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Dear Friends and Fellow MK's,

It would seem that the constituency of SIMROOTS is alive and well! Thank you all for the great response we've been getting from you, whether it is news, address updates, or comments and financial support.

Again in this issue you will find an address update form. If we do not have your correct address, please take the time to fill in the **form** and return it to JOHN PRICE at the address on the **left**. If we do not have a sibling's address, or if you are a missionary receiving this and we do not have your high school graduate's address, please use the form to help us update our address list.

Please note again, all reps and SIM missionaries who work with addresses, all corrections and updates should be sent to John Price. Letters for the newsletter should be sent to Cherry Sabathne as well as inquiries for general information. We do appreciate all your news; keep it coming!

(One correction--you may also send your address updates to your class representative.)

Also included in this issue are copies of information regarding various seminars available to TCK's, Third Culture Kids. If you are interested in attending one, make contact with them using the addresses on their correspondence. They look interesting!

Thanks to E.A. Blaschke for writing and sending in her article on dating. That's just the kind of thing we are looking for to make SIMROOTS interesting. Anyone can contribute! And please do!

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## DATING MK STYLE

Overseas in high school when you had a friendship with your peers (including the opposite sex) you hung around with them. . . go to activities, walk around town, goof off, go hiking, joy-rides, rumbles or whatever. As friends you just automatically hung around together. It was often last minute brainstorming that staved off some potentially boring hours at the hostel. "Hey, let's go to Liberty Dam", or "How about walking to Flat Top?" "Gosh, its hot. Let's go swimming at Elm House." Spur of the moment, casual, no pressure, fun and friendships. I guess the keyword could be spontaneous. Don't ask me on Friday morning what I will be doing Friday night.

As in most high schools, romantic relationships did develop. And what did that do to their social life? Well, pretty much the same kind of things as were described in the preceding paragraph. The couple would join the group or sometimes be alone. They would attend activities, walk around town (the given street may have been more secluded and dark but. . . what's new?), go on joy rides, or just goof off with the gang. So, what differentiated friends from a potential new couple or how did a guy show special interest? Simply enough, it was "the date". When a guy formally asked a girl out, days in advance, to a movie or out to eat, (when the banquet was still months away) you could smell a guffia. You must remember that we're talking generalities here. If you're just friends, why specifically ask someone out in advance when you could just sit with them in the movie anyway? Well, "the date" said, "You're special."

Meanwhile, back in the USA, Joe MK's sister, Jo, is starting college. She starts making friends, girls and guys, and gets used to the whole college scene. After a couple of weeks or less some of her guy friends are calling her up. "How about you and me getting together at the Student Union for some pie?" "Would you like to go with me into the city next weekend for the symphony?" or "Hey, will you go to the party with me at Fred's house?"

When he picks her up and she realizes that they are alone on a real "date", tension and confusion start to build. Why? It's obvious! Do these guys who are her friends all like her in a romantic way? My goodness they fall hard and fast here in the good ol' USA! If they are just her friends as they claim, then why do they put themselves and me in a tense situation like a date? That implies too much for a friendship. Why call in advance? Just do whatever, whenever, with whoever is around.

But for the American, a "date" is the big status thing to do whether you're just friends or not. It gives you prestige when you come to college and you can boast about all the dating you did in high school. I mean, what is more exciting to talk about. . . we all got together and goofed off. . . or "Me and SoandSo had a date?" Oh groan. . .

Written by: E.A. Blaschke





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JANUARY 5-9, 1987  
QUITO, ECUADOR

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONARY KIDS

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### ANNOUNCING ICMK QUITO:

January 5, 1986

One year from today, January 5, 1987, the second International Conference on Missionary Kids will convene in Quito, Ecuador by His good pleasure. The Steering Committee has targeted these dates to take advantage of related holiday scheduling and, in many cases, the pre-second semester beginnings. We have attempted to find a spot in the calendar that would permit the greatest possible participation of mission executives, MK school personnel, missionary parents, Christian college representatives, and personnel from mission support agencies.

