



The Goughs' Christmas Times

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Oregon, Year Five



Mt. Hood, Oregon

This was our first "full year" as empty nesters with Chris and Corey in college. The boys were home for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and summer, but you do get used to a more "relaxed" lifestyle. In contrast to last year, the weather was great, so we stayed around more. The details...

College Times

Chris, now a senior at UC San Diego, is again sharing a house with three other guys. His grades continue good, but we now expect that he will not graduate until June, '96—a full five years of the rigors of San Diego. He's getting more active in his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, and will become chapter vice-president next quarter. He worked at Intel again last summer, this time as a software engineer in the in-house computer operation. He spent the summer writing application macros in visual BASIC and finding after work amusements. His high school friends were becoming more scattered this

summer, so he had time to catch up on reading and jogging.

Corey, a sophomore at the University of Oregon, is also active in his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta. He got initiated #1 in his pledge class on the strength of having the highest GPA. Continuing this trend, he became house academic chairman and gets to keep the files of all previous exams.

The big news at U of O this year is the Ducks won the Pac Ten Conference outright for the first time in school history and are going to the Rose Bowl. Corey tells us they will destroy Penn State (the bookies like Penn State by 17)

Corey worked at a couple of different jobs this summer as Intel had changed the intern rules and he was unable to get into the program.

25th Anniversary



This was the year that the big kids (senior Goughs) celebrated their 25th

wedding anniversary. We were married on November 15, 1969. It seems like just yesterday... OK, maybe a couple of years ago.

To celebrate, we went to Hawaii for two weeks. The first week on the big island (alone!) and the second week on Maui with the boys flying over to join us. We also made a day trip over to Lanai, an island we'd never been to before. We'd saved up a timeshare week, so the trip only cost us transportation, food, excursions, souvenirs, clothes, snacks, trinkets, sushi, wine, gifts...

Get Aways

In addition to Hawaii, we did sneak in a couple of local trips. During Memorial Day weekend we traveled to Seattle. We had a great time taking scenic drives through different parts of the city. The hills and water views of Puget Sound are really beautiful. At Pike Place Market, a very large open-air food market, we enjoyed watching fish delivered to customers by air -- they throw 'em.

In the fall, we again visited Ashland, home of the Oregon Shakespeare festival where we saw *Hamlet* and a David Malmet play, *Oleanna*, and took the backstage tour.

On the way home we visited several Southern Oregon wineries. Diana is collecting glasses from Oregon wineries and was able to add to her collection, now totaling 38.

The Lighthouse View



Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Newport, Oregon

We also traveled to Newport on the coast several times as we prepare to build a second home there.

The objective for '94 was to pick an architect and get the plans drawn. But things being as they often are, construction level drawings won't be done until '95. We're planning a two level, 2,000 square foot house with living mainly on the upper level. Since the lot slopes down toward the ocean, entry will be on the top level.

As part of this planning, Dick discovered a new PC application, *3D Home Architect*. This program lets you enter two dimensional drawings and it automatically generates three dimensional renderings. You can select furniture from a "library," place it in the rooms, take "photographs" from different angles and print them. The photos show what the rooms will look like with furniture in 3D. However, at the pace we're currently on, 3D may be as close as we get until '96.

Intel Sells Faxmodem Biz

Intel made a strategic decision in '94 to exit the faxmodem business, so Dick's old product line, the Satis-FAXtion family got sold to a Canadian company and Dick has a new job at Intel. He's now Director of Marketing for the OEM Micro-computer Operation or OMCO.

This unit designs and sells Pentium motherboards and systems on an OEM basis to companies like Dell, Gateway, IBM, etc. who in turn sell

them to end users under their own brand. In its December issue, PC Magazine gave all its Editor's Choice Pentium awards (3) to customers using motherboards developed and manufactured by OMCO.

In February, Dick passed the five year point with Intel and got an engraved clock as a gift. He's sure that he's the only person in Intel with a 25-year clock from IBM and a five-year one from Intel.

The Art Market

Diana is running this year's Lake Oswego AAUW fund raising auction, drawing upon her experience in Connecticut. She is having great fun producing invitations, forms and lists on the computer. The items are donated by members and community businesses/corporations.

Super Summer



In contrast to last year, our weather here was great. Diana spent a good deal of her time in the garden and got a new toy, a giant shredder. You put branches, clippings, leaves, etc. into this thing and it grinds them up for compost. This is needed to keep the three giant compost bins in our back yard gainfully employed.

Next year, Diana expects her garden will be featured on an annual garden tour. Dick helped Diana more in the

garden this year, keeping her sore back at bay (actually he wanted to play with the shredder).

HOLIDAY GREETING

We were blessed with another great year in '94 and all continue in good health, except for Buttons, now 15, who is declining quickly.

The boys will be home next week and we're all looking forward to a few days skiing at Mt. Bachelor in Bend; Oregon ski areas already have almost an 100-inch base.

We trust everything is well with you and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 1995.

Photo Note: Dick shot both photos included here with a 210 mm telephoto lens and imported them via a photo CD. The Mt. Hood shot was taken from our back deck in Lake Oswego. The Lighthouse shot from our lot in Newport.