

The Kulas Kronicle



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Three Important Numbers: 10, 17, and 18

This summer Trudy, I, and the family attended a wedding in Lawrence, Kansas, the home of the University of Kansas (KU). It gave us a chance to go stroll down memory lane a bit. That campus was the first campus I visited to do outreach. At the time I was working with the Center For Bio-Ethical Reform. Trudy was working for Justice For All, and KU was the first campus outreach she had conducted, too. Trudy and I were not married; nor were we dating. Both of us recall fond memories of the start of our relationship. Pictured here, Trudy and I are conversing with a college student at KU. That was back in September of 1998.



Strong Hall Lawn, University of Kansas, September 1998

Watson Library Lawn, University of Kansas, July 2016

Trudy and I met just a few months prior to this outreach. Although we worked for different organizations, we worked in the same office. I recall working alongside Trudy at our very first outreach. Neither of us had much training on how to converse with pro-choice students, and back then doing pro-life outreach to college campuses was rather unheard of. We were not welcomed by the faculty or the students. That hasn't changed.

Although I don't think it was clear to me at the time, I know now that our relationship began as we stood side by side defending unborn children at the University of Kansas 18 years ago. Trudy and I have been standing side by side through it all. This August we celebrated 17 years of marriage, and this October we will be welcoming our 10th child into our home. Trudy is pregnant with a girl and due mid-October! When we were at KU recently, Trudy and I took the opportunity to take a photo (above, right) on the same spot at Watson Library Lawn where we had taken another photo back in 1998 under an umbrella. (Unfortunately, I wasn't able to find that iconic photo for comparison.)

The memories of standing with one another defending our views has been a central part of our marriage, and there is no one with whom I would rather spend my life! Please pray that Trudy and I could enjoy another 17 years of marriage (and more!) and for Trudy to have a safe, healthy pregnancy!

In Christ,

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