

more hours to begin my second exodus from the Academy. I wanted to cover a few more items but, as you can probably imagine, things are a little harried around here. One quick item I will make note of is a question on one of the reservations regarding dress for Homecoming events. Well, I personally rarely wear a dress, but here goes anyway: Friday's Alumni Association Gala — jacket and tie for the men and a dress for the ladies (Andrea says an informal dress is fine and be prepared to see the entire spectrum of attire, i.e., **Tom Spuko** in white tie, tails and sneakers). Saturday's game — football game attire. The class dinner/dance — my best advice would be to be comfortable. If you want to wear the same as the game — fine, but should you wish to get into some dry clothes (I'm a pessimist) we'll have a courtesy room at the Ramada.

So there you have it, all that you need to know to get you to Homecoming '84! I hope to see as many of you as possible on 19 October 1984. Until then, *ciao!*

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It's been awhile since I last sat down to write the column, but I'm happy to say that I received a few letters and have some news to pass on. First of all I'd like to say a special word of thanks to Dr. William Hurly, who was a member of the Class of 1938. Dr. Hurly now resides in Minot, North Dakota, and he wrote to pass on some word of Classmates from Minot. It's great to have friends of '78 who take the time to pass on news. **Mike Reinarts**, who left USNA at the end of youngster year, went on to graduate from North Dakota State University and is now working as a CPA. **Gary Moe** is now out of the Navy; after finishing his tour as a nuke aboard USS L. MENDEL RIVERS, he is now working for Exxon in Houston.

I also received a letter from **Gary Rush**. After leaving USNA, Gary went to work for an insurance company in Chicago; he has recently gone to work for Exxon in their computer department in Florham Park, New Jersey. Gary and his wife Millie have two sons, Alvaro and Sean, and they will be residing in Newton, New Jersey. The only Classmate that Gary has run into is **Tom Abbott** who is a lawyer in Los Angeles.

I received short notes from Carol Meyer in Virginia and **Terry Peranich** in San Diego. Carol and **Dale Meyer** are living in Covington, Virginia, with their two sons, Ross and Scott; they're expecting a new addition to the family in August — congratulations! Dale is a shift supervisor at Virginia Electric and Power Company's pumped storage facility in Bath county; he's also in the naval reserve. Terry writes that Bob detached from SWOS Coronado in June and reported aboard **KITTY HAWK** as assistant intelligence officer. She, Bob and Michael, now 3, all are fine.

I heard from Julie Barilich; she and **Steve Barilich** are getting ready to leave Quantico. Steve finished at TBS in December and has been com-

muting to Fort Belvoir for Advanced Engineer School, which he will finish on 1 August. They will be heading for 29 Palms, where Steve will be the Engineer Company Commander of Detachment A 1st FSSG. Julie will be looking for another teaching job after they get settled. Julie also passed on some word about Mary and **George Wheeler** who are now in the Northern Virginia area. George is working at Headquarters Marine Corps and coaching crew for a local school during his off hours. Mary is out of the Navy but still working as a nurse.

Two weeks ago I received a letter for Blaine from **John Chin**. John is now a doctor working at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Staten Island, New York; he'd like to hear from any Classmates or former NAPSTERS. His address is: Dr. John C. A. Chin, MD, 695 Moses Drive, Rahway, NJ 07065. I also received a short note from **William Brown**; he started work as associate minister at Westlake United Methodist Church in Austin on 15 August. He'll be there for about 9 months and then go back to SMU to finish his studies. I ran into **John Berkley** a few weeks back at a meeting we had with the reserve unit that we are going to support; John is doing well. That's about all I have to report for now — keep in touch.

