



Working Men

Texas. I also heard from **Mike Agor** — congratulations to him and Gail for their baby boy, Allen Michael, on 21 July. They will be leaving Monterey soon to attend SOAC in Groton, Connecticut. I also received word that **Mark Trenor** has reported for duty with the Naval Space Surveillance System (NAVSPASUR) at Dahlgren.

I had the good fortune to talk to **Alex Cobble** and **Dennis Dilucente** last weekend; both are in San Diego. Dennis is now at TOPGUN as an instructor along with **Don Bringle**. Alex is still recruiting in San Diego and says business couldn't be better. I got word about several Classmates from both Alex and Dennis. **Andy Hutchison** came down to Camp Pendleton for his two weeks of reserve training; he and Susie are doing well in Seattle. **Jim Butler**, **Rivers Cleveland**, and **Russ Lett** are at Whidbey Island. Terry and **Jeff Scott** are in Meridian, Mississippi, where Jeff is an A-4 instructor. **Dave Bealer** is with VF-211, and **Brian Tyndall** and **Jerry White** are with VF-126. **Jim Hann** has plans to leave the Navy and go to Stanford Business School this Fall. **Craig Snee** is working his family farming business in Ohio.

I also recently spoke with **Lou Sposato**. Lou says recruiting in Cleveland has been very good lately; he and Roberta are doing well. I saw **William Brown** for a couple of days during July; he has left his job with Schlumberger and is planning to attend SMU in the fall to start work on his master's degree in theology. William says he saw **Dave Porter** in Dallas, and they had a 10th anniversary celebration on July 6th. William also recently spoke to **Joe Sheppard** who is in law school and is studying in London this Summer.

Maryk and I had a visit from Mike Hough, Class of '69, and he told us that **Keith Champion** is still in Pensacola getting his pilot's wings, and **Mark Bircheris** is doing an exchange tour with the Air Force flying F-15s. Maryk and I will be leaving Anderson in several weeks; I just finished some graduate courses during the summer session at Clemson, and I'm going back on active duty. That's it for now — keep in touch.

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Hi there, sportsfans! This is formerly frocked Lt. **Bob Schermund** (yes, I know that most of your thought that I was frocked at the Academy) moving right along. Might it not be time to enlighten your fellow former frockees on what's happenin' with certain parts of '78? The GRINCH, **Kevin Lynch** to you infidels who don't know, calls me on a regular basis to shoot the proverbial pap about our fellow Boys in Blue. Grinch, Kathy and Liam Edward (is this kid Irish, or what?) are gallivanting around the Newport countryside while Kevin serves on board AFFRAY (that's AFFRAY, not A'fraid). Rumor has it that **John** "Catch Me, Kiss Me" **Young**, steppin' out at the MPA school in Newport, is heading back to sea as MPA in TICONDEROGA. Among those of the saner variety who are just starting to enjoy shore duty in the DC area are **Bill** "Biwi" **Hanna** "Jumpin'" **George DeMarco**, **Dom** "Wattsamatter for your" **Beranato**, and **Rusty** "Basketball Jones" **Cone**.

It appears that '78's Homecoming has started at USNA with the arrival of **Marty Drakel**, **Al** "Blues" **Baker**, and **Johnboy Hueseman** stationed at Canoe U. in the naval science department. **Al** and **Marla** decided that moving all their goods from Long Beach to Annapolis would be a real pain, so they used "Disco Inferno" Van Lines and had all their worldly possessions burned to a crisp in Norfolk. In actuality, the poor Bakers really did get all their goods from Long Beach to Norfolk, only to have the destroyed in a fire some four hours from Annapolis. **John**, **Nancy** and **Heidi Hueseman** are settling in beautiful Bowie, right near Janet and myself; and **Rusty Cone**, his lovely wife and newborn son are living in Bowie as well (we all wanted to be near the racetrack). Additionally, **Scotty** "Pele" **Eckert** and **Barb** are also stationed at USNA with **Scott** having the rough duty of assistant soccer coach and P.E. instructor — we all have our burden to bear. To top off this list of the elite, **Prentice** "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" **Hall** is assigned to USNA as the . . . Conduct Officer! If only they new . . .

