

A Duelm Christmas

1995 in Review

Merry Christmas from Julie, Brian, Tony, and Brock. We hope the holidays find you in great health, lofty spirits, and excited about the year to come. Our newsletter this year is an assortment of pictures, captions and tidbits of family activities.

We'll be spending the holidays in Illinois and Indiana, and hope for just enough snow so the boys can build a snowman and go sledding. Of course, we've already notified Santa to leave his presents with the grandparents.

Let's start the news with spring 1995 activities.



Tony began T-ball this year. It is a unique experience to watch nine five-year olds learn a sport that requires what they lack most—coordination and attention. Yet, I was amazed to watch them progress through the spring, to a point where they made three outs before the other team scored five runs (either ends an inning). As you can see, Tony's form leaves much to be desired, but his enthusiasm did not.



Early this summer we vacationed in Florida, and took in Kennedy Space Center, Sea World, and Daytona Beach. We missed the shuttle launch by just a few days. Yes, we skipped Disney World (can you believe it?), but felt that it would mean more to Brock (as well as Tony) in a couple more years.



Summer also brought a new diversion for Julie and the boys. In addition to just about every activity known to man, the gang added fishing to the list. While some fish for food, and others fish for sport, we fish for the pure excitement of feeding the fish.



Brock decided to strut his stuff this fall at the Texas Renaissance Festival. True to Bernhardt form (Julie's side of the family of course), he jumped on stage with another little girl and performed moves that Michael Jackson would appreciate.



One pumpkin just isn't enough anymore.

School and Work

T Tony started kindergarten this fall, and Brock started preschool. Both thrive on learning new things (especially those that Mom and Dad don't know). We're excited about their progress, and they're excited about Christmas vacation.

Brian began a new job in August, moving from the North America Division at Compaq over to the Systems Division. The job entails training materials for worldwide use. Brian and Julie traveled to Paris and Germany in September to meet with international colleagues. This was a wonderful time, and included eating dinner in the Eiffel Tower and spending an evening at Oktoberfest.



Merry Christmas!