

Merry Christmas and Happy 2005

From the Holmes Family!

Our Blue State Year....

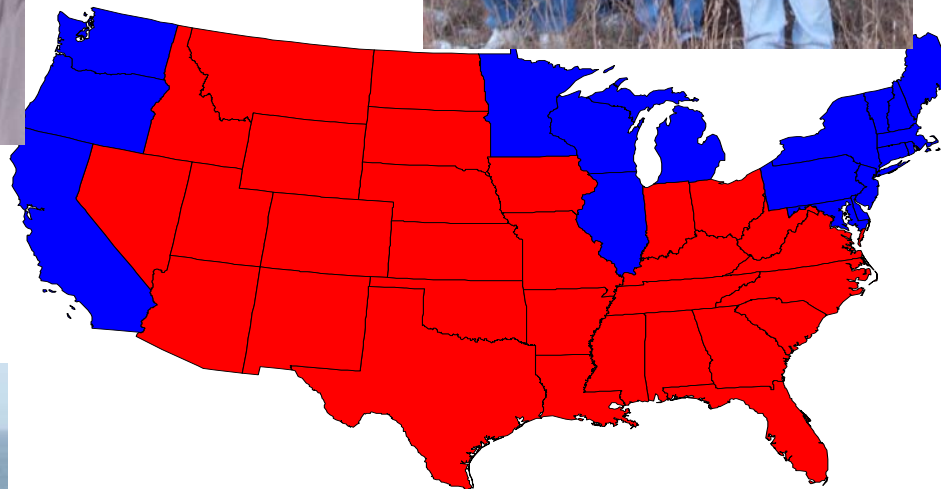
MN, 10/04: Brian flashes smile for yearbook pic.



MN, 11/04: Peter flashes on Halloween



MN, 12/04: Family outing to cut Christmas tree. Brian claims that since he will be away at college next year, he should get to pick the tree. Stunned by this assertiveness, Peter and Laura acquiesce, but vow to take his stuff when he goes.



CA, 03/04: Family trip to LA and Santa Monica to check out California lifestyle. \$\$\$\$\$



LA, 03/04: Laura and Carol make rare foray into red state to see Minnesota women's basketball team play in the Final Four. The Gophers played great, but fell short. Go Lindsay Whalen! Boo Diana Taurasi!

WI, 10/04: Pilgrimage to Madison to visit the kids' birthplace and tour UW. The cows are still on campus!

IL, 10/04: Pilgrimage to Evanston to visit where Carol and Tom first met and to tour NU. The big painted rock on campus is still stupid!

MI, 7/04: Kids' 17th straight year of lake vacation with grandparents and cousins. Shoreline rock project still unfinished.

NJ, PA, 7/04: Kids' 17th straight (almost) year of shore vacations with grandparents and cousins. Midwestern kids (and Carol) still not used to the salt.

MA, NH, 7/04: Brian and Tom attend NBER meetings in Boston. Large concentration of Democratic conventioners puts damper on trip.

NY, 9/04: Peter and Tom go to US Tennis Open. Large concentration of Republican conventioners puts damper on trip.



Etc. Tom goes to **Italy** for work trip