

The Refior News Bulletin

Paul, Pam, Nikki & Laura

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Hello again from the Refiors !

We are delighted to bring you somewhat of an update of the news concerning the Refior family. Things have been wonderful and fun in many, many respects. Nikki is in her last quarter at Cedarville College. She will graduate with honors on June 6, 1992, with a major in International Studies. Nikki was a member of the cast of *Fiddler on the Roof*. It was a very arduous time of preparation, but a very fulfilling and tremendous experience for Nikki. We had the pleasure of going over to Cedarville to enjoy the production. It was absolutely outstanding in every respect. Way to go, Nikki Jo ! Because of Nikki's hard work in the previous quarter, she has a relatively light course load this quarter. That allows her to spend extra time on college activities and being with friends. She also is able to audit some courses which will be helpful to her, and helpful to the law office. For example, she is auditing a course on computer graphics. She is making a project out of the determination of hardware and software that will be very helpful to the law office in setting up a state-of-the-art computer graphics capability. Nikki is looking forward to the formal junior-senior banquet and the activities surrounding graduation. Nikki's graduation will be a big event for us. Her summer will be relatively short, because she starts law school at Indiana University-Indianapolis in August. She just received some great news - that she had been awarded a substantial law school scholarship. We are very proud of Nikki. It will be great to have Nikki back at home and working at the law office this summer. It will also be wonderful to have her living in Indianapolis for the next three years. That will definitely increase the opportunities for us to see Nikki during the school years.

Laura has been very busy. She finished cheerleading and moved into being a "bat girl" for the high school junior varsity baseball team. She even has her own uniform to wear for the games. As a member of the High School Select Choral, Laura participated in several contests, both as a choir and in the trio. They consistently earned a First Division rating. Laura was selected for next year's Select Choral as well. We are awaiting word as to whether or not the high school will put on a musical next year. If so, Laura has a great interest in trying out for such a musical. Laura continues to earn outstanding grades. Laura was elected a treasurer of the student body government. She is really looking forward to our swimming pool being opened next week. Laura will also be doing some part-time work at the law office this summer. Laura and her friend, Khristine, were awarded first place in the Warsaw High School Science Fair for a project they did on optical illusions. Laura had an opportunity, as a part of the English Fair, to perform in a vignette of *Les Miserable*, and sang a solo in front of hundreds of students and adults. I had the pleasure of being there, and Laura sang beautifully - it was the best I have ever heard her sing.

Pam loves to work with plants and flowers and to work in the yard. She has been like a little kid at Christmas, to have flats of various flowers to plant, and with everything having turned green in the yard. Pam is actively involved in the planning for the landscaping at the law office. They should finish the sprinkler system this week, and the sod should go in this week as well. Then, we will be planting various shrubs, bushes, and other plantings as a part of landscaping around the structure. Pam continues to find *Mom's In Touch* to be a meaningful ministry.

We just finished the two performances of **Kids Praise ! 5, Psalty's Camping Adventure - Count It All Joy**. We had 91 children in the musical. It was our tenth consecutive musical. They have all been with the Psalty/Kid's Praise theme. This was our last musical, since Pam and I, after much prayer and discussion, decided that it was time for us to step aside as coordinators of the children's ministry at church. It is anticipated that a new program will be initiated under new leadership this fall. We really love the kids, and it has been our unparalleled pleasure to be involved in the lives of hundreds of kids and to leave our fingerprint on them as a wee part of the spiritual development of the children over the past ten years. We are looking forward to new and different involvements at Pleasant View Bible Church.

We had an absolutely delightful vacation over Laura's Spring Break. Nikki's involvement with *Fiddler On The Roof* precluded her from going on our family vacation this year. Laura invited on of her classmates, Chayla Hobbs, to go with us. We went to Vanderbilt Beach, which is south of Fort Myers and north of Naples. It was my kind of vacation. We had no schedule, we had a room right on the beach, the beach was perfect, the weather was nice, there was outstanding dining in the area when we would choose to dress up, and we really relaxed. It was simply wonderful. The only negative about the entire vacation was the fact that Nikki could not be with us. Although I took two briefcases of law work (I just can't help it), I did no law work - other than some legal reading. I returned to the office refreshed and really to dive into the work that was piled up while I was away. It was a really nice time as a family and a great investment in family relationships.

We are avid Warsaw Tigers fans. As I have said previously, high school basketball in Indiana is bigger than life. Because there is only one class of schools, with all high schools being a part of the same state tournament each spring, it is incredibly big stuff when a team succeeds in the tournament. Warsaw again made it to the Final Four. We had a great time following the Tigers along the way. Presently, the Warsaw soccer team is ranked sixth in the state, and the girls softball team is ranked 11th in the state.

This past weekend was the beginning of the Warsaw Little League season. We sponsor the Varsity and Junior Varsity **Dodgers** in the Senior Division. Jerry Yeager is the head coach for the *Refior Law Office Dodgers*. It will be fun following the Dodgers this spring and summer.

Things are going great at the law office. Bill Fawley has finished his second year of

law school and is now working full time as a law clerk. His schedule is arranged so that he will be able to work two to three days throughout his third year of law school. Jerry Yeager is an excellent lawyer, with a keen mind and a very winsome personality. I am certainly blessed to have Jerry as a part of the team, and it will be great when Bill is licensed to practice. This week Sharon Stuckman returned to the staff. She had worked for me five or six year ago. It is great to have her back. I am very thankful for the outstanding work of Johna, Mary, Lisa, and Kelly. And, of course, Pam does a great job as bookkeeper. I anticipate hiring one more person in August, before Nikki leaves for law school (Nikki has been a secretary, but thereafter she will be a law clerk). We continue to enjoy the great facilities at the office.

Over the past two years, some of you who receive this *Bulletin* have prayed about my knees. I want to thank you so very much. I am attributing the improvement of my knees to our prayer-answering God, who lovingly has responded to many persistent prayers over these months. When my knees started to improve less than two months ago, the change was absolutely incredible . . . let me say instead, miraculous. For a boy like me who enjoys participating in sports, it is no small thing that I am able to do things that the rheumatologist told me I should forget about ever trying again. I have started playing one-on-one basketball with Jerry out at the basketball goal we installed at one end of the cement parking lot of the office. I am so out of shape that I have to be more mindful of preventing a heart attack than hurting my knees, but I thank the Lord that I have been able to play these short games without a great deal of pain. Again, praise God. Thank you again for praying. I still have not done very well on my diet. However, I really do have more incentive to get back in shape if I can resume some of the physical activities.

I am getting Pam, for Mother's Day, and Pam is getting me, for Father's Day, some of these new roller blades. Laura is embarrassed to tears that her parents are going to be bopping around the neighborhood on roller blades. Pam and I both used to ice skate whenever we could as kids, and this will provide excellent exercise. Probably, after some time, Laura will not be quite so embarrassed. Who knows. . . she may even decide to join us.

My Iowa Hawkeyes came through again as national champs in NCAA wrestling. The basketball team was selected for the NCAA Tournament. The football team finished tenth in the nation in all polls, and this fall looks very promising for the Hawks. What fun. Time to bring this epistle to a close. As always, we encourage you to drop us a line and tell us how you are doing, and give us your family news.

Sincerely,

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and Laura Refior

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