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Well, sports fans, we're about a week away from the kickoff of another Navy football season as you read my third straight column — I'm on a hot streak! Speaking of which, as I write this it's a typically cool July day in DC — 95 degrees and 4,000% humidity. In a slightly more comfortable part of the country, we've received word from a few of the student-athletes out Monterey way. **Rob Westberg** reports that the 7th Company Seadogs still do exist. Rob and wife Patti had the opportunity to reunite with about a third of the company who are expanding their minds, and no doubt their waistlines, at PG school. Rise and **Charlie Stephenson** hosted the affair, with their one-year old daughter Candice serving as chaperone. Charlie is studying Weps, as should be **Steve Peterson** by this time. Steve and Mary were in Charleston as of this writing, but were due to head west in August. They too are proud parents of a one-year old named Tim. Heading in the opposite direction were Cassandra and **John Peterson**. John was due to complete studies in June and travel east to Orlando for Nuclear Power School. I always knew John was a glutton for punishment. Kim and **Dennis Popiela** are also in Monterey, with their son David. Dennis is studying EW. Wasn't Wires at USNA enough for you, Dennis? **Lauré and Mark Ferguson** were also in attendance with Mark studying Computer Science and Lauré studying for her master's. Everyone's in agreement that Lauré's working much harder than Mark . . . what a surprise. **Spence Witten** is also there for computers, but on the management side. He and wife Lynda have been blessed with a baby boy, Spence Jr., who should be one by now. As for **Rob Westberg**, he's skated, oh sorry, he's *struggled* into the Civil Engineering Corps and is presently working toward his master's in ocean engineering at UC Berkeley. He hopes to be O-in-C D & F by our 10-year reunion. For you civilian types, that's Officer in Charge of Diggers and Fillers; Another example of "Your Highway Taxes at Work." Seriously though, Rob and Patti and their three-year old daughter Jennifer are all having a great time at Berkeley and send their best to all. Also heard from wine-country was none other than "Dr. Dwarf"



Matt "Razor" Pazstalaniec

Chris Nichols. Matt "Razor" Pazstalaniec — and I thought Schmermund was bad. All seriousness aside, Paz did himself proud during some recent carrier ops by earning Carrier Air Wing Two's "Top Ball Flyer" award for the second time in the cruise. Flying his A7E out of VA-146 Blue Diamonds, Paz achieved an outstanding 3.85 landing average for the Subic-Korea-Subic line and then was "Best on the Ball" with an amazing 3.91 landing average on the San Diego to Hawaii line. Another superb job by a '78 stalwart. Way to go, Paz! By the way, do they really call you "Razor"? Moving right along, Dr. D. found out from yours truly that the Visitors Shop was selling authentic, genuine, sweat and soot covered T-Court bricks for a mere \$4.95 and had me pick him up one. I knew Dwarf had dated a couple of bricks in the past, but I never thought it would come to this. Believe it or not, I bought one too! Actually they're a sort of masochistic reminder of USNA, so if anyone else wants one, just contact the Visitors Shop. They're engraved 1908-1983 and they'll even ship them for a small fee. Certainly a bargain not to be passed up.



Mark Munson and fiancée, Jean Haase

Onward . . . **Mark Munson** reports that he will be taking two big plunges this Summer. First, he is marrying Jean Haase, a Duquesne U grad and lieutenant in the Navy Nurse Corps, this July. Then he'll be transferring to the reserves and entering Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Russian Research Center at Harvard this August. Mark just finished working on the Strategic and Nuclear Warfare Staff at the Pentagon. He also mentioned that he had been in touch with **Mike Yurina** who is presently on shore duty in Charleston with his wife Jennifer and their daughter. Mike admitted to Mark that he still hasn't kicked the brasso fetish he had at school, so he's got plenty of brass in his new house to shine. Last, and in this case least, Mark mentioned that **Shawn Coffey** finished up his JCS JO internship and is now acting as Special Assistant to the Vice President. Do you believe it! Well, having had the unique opportunity to meet Mrs. Bush recently, she did indeed confirm that Shawn was working with the VP, though she did mention that no one

really liked Shawn very much. Just kiddin', buddy. Actually Shawn is doing great and in his "spare" time he's also kicking booty at Georgetown Law School at night. The man's amazing. Speaking of which, the Sheik and Sheikess (is there such a thing?) of Araby, known to their American friends as **Kathie and Whale Bonvolour**, are doing their part for the Big Blue in Saudi Arabia. And I complain about the heat in DC . . . Kathie enclosed the photo to show that



Whale and his lovely bride

there is life for Whale after Seaworld. The two nomads hope to return to the States by December, and send their love and a small lantern . . . Hey, it's Barbara Eden!

