Naval Station, which they're having built. Thanks for the news, Bruce; it was great hearing from you.

Joan and Mark Van Dyke sent a card to update us on their new status. He is now PAO for Commander, Naval Base Seattle, having moved from Annapolis where he was assistant PAO at USNA. "It feels good to be 'operational' again," says he. On the trip across, the Van Dykes visited Betty and Pappy Draughon in the Pittsburgh area, where Pappy works for Westinghouse Nuclear. Thanks, Mark; and for all in the Seattle area . . . Mark invites you to look him up.

Tom Kelley wrote from USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) to update his status. He is in the ASW Module and doubles as assistant CDC for training, a "break" from his S-3 NFO routine. He and wife Carole live in Hayward, California. Les Edgar (Tom's roommate on board) is the ASW Module officer and a P-3 NFO. He and Claudia, and sons Michael (4) and Brian (11/2) live in Fremont, California. Steve Walsh, also a P-3 NFO, is the ops admin. assistant and lives in Alameda. D.C. Ray, an SH-34 pilot and the flight deck officer, lives on board. Mark Siedband (nuke) is an electrical officer. He, Deborah, and sons David (6) and Michael (21/2), live in Alameda. Other than on the "starship," Tom has seen Walt Joller, VAW-115 ops officer aboard ENTERPRISE. He and Sue have a daughter Emily (2). Steve Cole (VAWtype) and Rebecca have two boys and a girl. Mark Stephenson is aboard Towers out of Yokosuka. Dennis Powers (Westinghouse) and wife Karen live in Annapolis. Sandy and Ray Martin and three sons live in Connecticut, where he works at a nuke plant . . . (sketchy: I don't know whether he means Navy or civilian). Other news in the wind. Ray Enzenhauer (Capt. USA) is doing his internship at Triplett Army Hospital, Hawaii, and Rick White is the VS detailer at NMPC. A brief overview of Tom's career shows his initial fleet tour in VS-29 out of North Island, followed by USNA as Midshipmen Activities officer/first lieutenant. He's due to depart CARL VINSON in the October time frame. He and Carole Ann Taylor were married in the Chapel, the same week Tom checked out of USNA. Thanks for the news, Tom! Now and then I see some race results that show you near the top . . . keep up the good work . . . but I know it's tough on the CV!

Well gang, that's it for this month. Don't forget to send me your nominations! You can throw your own hat in the ring, or somebody else's as long as you tell me how I can get hold of him. My new address again. Naval Postgraduate School, SMC #2125, Monterey CA 93943. Hang in there and have fun in the Springtime (after such a tough

Winter!). Cheers, Steve.

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I've received only a few letters this past month — unfortunately, I got some bad news in the mail yesterday. Dave Carlson died in a helicopter crash in San Diego on 21 January; our prayers are with him, his wife Nancy, and the rest of his family.

I received a few short notices from Chuck Dirienzo and from Carl Sharperson. Chuck is the combat cargo officer aboard USS TARAWA and is due back from a WestPac deployment in April; he'll transfer to Parris Island in June. Pete Cornell is also aboard TARAWA; he's the hangar deck officer and a pilot for the ship's UH-1. Carl wrote from Albany, Georgia, where he is working for



Carl Sharperson

Procter & Gamble as a department head in a paper products plant. Carl also passed on some word about Gene Ford and Dave Miles; Gene is living in Kentucky and working for Frito Lay, and Dave is living in New Jersey. I also received word that Mike Witt is deployed in the Indian Ocean aboard USS John King.

There's not much else to pass on this time. There is one final administrative note. The *Lucky Bag* has 21 extra copies of our yearbook. They are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis, so if yours was lost, damaged, or you would just like another copy, now is the perfect time to get a 1976 *Lucky Bag*. They are \$20 per copy. Please make checks payable to the 1985 *Lucky Bag* and send to William Whaley, Business Manager, 19th Co., USNA, Annapolis MD 21402. I hope to hear from more of you in the coming month.

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Dear '79, is it Spring yet? As I sit here in glorious February I remember back in December when it was in the 60s. I remember I was thinking "Gee, Winter is not that bad here at all." Well, guys and dolls, once again I was fooled. It has been so cold here that the snowmen are asking for a cost of living increase. Personally, I have to say they deserve it. Karen and I decided that we belong in Florida or California. Let's see, she has until May of '88 to serve in the Army so I could be basking on the beach in as little as 1,227 days. I thought I would never have to count down days again. That's what I get for being married to a Loontenant.

I heard from the public affairs office of the Pacific Missile Test Center. They were all goose pimples over Rick Reasor's daring and skill in a mishap that occurred last year. It seems that his H-46 helicopter decided to ignore modern technology and fly courses at random. Despite violent pitching, Rick brought the helo in safely and had his crew calm. Rick was commended and I can't resist quoting from the article about how wonderful we Academy types really are. (Listening, wives?)

"The United States Naval Academy has a reputation for turning out officers who are coolheaded (Dave Olson for example) in stressful situations and able to make quick-thinking, fast-reacting, life-saving decisions.

"It is commonly said that during times of great danger, great courage is demonstrated by such people."

But, of course, we already know that. After all, we had the training of driving from Georgetown on Saturday night to make Taps, while changing back into our uniform at the same time. Heck, faulty helos are a piece of cake. Seriously though, nice job. Rick.

And now for all the fast breaking news from Private Idaho. Tina and Rob Wray are still shoveling their sidewalk, but are still happy to be on shore duty. They have a son, Robert, that keeps them busy and happy. How was the skiing this year? The latest sighting of Jill and Butler Newman was in Saratoga Springs. They have Judy and Mike Davis out there too in case they get lonely. Mike and Judy have a son named Michael. Out in Norfolk, Jan and Mike Many are probably new parents by now unless Jan was just smuggling basketballs to her brother when I saw her at Homecoming. Feel free to let us know if it was a boy or a girl or Spalding. Also in Norfolk are Therese and Mark Shell. They too should have a little she-shell or boy-shell by now. Yes, that was weak, but I don't get paid for this you know. The Shell clan should be going to Ohio State for ROTC duty. They also have a son named Jason. Anna and Chuck Weikel had a boy last October named Charlie. Mike Knapp is aboard NIMITZ and Mary Ann is counting the days for shore duty I'm sure. They live in the Norfolk area too. Suzanne and Bill Meader are toughing it out in San Diego. They have one of each, named Brianna and Jonathan. I have never heard the name Brianna before, very pretty. And what to my surprise but Anne and Jeff McFadden also have a daughter named Brianna. I wonder if Private Idaho made an error or it was planned or just the coincidence of the cosmos. Jeff is going to law school at the College of Bill and Mary in Billsberg, Virginia. No, I can't be serious about anything. Chris and Mike Gallant are in Charleston. They have a daughter named Erin, age

Tom 'the living legend' McPhillips graced me with a letter to inform me that there is a contract out on my life for mentioning that he sat with '81 at Homecoming. I quickly blamed Scott Griffith who has been exiled to Puerto Rico as an official rum tester. Grif, drop me a line if you run into my brother and sister. Dianna is a Navy nurse there. You will probably need her after the Irish hit squad arrives. Tom ran into Joe Boland in Sunny California, but neither one was seriously hurt. Joe and Ann were enjoying the time before Joe left on float. The most stable man in '79 was seen going to school in Denver to end up with CINCPAC out in Hawaii. Joe Unger, how did you get so lucky? Chris and Jim Rioux are expecting their second child. Meanwhile Tom and Robin are just loving the sweet Virginia breeze, or was that