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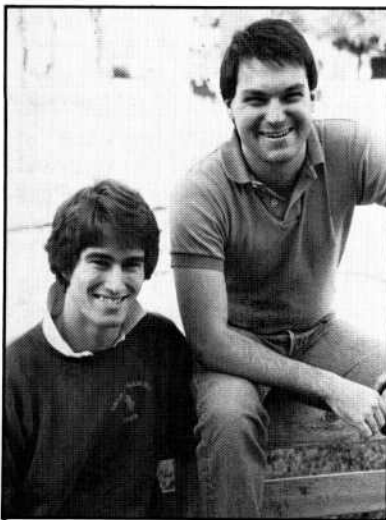
Asthmatic, limping, sight and hearing impaired, Dwight Swain doesn't fit the dashing foreign correspondent image, but he just couldn't resist the temptation to observe the Central American trouble spots for himself.

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Now it can be told: Photographer Gil Jain has discovered real people inside the dog suits - a couple of nearly-normal OU students named Bernie Maroney and Bruce Spears, who appear on the cover as Underdog and Top Daug. Story on Page 4.

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