

WRITING AND NOT FORGETTING KEEPING IN TOUCH

THE "PALS" THAT ARE ALWAYS THERE.

Being pen pals was a popular way for two people to continue their friendship over long distances. Unlike calling by telephone, writing was an economically better way to communicate.

Pen pals could write to each other about many topics. School, friends, special interests, and after-school activities all made it possible to have an assortment of things to hold the interest of the other person. Since pen pals rarely saw each other during the course of their relationship, it was important that they wrote often and kept each other abreast of their activities.

Pen pals were brought together by several ways. The first way was that two people met while on vacation. These people became very close friends and wanted to continue their friendship for as long as possible.

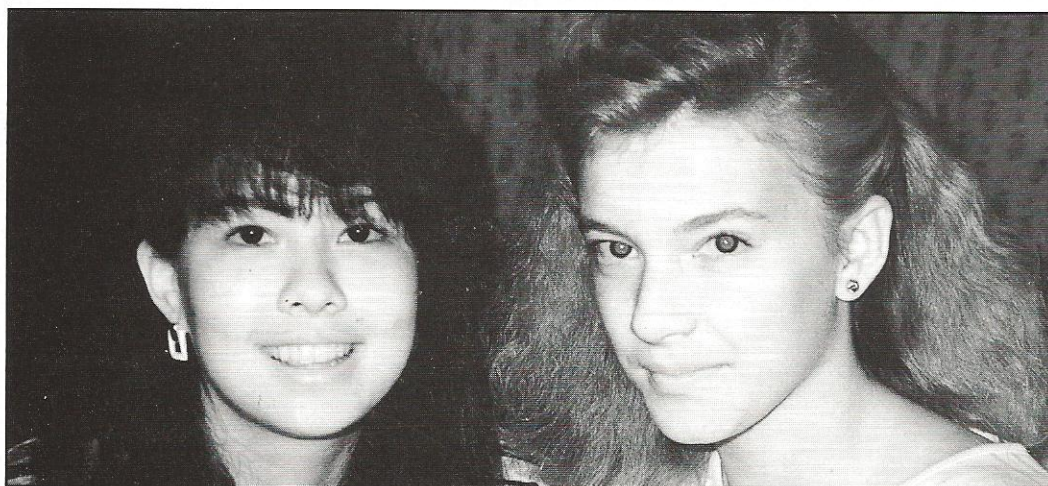
A second way was that two people were close

friends in school and one or both had to move away. These friends wanted to keep in touch over the years and thought that writing was the second best way to stay friends.

Another way that people became pen pals was when foreign exchange students came to attend the high school. The exchange students formed close relationships with American students. When it came time for the exchange students to leave, they promised to keep in touch with the Americans.

Junior Wendy Garrett had twelve pen pals from Japan and America that she wrote often. "I like to keep in touch with other parts of the world," Wendy said. "I wish I had pen pals all over the world so that no matter where I travel, I will always know someone."

— Ann Goff



Annie Macher, a junior from Pittsburgh, visits Wendy Garrett, her best friend of eleven years, during the summer. The two girls have written religiously for four years since Wendy moved.