The ICMK Steering Committee, co-chaired by David Pollock and Paul Nelson, and made up of representatives from mission agencies and mission support organizations, is directing the conference. Alliance Academy of Quito, Ecuador and mission radio station HCJB are hosting the conference and are co-sponsors along with a significant number of other mission agencies who are indicating their desire to support this effort.

### DIRECTION OF ICMK QUITO:

The concept of the "Flow of Care" for MKs presented at ICMK MANILA will be further developed at ICMK QUITO. Particular emphasis on the MK as a "Global Nomad" being nurtured in the Caring Community will give structure to our thinking. Plenary Sessions are being designed to set direction for the "work" sessions. Paper sessions and seminars will furnish the input for job-alike and interest-alike groupings, and real workshop sessions of significant length will provide the opportunity for the pooling of expertise of the delegates and the formation of specific strategy for our future ministry together.



### CALL FOR PAPERS:

In our attempt to make the greatest use of the expertise present in the missions' caring community, the Steering Committee issues this call for papers on MK care. We are inviting you as a delegate to ICMK QUITO to submit a paper (or encourage others with special insight to do so) to the ICMK Committee. The committee will consider each offering and choose papers that will, in their opinion, contribute the needed input for the greatest number of people attending the conference.

Content: The paper should deal with the development and nurturing of the MK in the areas of education, spiritual development, psychological and family care, cross cultural adjustment and career/life guidance.

Length: The paper should be easily read within a forty to forty-five minute presentation session.

Quality: Though not necessarily a thesis or research paper for an advanced degree, the paper's quality should reflect responsible research and thought. It should be borne in mind that these papers are input for the future thought and work of the group.

Details: The paper should be in the hands of David Pollock, P.O. Box 2177, West Brattleboro, VT 05301, no later than July 1, 1986. It should be in English and typed in acceptable manuscript form.

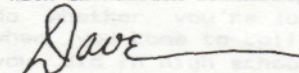
We are looking forward to and counting on your contribution and participation.

### PERSONNEL SUGGESTIONS:

Though the schedule of presentors and facilitators is filling very rapidly, we do not want to overlook personnel who can make key contributions to the conference. We are inviting you to submit to us names and addresses of people who should be presentors of content or facilitators in workshops. If we are to make this conference of the greatest value we need this kind of help from you.

Further details for the conference will be coming your way soon. Please block out the dates of January 5-9, 1987 (with some buffer time for travel on both sides of those dates) and plan to be a part of ICMK QUITO as we continue to build the Caring Community to nurture the MK.

With Enthusiasm for His Work,



David Pollock  
Co-chairman, Steering Committee, ICMK QUITO



# INTERACTION.

December 1985

TO: INTERESTED FRIENDS  
FROM: DAVE POLLOCK AND JUDY LUBKEMANN  
RE: RE-ENTRY SEMINARS FOR THIRD CULTURE KIDS\*

*\*A Third Culture Kid is an individual who has spent a significant part of his developmental years in a culture other than his own, blending elements from both cultures into a third. TCKs include the dependents of missionaries, embassy personnel, businessmen, military personnel, and others who work overseas.*

The Overseas Division of Interaction, Inc. is once again providing RE-ENTRY SEMINARS for TCKs. Three seminars are scheduled for the summer of 1986. The value and need for an adequate re-entry experience has been underlined for us by the responses of many MKs. We are seeking to facilitate the positive adjustment and development of young people who have experienced the advantage of exposure to other cultures. Let's work as a team to release the potential of these special kids.

Enclosed is a copy of our '86 brochure which gives the details concerning the RE-ENTRY SEMINARS. Please share this information with any MKs you know who may be interested in participating in such a program.

If you have any questions or if you wish to request additional brochures, please call or write. We look forward to hearing from you!

