

calls to keep the lines of information flowing. I fear that once the surge of interest at our 10-year point has passed we are prime targets for complacency until our 15, 20 and 25 year reunions. Take the time to drag out the construction paper and crayons at least once or twice each year. There is only so much of this that we can invent ourselves.

Well, information fans, that is going to be it for this tenure in office. Perhaps sometime in the future when I am suffering from a mental deficiency I'll do it again. It has been a real pleasure hearing from so many of you over the past three years, I'll try to write from time to time myself. (A quick note to Mr. Davis: I said I'd get something written every month.) Andrea and I hope that you all had a very happy holiday season and above all a safe one. So until the next time the urge to be read overcomes my senses, *ciao!*
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Howdy, all! Well, here we are again, haze gray and underway. IKE and I are currently headed for the MED for the standard deployment through April 85. As for me, this will be the last blue water I see for awhile. My orders to Monterey came through to report NLT 14 Feb 85, so I'll be leaving IKE early in January. I'll be in the Space Systems Engineering curriculum and will graduate in June 87. (Yesterday I couldn't even spell engineer . . . now I am one?) It should definitely be an interesting tour. Has anybody out there gone through this one? I'd be interested to know what it's like. (Any gouge?) Maggie and the kids (Florie too, I'm sure) are really looking forward to seeing what the West Coast is like. They've quit listening to me since I'm a bit biased (being a Washingtonian). Gee, it'll even be worth losing Sea Pay . . .



Bob Young and Deke Ahle and families

How about a little news? Well, first off we have a picture from Joy and **Bob Young**. This was actually taken in February 84 and delivered to me around late Summer so it's just a little old. But I figured what the heck, we all love to look at pics, right? Well anyway, this one shows the Youngs and the **Deke Ahle** family, assembled at the Young home in Virginia Beach. From left to right you see the Ahles — Jan, Melanie (held by Dad), Karen (front), Deke, and the Youngs — Bob, Benjamin (front), Andrew (with Mom), and Joy. Bob is the flight deck officer in IKE, due to roll next Summer, I think. Thanks, Bob.

Now for the news. Our oldest letter is from **Andy Kozak**. He and Karen have been married for about seven years, after having met on a blind date! She is from Tiverton, Rhode Island. They reside in Kingston, New York, and he works as the International Marketing Manager for E.C.&C. ROTRON in Woodstock, New York. In his spare time he is pursuing an MBA at Union College, with two years left to go. Andy was discharged during flight training for medical reasons, and has gone through eight more knee operations since then! Karen works for IBM as a systems analyst and has one more year of school which she plans to complete this year. Andy closes by saying they don't get to see many folks since they're so far out of the way, and that they would love to see anybody any time. Thanks for the update, Andy.

Next we have a letter from **Carl Jennings**, who is doing an exchange tour with the New Zealand military. He really didn't send any news . . . his purpose being to discuss our class project with its honchos. I will pass it on to them, Carl. Let us know what you're doing "down under."

Kimberly and **Steve Andriko** have returned to Virginia. He is now at "8th and I" (the Marine Barracks), after finishing a tour as the aide to Gen. Cheatham, CG Camp Pendleton. Classmate **Courtney Chinn** relieved Steve in that capacity. The Andrikos are now living in Dumfries, Virginia, and are looking forward to the BIG 10th Reunion next year. Thanks for the update, Kimberly.

A quick follow-up to the previous mention of **C.J. Hall**. As well as bringing us up-to-date on his wedding, subsequent assignment to NOCC Rota SP, and the birth of their first child, he mentioned another Classmate. **Wynn Calland** and his wife Barbara were blessed with a daughter, Lauren, born in June. Wynn is also stationed at NOCC. Thanks, C.J.

One last note before I scramble to make the mail buoy. Does anybody know **Bill Montgomery's** address? This is the one who was in my company (35), played basketball, and triple jumped for the track team. This request actually comes from **Scott Peterson**, another company mate. If you can help, I'd certainly appreciate it.

Gotta go for now. Keep those letters and cards coming! Beat Army! Have a great holiday season.

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It's been a very busy month, and I don't know where the time has gone. I got some good news recently. Maryk and I will be going to Monterey in August for 18 months and I'll be studying computer systems. I also noted that **Phil Exner** will be starting at the same time and will be there for two years to study Ops Analysis. I haven't run into any Classmates during the last month, but I did receive a couple of letters.

