



Happy Holidays!

This year Adam started as a freshman at the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, where we both went to school as undergraduates. Adam seems to have become accustomed to the colder Syracuse weather (though we've told him the worst is yet to come).

Adam joined the SU cheerleading team (we were surprised and pleased to see the camera focus on him doing pushups during one nationally televised SU football game). He has campus job twice a week as an aid in a Newhouse computer lab helping him to occupy his otherwise limited free time. He is planning to apply for a DJ position at WAER, the campus radio station.

Sarah is a high school junior with an active schedule, including weekends as a kennel assistant at our local veterinary clinic. At school, she received her a letter in tennis (previously earning a scholastic letter and a letter in track). She played on the junior varsity soccer team, and hopes to move up this year. She has followed in her brother's footsteps and assumed from him the presidency of the high school's democratic club. Her high school forwarded Sarah's name to the Governor of Virginia as a candidate for the Governor's School -- a six-week special session to be held in the summer. Last spring Sarah completed her religious school training and was one of eight students who went through the Confirmation ceremony. During the week Sarah is active with the Girl Scouts--working towards her gold award, and playing on indoor and outdoor soccer teams and a local girls' basketball team.

Daria and a group of her co-workers organized an investment group. In repayment for her effort in organizing the group--they elected her the first president. Once the group decided to buy some stock they chose one she recommended and another that someone else recommended. Daria continues to protest that she's just a novice at this and used one of Adam's recommendations to determine which industry to review. So far Daria's has gone up in price (knock on wood!)--more than can be said about their other choice. Daria has also been kept busy as her brother, who used live in Lincoln, Nebraska, went through a divorce and ended up moving to Pikesville just outside Baltimore, Maryland.

After three years as president of the local Sully District Council of Citizen's Associations, Jeff decided not to continue so he could devote more time to his studies. The District Council wouldn't let him get away completely so they made him 2nd vice-president as a going away gift. Jeff has enrolled at the Virginia Tech's Northern Virginia Graduate Center as a candidate for a Master of Information Systems degree. It will be a race between him and Adam to see who finishes their degree sooner. As a result of Adam's involvement with local democratic party Jeff found himself a district party vice-chairman, and last summer he and Adam were elected as delegates to the state party convention.

We hope that each of you will be blessed with good fortune, good health and love in the new year!

