

are both working on the Air Force B-1B program.

Joe Swaykos sent word from Monterey where he has completed 5 of 9 quarters in the Air-Ocean Science Curriculum at NPGS; he has switched designators from surface warfare to geophysics. Joe is married, and he and his wife Linda have a 14-month-old son, Joe Jr. Joe had some other news to pass on. Linda and **Fred Hughes** are living in Connecticut where Fred is employed by TRACOR. **Finley Nunn**, wife Karen, and their two sons now live in Texas where Finley is working for a utility company. Joe would like to hear from Classmates from 10th Company; his address is 1121 Leahy Rd., Monterey CA 93940.

I heard from **Dennis Dilucente**, still at NAS Miramar with TOPGUN. He is living in Del Mar and he saw **Larry Astyk**, **Steve Soules**, **Tod Thedy** and **Dan Driscoll** at the Army-Navy Game.

I received several short notes from a number of Classmates. Mary and **Vic Thombs** are doing well at Patuxent River. Roberta and **Lou Sposato** are fine and will be going to Quantico in July; Lou



Jennie, Julie, Kirsten

will be going to AWS. Joan and **John Carter** and their three girls, Jenny, Julie and Kirsten, are settled in Pensacola. John is teaching at Naval Aviation Schools Command. He finished his MBA last Summer and is now working on an MPA.

Just a few final notes — **William Brown** visited MaryK and me over the Thanksgiving week end and we all went to the Army-Navy Game and saw quite a few Classmates. William is still going to



Virginia and Alex Cobble

Perkins School of Theology at SMU. The week end after the Army-Navy Game, MaryK and I attended Virginia and **Alex Cobble's** wedding in Phoenix. It was indeed a beautiful wedding. Susie and **Andy Hutchison**, Kimbra and **Mike Dailey**, **Don Bringle**, and **Mike Williams** were all there. Congratulations and best wishes to Alex and Virginia. The following week Judith Ann and **Craig Scott** were married in South Carolina. Once again congratulations and best wishes to the both of them. They are headed for Hawaii where Craig will be engineer aboard USS INDIANAPOLIS in Pearl Harbor. That's all the news I have for now. Please stay in touch.

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Thanks for the Christmas cards and news you sent this month. I was hoping for more mail; send me some news of your whereabouts and those you run into in your travels. News has been slim in the past six months, so drop me a postcard.

Pete Stromann has left the Naval Academy and is headed for department head school in Newport. Apparently the whole system that screens those on the way to department head school has toughened up considerably and they have cut or delayed many of those on the way. **Don Stewart** has spent the last two years teaching NROTC at the University of Mississippi and is changing his designator to engineering duty officer. Don is waiting to see if he will be accepted for postgraduate studies there or go to Monterey. Don and his wife Kim have a little girl, Joy, now big enough to be walking and talking.

Wayne Repeta and his wife Madonna are living in Virginia Beach where Wayne is stationed with VA-35 aboard USS NIMITZ. They will be off to shore duty soon, but do not know the location as of yet. Wayne and Madonna have two children, Matthew (3) and Sarah (1).

Jim Blashos decided 6½ years was long enough to go without telling his Classmates what he was up to. Jim has been married for 3½ years and has completed his master of science degree in mechanical engineering at Monterey. He is now at department head school in Newport. Jim reports **Craig Turley** has had orders to USS SIDES as chief engineer and **Ken Graber** also will be a chief engineer on, I believe, USS STEIN. Both ships are homeported in San Diego. Thanks for the card and I hope it's not this long before you write again! I hope someone in Newport sends news of all the orders when that is decided.

Mike Caron left the Navy in May and took a job with the First National Bank of Boston in downtown Boston. He is working in the investment banking division as a "profit-planner." The bank has been busy buying a lot of other New England banks. Mike received his master's degree from R.P.I. before joining the bank and he is living in Beacon Hill by the State House. **Jerry Miller** is an NROTC instructor at Old Dominion University and is working on his MBA.

Stan Gray enjoyed working with the midshipmen in Quantico with the Protramid program. He is headed for duty in Washington this Summer. **Hank Donigan** has been busy this last year or so. In 1982 he served as liaison officer to the French Peacekeeping Force during the PLO evacuations. He returned to the United States and deployed again in October. To his surprise, they landed as the first assault force in Grenada. After a week there, they continued to Beirut and will remain there until January 1984. Hank has received orders to leave this Summer for duty with the State Department. He will be attached to the Marine Security Guard in Morocco. This headquarter controls 18-20 embassy posts.

Larry Becker is transitioning from F-4s to F-14s with VF-74 out of Oceana. Larry and his wife, Heidi, have two boys, Chuck (3½) and Adam (4 months).

Jim Kelly and his wife Beth are the proud parents of a new baby and they are stationed somewhere in Washington. **Bruce Smith** and wife are stationed in Hawaii. Bruce is deployed on a

submarine to the Western Pacific and reported he has been frocked to lieutenant commander. I guess they are doing that now with chief engineers on submarines.