\* Note: Dave Pollock is the author of the article which we printed in the October 1985 newsletter, "Ministering to the TCK (Over-Turning Bushels)."

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Hi!

You can survive "re-entry" without attending a re-entry seminar—lots of people have—but we want you to **more than survive**.

Your re-entry (or entry) experience should be one of the greatest learning and growing experiences of your life. Our RE-ENTRY SEMINAR is designed to help it be that. The outline of the seminar gives you an idea of direction and content, but the experience is more than learning material. Doing fun things and learning by doing makes the process easier and more dynamic. Most important will be the building of comfortable and supportive relationships with other TCKs and TCAs (Third Culture Adults) on staff. Many of these relationships are enjoyed not only during the seminar but long after as well. Above is a picture of last year's "gang" at Harvey Cedars.

Come grow with us!

In His love,

Dave Pollock

## SEMINAR PERSONNEL

Caring, experienced, competent personnel will provide information, guidance for discussion, testing, personal counsel, and leadership in practical experiences.



David C. Pollock

*Executive Director,  
Interaction, Inc.*

*Director,  
Overseas Division*



Judith A. Lubkemann

*Associate Director,  
Overseas Division*

Adjunct Interaction staff members and additional resource personnel, specific individuals depending upon seminar location, will also be a vital part of the RE-ENTRY SEMINAR team.

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...GIVING MATURE  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
A RUNNING START  
AS THEY MAKE THE TRANSITION  
TO LIFE IN NORTH AMERICA.



Many of you Hillcresters may be wondering what has happened to the Round Robin. It is lying dormant for lack of anyone interested in doing the work! If you would be interested in doing for the R.R. what I am doing for SIMROOTS, Don Copeland would be willing to do the printing, collating, and mailing. (In my opinion, he'd be doing the hard part.) OR if there would be a few of you who would be interested in sending something in to him for the Round Robin on a regular basis without putting the whole thing together, he would possibly be able to complete it and get it out. However, he is not able to do it all without help or even any indication that anyone is interested in receiving it. So how about it? Let's not lose touch with our old friends because of--? After all, this is a special group with all kinds of talent, commitment, energy, and need for ministry. Let Don know at this address: 501 Coolidge San Gabriel, Ca. 91775.

#### VOLUNTEERS!

Will the need to extend emergency aid in the world ever come to an end? You know as well as I do that as long as there are floods, earthquakes, drought, and famine, there will always be a call for volunteers. What with their cross-cultural abilities, love for travel, and desire to help, MK's seem best qualified for this job. If you are interested and want to get involved at any time, contact Don Stilwell, Projects Director, SIM, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009. He tells me that MK's work out best in these "drop-what-you-are-doing-and-come-on-out-now" emergencies.

-Bob Blaschke

Please return to your class rep. or to John Price

Name ( )

Maiden Name

Address

Zip

Phone # ( )

Class Yr.

Date of above address

Schools Attended

Names of Children

Reunions attended

1985

1981

Today's date



## THINK ABOUT THIS

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxxcpt for onx of thx kxys. I'vx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxxfxctly. Trux, thxrx are fortytwo kxys functioning wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxncx. Somxtimxs, it sxxms to mx that our organization is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr — not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working propxrly. You might say, "Wxll, I'm only onx pxrson, It won't makx much diffxrxncx." But you sxx, thx organization, to bx xfficixnt, nxxds thx activx participation of xvxy pxrson. The nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxxdxd, rxmxxmbxr my typxwritxr, and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson and nxxdxd vxry much."

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## NARRAMORE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION

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### What and Who

The Narramore Christian Foundation is happy to announce its great annual SEMINAR for Sons and Daughters of Missionaries who are returning to the United States and Canada from overseas. This two-week seminar is for those who have completed their high school training and are now returning to the United States to enter college. The Narramore Christian Foundation is an international Christian counseling and training ministry. The director is Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, well-known psychologist. The SEMINAR is conducted by the professional staff of the Narramore Christian Foundation, plus other specialists.