A little closer to the home front, an old 15th Company mate sends the following. "**Larry Semanyk** (YAK), presently assigned as the Quality Assurance Officer for MAG 26 in New River, North Carolina, sends a hardy hello to his Dad Ed, in Avalon, New Jersey." And all this time I never knew Larry's Dad was Ed McMahon! Seriously, Ed, I hope you enjoyed Larry's note, and for the rest of us, Larry included some updates on a few lads of the Marine Green. **Randy Duncan** is in the NC area and appeared headed for less military endeavors. Subtle, huh? **Ray Fritsch** left last year and is working for Seicor in Hickory, North Carolina. Karen and their two, (or is it three?) children are all doing fine. Rumor also has it that **Jerry Cory** has departed and is attending law school . . . any confirmation out there? Additionally, **Chris Dougherty** is attending law school through the JAG program — Doc for the Defense. Yak also heard that **Mike Spencer** is now with Texas Instruments. On the Navy side, **Larry Galvin** is still teaching NROTC at some den of iniquity in sunny California. As for Larry Semanyk, he, Leslie and their son Larry are cooking right along in NC. Larry's doing well and hopes to be attending Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico in the not-too-distant future.

A short note from Donna and **J.J. Spegele** announce the birth of their second child, John Kenneth, born on March 19th. Their first child, Elizabeth Ann, is 2½ now, and all are enjoying Northern Virginia. J.J. is a computer systems analyst at Quantico. Another short note, this time from Capt. Roger Erickson '59, announced the marriage of his niece Jann to '78 **Doug Schultz**. Dave is presently a flight instructor at NAS Meridian. Another flyboy I happened to bump into at Riordan's the other night was **Charlie "Chas" Hautau**, who had just completed some dangerous R & R duty in Australia. The things Charlie does for his country and international goodwill! Chas is also heading to Meridian. Congrats to Doug and Jann, and Charlie, stay out of trouble, or at least take me with you next time.

Well, America, I've got a few more tidbits from **Dave Rodriguez**, **Book Hammond**, and **Marty Zimmerman**, but seeing as my mail slot has not been overflowing of late, I'll save them for my next epic epistle. Jan and I will be at all the home games and several away ones including North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Pitt, Notre Dame at the Meadowlands in Jersey and of course Army, so keep your eyes open for a silver Van with Jersey plates and plenty of Navy stickers. Hope you've all had a great Summer and look forward to seeing you this Fall. Until then, naa-naa-naa-naa-
Hey-Hey-good-bye.

Final Note: A quasi-reliable source states that not only is **Paul Wiedorn** not a proud parent, but he's not even married. Have I been misinformed, or am I just confused? For the answer to these, and many more questions, stay tuned for "Life with '78" or "We're not getting better, we're getting older."

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Hello, '79. It seems like it has been a long time since I wrote a column, so much has been happening. First of all, my address has changed. I hope that not too many of you wrote to the address that was listed last issue. It is wrong and I apologize for the mistake. Letters to me for the next several years can be sent to the above address.

I am enjoying life as a civilian and love my new position with Hallmark. I hate to be so positive about everything, but I really like Kansas City too. I even met Dorothy. I want to thank **Frank Dombrowski** and **Dave Morriss** for their long letters with updates on many people.

Frank Dombrowski writes: "Hello, all!!! Much has happened in the past few months. I'm currently deployed with VP-1 in the Seventh Fleet area of responsibility, WESTPAC for all you old seadogs. The opportunity to run across some Classmates while here has arisen and I'll try to fill everyone in on the goings-on.

"First, I got a letter a while back from **Kyle Kaker** that reports that his wife, Mary was seriously injured in a ski accident at Lake Tahoe, California. Mary, an accomplished skier, broke her leg in 80 places (that's right, eight zero). Despite the nasty fall doctors say she should recover full use of her leg in two or more years. Incidentally, this happened on the first day of a thirty-day leave. Hang in there, Mary. '79 is pulling for you.