

he saw **Doug Phillips** (NAV/OPS in "the 705 boat"), and one of the most junior guys ever to complete PCO school and qualify for command. (BZ!!) Others in the N.L. area include **Mark Harper** (SOAC), **Rick Udicious** (sonar officer on the staff of COMSUBDEVRON 12), and **T. J. O'Connor** (Eng. in TREPANG). While he was at Nuc School, **Chuck Olexik** was stationed there too. Chuck is now working for Carolina Power and Light near Raleigh. Jim offers too that he thinks **Ron Nicol** (also formerly on NPS staff) is working for Stone and Webster somewhere in Virginia. One final NPS-staff-to-civilian transfer was **Bea Baila**, who is working for Florida Power and Light near Miami. (Hmm . . . sounds like NPS staff is a good jumping-off point into the civilian world . . .) Jim closes with a well-remembered and often mimicked phrase, "Are you out there '75?" (If you want Jim's address just drop me a line . . .) Thanks much, Jim!

Another submariner arose from the depths to bring us up-to-date on his pattern thus far. **Walt Flippin**, currently stationed in New London as a student at SOAC, is headed for the Eng job in PUFFER (SSN-652), which is homeported in Pearl Harbor. During his tour as an instructor at the prototype in New York he "was fortunate enough to wed a beautiful farm girl from Missouri, Jane Elizabeth Frank." Flip has also seen some 'mates in N.L., including **Rick Udicious** and **Mike Matthews**. Mike is also at SOAC, and was married in May. To wind up his letter, Walt asked me to resist the urge to use so many acronyms "that may be foreign to some of us less professionally rounded Classmates . . ." Well, Flip, I won't promise you that, but I will attempt to define each one I use. Speaking of which: SOAC- Submarine Officer Advanced Course (?); TACCO- Tactical Coordinator; and for your other question, Walt, 'OZ' is the division I'm in aboard IKE . . . 'O' for OPS department, and for some reason 'Z' is used to identify the Intelligence division (probably because 'OI' is already used to identify the division which works in a ship's CIC (Combat Information Center) . . . I don't know if you guys have those in subs or not). Also, from a previous column, TYT stands for Type Training. Thanks a lot for the letter, Walt, and have a good time in Hawaii!

Well, guys and gals, that brings to a close another column in the annals of our Class. Don't forget Homecoming in OCT . . . (wish I could join you all), and keep in touch. Happy football season to all, and see you in November.

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Greetings! Correspondence has been very light this month — I've received only two letters so there's not much news to pass on. **Kevin Stone** is now in Virginia Beach with wife Barbara and son Patrick. Kevin works with J. J. Henry Naval Architects in Portsmouth and he had a lot of word to pass on about Classmates he's run into lately. He did his naval reserve duty in London where he had lunch with **Zeke Zimmerman**. Zeke and Pam are doing well and were expecting their first child at the time — best wishes to both of you! Kevin was stationed at Northwood where **Bob Deal** is serving as an exchange officer with the British. Kevin's wife, Barbara, flew over to meet him and ran into **Lee Moss** on the plane. Lee was accompanying some midshipmen to the Royal Navy College at Dartmouth.

Aside from his reserve excursion to England, Kevin had some other news to pass on. **Nick Flacco** is now at SOAC in New London; **Jim Francis** is an engineer for Newport News Shipbuilding; and **Steve Holinbonich** is a systems engineer for Westinghouse in Baltimore. **J. B. Parrett** stopped by to see Kevin and Barbara. He's the ops boss in ANTRIM out of Mayport; his wife Amry is stationed at NAS Jax. Kevin also bumped into **Ray Lincoln**, who is SUBRON Six Ops aboard L. Y. SPEAR. **Rich Hepburn** is docking officer in Long Beach Naval Shipyard. **John Lovasz** is an application engineer for Bird-Johnson Propellers in Massachusetts. **Mark Clements** has finished school at Harvard and is employed with Gould. **Pat McKin** was about to finish at Harvard when Kevin saw him. Finally, Kevin said he ran into **Ram Phillips** who was close to being married — best wishes to Ram and his new bride.

The other letter I received this month was from Diane Jacobs. Congratulations are in order for her and Pat; they had their second baby boy on 2 March, Justin Scott weighed 9 lbs., 9 oz. at birth. Pat is currently the QA Officer at VT-23, NAS Kingsville.

There's not much else to report on this go around. **Alex Cobble** visited with MaryK and me two weeks ago. It's sad to say, but the Navy is losing another fine officer soon. Alex will leave the Navy in November to pursue a career in real estate. Best wishes to Alex — I know he'll be a success in his chosen profession. I hope there's more news to pass on next time — please keep in touch.

