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Dear Friends and Family,

As the year 1984 draws to a close, it is time for the annual update on what the Pease family is up to this year.

Rod is still working for AT&T Bell Laboratories doing the same stuff as he has been doing for the last few years. The only difference this year was the purchase of his first three piece suit - which he had to get to be an official salesman at a trade show. His interests still include Science Fiction, personal computers, gardening, and sartorial splendor - in that order.

About a year ago Suzanne was having a photocopy made of one of her pen and ink drawings, when an ad agent asked if she did freelance illustrating. Of course, she said yes (and then went home to look up what freelance illustrating involved). After several months of doing assignments for this agency, she decided to take her portfolio around to other agencies, and has built up her client list so that her new art and graphic studio is making a profit (barely). She has drawn Hertz construction equipment, jewelry for newspaper advertisements, a shopping center for the planning board, and homes for a builders portfolio, and a mobil cardiac testing van to name a few projects. Kevin helps out occasionally when the job calls for logo design or cartooning. It very exciting and fun. She just finished a course in architectural drawing so as to go after the building trade doing renderings from blueprints. She plans to take a printmaking course next semester so that she can turn some of her pen and ink drawing into etchings.

Kevin is now 5'9" tall, probably 5'10" by the time this reaches you. He is now wearing Rod's shoes and some of his (ahem) out grown clothing. Yes, Rod is growing too, but in a different direction. No exercise involved in computer programming or reading science fiction books.

Kevin is a freshman at Manalapan High School. He was accepted for a special magnet program called the Science and Engineering Learning Center. He takes accelerated science and math courses with a group of really nice and gifted students. He really has to work hard to keep up. This year he is taking Biology, Geometry/Trig., Pascal, and Engineering Drawing. He has P.E., Spanish, American History, and Honors English with the rest of the Manalapan High School students. We won't claim that he loves school, his biggest complaint is the amount of homework, but we feel he is doing well.

In August, we took a camping trip to Acadia National Park in Maine, Bay of Fundy Provincial Park in New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The weather was beautiful and so was the scenery. We highly recommend both Acadia and Fundy.

In October, the house turned into the Pease Motel. Rod's folks spent two weeks with us and then Suzanne's brother joined us to take part in the New York Marathon. Don tried to get her interested in running, but her old bod just isn't up to it.

We wish you a happy holiday season followed by a wonderful new year.