### Purposes

This professional SEMINAR has four purposes:

(1) **ASSESSMENT:** To assess the student's abilities and adjustment through intelligence tests, vocational tests and personality tests, as well as person to person interviews.

(2) **ADJUSTMENT:** Students will then receive daily individual counseling and group counseling. Insights and therapy will help to resolve problems and bring about better attitudes for more effective Christian living. *Many of the students attending will have a measure of good adjustment but will experience even greater growth. All will come to understand themselves better and resolve any possible negative attitudes and personality problems. All who have attended say this work is the most meaningful of the SEMINAR.*

(3) **ORIENTATION:** Emphasis will be given to orientation to the United States, its culture, history, churches, the college campus, dress, customs, sayings, finances, etiquette, and ways of doing things. Students will reside in the beautiful NCF on-campus housing and enjoy visits to such places as a bank, a college, a local California shopping mall, big league baseball game, Christian bookstore, several churches, Disneyland, Forest Lawn, Huntington Library and Gardens, the Narramore home, plus other worthwhile places in Southern California. Supervision is provided by loving committed Christian couples.

(4) **CHALLENGE:** Students will be challenged to make a full commitment of their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. They are provided with help so that they might experience happier, more effective Christian lives. We view these young people as the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

### Where and When

The location is the beautiful, 10-acre NCF Campus in Rosemead, California, near Los Angeles. The Campus has a modern housing facility, attractive dining room, counseling center, auditorium, swimming pool and spa, and other facilities. All participants must attend the full period.

**1985 DATES: July 30 to August 13**

**1986 DATES: July 29 to August 12**

**1987 DATES: July 28 to August 11**

### Cost

The principal support of the SEMINAR is from donors across America who care about missionary families. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is required for each student to confirm attendance. Students may pay more if they are able but need not pay anything in excess of the registration fee. **No student will be turned away because of lack of funds.** Students will want to have some spending money for recreation and sight-seeing. (Christians who see the benefit of this desperately needed ministry are invited to help meet seminar costs by writing Dr. Narramore.) The per person cost is approximately \$880 but the training is free to the students except for the \$50 registration fee.



## REFLECTIONS

When I tell my husband, "I've been thinking," he says, "Uh-oh," but the truth is, I have been thinking.

Have you ever noticed how so many Christians know a lot of facts about the Bible or the way Biblical principles ought to apply, but, practically speaking, they really only end up being theories? Many of us don't actually practice Biblical principles in our particular situations, or even think about them past the "pat answer." What I've been thinking about particularly is the fruit of the Spirit.

Fruit grows naturally from trees, right? If at conversion, the Holy Spirit indwells the Christian, why is it that joy, patience, peace, faithfulness, and self-control don't grow naturally in so many of our lives, families, and homes? You know how the Bible says that for fruit to grow, the seed has to die first? In order for joy, faithfulness, patience, and self-control to grow, something must die (be given up)--sadness or depression (are you serious?), disloyalty, impatience, and lack of control (anger, infidelity). EASIER SAID THAN DONE!

In the realities of life, i.e., dealing with children, waiting in lines, putting up with a complaining spouse, etc., how does this apply? What is it that "dies"? Romans 12:2 says, ". . . Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. . . ." II Corinthians 10:5 says, "we take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." It seems to me, then, that if change is going to take place, we need to change our way of looking at things. What we give up is our perspective. And that's a matter of the will; a choice. What is God's role in this? At the moment of decision, He gives us strength to make the right choice even though it seems too hard. He enables us to see our children as vulnerable and precious before we shout at them (who, me?) or He gives us better understanding of our spouse's point of view before giving up on him. We have to ask God to do that for us--to renew our minds. The exciting thing is, He does it! By allowing our minds to be controlled by the Holy Spirit, He will bear His fruit in our lives. Knowing it is one thing. Practicing it is another. How would this principle be practiced? By asking God whenever we think of it to give us His perspective. As the blood pressure rises, consciously claim the promise that the Holy Spirit indwells us and will change our point of view.

