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Seasons Greetings from Suzanne, Rod and Kevin:

In case you don't remember what we look like, we are enclosing a picture this year. In Kevin's case it doesn't matter whether you remember or not, he doesn't look like that any longer. He is growing like a weed. Credit for the picture goes to Alan Edwards and Minolta, not necessarily in that order.

The major news for Kevin this year is his enrollment in the private "New School of Monmouth County" as of the beginning of the spring semester. It is a cooperative, non-graded school with 3 teachers and about 40 students, covering K through eighth grades. He really likes it, and his attitude about school has dramatically improved. Suzanne is already on the board of directors for the school, and shares the responsibility for organizing maintenance. The main advantage of the school is the family atmosphere, older kids help younger ones, along with a less rigid structure than the public schools allow.

Suzanne has started a "part time" (read "full time") job with the Union Beach school system working on a grant to do research on how to help parents interact with their infants and so insure optimum development and intellectual growth. She has reduced her involvement in Cub Scouts to the position of "Den Mother Coach", helping new den mothers to get started. She is also getting involved with photography using her camera to document the research project. She is still painting, but not so much since the new job began. Lots of ideas but not enough time.

Kevin and Rod are participating in Cub Scouts this fall. Meetings are every Tuesday night and they have already been on one overnight campout together. It was cold and the ground was hard, but Kevin had fun as did most of the Cubs. The fathers were in agreement also. The Webelos leader is talking about a winter campout now! Brrr!

Rod is still working at Bell Labs on the Interactive Planning Workstation. His home computer has received less than its fair share of attention since the department got its own VAX 11-780 in the spring. Its hard to get excited about a Z-80 when you are superuser in UNIX on a VAX.

Kevin got his wish to go to Disneyworld in the spring this year. In one week we saw Disneyworld, Circus World, and Sea World, almost like a Science Fiction story. We met Rod's dad and mom in Orlando part way through the week, so they only saw a few worlds. They also came up to NJ for a week this fall just to visit and inspect Kevin's new school. It was a bonus year for amusement parks since we took in Great Adventure again, getting soaked to the skin this fall in the new "Roaring Rapids" ride.

We hope all of you are in as good spirits as are we this holiday season.

Rod, Suzanne, & Kevin