

# 74

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*Konnichi-wa*, '74! Commissioning Week is over and time for a brief rest. Speaking of rest, where are all the letters? "Sit down right now and write me a quick letter." Let's face it — no letters, no '74 news column!!!! At least **Scott Varney** wrote. Here is what he has to say:

Time to break out the "construction paper and crayons" to let you and the rest of '74 know that I'm alive and well.

I'm one of '74 who didn't graduate from the Boat School. After Youngster year (1972), I departed Mother B for the Ivy covered walls of civilian academia. By January I was onto Lehigh University from which I graduated in June 1975 with high honors and a B.S. in fundamental sciences. With a little help and encouragement from my advisor, Wallace Richardson, USNA '41, I joined the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commissioned Corps as an Ensign. All my duty to date has been with nautical charting and hydrographic surveying. Presently I'm on the staff of the Hydrographic Surveys Branch, Operations Section, in Rockville, Maryland. (NOAA Headquarters are in Rockville). I help schedule NOAA's nine survey ships and five field parties, and write project instructions for all of them.

I'm married to the former Karen Berglund of Needham, Massachusetts. My two children are Peter, 5, and Kirsten, 3½.

Although I've been a member of the Alumni Association since 1974, I haven't been in contact with too many Classmates. My roommate, **Jim Moore**, was also left during Youngster year, lives in New Castle, Delaware. He works for DuPont. I recently saw **Jim Gallo** and he's a doctor at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Well — time to put my crayon to bed, and put this in the mail. I figure I better mail it so you won't have to wait another 10 years before I write again!

Thanks for the update, Scott. **Ken Houston** was in my office a few days ago and he is getting married shortly. More after the event happens. All I know is that the bride-to-be is from Annapolis. Ken is a pilot for Eastern Air lines.

Last month I closed on a bit of trivia. For those of you who did not remember, the Academy Seal in front of Tecumesh is made from brass taken from the torpedo tubes of USS WASHINGTON (BB-47) which was scrapped as a result of the Washington Naval Conference. Ciao, Dave.

# 75

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Hey '75, are you out there?! I haven't received any mail from you all for three months now! What's the story? C'mon guys 'n' gals, we've got to keep the news flowing!

The only news I have is that I bumped into **Scott Perkins** at the Navy Exchange in Monterey. He's a Reservist, and lives in San Ramon, California. In real life, he's an engineer at Lawrence Livermore National Lab where he works on the ground launch cruise missile and the 155MM AFAP. From

what he told me, Livermore and Los Alamos keep each other out of trouble! Scott and his family invite anybody in the area, or passing through, to contact him, etc. It was good seeing you Scott!

Well, since there's no mail . . . (ahem!) . . . I'll put in another plug for the Big 10 YEAR RE-UNION! Also, I haven't received a single nomination for any of the offices up for election! Let's get with it gang . . . we're dropping the ball big time. I know everybody's busy, but how long can it take to jot down a note and/or nominate yourself or a friend for office. To refresh the corporate memory, positions are president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Election results will be announced at Homecoming (REUNION!), with five-year term to commence 1 January 1986. Let's go, '75!

Well, here's hoping your spring has been fine and your summer will be even better. Be safe, and hang in there! Cheers, Steve.

# 76

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I've had a lot of disappointing days at the mailbox this month; I received only one postcard and that was from **William Brown**. William is doing well in his studies for the ministry and hopes to go to Chaplain School in Newport, Rhode Island, this summer. MaryK and I did have the opportunity to get together with **Dennis DiLucente**. Dennis is doing well and expects to be at Topgun until January. He recently was in Pensacola for the christening of Kathleen Jean Hughes — congratulations to Jan and **Mike Hughes** whose baby girl was born 3 March 1985.

I also recently talked with **Mike Daily**; he's doing well in his consulting business in San Diego and is still drilling with the Reserve out of El Toro. He recently ran into **Mike Marriott** while drilling at MCAS Yuma; Mike was in Yuma from the east coast for an exercise.