Ralph McKinney sent word from aboard USS DOWNES; he's the weapons officer, and they've just deployed in October for WestPac. He should be due for orders when they return in June. Ralph had some news of other Classmates to pass on. Congratulations to **John Carwile** who was recently married; he's working for a law firm in Oklahoma City. **Brad Mason** is doing well in Norfolk after a tour as an OPPE inspector; he's now serving as a ship supervisor in the Norfolk area. **Rex Bent** is the assistant aviation maintenance officer aboard one of the AIRLANT carriers. **Kent Kochsmeir** is out of the Navy, and he, his wife and their

children are currently living in Littleton, Colorado. Mary and **Stan O'Connor** and their three children are stationed at Miramar where Stan is an F-14 instructor. Kathy and **Steve Soules** and their child are also stationed at Miramar and doing well. Anna and **Mike Marriott** and their two daughters are still in North Carolina; Mike is serving with ANGLICO. Kathy, Andy, and **Tom Bosse** are in Okinawa where Tom is an Oceanographer coordinating affairs at White Beach for Seventh Fleet ops. Janet and **Wayne Rogers** are in Annapolis where Wayne was involved in some sort of water project. Wendy and **Al Hee** are in Oahu. Wendy is working for the state and Al's involved in re-development. Ott and **Roger Mitiska** are enroute to NPGS from duties at Pearl Harbor; Roger is changing designators to oceanography. Steph and **Mike O'Laughlin** and their daughters are in Norfolk where Mike is on board USS SAIPAN. **Junior Tupola** is out of the Navy; he was living in Oahu but recently moved to Southern California. **Jerry Willet** changed his designator to PAO and is in Boston. **Doc Dougherty** is out of the Navy and working as a sales rep for a hospital firm. **Brant Carter** is also out of the Navy and living in the San Francisco Bay area — he's heavily involved in the Navy Blue and Gold Program. **Paul Kish** is the Admin Officer for HS-4 out of NAS North Island. **Frank Murphy** and his wife are in Japan where Frank's chief engineer aboard a DDG out of Yokosuka. Congratulations to Carol and **Dick Sears** who are expecting a new addition to their family; Dick is flying H-2s out of Hawaii. **Chuck O'Neill** is flying H-46s with HMH-163 out of Tustin and will deploy to WestPac in January. Finally, Ralph heard that **Torkel Patterson** and his family were in Kyoto, Japan, where Torkel is attending a university on a scholarship.

I also received a letter from **William Brown**. Things are going well for him at his church in Austin; he will probably finish school sometime during the next year. William recently made a trip back to Annapolis and he saw Dianne and **Bill Davidson** who had just had twins, Brian William and Jennifer Dianne — congratulations!

That's all I have to pass on now — please keep in touch.

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Well, the ol' mail slot has been pretty empty of late; I feel like Charlie Brown. Anyway, **John "Nuke 'em 'till they glow" Newcomb** saved the day with a literary masterpiece which included a copy of the legendary *New Breed* magazine. This scholarly publication ran a photo of our very own **John Young** receiving the shiphandler of the year award on board Tico, a photo which I believe has run in *Shipmate*. A famous guy, that Younger, who is still down P-cola way working for Gulf Power. Newk, on the other hand, is still in the Big Blue working as an acceptance pilot for the new SH-60B Seahawk Helicopter. It's called DCASPRO-IBM out of Owego, New York. On the way to beautiful Owego, Newk received some