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Hoping for more letters, but received enough for some news. Congratulations to Kathy and **Brian O'Callaghan** who are parents of a new baby, Eamon Kyle, born 9 July. What an Irishman! Brian and Kathy met in the Philippines where Kathy was a missionary and Brian was with VQ-3 out of Guam. Brian had requested East Coast duty, but I'm sure is not upset he was sent to the other side of the world. They moved to Barbers Point, Hawaii, and then to Corpus Christi, Texas, where Brian is now a T-28 instructor.

Tom Hejl just finished the A-7 RAG at Lemoore and found himself assigned to a deployed squadron making the round-the-world cruise! I received a post card from Monte Carlo and Tom mentioned he would be back in California in September. **Glenn McCormick** has also left with VF-24 on a Western Pacific cruise. **Mark Clark** took his perpetual vows with the Jesuits at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Denver in late August. Mark

Dave Sanders and family



has a few more years before he becomes a Jesuit priest, but this is his first big step.

Dave Sanders wrote with an update of his activities since graduation. Dave also sent a picture of himself, his wife Cookie, Jennie (4) and baby Julie. Dave spent his sea tour as MPA in KOELSCH and as missile officer in LUCE, both homeported in Mayport, Florida. Dave is now taking his shore duty in Mayport attached to COMDESRON Twelve as admin/training Officer. Dave has also started the master's program in civil engineering at night at the University of Florida. Dave is looking for his old buddies and can be reached at 1725 Leeward Ln., Neptune Beach FL 32233, and autovon 960-5527 or 904/246-5527. Dave also ran into **Ray Ragusky** who is chief engineer in TATTNALL out of Mayport.

Henry Brus writes from California where he is a student in HSL-31. He had recently left TARAWA. **Dirk Gallagher** is ASW Officer with HSL-31, the West Coast H-2 RAG. **Terry Mahoney** is also an instructor with HSL-31. **Rob Lamb** is out of the Navy and living in the Los Angeles area. **Rick Kirsten**, **Dave Gardner** and **Rex Derby** are primary flight instructors at VT-2 and 3 at NAS Whiting Field, Florida. **Tim Jenkins** is headed to VT-3, NAS Meridian, as an instructor and **Larry Endacott** is a recruiter in Sacramento, California. **Jeff Heely** is leaving the Navy soon, but reports have it that he is finishing off his last tour of duty by touring Europe playing tennis. **Mike Boiler** and wife Lori recently christened their third child and now have twin boys and a girl.

Keith Spangenberg is in PG school at Monterey and **Dan Sayner** works for the FBI in Atlanta. Henry is looking for information on **Dave Allsopp**, **Ray Crevier**, **Jack Galvin**, **Larry Laughlin** and **Mike Oliver**. Henry can be reached at 1655 Arequipa St., San Diego CA 92154, 619/423-4567.

Those reading *Approach Magazine* in January may have seen an article on VP-4's Crew 10 rescue mission off Cocos Island. Cocos is located between Perth and Calcutta and inhabited by 200 Australians. **Mark Gardner** was part of the crew that had stopped overnight and the next day answered an emergency call and spent over two hours looking for an 11-year-old-boy that had been lost at sea in the area. They sighted the boy, dropped smoke signals for markers and helped direct the rescue. They were commended by among others, VADM. Foley, Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet. Congratulations to Mark.

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It's hard to believe that another Summer has come and gone, bringing Fall and Navy football back with us again. It's particularly hard to believe, when as I write this literary legend it is a typical 95-degree, humid Washington DC August day. As you undoubtedly noticed, the '78 Column hasn't exactly been overflowing with news the past two issues, so I'm going to try to catch up on a year's worth of info in the next two issues. Obviously some of this is ancient history, but I didn't want to omit any info from people who took the time and trouble to write. I've updated as much as possible, but any further info would be greatly appreciated.