Unfortunately I don't have much else to report. MaryK and I will be headed for Monterey in about three more months. Please take some time to drop us a line and let us know what is happening — it's important that we stay in touch.

# 77

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Shipmates, as you can see by the new address, we're going to try a different approach in establishing a regular '77 column. In order to spread the word and the load, we would also like to establish a West Coast Correspondent who will report the news from that neck of the woods. Volunteers, please drop me a line! We can make this work and have fun in the process.

My wife, Jane, and I are finishing Department Head School in Newport and will be in Norfolk by the time this issue hits the streets as ChENG in USS BAINBRIDGE (CGN-25). Several of our Classmates have rolled through here recently. They don't know I'm including their names. Guess they'll just have to read about it! Anyway, in Class

85 we have: little **Lee Geanuleas**, still single and headed to Pearl as WEPS in USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16); Dori and **Doug Meister** to Yokosuka as WEPS in USS LOCKWOOD (FF 1064); and Janet and **John Read**, with children James and Katherine, to San Diego as WEPS in USS BROOKE (FFG-1).

From Class 86, we have Liz and **Jay Mackercher** with son Jack headed to Norfolk as WEPS in USS D.B. BEARY (FF 1085). That Jack is full speed ahead! He occasionally refuels, but not often. Jay already has him out on the links. Nancy and **Andy Anderson**, with daughter Jacqueline, are off to San Diego as WEPS in USS O'BRIEN (DD 975). Andy has been putting in a lot of road work. We tested our winter workouts in March at the New Bedford, Massachusetts, Half Marathon. Gail and **Scott Thomas**, with children Matthew and Kathleen, are headed back to San Diego as Ships Control Officer in USS M.S. TISDALE (FFG 27). **Ken Trass**, with his "new long distance information vehicle" (a motorcycle), is off to Norfolk as ChENG in USS KOELSCH (FF 1049), **Kent Williams** and his family will be in Norfolk as DCA in USS SAIPAN (LHA 2), he hopes.

I'll save Class '87 and '88 for the next issue. We also need input from the other communities.

The Summer months are coming up so there should be a lot of action to report. Additionally, I want to see pictures of wives, husbands, boy-friends, girlfriends, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, cats and dogs from Kinnikinnick, Ohio to Diego Garcia, BIOT. Black and whites are preferred but color prints are usable if they are very clear and have sharp contrast. Happy trails . . .

# 78

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**Play Ball!** Once again, the baseballs are flying around, and the TAX collector is knocking on the door. Springtime in the Nation's Capital, and as usual I'm on deadline . . . Starting things off, we have a blast from the past from none other than the "Man with 1,000 Faces", or was he the "Man who was Faced 1,000 Times" **John Casey**. Case reports first of all, that he was married to the lovely, and obviously misguided, Susan Gleogler in July '82 at the USNA Chapel. In attendance were **John Gardiner**, **Russ Gordon**, **Stan Labak**, **Mark Manthey** and **Sean Coffey**. Mark and his wife Marisa are still in Groton where Mark teaches sub-school, and Sean is the Special Military Assistant to the Vice President — more about him later — back to Case. John served three years onboard EISENHOWER before reporting to BELKNAP as CIC Officer with John Gardiner as Navigator; you'd think BELKNAP would know better than to team up Lewis & Clark. Since leaving BELKNAP, John and Susan have been living off the fruit of the vine at PG School in Monterey. John is taking a Nuc Weps course because his detailer said he could write his own ticket after Dept. Head School. Hey Case, didn't you used to play Jim-Bob on the Walton's . . . First Law of the Navy, Detailer speak with forked tongue. Anyway, other '78ers attending, or having recently completed PG school are: Joe Gattuso, Don Free, Bill Dunkin, John Curtis, Eric Rosenloff, Joe Petersen, Tom Abernathy, Bill Landay, Scott Hoffman, Tom Bennett, Kevin Foley, Howie Seeger, Doug Grau, Dave Jenkins, Fred Butterfield, Sam Tangredi, Ron



Lovelace and the ever-Irish Tim McGee. Case has also heard from Caren Balestrieri who says that her husband **Dave Balestrieri** is flying S-3's at the time he was deployed on a WESTPAC.

