



Yes, it is December 18, 2008. Our Christmas letter is not speeding along the Internet. We are waiting for Shige to come home so we can take a family picture. *(Editor's note: Bill has not started writing the letter ... new year, old problem!)*

Misuzu continues her dubious quest to make me "a more perfect husband." *(Editor's note: This is reminiscent of Alchemists' efforts to make gold from lead!)* The Husband Improvement Program, **HIP**, has shown notable progress after only 10 years of marriage. My listening skills are much improved although this gain has been offset by

some hearing loss. The doctor attributes the loss to severe trauma to my ear drums over a long period of time ... my guess, 10 years. *(Editor's note: Bill is in deep trouble!)*

Shige is in his 7<sup>th</sup> ... sorry, 4<sup>th</sup> year in Bio-Engineering at UF in Gainesville and will be there forever. *(Editor's note: Shige is in a 5-year engineering program ... Bill doesn't know what he is talking about!)* He has a girlfriend (very nice, smart and pretty), a car and lives in an apartment. Shige has made many good choices: he has avoided drugs, alcohol and work. We hope one of these will change when he receives his degree in Bio-Engineering. Shige plays racquetball and complains of bruised ribs ... I suspect a racquet-rib relationship. He is happy ... so we are happy.

Nari is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year at UCF in Orlando and lives in a dormitory ... his unit has 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a sitting room and a kitchen. Further description would **not** include the words neat, clean and orderly. He enjoys college life except for his classes. He sleeps during the day; at night, I **like to think** he is studying at the library. I marvel at the wisdom of the college administrators for keeping the library open 24 hours a day. *(Editor's note: HELLO!)* Nari is very happy.



Things have changed so much since I went to college. No doubt, Shige and Nari would respond with "yes, things have changed ... the automobile was invented!" I really miss them when they are not around.

Misuzu enjoys bridge and has become a strong player. She works out regularly at the YMCA; she spins and rides the computerized stationary bikes. Her virtual dogs (NintenDogs) in the Nintendo DS are well cared for; she, also, does the Sudoku puzzle everyday. As part of the **HIP** program, Misuzu carefully observes and records every, little mistake her husband makes. *(Editor's note: This is an enormous undertaking.)* Misuzu is happy!

My interests remain the same: basketball, bridge and websites. Oh, yeah, I forgot the **HIP** program. *(Editor's note: He often forgets!)* The Embryo-



Riddle Eagles are 10-2 and seem to improve each game. Go EAGLES! Bill is happy and **HIP!**

Love,  
Bill, Misuzu, Nari and Shige

Some of Bill's websites: [Bridge Club](#) [Red Devils](#) [Escape Athletics](#) [Family & Friends](#) [Mary's Restaurant](#)