First off, I hope all of you attending Homecoming are psyched for the '78 five-year reunion dinner. It should be an excellent time. If you haven't



Craig and Elizabeth Diffie

RSVPed, there *may* still be time, so call me immediately if you're still interested. Really looking forward to seeing everyone again. Now, let's move back in time. **Craig Diffie** did in fact bite the proverbial bullet, marrying Elizabeth McDowell in June of '82. They're living in Norfolk with Craig flying helos out of HSL-32. Other '78 stalwarts in the squadron included **Steve Basford**, **Steve Kenney**, **Dave Jenkins**, **Mike McCrabb** and **Russ Gordon**. Additionally, right across the hangar in HSL-34 were such all-stars as **Art Porcelli**, **Dave Babcock**, **Bryan Hunter**, **Ken Law**, **Les Wallace**, **Bill Hession**, **Wayne Lackowitz** and **Steve Brady**. The Differ mentioned that an illustrious social club called SMAGNA had been started by none other than Steve Kenney and Dave Jenkins of '78 and Greg Smith and Mike McNamara from '77. I don't seem to recall *exactly* what the acronym stands for, but I believe it's some sort of etiquette club for USNA aviators. Craig also mentioned that Barb and **Glen Ives** (Barb is the former Barbara Morris '80) were "based out of Norfolk," with Glen having taken a deployment with HSL-30 to the Caribbean and Barb being stationed in Keflavik, Iceland. Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Apparently the two have finally been rejoined. **Garry Simpson** was going through the F-14 RAG in Oceana, Virginia and **Ron Uglow** split-tour from NIMITZ to USS VIRGINIA. Rumor has it Ron is now in the civilian world. **John Rudder** and **Bill Burke** were on subs out of Norfolk and **Ray Kwong** is in San Antonio, Texas, at some kind of "joint-EW command." If that isn't apropos, I don't know what is! Craig also mentioned that **Dave Babcock** has completed his deployment with HSL-34 and had finally gotten to see his first child.

Speaking of which, Colleen and **Ben McKeon**

USNA Members of OGDEN Wardroom, from top — Perry Bingham '82, Doug Keiler '79, Bob Saylor '79, Dennis Otoshi '78, Mark Poston '78, Mike Tryon '77, Hugh Story '74.



John O'Neil Wedding Party



John and Donna O'Neil

had a second edition, a little boy Ben to go along with two-year-old daughter Ashley. Ben is acting as flag aide in Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Sally and **John Skogsberg** also joined the ranks of proud parents with the birth of Kirsten Helaine, born last Fall. Sally also reports that **Mike Galpin** and **John Sturges** should no longer be eligible for the Dating Game as of this edition. They were due to get married a day apart in August, with Sturges marrying Jean Degree, **Jimmy Degree's** sister. I guess we'll see them next on Family Feud. Jimbo and Tracy have two critters and reportedly live right around the corner in Beautiful Bowie. Sally also reports **Danny Canaan** transitioning from NFO to pilot and **Leon Miller** flying A-4s (maybe 7s) out of Meridian. **Sam Sowell** is in VF-102 in AMERICA and **Jack Fernandez** is finishing VF-101 in Virginia Beach. **Bill Duggan** is flying P-3s and Sally hopes she and John will make Homecoming if John isn't deployed with VF-14 in INDEPENDENCE.



Bob Fallon, Eddie Reid, John O'Neil

Fast **Eddie Reid** wrote awhile back that much to the Reid family's chagrin, yet another '78er has joined the family. **John O'Neil** married Donna Reid last Fall (I always though Donna Reed was married to Alex Stone . . . never mind). Anyway, now Eddie has two '78ers for Bro-in-laws, John and bad **Bobby Fallon**. The Reid girls certainly are beautiful but their taste in men is highly questionable. As noted in the picture, **Bull McCormick** (best man), **Danny Serfass** and **Brad Thomann** made it a real '78 affair (so to speak).

A letter from **Fred Hilder** reports 5th Company-mates **John Lademan** and **Pete Flynn** are in Orlando teaching Nuke School. John was due to get married in the Spring in Nashville. Fred also reports that Mary and **Bob Richards** are living in Virginia Beach with Bob selling real estate and flying F-14s on the side. Fred and his wife Sherry and daughter Courtney were stationed in Norfolk with Fred at COMNAVSURFLANT. However, by this writing Fred should be answering a much higher calling at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Look for Chaplain Hilder in a few years!

"Behind every great aviator is a great pork chop" — famous Supply Corps saying. Well, with **Vance Moore** acting as the Blue Angels Supply Officer in Pensacola it's definitely true. Vance explains his transfer to Pork Chop land was due to back surgery. He wanted to stay in aviation, but the surgeons told him that if the ejection seat ever had to be used each part of his body would require separate parachutes. Vance has been cruisin' with Blues all Summer and mentioned that if anyone needed a contraband flight jacket or bogus per diem orders just give him a call . . . on the fraud, waste and abuse HOT line.