training at HSL-41 at North Island. The new squadron included quite a few boat-schoolers such as Keith Laser '76, Jim Gould, Mike Keeny, Frank Pagano, Jeff Davis, Jim Duncan, and "Boy Wonder" Bret Gary all of '77, and '78 all-stars **Greg Martin**, **Joe Hynes** and **Mike "Oak" Crum**. On the opposite coast in Norfolk, Newk also met with his old roomie **Russ Gordon** who now is RAG (FRS) instructor at HSL-30. Russ's neighbors included **Kenny Law** and **Steve "Badman" Basford**. Newk has also been in touch with **Steve "Derwood" Kinney** who is now an Oceanography instructor at USNA. Prior to this coast-to-coast travel, Newk spent three years at VC-8 in Puerto Rico. Of that stellar squadron were a number of '78ers including **Mike "Gump" Gurney** (Newk says he'll write soon, Mike), who is now at HS-1 in Jacksonville. Shawn Tallent who is now flying A-7s out of Cecil field in JAX, and **Daryl Wood** who is instructing at Whiting Field. Newk mentioned, without explanation, that Shawn's new nickname is "The Felon." I'll let Shawn explain that ditty in a future issue. In mentioning his best buddy Daryl, Newk stated that they might go into the ship salvage business together, that is if they could keep the business afloat, so to speak. Sinking right along, Newk almost left out his meeting with the ever-quiet and unassuming **Mike "the Animal" Amicarella** in San Diego. Mike is teaching at HS-10 in North Island. On a more personal note, Newk closed with the good news that he married the former Judith Kuilan, while in Puerto Rico. They have two children, Enrique and Consuelo. Judy is also serving in the Big Blue. Newk mentioned that since a lot of their close friends could not attend the wedding in Puerto Rico, they've decided to have another ceremony in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, sometime next July. I guess Newk figured there are a lot more people closer to Boothbay Harbor than Puerto Rico; then again Newk never did do that well in Youngster Navigation. I was particularly pleased to see that Newk got married, considering that I had written over a year ago that he was engaged, based upon some hot poop from Mike "let me misinform you" Gurny. Not only was Newk not engaged at the time, but he ended up marrying someone other than the young lady mentioned a year ago. Remember, a reporter's only as good as his sources or "Mike, don't call me, I'll call you" . . . just kidding, Gump.

But speaking of misinforming my readers, my rumor about **Paul Wiedorn** was in fact correct. As you may or may not recall, I reported in the June issue of the birth of a baby girl, Kristen Danielle, to Paul, and then received unofficial word that this was not correct (see September *Shipmate*). Well, a letter from none other than Paul Wiedorn says it all: ". . . I read with great joy the birth of a daughter, Kristen Danielle. This came as a great surprise to me and I was wondering if perhaps you knew the name and address of the mother. I would so much like to meet her and see my child, perhaps even give her some money to be used in raising the baby. I am currently in USS **HALSEY** serving as navigator. When not deployed, I live on a 37' sailboat (alone) in San Diego. I remain, at least for the time being, single and childless. I do like the name though, and maybe someday I'll use it." Well folks, my only response is, will the real parents of Kristen Danielle please call *Shipmate*, your daughter is terribly worried about you. Just another one of those Dick Clark bloopers and blunders; if only Ed McMahon were here.

A short note from the inimitable Class of '49 states that **Mark Hoppe** is living in beautiful Beeville, Texas, while serving as an instructor with



Mr. and Mrs. K.C. Rawson with two-day-old Veronica VT-26 at Chase Field. Thanks for the note, Col. Hoppe! A note from another Dad, Capt. Art Rawson, includes a photo of son **Kevin Rawson**, his lovely wife Muriel and their beautiful newborn Veronica. KC is now Maintenance Officer for PEPSI in Coraopolis, Ohio (?), and says civilian life ain't all it's cracked up to be as far as working hours go . . . Amen, brother! Well, thanks for the notes, fathers Hoppe and Rawson; now if I could only get the sons to write as often as the fathers do . . . Well, believe it or not, another year has slipped by the calendar. As I write this, we're a mere week away from our 6th Homecoming Reunion. Is it just me, or are we getting old? They say you're only as old as you feel. Unfortunately, I feel like hell. Actually it has been a busy year for Jan and myself with both of us changing jobs, but I'm sure all of you out there feel like things are getting more and more hectic, whether it's in the Navy or in Civlant. I guess we are at the point where a lot of tough decisions have to be made, whether it's career-wise or family-wise. So let's take this time of year to have a couple of brewskies, sit back and count our blessings. As rough as things may have been for you, I'm sure that there's someone who's had it even tougher. So let's remember our compadres and their families out there and give them a jingle or drop them a line, even if it's just to say, "Hi, how's it going?" We've had some Classmates living in the area for two and three years and now they're getting reassigned and Jan and I barely got together with them more than once. Remember your friends, particularly those who'll be separated from their families because of duty assignments, and give them your best. After all, 'Tis the season to be jolly . . . fa la la la, la la la la. Alright, how many of you counted to see if I had the right number of "la's"? I *know* you did Grinch! Speaking of which, before he gets a chance to steal it, I hope you had a joyous Holiday Season!

