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2002 Seasons Greetings To All

Ed: This past year seems to have been spent on I66 driving to or from MMA. As Steven has been doing better there, he comes home less, and I go up there more. The big event was Dad serving as reviewing officer for one of the school parades. (You will find a nice story and picture about that on our web page) Beyond trips to MMA, I have been very active both going to the theatre and dancing. I only went on one hike, mostly due to the lack of time. My nest has sort of refilled this past year. Scott has been here this last semester during his internship at NexTel. In addition Cesca spent the summer with us. Shirley and Bryn were here for a week at Labor Day enroute to Macedonia. Finally Harriet is rooming here while she and James work on a "fixer upper" house. I have not enjoyed my work this last couple of years, and after the New Year I will be starting a new assignment. I am not happy about Northrup's acquisition of TRW. However, assuming Steven gets into one of the academies, I have only 15 more months of tuition payments, (not that I am counting or anything) and could then retire and go back to teaching.

Scott: Its amazing how fast years can fly by when you're so unbelievably busy all the time. I have spent most of the past year on work/school schedules well in excess of 50 hours a week - so needless to say, by now I'm a little drained. Its all good though- Cesca and I are flying out west over winter break to take an extremely-needed vacation. Of course, after the past 6 months of working 40 hours a week plus taking classes, all of next semester (in which I will _just_ be taking classes... for once) will be a vacation. God I'm psyched, I miss UR. (for those of you who didn't know, I have taken the last 6 months off from school to take advantage of an awesome Intern opportunity with Nextel Communications). Other than my work, the only other news is that Cesca and I are still doing well - and providing each other with very welcome relaxation in the face of stress. Happy holidays, and I hope the world finds you well.

Steven: It has been a productive year. More rank, yet more responsibilities. More progress is made, but each time it cost more to reach it. Definitely a year of challenges and changes, and I would not change a thing about. The Chinese have an old curse "May you live in interesting times." Well, apparently then, I have been cursed, but I do not mind.

Happy Holidays

Joe

Ed

Steven