A letter from Sea World in San Diego informed me that a whale had in fact beached himself in Saudi Arabia. That's right, **Damian "WHALE" Bonvoloir** and his lovely wife Kathy are on a unique assignment in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Whale tells me he got his billet because he was such a student-athlete on his first-tour FRAM, but if this is his bonus tour, I'd hate to see his punish-

ment tour! Damian is working as ship maintenance systems Officer at HQ in Riyadh and though he and Kathy miss the good ol' USA, they say their tour is very exciting and different to say the least. Whale said he wanted to start a harem but Kathy wouldn't let him.

Speaking of harems, the last time I saw **Mark Poston** he was at MCRD surrounded by a bevvy of beauties; relatively speaking of course. Anyway, PO wrote from USS OGDEN (LPD-5) out of San Diego, telling of the wonders of the Gator Navy. He mentioned that **Bubba Destafney** is stationed in Hawaii in 1st Radio Battalion with his wife Roxy and daughter Kelly. **Bill "IF" Fell** is also out there with Marine Barracks in Pearl Harbor. He was scheduled to get married this Summer to the lovely daughter of a Flag officer—"IF" always knew how to do it right. **Toby Buttle** is at Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, California. Toby and Mark got together with Viv and **Norm Hansen**, **Alex "Dog" Kallas** and "**Corny**" **Cornwell** and discussed Dog's theory on "Academic Darwinism" as it pertains to Mexican food in San Diego. PO also mentions he ran into Doctor **Bobby Scott**, stationed in beautiful 29 Palms, and **Herb Hopper** stationed at Pendleton. Rumor has it that **Jim Shulson** finally tied the knot, but I'll have to see it to believe it. Mark says that **Rog Welsh** is training for F-18s on the West Coast and also says that our own Marcus Welby, **John Day**, is out of the Navy and doing very well at Georgia Medical School. The grapevine has it that **Scott Stafford** may soon be following that path. As you can see from the picture, Mark was surrounded by an illustrious wardroom of USNA men on board OGDEN.



Joey Lynch and Bill Martin — "Welcome to Menke Mazda!"

Several decades ago I received a note from the LES MISERABLES brothers, **Joey Lynch** and **Bill Martin** pictured in their company cars. They informed us, and quite eloquently I might add, that they are principle stockholders in the Society for the Prevention of Naval Academy Graduates Employment in the Service of Greater Las Cruces, otherwise known by his proper Naval Acronym — SPONGES. Knowing those two characters I'm sure they're soaking up anything they can get their hands on. Anyway, these two boys-in-blue who excel for the Blue & Gold on a quasi-regular basis want to say "Howdy" to all you City folk out there, you're always welcome to stop by at the Dairy Queen and set a spell . . .

Speaking of spelling, geez I'm really reaching. Now, **John "I'm going to Harvard for an MBA" Kutler**, dropped a line to tell me he was doing just that. John had been living the tough life with Magnum P.I. on Hawaii acting, and I mean acting, as the Aide to LOGPAC. John decided to depart the Big Blue and had the gall to down a job offer from Vick's after my brother had recruited him — no more free Nyquil for you, John boy! John mentioned that his old roommate, **John Anderson**, and wife Sarah had enjoyed P.G.

School in Monterey and were getting ready to move on to Dept. Head School. John also noted that '78 is monopolizing the Aide billets throughout the world. Besides yours truly, we had **Don Hamblen** with Deputy CINCPACFLT, **Spence Witten-COMNAV MARIANAS**, **Harry Harris-COMNAVFORJAPAN**, **Dave Bennett**, COM-USNAVPHIL, and **Charlie Martoglio-COMNAV-SOMEWHERE PAC**. John heard that **Don Hamblen** had been selected as first alternate for the Navy Law Program while **Joe Schmitz** had actually gotten in the program. Knowing how brutal the competition is for that program, both of these guys should really be proud. Other academic aces include **Chuck Goddard** and **Greg Kolodziejczak**, who are both attending MIT. Back to Hawaii, Linda and **Andy Cuca** were out there with Andy flying P-3s out of VP-17. Monica and **Buck Wicklund** were also in Hawaii with Buck on board CAVALLA (SSN).

George Billy also stopped in for a school and at the time was still on board HADDOCK (SSN-621). John closed by saying that Tom Selleck is the best thing that ever happened to Hawaii . . . especially after he spread the word that Selleck was a '78 grad! By now John is burning the midnight oil in Haaarvard yaaard. Good-luck, buddy.