If God is at work in us, how can we lose? He'll end up not just renewing our minds, but rejuvenating our lives as well!

-Cherry Sabathné



This is the section that most of you look for first, so let's get on with it! It's great getting all the news of good friends. May I suggest that when you send letters for SIMROOTS you please write clearly; I apologize for any errors in names and places. No, really, all mistakes are intentional!

Richard and Ursina (Kuster) Swanson ('67)--Ursina and our three children (Amina 11, Alain 10, Benjamin 6) have been evacuated out of our present post here in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. If you have followed recent events of Haiti on the news, you will know that we have just lived through an exciting period in the history of the Haitian struggle out of Duvalier's (Baby Doc) repressive regime. Haiti is a beautiful country with desperate social, spiritual, and economic problems. Ursina and I have felt greatly privileged to have lived here since Feb. 1984. I am team leader for a University of Arkansas/Winrock International project in rural Haiti. In one component of the project we are working with small farmers in two regions of the country. Using a watershed management strategy, we conduct applied on-farm research on cropping systems, agro-forestry techniques, livestock systems, soil/water conservation techniques. In the other component of the project, we are setting up a national information system in the Ministry of Agriculture. We use IBM-PC's to electronically digitize data from scaled topographic maps of existing good secondary data or from new data we are obtaining ourselves. We employ USDA assistance and use Michigan State University for software for the computerized data inventory system. Our children go to a good mission based school. We left Upper Volta in July of 1985 after having worked there on a number of different USAID projects during a period of seven years. Following that, the family lived in Minnesota while I worked for a University of Mich. project in Senegal and Gambia (two months). From this we moved here to Haiti where we hope to remain until 1988. (Ed. note: Pray for them as they continue to live in a stressful situation, and also as they are now separated from their children who are finishing the school year in Minnesota.)

Ann (Swanson) Vanderaa ('68)--Here we are in Goudourou, a tiny village of nomadic Fulani on the edge of the desert totally immersed in another culture. It seems like we've been gone months instead of 2 weeks. (She describes all kinds of problems with their 10-hr. trip, then continues.) We finally arrived at Goudourou around 8:30 pm. We were really tired and apprehensive too, not knowing what lay before us. We were very warmly welcomed by the village and ushered into our sleeping hut where they brought some coals to warm it up, and then rushed off to make a good meal of rice and chicken. I think we all felt rather numb and exhausted after our trip--sitting in a hut on mats, people all around talking, but understanding little, and wondering if we were going to survive! Our meal arrived, we ate, then we were told not to sleep yet because we all must first have tea. By 11:30 everyone left and we followed the kids onto our mattresses on the sand. We woke to mooing cows and people at the door. I could write a book about our first day. The Fulani don't really eat much during the day and our stuff was in such a mess in the 3 huts that we didn't eat till evening that day either. I scrounged up some cookies for the kids during the day but felt unsure what to do about eating in front of other people. The huts were not done, there were no beds, nothing to eat, no wood for cooking, my gas range was buried in



in our stuff somewhere, there was no water and what there was was bitter, but the Lord sustained and provided. The kids! Praise the Lord for our children. No complaints, no sighs, just a dive into their new life here. The second morning was my darkest moment. As I gazed up at our thatch roof, through which I could see the sky, as I felt the wind picking up, felt the dust and sand all over me, I really despaired. We moved out of our hut for 4 days while the women worked hard and made a hut within a hut of mats on a stick and cornstalk frame. It really is very beautiful with decorative Fulani woven mats from floor to ceiling and over to the other side. It makes it almost wind proof, and much warmer. During the second week the women made a bed for Larry and me and for 2 of the children, so 4 of us are off the ground now. Mornings we are usually more or less alone and around noon people start arriving and we have tea all afternoon. In these 2 weeks our Fulani has made a huge leap. When the sun sets, everyone goes to their own huts, so we have every evening alone. The women will fuss over our beds, show me exactly how to arrange the mats, how to check for termites every day, how to set the fire, how to make coals, and so on. We borrow their mortar and well rope, and they borrow our pails. Pray for us! For health, strength, patience in learning the language, and for the children.

