

REFIOR *News Bulletin*

Paul, Pam, Nikki & Laura

August 31, 1992

WARM GREETINGS AGAIN FROM THE REFIORES !

Nikki is now in law school . . . I can hardly believe it. It really was not that long ago that she was a toddler with those cute red curls and her ever-smiling looks of excitement. Nikki is all set up in Beech Grove - a suburb of Indianapolis - sharing a duplex with another fine young lady, Jill, who is a teacher at an Indianapolis public school. They knew each other at Cedarville College. An area of the kitchen which was designed for a washer and dryer was converted into a very nice study area. Nikki went through orientation and now is immersed in law school classes and all of that reading and massive amounts of homework. Nikki is in the important process of selecting a church to attend during the next three years. She would like to find a solid Bible-preaching church with an active singles/young adult group.

Laura is now a junior at Warsaw Community High School. As one of the officers for the student body she is very active in various functions of school government. She also continues her voice lessons. Laura earned the privileges of being in the Select Chorale and also the Select Theater class. Laura already reports that being an upper classman and now being quite accustomed to WCHS, makes high school a lot more fun. The Warsaw Tigers won their first football game, what fun.

The most urgent family news relates to Pam's father, E.J. Petro. A couple of months ago E.J. was diagnosed to have cancer in the colon. Further tests resulted in a diagnosis that there is a large tumor in E.J.'s colon that is through the wall of the colon and affixed to the bone. The surgeon and the radiation oncologist stated that a combination of chemotherapy and radiation very well might reduce the size of the tumor and detach the tumor from the bone prior to operating. With trust in the Lord and with optimism, the chemotherapy and radiation treatments began. E.J. now has completed three and one-half weeks of such treatments and there are two more weeks to go (five days per week). E.J. is experiencing considerable discomfort, various physical problems, difficulty sleeping, and tremendous loss of energy. Please pray for E.J. God is able to bring E.J. through this physical crisis. Please pray with us that the Lord will heal E.J. through the medical treatments and directly, so that the tumor will, in fact, be reduced, detached from the bone, and that the operation will prove

completely successful. E.J. is one of those really great guys, such a good and decent man, and we love him. May the Lord grant E.J. and Shirley tremendous peace during this time and our prayer is that God will bring E.J. and Shirley to an even more sweet trust and dependance upon the great physician, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pam has been assisting Shirley in driving E.J. over to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne for the daily treatments. Pam's brother, Tim, and his family (Ann, Paul and Hanna) recently moved to Fort Wayne (which is only 45 minutes away) and they are in the process of building a new house there. Tim is an executive with John Deere and Company and has responsibilities for the service of industrial John Deere equipment over the entire state of Indiana. We just love the fact that Tim and his family are now so close and we have had really neat opportunities to get together with them. Paul and Hanna are in school in the Homestead School District. Ann Petro has begun working with E.J. and Shirley at Petro Reporting - the court reporting business which Pam's folks started in this area when they moved from California to Warsaw.

Bill Fawley is now in his third year of law school at Valparaiso Law School. His schedule is arranged so that he will continue to work at least two full days per week. Therefore, Bill really has not "left" for law school, but will just be continuing on with his law clerk responsibilities and then will continue full-time as a licensed attorney next summer after he has sworn in as a lawyer.

Pastor Ivan French resigned as senior pastor of Pleasant View Bible Church and has assumed a traveling ministry, speaking to Bible conferences and particularly ministering to smaller Bible churches throughout the country. It is hard to get used to Pastor French no longer being the under-shepherd at PVBC. The pulpit committee is now diligently working to find God's choice to replace Pastor French. If anyone receiving this News Bulletin has a fine potential candidate, please let me know immediately. We are much in prayer about this exceedingly important matter.

It was a fluke, but my Iowa Hawkeyes lost to North Carolina State in the Kick-off Classic. This coming Saturday the sports world will be surprised when the Hawkeyes upset #1 ranked Miami - but I won't be. You will see at the end of this Bulletin a copy of what appeared in the August 29, 1992, sports page of the Warsaw, Indiana, *Times Union*. GO HAWKS !