Are we all getting old, or is it just me? Another year has come and gone, and just to put it into perspective, the present Plebe Class, Class of '88, was in seventh grade when we graduated from USNA. I need a scotch. Anyway, the ol' mail slot is having some serious cobweb problems, but I'll make do.

A brief note from Marla and **Al Baker** said that they had returned from their European travels and are now settled in wonderful Whittier, California. Al is attending the Seminary in Pasadena and Marla is working for the Southern California chapter of the Boy Scouts. I never had a scoutmaster that looked like Marla! Also on the West Coast, but a tad further north, are Linda and **John Mathre**. John is a P-3C instructor out of NAS Moffett Field. John and Linda, who have been married since August of 1980, are the proud parents (is there any other kind?) of Kristen Elizabeth born in July of 1983. They're all doing

fine and expect to remain in the Bay area through 1986. Moving eastward, we come to the Golden Arch of the Midwest; no sportsfans it's not McDonald's, but St. Louis, home of Nancy and **John Hueseman**. Speaking of Mickey D's, John is working with them. Oh, I'm sorry, that's McDonnell-Douglas. And all this time I thought John-boy was making Big Macs. Anyway, the Huesemans, including Heidi and Kelly, are really enjoying St. Louis. John is doing some foreign travel, but has found time to join the Board of Directors for the St. Louis USNA Alumni Chapter. I'm sure they had a stellar Army-Navy Party under John's direction.

Moving even further eastward, like real eastward, we come upon Lese and **Kurt Tidd** who are residing in Bordeaux, France, as I mentioned in an earlier column. Kurt is on an Olmstead Scholarship, as is **Jim Carr** who, with his wife Dana, is just finishing up his "tour" at the University of wine-touring on a "scientific effort to discern the difference between a Margaux, a Pomerol and a Saint Emilion." Sounds like the starting line-up for the Montreal Canadians to me. During their travels, the Tidds went up to Belgium and spent some time with Libby and **Craig Diffie**. Craig is still Como. Mauz's aide at SHAPE. Kurt also heard during his travels that **Matt Elias** and **Pete Craig** are now stationed in England. Any word out there on those blokes? The Tidds welcome any and all '78ers travelling their way, and have foolishly enclosed their address and phone: M. et Mme. K.W. Tidd; 5 rue Cornac; 33000 Bordeaux, France. Phone: (33) (56) 81-1009. Thanks for the news, you crazy Frenchman.

Well, that's about it for the deluge of mail I've received. Janet and I did bump into some stalwart '78ers during this recent football season. **Mark James** is bearing up well under the burden of teaching ROTC at UNC and N.C. State. Oh, those Southern boys. **Dave Brown** (7) and I shared a beer, and if memory serves me correctly he's playing air-dale instructor out of Jax or Pensacola. For some reason, my memory seems a bit blurred after that tremendous victory against North Carolina. Unfortunately, it was all downhill from there for the Big Blue. Denise and **Dennis Reilly** have in fact returned to the USA, with Dennis working at David Taylor Research Center. Anne Marie and **Tim Sprague** are alive and well, keeping an eye on young Duke Sprague. Rumor has it Duke may have company soon. The Spragueman and I shared a few Rebel Yells during the season, but I think the team needed it more than us. Becky and **John Gardner** are doing well, with John trying to convince everyone to use MCI. Barb and **Scott Eckert** are still in Annapolis, with Scotty coaching a real fine Navy soccer team. A late flash from Dr. **Dave Morris**! As of this writing, Dave and his fiancée Deidre Quinn, are 24 hours away from wedded bliss! I also understand that the Quinn family is wearing black armbands to the wedding. Just kidding, Dave. Congrats and good-luck to you both.

So, America, I'd love to stay and write some more, but I'm out of hot news and none other than Dr. Dwarf, **Chris Nichols**, and student-athlete **Kevin Olsen** are waiting for me in Crabtown to quaff a few at Riordan's. Dwarf is on his way to Newport for Department Dwarf School and Ols just returned from a Med cruise, much to the glee of his beautiful wife Lori.

Until next time, keep that card and letter comin' in. Stay tuned for the March issue when fast **Eddie Reid** asks that famous nautical question, "Hey, Waldo, where's the beeeeeeer?" and I come to the realization that when you read the March issue, I'll have turned 30. Make that scotch a double.