Cherry (Long) Sabathné ('69)--That's a tough act to follow! Life goes on. Working part time, doing this newsletter, being active at church, and being the perfect wife and mother (!) keep me busy. The biggest excitement in '71 years happened last week when Chip and I took some of our refund check and the free airline tickets he'd earned from traveling at work so much, left our kids with friends, and flew to L.A. What a great time! It was better than our honeymoon. My sister Pam lives there now, so we visited with her and her husband. We were filmed briefly for some Oscar awards filler, saw Beverly Hills, took the Burbank Studio tour, traveled along the coast, saw some good entertainment, stayed on the Queen Mary, took the tour, saw the Spruce Goose, and gained 5 pounds. It was wonderful! The only mistake was I forgot to take the SIMROOTS address list with me, so I wasn't able to contact some of you who live close by. It was nice talking to those I did, though. The mountains in Calif. are beautiful, and I fell in love with it! Well, back to reality. . . . I'd like to send special greetings now to Bonnie Kleinsasser, Carol Pullen, Miriam (I'm about to answer your letter); and Ann Swanson, don't despair. I really enjoy hearing from you. Hi, Jude. Hope you're well, too.

Fred Zobrist ('70)--Baruch (5½), Yoram (4) and Yochanan (almost 2) keep us busy as we look forward to the arrival of our new baby the beginning of February. Last October I fell about 3 meters at one of our building sites and broke the bone in my right heel. With my kind of work (truck driver) that means staying home for 3 months. We believe that 1986 holds something new and exciting for us. About a month ago Carla and I started the application process for service with the STM. We hope to be involved in the education of M.K.'s in Niamey, Niger where SIM is setting up a new boarding school. Please pray for us in this new venture!

Brenda (Hay) Kelley ('72)--Last year we moved to Junction City, Ks. where my husband Larry is the pastor of a church here. We are really enjoying our ministry to the people here. I substitute teach and take care of our 3 children, Lorrel (7), Tim (5), and Joshua (5). They keep me pretty busy. I am also taking 6 hours at Ks. State U. so I can renew my teaching certificate.



Bill Zobrist ('73)--In December the U.S. Center for World Mission asked me if I would come to be a part of the Candidate Training Program offered in Calif. for 3½ months. The cost of the training is 1550. Because of limited personal resources, I would ask you to join with me in asking the Lord to provide my needed expenses. (Bill, sorry I missed you in L.A. last week!)

Ruth Maxwell ('73)--A flight to Liberia was originally scheduled for today, but the recent months of political uncertainty have made visas hard to get. Until I leave for Liberia I plan to be involved in the Three Hills and Calgary area with family and friends, take a trip to the West Coast, and be free to fill each day with whoever comes my way.



Ruth Maxwell

Tim Geysbeek ('75)--I have been married for 6 years, teach part time at ELWA Academy and am learning Mandingo. The one unfortunate thing about being a missionary is that in our case our furloughs fall on non-reunion years. A little depressing, but as we say in Liberia, "What to do?"

Steve Husband ('76)--Just announcing the birth of a son, Joshua Steven, on January 29, 1986. Congratulations, Steve!

Steve Clymer ('76)--We have received word that he and his wife are the pastor of United Brethren Church in Liberty Center, Ohio.