Before I make the woeful error of neglecting our infamous and still reigning class president, let me say that **Kenny** "Waldo" **Waldie** is doing his part for the Big Blue right here in the DC area as well. He's living out at Bolling AFB with his very nice wife and young uns, but I honestly don't know what is job is: then again, **Kenny** probably does not know either.

Bart Buechner just happened by the other day and gave me the skinny on a few other stellar '78ers. **San Tangredi** volunteered for the carrier improvement program and is presently on board RANGER. Rumor has it that **Sam's** next job will be at the Mental Health Foundation (just kidding, **Sam**). "Jumpin' **Joe**" **Fitzgerald** is enlisted programs officer in Albany, New York, and **Bart** thought **Kevin Liddy** was somewhere in New York as well. **Tim Dowding** is teaching at SWOS in Newport, **Ken Wray** is in Pittsburgh in officer recruitment (I hear that **Joe Greene** is very interested), and **Clark Goodlett** is in an attack sub out of Charleston, as is **Gary Gordon** in SELLERS. As far as my ol' buds are concerned, **Chris** "Dr. Dwarf" **Nichols** is in the gator Navy out of Norfolk., **Aaron** "I'll Never Leave SWOS" **Watts** is indeed still in SWOS (but this time as an instructor!), and **Kevin** "I'm a Student-Athlete" **Olsen** is at PG School in Monterey. (I think his instructors are Ernest and Julio.)

Well, there's a lot more to write, but it will have to wait until later. I'm stationed at the Pentagon right now at the Chief of Information's office on the Navy news desk. Janet and I behop into Annapolis almost every week end, so if any of you are in the area, please give us a call. We'll be buttin' in Navy football all Fall, so we hope to see a lot of you around! Beat UVA! (Sorry, George.)

But, Fall's finally here — and it's a gorgeous one in Maryland — actually it's the middle of August and it's humid as Hades, but for all of you freedom fighters who didn't know it, **Shipmate's** deadline runs two months in advance of copy, i.e., if you've got some juicy tidbit for an Army-Navy party you're already too late because that was due in September for the November issue. Are you thoroughly confused now? Hey, I don't work at the Navy Office of Information for nothing!

Moving right along, '78 had a mini-reunion in July with **Kenny** "El Presidente" **Waldie** and his lovely wife **Mary**, **Rick** "Can't I Punch You Just Once" **Reese**, **Barb** and **Scotty Eckert**, **Nancy** and **John Hueseman**, **Chucky Hefren**, **Jumbo Jim Shulson**, **Terry Easton**, **Glen Ives** and his wife to be, **Barb Morris**, **Prentice** "Mr. Conduct Officer" **Hall**, and a couple of '80ers in **Maureen Foley** and

Sandee Irwin. Rumor has it that Al "I've Been Misinformed" Baker and his Marla were at the O'Club from 4:00 to 8:15. Unfortunately no one else was there until 8:30. As for myself, I decided to study naval history by doing a thorough investigation on a number of kamakazes — yes folks, I'm mature as ever.

I had a few surprise phone calls recently; one from Ray "It's a P-3, Not a Greyhound" Miskowski and the other from Guido Manzo. Ray is doing his part for the fleet by deploying to — Bermuda — with per diem. Hey, we all have our burden to bear. And they wonder why surface liners hate airdales. Anyway, Ray looks good and reports that Harry Harris is being deep selected for admiral next month. Actually, Harry and Kathy are doing very well up in Brunswick, Maine. Mike Makowicz and his wife recently purchased some land in that area. Mike's boat is in for overhaul in Portsmouth. Guido called me the night before his flight to Amsterdam! That's right. Guido and Lora are heading to Holland for Guido's exchange tour on a Dutch frigate — a great tour and Guido earned it. (*I'm expecting a free case of Heineken for the last nicety.*)

