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Dear Family,

Although this is short and last minute, here is an update on the David R. Hall family.

David is still working on the press (of course). Karen is still working at her accounting (of course). It's the kids that are doing the interesting stuff.

Mark is Zone leader in Eustis, Florida. During this past month he has spent some time without a companion. The companion that was to be transferred to him, got sent home at the last minute. During these times he worked with the older couple missionary in his area and really enjoyed it. He must be really busy, because we haven't had a letter from him in three weeks.

Stephen is still in Hiroshima and now has a native Japanese companion. He tells us that he and his companion got their hair cut just alike just before zone conference - they had to give a presentation on unity- everyone got a big kick out of those two. Stephen hopes to be moving to a new apartment soon. The cockroaches are so bad in his apartment, that the mission president has approved their finding a new place. He seems upbeat, despite the lack of baptisms. His letters are always decorated with a sketch of a car or truck and even cockroaches.

Michael is having a fun senior year. Last week he attended a VICA conference at Weber State for three days. He has a three hour combined art, history, and english class which he enjoys. The others are biology, architectural drawing, seminary, and he spends one period assisting the CAD teacher with everything.

Emily is busy with the TimpView sophomore volleyball team. They are first in the region, so far. Between volleyball and homework, she doesn't have time for anything else during the week. But she has fun with her friends on the weekends. Michael has been really good to include Emily in some of this activities.

Barbara is still taking piano, and has added a dancing class twice a week, and will even try her hand at the violin in the school orchestra this year.

Until next month,

*Karen V. Hall*

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Neil Family News: October 18, 1993 (From a phone conversation with Liz)

Greg and Emily were home over the weekend because we gave a surprise 16th birthday for Erin. She turns 16 on the 25th of Oct. Delta has all these cheap rates right now so they came home for \$80 round trip each. We paid for half and the kids covered the other. We had a really nice weekend. Greg and Emily just went home this evening. We took the kids to a place called Qzar where you play laser tag. They have these high tech sensors and you go around in the dark shooting each other. The kids had a ball and the computer keeps track of all shots taken and the hits made. We were on two teams—a high tech cops and robbers.

Marty leaves for Europe for 10 days on Wednesday.

I'm really up to my eyeballs with the Los Altos choir. I spend hours and hours each week at practices and writing letters and all kinds of stuff. Right now I'm making tapes so that they can practice their own individual parts at home. It really helps a lot when there are 65 people and 6 parts going all at once. It's going along really well. We are doing a couple of songs by a BYU professor named Mack Wilburg. One of them is called "I Saw Three Ships and it has bells and 4 hands on the piano. It's really a difficult song but we're having a fun time learning it.

John just finished football and he's just starting basketball.

Emily is practicing 3 hours a day at BYU on the piano. She is majoring in piano performance.

Greg is going to major in computer science. He has officially declared it and is starting to take the courses.