

The First Annual Dave & Catherine Holiday Update Letter

This year I decided that it was finally time that Catherine and I start our own holiday letter—it's only been six years. We would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday Season, etc. and hope that everyone finds health and happiness (and employment!) in the new year. Well, let's see what is new...

First and most important is that the wedding has *finally* been scheduled. The set-in-stone date is April 5, 1997 (the Saturday after Easter), the time about 11:30 AM (kind of early, especially for those of us who are unemployed right now) until 4 PM, the place: Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia (Home of the 1996 Olympic Games®). So, if you are getting this letter then you are obviously nearly family members and will be formally invited in a few months, but leave the date (weekend) open. Yes, there will be free food.

What else, let's see... Catherine is still very busy earning her Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering at Georgia Tech (she's my rocket scientist!). I have finished all of my Masters classwork and am working feverishly (Ha Ha Ha) on the actual thesis portion of it. I say feverishly because as most of you know I did my Masters tour in Chattanooga, Tennessee (lovely place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there!), while there I finished the bulk of the research, but not all, now that I am in Atlanta the work has slowed considerably—expect a May '97 graduation date, I guess. This past September we added an addition to the family, Freya, a white, viscous-toothed, sleeping on your head, wake you up at 5 AM female calico cat. A sister for Loki, the most wonderful cat (almost) any parents could ask for, since his brother moved out with Catherine's sister in October.

Catherine and I have broken the most unspoken of pre-marital rules and have moved in together, more out of convenience, you see I have no job (yet) and she supports me—a true couple of the 90's. Hopefully, the job of a lifetime is just around the corner, but just in case it isn't, only expect this Christmas card from me. Our new address, which will be with us after the wedding also is:

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We moved into the new place in October, it's a very nice 2 bedroom/2 Bath (one for each of us, but if you feel like visiting just call and we can work something out). Not much else is new with us, let's move to the family...

Dave's family is doing fine, Dad and Mom are still gainfully employed and enjoy every waking moment (10 minutes a day) outside of work. Mike has decided that Wake Forest is not the place for him and will be attending the University of Georgia (sic!), an arch-rival of our alma mater, (this winter, I think). Mom has recently decided that the house needed an overhaul and therefore my father has complied to Mom's every whim and redone nearly everything (not bad I must say for an aging nuclear engineer).

Catherine's family is doing well also. Suzie graduated this past summer from Emory University with a degree in biology, and is planning to go to graduate school after some time off (well, not actually off, she is working at a veterinary hospital). Those of you in school know that you need that time off. Catherine's family experienced a tragic loss of her grandfather this fall, he fell ill very quickly and had passed-on before the doctors knew what was wrong. He will be sorely missed, by a lot of people, he was a wonderful person. Catherine's parents are still planning a move back to Georgia, when? They really don't know, whenever they are ready I guess. Where? They don't know that quite yet either.

As most of you witnessed on TV this summer, Atlanta was in the news, I think it was the Olympic Games®. Actually, they were one of the most memorable experiences in my life (Catherine's too) and NO I didn't plant that bomb in the park, even though I worked there. I was off that night and at the stadium for track and field events. At the Games, Catherine unfortunately had to sell everything she owned to pay off the most addicting, habit-forming thing this century— you guessed it, pin trading. So when you come down check out the pins here, we have more than most of the free world. Actually, we have hundreds of pictures too, so if you didn't watch, weren't here or just want to help you case of P.O.D (*Post Olympic Depression*) then come on over, we'll leave the light on!

That's all for now...

Happy Holidays to all, Hope to see you all soon...

Love,

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Please detach this and send or give it to one of us or just e-mail one of us (this is to give us an approximate head-count and allow Dave to develop his birthday calendar, you can leave the year off if you're sensitive:

Preliminary Information for Dave & Catherine's Wedding

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail(s): _____

Birthday(s) : _____

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I/We have absolutely no ideas if we can come, but would never in a million years come