Not a whole heckuva lot else to report except that Ken Waldie, John Hueseman, Al Baker, Scott Eckert, and yours truly and anyone else foolish enough to join us are now planning '78s five-year reunion. Now most times it's difficult enough to get guys to come back for a 10- or 20-year reunion, let alone a five year one; but we feel '78 is a special Class and a lot of people would be willing to get together in October. (*Actually we know you jokers are willing to travel anywhere to party!*) So get your ideas together and get them in. A year seems like a lot of time to get a reunion together, but if the past 4½ years are any clue — the next will be gone in no time.

As for this year, Janet and I plan on having a bash on Homecoming night, so if you're going to be in the area give us a call 301/390-6754. We're anxious to see everyone again. As for the pre-game festivities on 23 October against The Citadel, just look for a silver van with a massive NAVY 78 sign and a lot of people staggering around saying, "Didn't I throw up on you after the mile run one year?", and other salutations. Until then, take care — and cheer on the Big Blue.

P.S. I'll also be at Navy — Notre Dame in the Meadowlands in New Jersey — so anyone going up give us a call.

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Hello. I bet you are wondering how this column is being written by yours truly. Well, it's like this . . . I was telling my new father-in-law, Capt. Ed Veazey '59, that our column frequently seemed to be blank. He mentioned it to the staff at *Shipmate* and they invited me to write as acting correspondent, which I readily accepted. I don't know why his column has not been written recently, but I'm certain that there is a good reason. For now however, if you mail info to me, I guarantee a column every issue even if I have to make the stories up! '79 will be represented.

Now for the news. I was lucky enough to marry a beautiful woman named Karen Veazey on 3 July 1982. The wedding took place at the USNA chapel. Bob Tata and Dave Olson were in atten-



Larry and Karen Kihlstadius dance as swordbearers, and in addition, almost '79er Mike Ryan came up from his home in Springfield, Virginia. Bob is currently at Supply School in Athens, Georgia, and Dave is flying jets out in Lemoore, California, with Mark and Paul Pohlmeier. I hear that Mo and Po have twin cars now. I am now back down in beautiful downtown Camp Lejeune after spending the last ten months coaching the USMC wrestling team. All my fellow Marines will be proud to know that the team is the 1982 interservice and national AAU champions. *Semper fi!*

The floating pier of Virginia, USS GLOVER, has finally set sail with Shannon Saunders and Dave Rogers on board. Bob Tata was on the ship until Ft. Lauderdale as the navigator; he had to jump ship for his school. How much did you pay for that maneuver, Tater? Phil McConkey just returned to VA Beach from a deployment to the Med aboard USS CONCORD. Phil is flying 46s. Rumor has it that he was seasick the entire voyage, but recovered in time to enjoy the beaches. Speaking of beaches, Chris Wenz and Chip Jones are also on the shores of Va Beach. Any '79er in that locale should check out the "keg in the sand" parties held weekly by the 70th st. shaggers. Skip Krause was once a fixture there but has since moved on to warmer climes and flight school at P-cola. Others to be found at the parties in Virginia Beach or at Oceana's O Club include Bob Luti, Jim Vanlangen, Tom Herman, Tom McPhillips, Paul Price, Dave Jerabek, and Herb Wilson.

Two other Tidewater troopers are worthy of note. Dan "Budman" Bursch is still playing 3's Company and is making regular tanning runs to the Caribbean. Abe Ellis will be married by the time you read this article. His bride is the beautiful former Judi Hoskin. Congratulations! Congrats are also extended to Steve Jordon for his marriage. As long as we are congratulating people, Sharon and Tom Brandl are expecting a baby in December. Tom is stationed in Hawaii along with Mike Chanenchuck.

