or \$200 they don't need.

## Spend Spring Break In Sunny Jamaica

Would you like to spend spring break snorkeling over spectacular coral reefs, observing vividly colored reef fishes, learning about the varied marine and terrestrial environments and the organisms that populate them, while seeing the "real" Jamaica? If so, maybe you should consider enrolling in Biology 289, Marine and Tropical Ecology, which will be offered spring semester.

Dr. Bill Brower will be returning to Hofstra University's Marine Lab in Jamaica with a small group of students, following last year's very successful trip. Dr. Bill Alexander will also

be helping teach this combination field trip/lecture course, which will emphasize an introduction to marine plants, animals, and tropical ecosystems of Jamaica. Approximate trip cost is \$800-850 dollars for the 8 night stay.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the trip, please attend an organizational and informational meeting on Thursday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. in room 201 in the Moore Science Building. Slides from last year's trip will be shown. If you are unable to attend, please contact Dr. Brower or Dr. Alexander in the Moore Science Building for further information.



This year's Ambassador Singers are: (row 1) Lynda Lambeth, Christopher Mann, Ann Kirby, (row 2) Tim Wall, Lynley Todd, Susie Head, Daryll Williams, (row 3) Donnie Shiftlet, Caryn Claus, Joel Rogers, and Tina Taylor.

## Ambassador Singers Selected

By Susan Rogers

Thirteen outstanding members of the Brevard College Collegiate Singers have been selected to make up the 1984-85 Ambassador Singers.

The group made their debut in a salute to Broadway during "An Afternoon in the Park," a recent Life and Culture presentation. They performed a number of well-known show tunes and received their first standing ovation.

This special group was chosen to participate in several extracurricular activities that, because of its small size, it is more suited to than the Collegiate

Singers would be. They plan to perform in various places around the state in the spring.

According to soprano Tina Taylor, "This group is an ideal size for performing and touring and all the voices blend together very well."

The Ambassador Singers is made up of ten sophomores and three freshmen. They are Caryn Claus, Tina Taylor, Ann Kirby, Susie Head, Lynley Todd, Chikako Yamaguchi, Sara Carter, Lynda Lambeth, Daryll Williams, Christopher Mann, Tim Wall, Joel Rogers, and Donnie Shiftlet.

## Waite's "No Brakes" Promises Success

By Robin Thomas

"No Brakes" the newly released album by singer-songwriter John Waite, containing the hit "Missing You," can be easily enjoyed by those who want to hear good rock-n-roll and by listeners who appreciate a variety of well written, well arranged songs.

"Missing You," written by Waite and the slowest song on the album, is definitely one of the album's high points. Waite's smooth, clear singing voice can easily be heard and understood.

Other songs written by Waite are "Saturday Night," an excellent upbeat opening song,

"Restless Heart," "Love Collision," and "Dreamtime/Shake It Up."

"Euroshima" and "For Your Love," also written by Waite, are both good contrasts to "Missing You" and since his next release should be different, either of the songs would be favored.

Players Gary Myrick (guitars), Carly Smith (drum kit), Donnie Nossov (electric bass guitar), Bruce Brody (keyboards), and Steve Scales (percussion), all help make John Waite's "No Brakes" a promising success.

## Creeking: Old BC Tradition

By Andrea Braymiller

The creek in all its innocence and beauty, banked by weeping willows blowing gently in the wind is party to an old Brevard tradition. What is this tradition which familiarizes Brevard College students with its icy yet refreshing water? The answer is "creeking" which each student will experience at least once in his or her career at Brevard College.

The student is generally formally introduced to the creek on his birthday; however, there are some people who can not wait that long. The student never quite knows when the "creeking" time will be. The morning, noon, minutes before the cafeteria stops serving dinner, and even in the dead of night are all excellent possibilities.

The lucky person is given "a free lift" to the creek by generous and caring friends. Once reaching the creek, the student is carried across the bridge and with the blessing of the water, he is thrown in. He may splash around to make it look good



because if the spectators are not satisfied, they will push him in again.

Clad in soaked clothing, the student is escorted back to his dorm room to change clothes. Wet clothes are the only problem because they have to be washed, but that's life!

So if your birthday is fast approaching, here is some simple advice: beware, wear old clothes, and don't worry about doing a bang-up job on your hair. Happy Creeking!

## Movies

### "Teachers" Disappointing

By Robin Thomas

"Teachers," starring Nick Nolte, Judd Hirsch, and JoBeth Williams, despite its talented cast, is a predictable and very disappointing movie.

The movie begins as a comedy set at J.F.K. High School. It deals with a school psychologist who goes crazy, a teacher who is really an escaped mental patient, and another who snores through all his classes. Eventually, however, the movie becomes very serious.

JoBeth Williams ("The Big Chill") plays an attorney who is handling a suit involving a student who graduated from the school without learning how to read or write.

Nick Nolte ("48 Hours"), the brightest spot in the movie, plays the most believable character. He portrays a social studies teacher willing to fight the school system and falls in love with his former student, the attorney (Williams). This romance is not only hard to believe, but it happens much too fast and then never seems to go anywhere, leaving the audience not really caring about either character.

Judd Hirsch, ("Taxi") plays the school vice-principal who is torn between the school system with Nolte, his close friend, or giving in to demands for a cover-up.

Ralph Macchio ("The Karate Kid") and Richard Mulligan ("Soap") add some humor and sensitivity to the story but over all most movie-goers should pass this one by.

### Parents' Day Schedule

- Nov. 2--parents may attend classes
- 8:15 presentation of "Oklahoma"
- Nov. 3--9:30 a.m. parents may meet faculty
- 1:00 p.m. women's blue-white basketball game
- 3:00 p.m. men's blue-white basketball game
- 8:15 presentation of "Oklahoma"
- Nov. 4--10:00 a.m. special college worship service