



Merry Christmas

It is so nice to be sending you Christmas greetings from the same address for the fourth year in a row. After so many months we are feeling a sense of permanence and community in Pullman, and we enjoy living in the Northwest.

Jeff has established himself with the University and over his Ph.D. is completed we think we might be staying on in Pullman. He is studying now for his pre-licensure to be taken the first of March, which leaves his dissertation and oral to complete this spring. The oral is a sight! He will be teaching as well as doing research for publication, and directing a better field school every summer. A highlight of last spring was a month's travel in the Soviet Union as a consultant for the National Geographic Society. If any of you receive National Geographic, look for Jeff's hands making a Soviet point in a 1979 article on sergents.

After a four year absence from school Cassy went back last spring. She has the accident to be full time and it appears she will have lunch in Okanogan Family Center after 3 more semesters of being a student.

Josh is an active 4 1/2 year old, going from recess to a walk to the community pre-school. He tends to be hard to "study" when we are on the semester learned to write his name correctly instead of totally backwards. We are grateful, however, happy, healthy, and had an imaginative mind.

Our very best wishes to you for a merry Christmas.

The Hinckles

Cassy, Jeff

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