And now if you have time to read this, you have time to write! Drop me a postcard or a birthday card — something, anything! I hope I don't sound too desperate.

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Little did I realize how prophetic the close of my December column would be when I asked all of us to remember Classmates and their families who would have to spend the holidays apart. As we all know by now, **Bobby Goodman** not only spent the holidays away from Terry and the children, but spent it in captivity in Syria. I'm sure all of us were stunned on seeing Bobby's picture on front pages across the country telling of his capture. It brought back memories of ten years ago before we had even entered the Academy, when the POWs returned from Vietnam. Now there was one of our own Classmates . . . but as I write this, Bobby Goodman is home again — thank God!

I had a chance to talk to Goody and Terry for a few minutes during his medical examinations at Bethesda, and they are both doing great although obviously tired and a little numb from all the publicity. They send their best to everyone and particularly want to thank those of you who took the time to call, write, and show your love and support. Obviously it was not appropriate for me at the time to query Bobby about his ordeal — he'd already been bugged enough by the press. But he and Terry did promise to make a special input to a later column. I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say how proud we are of Goody and Terry for the way they have handled this whole situation. I'd also like to express my heartfelt condolences to the family of Mark Lange '79 who, as the pilot of Goddy's A-6E, was lost in the incident. I really think it is something that even after the tragic loss of his son, Mr. Lange has had nothing but positive things to say about Mark's career and the Navy.

Now that I've said my piece, let's get in some class news. As per usual, some of this is dated. **Don Brutzman** dropped a note saying **Ron Uglow** had gotten married to Jacqueline Vallette. In attendance were Ken Waldie, John Rudder, Glen Ives, John Ehlers, George DeMarco, Scott Laser, and Jack Christensen. Back on the confirmed bachelor scene, **Billy Martin**, still a die-hard Yankee fan as you can tell by the photo, was NPQed as a RIO after suffering a serious football injury in October '82. He has since had three knee operations and, as you can tell, is still recovering. Billy's hoping to get into the Navy law education program, but in the interim is coaching a girl's softball team in Pensacola . . . some things never change.

Dick Rodriguez wrote that he had completed department head school in Newport and has since reported to **AUBREY FITCH** (FFG-34) as ship control officer. Dick has rented a townhouse in Mayport and would like to hear from some fellow 15th companymates.

Lloyd Prince sent some news about himself and some fellow flyboys. Lloyd's flying A-7s out of Cecil and off NIMITZ. Fortunately I was able to see Floyd and his beautiful wife at Homecoming,



'78 Flyboys — Scott Provow, Glen Flanagan, J. P. Clager, Al Robreds, Lloyd Prince, John Woodward, and Steve Minnis



Homecoming — 1983

as well as "**Father Al**" Robredo who privileged all in attendance by saying grace at dinner. **Bruce Akiyama** wrote from beautiful El Toro that all is well. He is with VMFP-3 out there and mentioned running into fellow Marines **Gary Rupp** as well as **Mark Bolin** from VMA-214. Gary is apparently out of the Corps now, but his whereabouts were unknown to Bruce.



Elizabeth and little Thomas Haney

A letter from **Cecil Haney** says he has taken over as radiological control officer in **FRANK CABLE** (AS-40), based on Charleston. Cecil also included a photo of the latest addition to the family, **Thomas Alexander Haney**, pictured with older sister **Elizabeth**. Other '78ers in Charleston include **Jodi** and **Jay DeLoach** with daughter **Jessica Marie**, and **Kim** and **Jeff Ewin** with daughter **Courtney**. They have since moved to New London where **Jeff** is teaching at sub school. Cecil also met up with **Luanne** and **Marty Zimmerman** who, along with daughter **Ingrid**, are presently in the Detroit area where **Marty** is recruiting Marines.

A short note from **Tammy** and **Les Wallace** announced the birth of a son, **Philip Alan**. **Les** is in Norfolk at HSL-30 as an instructor.



John and Cindy Day

Back on the wedding front, **Cindy Taylor** and **John Day** were married this Summer, with **Mark Poston** and **Mark Manthey** acting as groomsmen. **Mark's** lovely wife **Marissa** sang at the wedding. **Mark Poston** is now working with American Hospital Supply in Fremont, California, while the **Mantheys** have transferred from Charleston to Groton. The **Days** reside in Augusta, Georgia, with **Cindy** working as a physical therapist and **John** a medical student.

I also received a short call from **Mark Broome's** wife **Debbie** to inform me that all is well with the family in Charleston. **Mark** was deployed at the time, but daughters **Julie** (4) and **Laurie Lee** (1) manage to keep **Debbie** busy to say the least.

Well, that's it for now. **Jan** and I have received quite a few calls from people who attended Homecoming — a good time was had by all, as shown by the photos! Anyway, more news to follow next month including info on class elections, so keep those cards and letters comin' in.

WELCOME BACK, GOODY!