

The Refior News Bulletin

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Happy New Year from the Refiors!

December was an exciting month for us. We returned last night (actually this morning at approximately 2:00 a.m.) from southern California. On December 24th we hopped on that big bird and traveled to visit Pam's parents in Brea, California. Brea is a lovely suburb of Los Angeles. It just so happened that my Iowa Hawkeyes were playing in the Holiday Bowl on December 30th and we all made the sacrifice to drive down to the game and cheer on the Iowa Hawkeyes. Although Wyoming was dominating the game in the early going, the powerful Hawkeyes came on in an exciting fashion to win 20-19. The game had particular interest since we used to live in the State of Wyoming. It was unusually cold for the game.

As wonderful as it was to participate in the Holiday Bowl, the greatest part of the day was meeting with Gerald and Emma Lou Mason from Pinedale, Wyoming after the game. Although we were cheering against each other during the game, it was the warmest of fellowship after the game. We enjoyed a great dinner compliments of the Masons and although the visit was much too brief, we treasured that chance to be with our dear friends.

Another tremendous highlight was the 1988 Rose Bowl Parade. The parade had special significance since we had the opportunity to actually work on three of the floats in the parade. Actually our role was very minor. Because of the cold weather in southern California there was a shortage of volunteers to work on the floats. So the Refiors traveled to one of the sites where floats were being built and we helped process some of the flowers which were used on some of the floats. It was very interesting to see the process for building and decorating the magnificent Rose Bowl Parade floats. We had grandstand seats to watch the wonderful parade.

Following the parade I decided that I would try to get a ticket to the Rose Bowl. There we were in Pasadena, California on January 1 two hours before kick-off time and I simply had to try to attend the game. I made the trek over to the Rose Bowl and soon I found a number of ticket scalpers. The seats being offered were not good and the prices were high (\$350.00 for one of the better tickets) so I kept searching for a good seat at a reasonable price. I was able to

get an excellent seat for only \$12.00 over the face price of the ticket. I had been so tired of the Big Ten losing in the Rose Bowl I cheered my head off for Michigan State. It was a great day for the Rose Bowl game and all of the festivities and it certainly was wonderful for the Big Ten to finally win that game.

There were other highlights to the trip but the best part of the trip was spending time with Pam's folks, E. J. and Shirley Petro. We were able to be there for Christmas eve and Christmas day and we had opportunities to relax and do a number of other things, e.g. Knott's Berry Farm, Movieland Wax Museum, and so forth. Nikki left earlier than the rest of us. She flew from Ontario Airport to Kalamazoo, Michigan (via O'Hare) where she met the senior high youth group from Pleasant View Bible Church. They had a wonderful retreat in the bitter cold.

And here we are. The kids are in school, Pam and I are buried at the office and our "normal" schedule has resumed. We are very expectant about 1988. We thank the Lord for the blessings of the past and present and we believe that 1988 should be the best year yet in all respects. Maybe this year...1988...will be the year when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back and we will be raptured along with all other believers directly into the presence of our Lord. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Paul & the gang

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WYOMING VS. IOWA

Iowa Gets Going in Time for 20-19 Win

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SAN DIEGO—Hayden Fry takes a personal interest in the high-powered Iowa offense. When the offense goes bad, Fry grows sour.

That charming west Texas accent of his can turn a little shrill when the Hawkeyes are struggling, as they were Wednesday night in the 10th Holiday Bowl against Wyoming.

As the evening wore on, Fry became increasingly frustrated with his team's offensive performance. Several times, he

could be seen huddling his offense behind the bench. Some of what was said was lost in the din of the record sellout crowd of 61,892 at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium, but the message was clear: Fry was not pleased.

"I would have taken them behind the barn, but I didn't have one," Fry said later, his accent filled with nothing but charm and good humor.

He could afford to smile then. His Hawkeyes had come from behind in inventive fashion to defeat Wyoming, 20-19, for their second consecutive one-point Holiday Bowl victory.

The Hawkeyes (10-3) returned a blocked punt for a touchdown, ran back an interception for another and saved their longest and only successful offensive drive for just when they needed it.

The clinching points came on a one-yard touchdown run by junior running back David Hudson with 7:30 to play. The run ended a 10-play, 86-yard drive highlighted by a 48-yard pass play from quarterback Chuck Hartlieb to split end Travis Watkins.

Watkins caught the Wyoming second-
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