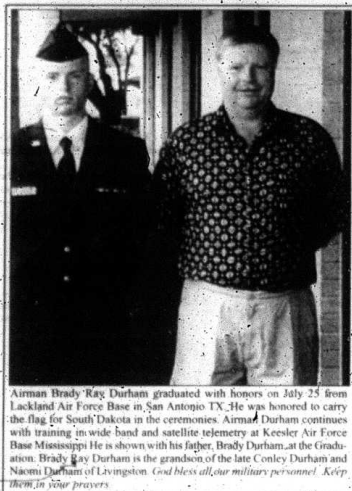




Airman Brady Ray Durham graduated with honors on July 25 from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. He was honored to carry the flag for South Dakota in the ceremonies. Airman Durham continues with training in wide band and satellite telemetry at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. He is shown with his father, Brady Durham, at the graduation. Brady Ray Durham is the grandson of the late Conley Durham and Naomi Durham of Livingston. God bless all our military personnel. Kelly, them in your prayers.

Classes at Extension Office

Scrapbooking Class
A scrapbooking class on borders will be taught at the Extension Office Sept. 8, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. by Sheila Johnson. Cost is \$1.50. Call 256-2403 for more details.

Blanket/Quilt Work Day
A blanket/quilt work day will be held Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Extension Office. Completed blankets and quilts will be donated to a Jane Leber Indian Reservation in Montana. Come take part in this worthwhile project. Call 256-2403 for more information.

Blood Drive

Central Kentucky Blood Center will conduct a blood drive September 11 from 11 to 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Extension Office. The blood drive is being sponsored by the Rockcastle Co. Extension Homemakers and will be hosted by the Conway Sunshine Homemakers.

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away. Hal needs to confer with Louise Nunn, the Republican State Representative in KY and get a bit of compensation. The state, without his permission or even without consulting him, put Nunn's name on portion of the Parkway that replaced old US 40. Louise has suggested that they take his name down and replace it with Hal's if he needs a road that damned had. Then they should put old Dan's back where it's supposed to be.

Anyway, after driving from London to Hazard and losing a little more respect for him every time I saw a Hal Rogers Parkway sign, I took the short cut over the mountains there outside Hazard and drove across the river on the old bridge at Home Lumber Company and The Old Kentucky was, as Keeter had insisted, the perfect fishing color. And it stayed that way as I drove up KY 7 and got to the mouth of Leatherwood. Leatherwood was way up in the timber and muddy. By the time I got to Redstar, where Keeter lives the river was up three feet and looked more like a mudslide than freshwater stream.

To make a long story short, I never took the fishing poles out of the truck. Instead I went to town. They take much better catfish than I could have fixed anyway and listened to a really

good band play hits from the sixties. Anyway, my Taurus read and Louise, the reader, told me I would be in front of a judge within two days.

I kept a close eye on the speedometer on the way home and never got above 60 on Bacon Way coming home. First thing I checked when I got home was Saturday's mail. No summons yet. All I have to do now is stay out of trouble one more day.

"TJ's Journal"

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given plaques and a big thank-you for the positive influence they had in our lives. There were awards for the student who had traveled the longest distance to attend (the winner traveled about eight hundred miles), who had the most grandchildren (the winner had six), and who had traveled to the most foreign countries (the winner had been to thirty-eight), to name a few categories. The coveted category was "Who had changed the least?" No, it wasn't me.

There was one sad experience. We had a moment of silence for those who were no longer with us. They had graduated to a higher level, and to borrow a line from an old Rod Stewart tune, they will be "Forever Young" in our hearts.

This year, to commemorate the Silver Anniversary of our graduation, we decided to put a time capsule together. I was nominated to get it ready for the reunion at the last minute, but thankfully it turned out fine. We put several special and sentimental items in it to be sealed until 2024, the fiftieth year class reunion. Someone suggested that we write down where we put the time capsule in case we all came down with Alzheimer's.

I'm thankful for such events. I love to get together with family and friends and talk about the old times. I plan to age gracefully and hopefully with dignity. However, the elderly aren't treated with much respect or dignity as a rule in America, but I'll elaborate on that at another time. In some societies such as the Asian countries, the elderly are valued as precious and wise. They're a link to their history. Maybe getting older isn't so bad. Now please excuse me while I hunt a map for China.

"Letters"

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community while having fun at the same time.

Sincerely,
Christy Napier,
Y-Club Secretary

Dear Editor—
As a stockholder in Cincinnati Gas & Electric (Cnergy) I received a letter today urging me to contact my Senator and Congressman. This company wants the Bush environmental plan passed. It effectively trashes most environmental laws and will allow Cnergy to continue belching black smoke over Cincinnati, the southern half of Indiana and Ohio. They also own Public Service Indiana PSI. They say that as a stockholder I will put more money in my pocket.

We should urge our Senators and Congressmen and women NOT to vote for the Bush plan and stay on the Clinton schedule to clean up the environment, before it kills us all. Bush wants to mess up the Alaskan wildlife preserve with oil rigs and spills. We can do without that for a while. His answer to our forest fires is clear cut all the trees. This is the only thing he has come up with that would actually work. But pretty ugly!

Jim Norton

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