

# Merry Christmas 2007



Winston (right) & Salem enjoying the fire.

## Highlights of 2007

- Ashlyn's soccer team goes 28-3-1.
- Kehvon's summer job is building molecules.
- Norman and Heather celebrate 20 years of marriage.

## Happy holidays from our family to yours!

It is Christmas Eve already and I'm just now sitting down to write our holiday letter. I've enjoyed hearing from so many friends and family members – my favorite mail is delivered around the holidays.

We are spending the holidays in Boone this year. Although we've had a bit of snow, we won't have a white Christmas. Ashlyn has taken advantage of the snow that has fallen and gone to

the slopes several times already. Kehvon and I even got to go one sunny day. I'm pretty sure this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time I've been downhill skiing since we moved here 12 years ago – and I live less than 30 minutes from 4 different ski resorts – how sad is that!?!?! Norman and I will be keeping our fingers crossed for a good dumping of snow so we can get out on our cross-country skis.

## Kehvon's News

**Kehvon** is a junior biochemistry major at Washington and Lee University. She moved off-campus in August and now lives with two other women in an apartment downtown. She was awarded a Johnson Endeavor Fellowship to assist in a "green" chemistry laboratory over the summer, where they worked on organic and inorganic synthesis.

Kehvon has taken advantage of opportunities to travel: In February she flew to Germany to spend a week with

a high school friend who was doing a study – abroad in Mannheim. During her time off between the summer fellowship and fall classes, she spent a week in California with the Clark grandparents and another in Minnesota with the Simonson grandparents and other Minnesota relatives.

She is preparing to take the MCAT in April and spends a good amount of her spare time scoping out medical schools. It's hard to believe her undergrad years are more than half over.



Kehvon's lab group having fun with Photoshop



Atlanta Cup Champion

## Ashlyn's News

Ashlyn's life continues to revolve around soccer. Her high school team made it to the third round of the state playoffs. Ashlyn earned all-conference and all-region honors and was selected to play for the West team in the North Carolina State games, bringing home a silver medal. Her club team had an amazing fall season, going 28-3-1, winning 5 of their 6 tournaments and coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the one they didn't win. The most prestigious of the championships was the Atlanta cup (pictured), and featured major hardware for the winners.

Ashlyn's junior year has included a number of A.P. courses, and she has made some noises about chemical engineering as a college major. I imagine by this time next year she'll know where she'll go to college.



## Norman & Heather

Norman continues to be the artisan in the family. He built a beautiful solid wood dining room table (pictured above) for Kehvon's new apartment as well as a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired lamp for our living room. He's now finishing up knitting a gorgeous sweater just in time for the cold weather.

My year involved a lot of physical training. I completed the High Country "Triple Crown," running races which included the 7 mile Cub (moderate climb) in May, the 5 mile Bear (1500 foot climb up Grandfather Mountain) in July and the 2 mile Knob, an insane 2 mile climb up Howard's Knob (race theme: "2 miles of Pure Hill") in September. I also did some biking for the first time in many years and I've enjoyed that as well.

Norman and I celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary by spending a week on the Outer Banks (pictured). We figured out that this was the first time (ever!) we had spent more than 3 nights away from home, together, without the kids. It really was very much a second honeymoon, and I sincerely doubt we'll wait another 20 years to do it again.



Mother's Day 2007



Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the Outer Banks