We are looking forward to traveling to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa to Iowa Wesleyan College to attend Homecoming. Pam and I graduated from IWC in May, 1972, and we have not been back to any activity at the college since graduation. After twenty years I am sure that our classmates have changed a bit (of course, we haven't really changed that much . . . !) We do not know how many of our classmates will come back to the 20-year college reunion, but we are looking forward to the event. Speaking of Iowa Wesleyan College, our great friends from Iowa Wesleyan College and the University of Iowa College of Law - Kurt and Julie Swaim and their lovely family - came to visit us earlier this month and it was sheer delight to fellowship with them.

This past week we had an unexpected guest. An attorney for Moscow, Russia stayed in our home and it was most fascinating to interact with him. At one time in the past he was an interpreter at the United Nations and he speaks fluent English. That allowed for great conversations. I took him to the airport early this morning. While he was here he prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his personal savior.

Several weeks ago my father was traveling to visit us and his car was broadsided as he was traveling along U.S. 30. His car was a total loss. Fortunately, my father was not seriously injured. Pam drove to Valporaiso to pick up my dad and we then had a very nice visit together. We then took my dad up to his meeting in Michigan and traveled over to Lake Michigan for an impromptu, brief family outing for a couple days. I told my father that the next time he comes to visit us, I wish he would take his car back home with him.

Another significant matter for prayer relates to Jeff Hodges - the husband of Johna Hodges who works at the law office. Jeff has suffered through weeks in the hospital and two surgeries and still has a long way to go in his recovery. He was taken down to Indianapolis today to be examined by some real experts. Please pray for Jeff and Johna and their family.

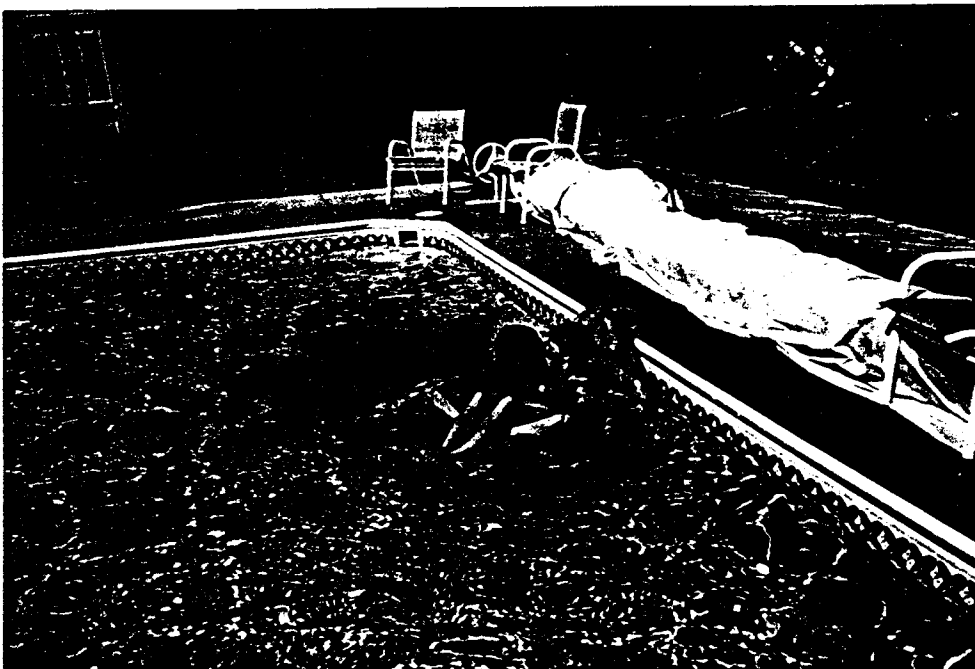
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Sincerely,



Paul for the entire family

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Warsaw, Indiana

Saturday, August 29, 1992 15



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football team on T.V.

as they defeat the following
five teams to begin the season:

August 29	9:00 pm	Iowa will beat N. Carolina State <i>(Kickoff Classic)</i>
September 5	7:00 pm	Iowa will beat Miami
September 12	11:30 am	Iowa will beat Iowa State
September 26	12 noon	Iowa will beat Colorado
October 3	3:00 pm	Iowa will beat Michigan



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