Additionally, Paula and **Steve Bartie** report that they're enjoying life in Italy with daughter Erin. Steve is assigned to COMFAIRMED in Naples as asst. Air Ops. Case reports to those concerned about the NATO alliance that Bartie's job is *NOT* a flying billet . . . whew. Case closes with a request for an invitation to John "Don't Nuke 'em 'til you see the whites of their eyes" Newcomb and asks the ever present question, "Has Younger finally succumbed, yet?" To which of course the answer is NOOOOOOOO. Case can be reached in Monterey at 103 Brownwell Circle, Monterey, Calif. 93940. Face is due to stay at Monterey until the Napa Valley runs dry in December '86. Thanks for the poop Face.

Returning to the aforementioned Sean Coffey, between his duties for the Veep and being #1 in his law school class, he dropped me the following info on a number of '78 stalwarts: **Chris Jensen** and his wife Mindy are en route from Jacksonville to D.C. Chris spent three years in VP-16 flying P-3's, after training new pilots in Corpus for a couple of years. He is following in the footsteps of quite a few other '78 greats, including yours truly, by becoming an Aide, in this case to the Chief of Naval Reserve. **Todd Lesh** is a flight instructor in Pensacola, hometown of his lovely wife, Janey. They recently had a new baby.

Down Corpus Christi way, there's quite a few good ol' boys. **Chet Seto** is in VT-27, as was **Jim Hughes** before he joined the friendly skies of United. **Glen Woods** is in VT-31 along with **Dan Fanelli**, **Pat Quigley** and **Mark "Strass-Punk" Strasser**. **Glenn and Patti** delivering an 8 pound + roommate for eldest son Michael in January. Mike's sister is Amy Lynn. "Strass-Punk" is enjoying flying T-44s, but not as much as his new BMW 325e. Mark's purchase is definitely a victory of hope over experience, since his last new vehicle was last seen as a stunt car in Towering Inferno . . . or was that the Army game bonfire.

On a less inflammable note, **Harry "Call me Mr. B" Harris** and wife Kathy are in the midst of departing Yokosuka for Mayport. Binkley will be continuing his inexorable march toward CNO as asst. CIC onboard SARATOGA. **Mark Fox** is out in California in the F-18 pipeline while Priscilla and their three boys are enjoying the sunny skies and seeing Dad once in a while. **Leo Klinkier** left the "real" Navy and is now a flying Navigator for VQ-3 in Hawaii. Sean called them the "coveted cross-anchors" but you know those Airdales can never be objective like us Surface Warfare-types. Before I get into an intra-service rivalry, let's get into an inter-service rivalry with **Mark Cleland**, who is flying F-4s for the Air Force out of beautiful Beaufort, South Carolina. Mark and Tanya are due to roll and may end up in the D.C. area. **Joe Britain** is in the CEC in his hometown of Yuma, Arizona, undoubtedly the site of a great deal of Naval construction. I understand Joe completed work on the cactus farm just last week.

On the foreign front, **Dave Bruce** was married in France, last December, to the former Elisabeth Helene James. Sean has no details, but is sure that Dave has completed his Olmstead scholarship in Lyons, and has since moved on. But the tough-life award goes to a master of the game, **Fred "Tennis anyone?" Von Ahn**, who is "stuck" in a five-bedroom penthouse in the isolated country-town of Zurich, Switzerland. Fred and his much-too-attractive-for-him wife, Paulette, are suffering in Switzerland while G.E. pays Freddie major-league dollars to teach the Swiss nuclear power . . .

and I thought he was in a watch-making class. When Sean last heard from Fred, he was negotiating with his boss to extend his four-day weekends so he and Paulette could get more skiing done in France . . . ah, Fred . . . always thinking of the little woman.

Having sufficiently abused Fred with due apologies to Paulette, let's return to the homefront. **Bill Duggan** punched out of P-3s last summer and is enjoying life as an affluent businessman in Boston. He was due to get married in April, but assured Sean that it wouldn't interfere with his attending the Celtic and Bruin playoff games in the Garden or the BoSox start of baseball season.