Elisabeth Godbold ('79)--I am so excited about leaving for Niger in about 3 weeks that I can hardly settle down to the practical things such as packing, passports, etc. July 4, I flew up to Chicago for the SIM reunion. I cannot express the feeling of "belonging" of having the same roots, experiences, background, of speaking the same language . . . I give up! It was simply a fabulous time of being with one of my families--my boarding school family. My motto for the next reunion is "Dallas will be great in 1988!" It was a special blessing to help my father in his seminar Scriptural Solutions for Sensitive People. He was having the series audio-taped and video-taped with an audience. The material, which is straight from the Bible, is revolutionary and strongly applicable to your life, family, church, and ministry. It was a special blessing to be involved in a missions conference called Global Outreach '85 in Rock Eagle, Georgia. The weekend was totally great. I also got to meet friends from all different parts of my life which I love to do because I seem to have left parts of my heart all over the world. SIM accepted me into their Special Short Term Program, and I leave for Niger Jan. 3. I will be traveling with my parents and we have an approximate 2-day layover in France. Generally I will be pioneering a ministry among the Tuareg women around the Tahoua oasis. Most of the work will be friendship evangelism. News of the family--Steve and Tosha (his wife) are on their way to Co. to spend some time with her family for Christmas. Sarah is working for Florida Health Care and gaining experience in nursing and "patience." In January Steve, Tosha, and Sarah will be attending Mandate '86, a missions conference held in



DeKalb, Illinois. By the way, if anyone would like to know, there is a way to phone me in Niger. Dial 0 for the operator and ask for the overseas, international operator 160-227. In case they ask, you are calling Tahoua, Niger, West Africa. The Tahoua (Tow-u) station number is 610-287.

Glenn Mason ('83)--I am presently serving as the president of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Student Association. In spite of the incredibly practical learning and growing experiences I am receiving, this has not precluded my classroom education. Last May I received an Administrative Management diploma from NAIT, and again this coming May I will receive a Marketing Management diploma. I am presently hoping to intensify my business education next Sept. at the U. of Western Ontario. It was great fun renewing old acquaintances at last summer's reunion! Thanks to all who organized it, and I look forward to seeing many of you in Texas.

Nancy Hall (?) and John DeValve (?), who are both missionaries now, have announced their engagement. An August 16 wedding is planned and will be at the Little White Church, Conklin, N.Y. Both sets of parents have served in Nigeria under SIM.

David Atkins (?)--My wife, Helen, and I recently moved to Washington State where I joined a group of ten radiologists. We enjoy getting together with former Bingham classmates Joan (McClenny) Goebel and Peg (McClenny) Boe who live very close. We have three little boys, which keeps us busy. (Thank you, David, for your donation.)

Tim Lilly (?) and Cheryl Ann Morris were married on December 28, 1985 at the 69th Street Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, Upper Darby, Pa. Cheryl's father performed the ceremony and James Lilly assisted. Tim is presently in his internship at the Philadelphia Osteopathic Hospital. Cheryl has just started her practice teaching.

Emmanuel, Lucie, and Stella Isch (???)--(This is written by their parents) Stella lives in Chicago now, having been at Moody for a couple years. She married a Moody graduate, and they desire to apply to SIM for a ministry in Liberia. Emmanuel graduated from McGill U. in Economics and is now in Bible school in England. He plans to go into his master's next year at the U. of Montreal for Development in third world countries. He is 21. Lucie is 17 and goes to a French lycee here in Montreal.

So, that does it for this time. Keep those letters coming! (I'd just like to bring to the attention of the Bingham reps. that the McClenny addresses might be obtained through David Atkins.)

News Flash: Congratulations to Jim and Kathy Kastner on the birth of their second baby boy, Daniel Jordan on March 10, 1986!

Videotapes of the reunion are still being prepared. There *are* about 3 months of work left on it; however, if you are interested in inquiring about it, you may contact Don Copeland 501 Coolidge Dr., San Gabriel, Ca. 91775, or let me (Cherry) know. Some of you have already.