Well there's plenty more to write, but it'll have to wait 'til the November issue. Hope to see many of you at Homecoming, particularly at Bay Ridge Inn that night. We also plan on having a tailgater, but details are yet to be determined. We'll probably pass out a flyer at Dahlgren during the Homecoming cocktail party. Keep those cards and letters rolling in, and rest assured it will get into the column sooner or later . . . hopefully sooner. I hate to belabor a point, but even if you wrote me a letter as you read this, the earliest issue you would see it in would be the January-February issue because the deadline for December is early October. So be patient and keep writing and I'll try to do the same . . . more than once every three months, BEAT PITT!

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Welcome to FY*84!

I wonder if we are happy with the Navy football season? I'll be seeing any of you that make it to Homecoming this year. As long as I am stationed on the East Coast I am going to make Homecoming an annual event.

The letter bag was down right empty this month, so don't expect much. I'm sure things will pick up after the Summer comes to an end. I also expect to hear from the West Coast next month with news about a great Army-Navy experience.

Karen and I journeyed to THE Master Jet Base at Oceana in August. We ran into **Skip Krause** and **John Daniel**. Skip is flying and JT is in CALIFORNIA. JT is also in California, San Francisco to be exact. The sub will be homeported there. JT is working on his post-Navy plans already as he is figuring out which business school would be worthy of his sweat. Skip is engaged to a beautiful

young lady. I know, I know, but he had a picture to prove it. No date set yet but, as they say, watch this space. She is even smart (*why Skip then?*) as she is finishing up her undergrad in pre-med. I forgot to mention last month but **Kim** and **Herb (Bob) Wilson** are blessed with a child. The little rascal was born last Spring if I remember correctly.

Jon Brazee is out in Okinawa on his second extension. I think Jon must have hit his head on the Rock. He was with the 3rd Recognizance Bn. He got to scuba school through the billet and is now with FSSG. Jon mentions that he recently saw **Dave Bethel**. Dave is up at Holybrook, Massachusetts, for land duty. **Terry Ruddy** was the base property officer for Camp Schwab. At last word, **Ken Vanderhorst**, **Dave Meeder**, and **Bob Macek** are flying the friendly skies around Moffett in P-3s. **Alden Salcedo** is the disbursing officer aboard TRIPOLI. **Jan Levin** is on a frigate in dry dock at Pearl Harbor. **John** (Whose boy?) **Holden** is the General's Aide out in IIIMAF.

So there it is, guys and gals. My shortest column yet. Then again, did I ever tell you about the time that **Dave Olson** decided that it was ok to sunbathe on the second deck balcony in his underwear? Oh, well how about the time that **Mike Neller's** hair wasn't perfect? Never mind, it is just a myth. See ya next month, Larry K.

And now for another workup from That Old Sea Devil, Lt. **J. E. McFadden**.

Chris Brehaney is on an all-expense paid tour of the United States, courtesy of every type of military aircraft known to man and NMPC, before heading to an incredible boondoggle with an Air Force space center in California. Hey Chris, tell Sally Ride I said "hi"! You conventional surface types have it made.

And here's the latest from my buddies in Thirty-six: My roomie **Artie Johnson** is with a P-3 RAG in Moffett, soon to be flying those graceful birds out of Barbers Point, Hawaii. **Wooley Mammoth** will soon be terrorizing the yeopersons at NMPC (*what kind of orders can you get me?*), and **Rich Bosco** is studying to be a doctor (?) while teaching naval science on the side at U. Texas. The future prober is also about to become a husband. **Nevin Carr** is still in USS KING and is a very happy Dad with Nevin III. **Paul Hatch** married lovely Mary Anne in May, **Mike Beauchamp** is about to become a P-3 plane commander, and **Dave Andrews** is an NFO in the same, deployed to some strange land I can't remember the name of. I ran into **Eric Sweigard** who's the navigator in TICONDEROGA, parked across the street from us. He'll be assuming duties as MPA later this year. I'm still trying to figure out what an MPA on a gas turbine does all day long. Reviews a lot of logs, I guess . . . **Chet Wong**, our lone bubblehead, is about to deploy again (you deserve a medal, kid), **Doug Mitchell**, with whom I talked up in Newport, wins the skate duty of the year award as a YP instructor. He says those five hour days are brutal. **Tom Kwiatkowski** is on his way to PG school, and **Jim "Rock" Chimiak** is diving officer and operations officer in USS SUNBIRD out of Groton.

It's less than a year now before "Big Decision Time," 30 May 1984. So keep those letters coming and let me know whether it's Go or No-Go. A bit reminiscent of youngster year, isn't it?

Almost forgot, Scott mentioned in his letter that **Tim Dumbald** suffered a broken leg punching out of his S-3, and was recovering in Jax. Hope you're back in action, Tim.

See you all next month. JEM.