

Merry Christmas

What a great year this has been. Be sure to visit our web page at www.KansasFolks.net.

Eric left Humana, (which had been FPA for a year), after 8 years. He is now part of Family Medical Care of Carondelet Health. (Carondelet Health is the corporation that Alan and Margie worked for while at Villa Saint Joseph.) He still has privileges at Overland Park Regional and now also goes to Saint Joseph Health Center, (the hospital Daniel volunteered at a year ago). His office is down in Louisburg, Kansas, a small town about 25 miles south of us. His drive is farther, but no longer in time than his previous commutes. He is enjoying an office atmosphere similar to Hays Family Practice, even though nothing will ever replace that. He got some biking in this summer, including BAK with Daniel on the tandem.

Margie went back to KUMC in January to "refresh" her knowledge and skills at respiratory therapy. She enjoyed being a student with kids two or more years older than Alan. They helped her get acclimated to college life again, however she didn't keep their partying schedules. She deemed herself "refreshed" enough in July and started working at KUMC. She works all areas of the hospital, except neonatal ICU. Hospital life has changed and this has been a rewarding change of pace. In June Margie was a SAG for BAK, an experience that may have to be repeated.

Alan is happily sporting a beard and enjoying other aspects of college life. He is enjoying his course work a little more since he's now into fun subjects like construction materials and engineering physics. He had oral surgery in July to move his upper jaw out to "bite" with his lower jaw. He is again wearing braces, but smiling more now that his jaw is fixed. Along with Grandpa and Grandma Wood he again hosted the rest of the family in Manhattan for Thanksgiving.

Daniel is now a happy, gainfully employed upperclassman. Besides playing trombone in marching band again this year, he started work at McDonald's this summer and enjoys the weekly paychecks. Driving to school, work and anywhere he pleases is a dream come true. He is taking a couple hours a day off school to attend JC Tech to get a veterinary assistant certificate. This next summer he hopes to find a job in a vet office. Ringing bells, playing in the orchestra at church and subbing in his parent's bell choir is taking care of the requirements for the music honor society membership.

We wish everyone a Joyous Christmas. Be safe and happy in the coming final year of the millennium.

Eric, Margie, Alan, and Daniel Dyck
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