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Hi y'all!

I just called Mom to see if she was going to the Women's Conf. and she says no, because she has too much to do out at the farm. She did say, though, that Charlotte is coming in with some friends to it and will be staying there. That's terrific--it will be great to have you here, Charlotte! With Dad being sick (and Mom says Nancy's back is acting up), I offered to have you stay here (on our liv. room and fam. room pull-out couches--not very luxurious, but we would have fun), but she said your coming would work out fine, and the walking-to-campus convenience can't be beat.

Anyway, I am writing to invite my other sisters to stay here, until the two full-size sofa-beds fill up or you bring a sleeping bag)--if you decide to come in--if you can take a little saw-dust and don't mind living out of suitcases (closet and drawer space around here is definitely limited). You get a better rate if you call before Friday, April 24 to register at (801) 378-7692 (\$26. for the full conference, April 30-May 1). It would be fun to all be here together--we would have a blast. I know I have been a mole while in school, but I'm looking forward to resurrecting (though I wish a new body came with it, at this point).

We have finally got a handyman to commit to coming here these next few weeks to take care of a zillion (at this point near-emergency) repairs, and I could not reach him right now to see if he will be coming on those

Conf. days,
but I am going to go ahead and register today to go to the Conf. myself, and
hope it works out. Laura is coming, too--we thought that would be a fun
mother-
daughter thing, before her full-time job starts and I have to supervise
repairs
between job-searching. Anyway, whether I go or not, please feel free to
come
here.

I'm hoping it works out, because Women's Conf. will be about all the
vacation we'll
get this summer, except for a couple of local side trips. Our renters
waited until
after the new contract for next year was signed, to give us a hassle and
let us know
future rent is on shaky ground. So in-between spending this summer
getting
this house
ready to sell next year (for sure we will market our NJ home next fall), I
am going to
be job-searching--hoping to land something full-time. I am glad I kept up
my
real estate license--I can at least do referrals, in the meantime, until
something shows
up that I enjoy more.

Laura's new job is based on her passing the MSW certification exams in a
couple
of days, and since she is still finishing up her interning and telemarketing
nights, she does not have an oasis in which to study for it. She asks all
our
prayers, as she found out these exams are much more difficult than she
had
anticipated. She and Brandon are so relieved to have finals and those last
papers over, though. I still have some wrap-up filing and ordering on the
humor archive (20 large binders) I've been collecting of sample pages on
all
the source materials used in the Bibl. of Humor that is part of my

thesis--and have
to rework some editings into an article I'm working on--but after that,
I'm
done!

I visited with Betsy (Huntington Hall) the other evening (I took some stuff
over that
Tracy III offered to take to Daniel--did you know Tracy is spending a
month
abroad--a week

in Jerusalem, two weeks in Haifa, and a week in Paris and London? Fun!).
Anyway,
Betsy says word got out now, so I don't need to keep confidential the fact
that she went through
a hysterectomy a couple of weeks ago. I was able to be at the LDS Hosp. in
Salt Lake that
day and was amazed at how good she looked and how alert she was, as
soon as
she came out! She did a lot of research finding the right doctors and the
right procedure,
and it went so smoothly--her recovery has been absolutely amazing! What
I had
not known is that she had very severe hemorrhaging last November and got
no
help from her doctors--was in fact, so ill, she could barely move. If any
of you need that kind of help or procedure (let's hope you have a few more
years
than we older ones), she said she would be happy to share with us what
she
has learned. I have been having some problems myself and am scheduled
May
4 for a
full array of tests--I am hoping I won't need surgery, but I think it may
have reached that
point for me, too.

Laura's MSW "hooding" is Thursday at 10 a.m. Afterward, we are going to
lunch with Mom (and Dad, if he's well enough) and some friends from New
Jersey whose daughter is getting her MSW at the same time, and who has

been Laura's best girlfriend for a long time. Then Laura and I (and two of Laura's friends from NY and NJ) will "walk" in the same commencement at 1 on Friday. A former girlfriend of mine from Provo High (do any of you remember Rae Wimmer?--Mom, she came to the "Sweet Sixteen" party you held for me--anyway, she married Ted Okiishi, who is now a Stk, patriarch in Iowa. Their son married Alana Inouye--good friends of ours from New York--and Alana is one of Laura's friends who "walks" in the same commencement--so it

will

be a fun gathering of old friends. The Okiishis are coming here for brunch Sat. and then we're going over to see the Teichert exhibit of 40 Book of Mormon paintings, since they are both fans of Minerva's. That is something you will all really want to see, if you are coming in.

Yesterday I reserved two rooms for Friday, May 22, at the Providence Inn in

Logan in anticipation of Michael's wedding (Laura and Brandon are coming, too).

Their prices have gone up since they redecorated, but since we had a credit

on a

room we had to cancel late (when I had emergency eye surgery), we did not price

around, so I can't tell you what else is available. We are hoping some of you will

join us and thought you should know rooms left are already limited. We thought

we would go up early Friday, do some exploring, hiking, (and I would like to fish, if

we can get licenses arranged) in the beautiful Logan canyon, stay overnight on

Friday, go to the ceremony and reception Saturday and drive back after the reception,

Sat. night, to be home on Sunday. If any of you want to come here for Sunday, too,

drive to Orem with us and enjoy (?) our sofas. In case any of you want to join us in

Logan, Providence Inn numbers are (801) 752-3432, Fax: (801) 752-3482.

I

was told

the rooms are filling up fast.

Well, I'd better get cracking. 'Got up early so I could get Dan's help moving stuff because the carpet cleaners are coming today. It is some joke trying to make

this place semi-presentable before these friends arrive for graduation. I am transferring

piles of stuff to back rooms, where I will close all doors and hope nobody wanders. It

will take all summer to get this place in order. I washed windows yesterday and started

an exercise routine (I have to lose 20 pounds--it's awful how I've gained weight this past

year)--found out how terribly out of shape I am. Had to take pain killers so I could even

sleep last night. What a big baby!

'Bye for now,

Love, Sherlene

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