

order—the two are expecting in January. Mike is currently deployed to Bermuda with VP-10, his home base being Brunswick, Maine. Lynda and **Bill Mueller** will be joining them shortly at NAS Brunswick.

Jeff Lewis dropped me a line with some news about the Nuke community. Congratulations to Jeff and Thorrena who had a little girl, Kathryn Marie, in July. Jeff is assigned to USS TULLIBEE (SSN-597) along with **Bill Burns**, the sonar officer, and **John Schumacher**, the DCA. **Chris Alberg** and **Gary Rau** are aboard USS SOUTH CAROLINA. **Scott Ackerson** is in the yards at Pascagoula, aboard USS GATO; **Doug Guthe** is in New London aboard USS JACK; and **Rod Shaffer** is aboard the newly commissioned USS GROTON (SSN-694). **Bob Somers** and wife Leslie have moved to San Diego with USS BATES (SSN-680). **Rob Pottle** is deployed aboard USS STURGEON (SSN-637) and **Jim Sloan** is in San Diego aboard USS FLASHER. **Pat Tracy** is aboard USS EDWARDS (DD-950) and will be headed for USS HILL (DD-988) sometime after Christmas to be MPA. Congratulations to **Hansford Tyler** who tied the knot at the Academy Chapel in May after completing sub school.

I heard from **Pat Bole**—he's in Yuma now hoping to be flying A-4s. He passed on some good news—**Rock Daze** and wife Dorothy recently had a baby girl named Christy. Rock is headed for duty in the Philippines. **Joe Cantu** and **Bob Caulk** are in the A-7 RAG in Jacksonville.

My roommate from TBS, **Roy Bryant**, is living with **Jeff Cory** in Pensacola. Roy wrote and told me that Jeff is getting married to Gina Scala in New York during December and then will head out to Whidbey Island for the EA-6B RAG.

I've got some news of 9th company from several sources. **Alex Cobble** is back in Hawaii after a short deployment to Guam with VP-22. **Lou Sposato** is now on a float aboard USS OKINAWA. **Steve Gray** sent me a post card from the Mideast; he's on a Med Cruise aboard USS BYRD. Steve also had the opportunity to sail in the Navy Europe Sailing Regatta while he was there. Joan and **John Carter** are headed for

Pensacola sometime in November—the twins are keeping them both busy. **Bob Peterman** is in Durham, North Carolina, now, working on a project for the government studying the effects of physical exercise on decompression.

I have more news from the Navy Hometown News Release Program. Several Classmates participated in National Week XXV, a week long exercise in the Med involving 6th Fleet ships and aircraft squadrons. Among them were **Jeff Mulliner** aboard USS FORRESTAL, **Bernard Epps** and **Mike Duffy** aboard USS SAGINAW, and **Tim Criner** aboard USS AYLWIN. **Jackson Roeske** is on deployment in the Med aboard USS SHARK; **Jay Gardiner** is aboard USS PHARRIS in Norfolk; and **Bill Bevil** is aboard USS ROBERT E. PEARY in Pearl Harbor. As for the aviators—**Jim Butler** reported for duty with Attack Squadron 128 homebased at Whidbey Island. **Steve Wiley** returned from an extended deployment in WestPac with VP-19 based at Moffett Field; during the deployment they operated from Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa. **Paul Langford** is with Fleet Composite Squadron Five at NAS Cubi Point.

Bill Hawn recently reported aboard USS CALIFORNIA while she was in Lisbon. Bill says that **Bill Craighill** wrote and is getting ready for a 3-month WestPac aboard USS ROBISON (DDG-12). Vaness and **Mike Seifert** recently bought a home in Norfolk where Mike is aboard USS TEXAS. Finally some news from the Fleet Hometown News Center—**Gordon Brown** reported for duty aboard USS ENTERPRISE and **Charles Turpen** reported for duty with Fleet Composite Squadron Seven, NAS Miramar.

All is well here at New River—**Mony Guerrero** and **Vince Smith** joined us recently. **Vic Thombs** went to FAC school for 3 weeks and is now joining his squadron. He, **William Brown** and I spent the Labor Day week end in New York and relived a little bit of "Navy Days" as we piloted a tanker down the East River and up the Hudson with Vic's dad, Captain Thombs, the Big Apple's finest harbor pilot. That's about all for now—good luck to all of you. BEAT ARMY!

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The Naval Academy Chapel was the scene of the marriage of **Brad McDonald** and Kim Anderson on 23 September. It was a real naval marriage because Brad's father, Capt. E. R. McDonald Jr. USN (Ret.) '49 and Kim's dad, Capt. J. T. Anderson DC USN (Ret.) are both retired types. The reception was held in The Hart Room of Mahan Hall at the Academy. Brad had just come back from a Wespac deployment and a stint in Orlando before going on to nuclear power school in New York. All best wishes!

And another happy note is that **John Read** will be getting married in March to Janet Sue Pulliam, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Pulliam of Fairfax, Virginia. John is presently serving on board CHICAGO, homeported in San Diego, and his father is VAdm. William M. Read USN, while Janet is a graduate of Mary Washington College and she is employed by Goodyear Atomic Corporation and resides in Jackson, Ohio. Congratulations to the newly-engaged couple.

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Class correspondent, wan and ravaged by writer's cramp, wrings hands in desperation and then flails valiantly at typewriter. He is aware that into every life a little mail must fall. Drop him a line. Please!!

Chapter News

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The first meeting of the Annapolis Chapter for the scholastic year was called to order by Capt. Tom Ross USN (Ret.) on 13 September. Capt. Ross had taken over the position of president of the Chapter inasmuch as Cdr. James A. Kenney USN, previously nominated to the post, had been transferred with emergency orders. Cdr. M. C. Colley USN has become the Chapter's new vice president.

Honorary members for the Annapolis Chapter were proposed by the local council and accepted, with Prof. Karl Montor and Prof. (ret.)

Don Gilley of the Naval Academy being voted into the Chapter.

Reports were given by RAdm. Charles Becker USN (Ret.), national trustee, and Capt. William S. Busik USN (Ret.), executive director of the Alumni Association. Capt. Busik stated that the midshipman life endowment plan was doing quite well and outlined how the money paid into the plan is directed to the endowment fund. He also stated that the Alumni Association has been asked to help the Athletic Association in the maintenance and restoration of the Navy/Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. RAdm. Becker spoke on the features of the local health service available to retired members of the local community.

Carl Ullrich, assistant director of athletics, was the guest speaker, discussing the recruitment of athletes for the Naval Academy. The

father of two midshipmen and two girls who are married to graduates of the Academy, Mr. Ullrich is considered as being as close to a graduate as possible without having gone through the course. He indicated that in checking out a young athlete who has shown interest in the Academy, the first point to be recognized is whether he will be an effective military leader. All recruiting must be done within the instructions of the NCAA, and all those under consideration must be scholastically qualified and capable of handling the academics.

The past year (1977-78) had been a good recruiting year in both football and basketball, and there had been no significant loss of midshipman athletes by attrition or resignation. With twenty-seven varsity programs and an approximate \$2,000,000 budget in athletics these days, the program has grown bigger with