From Oklahoma City, take I-40 west to Morgan Rd (EXIT 140). This intersection is home to four major truck stops, so be careful. Take Morgan Rd south (left) to SW 15<sup>th</sup> St. Turn west (right). About ½ mile, turn south (left) on to Birkenhead Rd. There are bricks with "WESTBURY" on them at this entrance. Birkenhead will "T" into Paisley Rd. Turn west (right) two streets to Kendal Pl. Turn north (right). Almost immediately, turn west (left) on to Leicester Dr. 10317 is the fifth house on the north (right) side of the street. Please call 405-324-6704 if you should need other instructions.



## Hello Folks!

How is everyone? I hope life is treating everyone well. Ruth and I found ourselves very busy over the holidays. We have been hard at work trying to map out our lives for the next several months. Just about everyone is excited about the upcoming wedding. However, we are still trying to convince Ruth's cat, Meow, that having my cat, Raymond, as a baby brother is a good thing. The good news is Meow no longer growls at him. Now she just constantly hisses.

This is Ruth's last semester in graduate school at the University of Oklahoma. In May, she will receive her MA in International Relations – International Development. She will be taking her comprehensive exams sometime before spring break; needless to say, the pressure is beginning to build up. While juggling classes, studying for her comps, interning at Wal-Mart, interning at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, searching for a job, preparing to move, and planning a wedding, she still finds time to hang out with me. Wow! I know she is ready for life to slow down for a couple days.

I am keeping pretty busy myself, but do not have near the pressures that Ruth does. I finished my first year as a Transportation Planner for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) in the Dallas - Fort Worth area. Currently, I am assisting on numerous projects throughout the region, and now beginning my first assignment as a project manager. This project entails creating a thoroughfare plan from scratch for the suburbanizing Kaufman County, located immediately east of Dallas County. This is an awesome opportunity. Outside of work, I am helping Ruth however I can, and working on our new website <a href="https://www.timandruth.net">www.timandruth.net</a>. I am also commuting 200 miles to Oklahoma City just about every weekend. Few now know that stretch of I-35 better than I do. Both Ruth and I are really looking forward to living in the same state!

Now for the information you really want to know. We have been hard at work on planning our upcoming wedding. We have detailed all of our wedding information at wedding.timandruth.net. Please check this site regularly for the most up-to-date information.

The big day is set for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002, in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. The ceremony will be held at 9:30 AM at the Sandpiper Gulf Resort on Estero Island. I have blocked several rooms at the resort for wedding. In return, the resort has heavily discounted the rooms for us. When you make your reservations, tell them that you are with the Young Wedding Party. The rate is \$69 a night plus tax. They will also request a refundable \$50 deposit check from you. Please RSVP with either Ruth or I afterwards so we can pass along any last minute information you may need.

On the evening of June 7<sup>th</sup>, Ruth's cousin, Derrick, will be hosting the rehearsal dinner. Don't worry - we will not be rehearsing. All of our friends and family who can make it to Fort Myers Beach that evening are welcome and encouraged to join us. Check out our Web site in a couple months for more details.

For those flying in for the weekend, we will be more than happy to transport you to and from the airport. Just let us know in advance what your travel itinerary is.

A small and short reception will be held immediately after the ceremony. During this time, we will take pictures with our family and friends. During the ceremony and reception, please keep your dress to "beach" casual. Ideally, women should wear sundresses and sandals. The men should wear khakis or other Dockers-type pants and a nice shirt, including golf shirts and other island dress shirts. After this time, we plan on just hanging out on the beach, enjoying our time with friends and family.

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002, a larger reception will be in Oklahoma City. We are inviting all of our friends and family to join us for the evening, especially those who are unable to make the trip to Fort Myers Beach. This will be held at my parents' house in west Oklahoma City. Please go to our website wedding.timandruth.net for more details, including maps and the inclement weather location. Please RSVP for this reception by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, if possible.

We hope everyone is able to attend at least one of the events in June. Both Ruth and I are very excited to share this happiest of all moments with all those who are indeed very special to us. Please contact us and RSVP for both events as soon as you can commit. Also, do not forget to check out our website <a href="https://www.timandruth.net">www.timandruth.net</a> for the most up-to-date information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Tim and Ruth

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