

Dear Family

June 1984
White Plains, NY

June in White Plains was an extreme of rain and cool weather, broken by a very noticeable hot spell. Our month began with Daniel's success at his first track meet (for stake youth). The following week was exam week for Daniel and Laura as they finished their first year at Hackley. Their last day was also Sherlene's last day at Robert S First Co. She had hired her own replacement, polished off the filing, oriented the new secretary, and then tried her hand at telephone sales for the last day or two, and with good success! With all that, Dan is now enjoying relative unemployment as family chauffeur.

I (Dan) suggested that Sherlene now try something else she has often spoken of--an hour or two of writing each day. She's still toying with ideas and plans for the coming school year, apparently favoring full time genealogy research (*working on my lines, of course*).

With school out, Daniel talked us into a week of daytime basketball camp for himself, run by his coach, history teacher, and chief encourager at Hackley, Mr. Hummel. Daniel also played in a piano recital, and we all attended a recital featuring his friend Bryce Inouye. Besides that, Daniel has had a sleepover or two, and has been spending a lot of his time reading as well as immersing himself in another role-playing game, "champion" (somewhat like D & D, including its addictive influence on Daniel).

Laura has been helping at home, babysitting, playing with neighborhood friends, enjoying their cable and video facilities, having an occasional swim when dad can take her, and negotiating for a dog (specifically for a miniature sheep/poodle(?) dog, Cauliflower, referred to us by Brother Pond). She has adopted the largest dog in the neighborhood, "Jock" or "Ginger", a dog often on the loose that loves to run through the middle of our garden. She also helped put up our ping pong table after many months in storage, helped with dad at the Bloomingdale's inventory (a church fund-raiser), had a sleepover or two, and backed out of a YMCA 2-week daycamp (arts and crafts and swimming) that didn't turn out so great. Laura has become the favorite babysitter of many. The one thing she could really use is some neighborhood friends her own age.

Dan continues at work with his network planning system development. The project approval process is now complete, and significant improvements are becoming apparent in current test results. Dan has thoroughly enjoyed his recent scripture reading and study of the letters of Peter, James, and John, and now a re-reading of the Book of Mormon as well. The months' ward activities have included 2 baptisms (Reggie Johnson and Olivie Mori), 2 picnics--one at Whaley Lake (great swimming!) and another at a Scarsdale park across from the Inouyes and Graves (watermelon and softball), also an excellent concert, and a move (Diane Green).

Dan did not enjoy having the car struts replaced (\$) or a tax audit (just had to verify 1981 contributions).

Sherlene and I had fun seeing "The Natural" (my first Robert Redford movie--just don't analyze this one too deeply). We also attended an outstanding marriage fireside featuring Weston and Geraldine Edwards. Not least of all, we paid off Hackley School. And, last of all, with a little stretching, we hope to see you all this summer.

LOVE, Dan (& family)

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