I have gouge on a few others. Bobby L. (the quarterback) is in San Diego flying S-3's. I will not even attempt to spell that last name. How about some news from that coast, Bob? Jeff Klingensmith is back in the states at Camp Lejeune with his wife Clair. Larry Taggart, Joe Boland, and Jim Rioux are also rumored to be in the area. I know that Steve Walsh is down here fighting for the American way.

As of now, this is the best information I can pass along. Please write and fill me in on what is happening in your neck of the woods. Let's get the updates in this column and stop being strangers. Feel free to brag about any major or minor accomplishments you have achieved. We all take pride in the happiness and success attained by our own. Do send pictures! Until next month . . . *Omnes Viri.*

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Once again I find myself at my deadline date for writing this column with just a terrific amount of letters from our Classmates having arrived this month. The support has been fantastic, and it is really rewarding to sit down to write this column with a stack of correspondence waiting in front of me. Thanks for all the information, and please keep the letters coming. And now, on to the news.

I received several letters from the Nuke community this month, so I'll get started with those. Mike Rascona is attending Sub School in New London, along with Mike Baumgartner, and Mike Phillips. Also in the Northeast area, at Saratoga Springs (NY) are Matt Gallegos, Joe Arango, Phil Skopek, and Brad Gawboy. Both Phil and Matt will be hearing wedding bells next Spring. Mike also reports seeing Claire and JoJo Calle, and enjoying some of Claire's terrific cooking. Best of luck to Claire and JoJo, who expect to join the parent ranks next Spring. Bob Grabarek has set his wedding date finally at 25 September, thanks to some rearranging of his plans by USS DAHLGREN. Mike also reports that he has heard from some of his 29th Company Classmates. Jack Gallagher is in Charleston on board USS MULLINEX, and Mark Stdyenberg is in Meridian, Mississippi, for jet training.

Carol Henning dropped me a note to let us know that all the "Nukes" out at Idaho Falls are alive, well, and studying. Along with Carol and Garry are John Barnhill, T-J Best, Greg Bill, Bill Drake, John Giffin, Mark Hanneman, Paul Ims, Dan McGarvey, Chris Pierson, John Rogers, Ken Voorhees, and Burke Workman. Nelson Moe, who is also out in Idaho, informed me that Steve Chambers and his wife Terri are the proud parents of Cassandra. Congratulations to our new parents. And two more members of the 24th Company have gotten married, Mike Hawley and Steve Steckler, (no, not to each other!) while Mike Dzieciolowski has recently been engaged. Other news from 24 is that Henry Aszklar, Bob Burns, Tom Hultz, and Dwight Degroff are at Nuke Prototype School in New York, and with Nelson at Idaho Falls are Rick Winslow and Al Nagao.

News from Orlando is that Class 8202 has ended and the graduates include a large number of '81ers, viz., Joe Arango, Jeff Asher, Henry Aszklar, Gary Becker, Pat Brady, Bob Burns, JoJo Calle, Mark Comtois, Louis Cooper, Dwight DeGroff, Greg Denkler, Don Densford, Gerry Eide, Jamie Foggo, Matt Gallegos, Brad Gawboy, Jim Gerding, Leo Goff, Kim Hauer, Art Hough, Ron Hawkins, Doug Heimbach, Willy Hilliardes, Tom Hiltz, Paul James, Michael Johnson, Gene Juba, Peter Karcz, Kriss Kennedy, Brian Kissel, Joe Lawrence, Mike Mahre, Pete Majkowski, Frank Marco, Dave Marquet, Mike Matthes, Mike McGinty, Mike McLaughlin, Mike McKinnon, Nelson Moe, Dennis Murphy, Al Nagao, Jim McGuire, Bill Rearick, Jim Rick, Phil Skopek, Chris Stolle, Kevin Taylor, Mark Thaller, Ed Tuchalski, Charles Voss, Russ Vranicar, and Rich Winslow. Whew, that's some