Becky and **John Gardiner** are still in the D.C. area with John working for MCI. **Ray Kempisty** has been working at NAVSEA in Crystal City since leaving ILLUSIVE (MSO 448). Ray is the Asst. Director in the Engineering Operational Sequencing System Division, and if you can explain to me what that means, you can be one too! Lastly, Sean reports that Anne Marie and **Tim Sprague** are wrapping up their D.C. tour and are heading to Newport for Dept. Head school. The Spragues decided that Duke was lonely, so little sister Bridget came along in March. Congrats! Way to go Sprague-man! *Ein hubsches Kind!*

Well, that's the poop from Sean Coffey, who also adds that after flying out of VP-44, he became an Intern on the Joint Chiefs of Staff for a year . . . hope you belong to a mileage club! He's presently halfway through his law degree at Georgetown. John Thompson had recruited him at power-forward, but Sean said his loyalties were with the Big Blue and declined to play. However, Sean did teach Patrick Ewing a few pointers he learned around the gym while at USNA; like how to do fake cramps during the mile-run and how to get Coach Slaza to cut you some slack during the applied struggle test. Surprisingly Patrick told Sean they don't have an applied struggle, or mile run, let alone an O-course! What kinda program are they runnin' there anyway?

Speaking of programs, on the Nuke Power Program front, civilian side that is, **Duane Schoon** reports from wonderful Waukesha, Wisconsin, that all is well with the Wisconsin Electric Power Co. Duane has been with them for two years. Duane and wife Kelly just had their third child, Erin Marie, on December 10, 1984. Drew 5, and Dana 3, were most pleased at their extra-special Christmas present. Duane is working with two USNA grads, Ron Seizert '76 and Mike Moylan '77. He's also bumped into **Ralph Schwartzbeck** at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

It's particularly great for me to hear about Schoon and Schwartzbeck again, since they're the special kind of friends one makes only at the Naval Academy; the guys you meet in the Press Shop three minutes before noon meal formation on Thursday, looking for their WUBA shirts with you because Schmermund, Schoon and Schwartzbeck always got thrown together . . . with **Beranato**. Oh, the sense of humor those Press Shop guys had. Anyway, enough fond memories. Duane also reports that he saw **John Gerety** at a seminar in Dallas. John's working for Boston Edison in Massachusetts. Thanks Duane.

Finally on the BABY FRONT, a front that is very near, and I mean very near to my heart at this particular moment. Debbie and **Mark Broome's** third child, Scott Christopher, should be celebrating the big #1 as you read this. Oldest daughter Julie just turned 6 while Laurie is now 2. Linda and **Will Kramer**, however, recently celebrated the birth of their first, Benjamin George, in January. As the birth announcement

states,

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Don't you love it! Congratulations you two! Rumor has it this ol' man may become a papa bear now anyway himself.

Well America, it's about that time again. Stay tuned next month when Gina and **Steve Feree** explain how to eat Vegemite sandwiches from down under and **Bob McMaster** asks, "Schmerm, my wife's name is Mary Lynn. Why did you call her Judy, in the March *Shipmate*?" Hey Bob, don't you think you're bein' a little picky. I mean Judy is pretty close to Mary Lynn, I mean after all, they both have Y's in them. For the answers to these and many more bizarre questions, this is the Mess Hall saying "No seconds for Midships!"

# 79

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Carole and **John King** wrote recently and sent along a beautiful picture of their son, Justin, and daughter, Melissa. Carole hopes that the picture will inspire other '79'ers. At the very least, it has inspired me, so here's a shot of the Bard at Williamsburg, my wife, Anne, and our daughter Briana.



Hello 79,

Summertime is officially here! I have some news of a personal nature. After Homecoming, I had so many nice things to say about National Career Centers that people asked why I didn't work them. Hey, guess what? I think I will. I have resigned from Hallmark and looking into new ventures. So if you need a job or a new career or just want to talk call me at 1-800-334-2629. My address will still be the same for a while longer but look for a change in the next couple of months.