

Raychem has a few other members of our illustrious class: **Thom McKee** in Atlanta, **Bill Hartman** in Minneapolis, and **Ben Sitler** in St. Louis. Tim best get ready to be invaded by the Butlers. We should be heading back to Whidbey Island, Wash., by the time this hits the press.

Finally, I spoke with **Jeff Heely's** older brother Tim last week. Tim is an A-7 pilot with **CARL VINSON's** AirWing 15. Jeff has been in the St. Louis area since 1984 and was formerly with Merrill Lynch. He now works for Newhard Cook. Jeff . . . see you on the squash courts at Homecoming Dempsey.

Ed. Note: The above was intended for the March issue. It was postmarked 20 January 1987 from Hampton, Virginia. It arrived at my desk on 13 February after the March issue had gone to the printer. I don't know why they call it the U.S. Postal Service when it doesn't provide any. Oh well, then there is the Internal Revenue!

Winter played us a dirty trick! I sent a column to be printed in the March issue — and it got lost in the Blizzard of '87 somewhere between Norfolk and Annapolis. Talk about upset . . . but I guess the Pony Express doesn't ride in the snow. Please excuse the time delay. I'm just glad warmer weather is on the way.

I've started to receive some exciting details about Homecoming. Mary, **Mark Finley's** wife, sent lots of news. The dates for the BIG weekend are 18-20 September. Mark your calendar!! There is a block of rooms reserved for us at both the Annapolis Hotel on West Street and the Holiday Inn in Glen Burnie. The Annapolis Hotel is more expensive, but within walking distance of the Academy. The Holiday Inn is near the dinner site on Saturday night. To mention a couple of high points. . . there will be a catered Tailgate Party Saturday afternoon at the Stadium before and after the game. The Dinner-Dance is a semi-formal affair at the La Fontaine Bleu in Glen Burnie on the 19th from 1930 to 0100. You all should be receiving soon a flyer from the Alumni Association with all the information and details. Included in the flyer will be a list of Class Memorabilia. The committee asks that you really study this list as they have tried very hard to anticipate everyone's likes and pocket-books. If you do not receive a flyer, please let me, **Owen Thorp** or **Rick White** know and the info will be forwarded on to you. I'll print more details after I receive my flyer!

Until next month — happy trails. **Bill**

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Greetings Gang —

Well, it was great to see a mailbox full of letters this month from Classmates around the country. It seems like everything has finally caught up to Carol and me out here at our San Diego address. Please keep those letters coming at the above listed address.

I must start this month unfortunately with an apology and also some sad news. It was recently brought to my attention that somehow through my deployment on DETROIT, my return to Norfolk, and our subsequent move to California, that the news of our friend and Classmate, **Mike Yandell**, never made it in our Class news column. It deeply saddens me to report that Mike was killed last Summer in an aircraft accident at NAS Norfolk. At the time Mike was a student at Test Pilot School at Patuxent River. A Memorial Fund was established in memory of Mike and contributions can be made to it through the Naval Academy Alumni Association. I recently spoke with Mike's mother from Atlanta, Georgia who reported that Luanne has moved back to Virginia Beach. Both Mike's mother and his wife, Luanne, have expressed their desire to hear from Mike's friends and Classmates. The Class of 1981 sends its deepest sympathies to Mike's family and loved ones. We will truly miss him.



'81 Alumni Ruggers

Jeff Freeman sent a quick note along with this photo of the Class of '81 Rugby Alumni taken after the Alumni Rugby team beat the current USNA side at Homecoming last Fall. Pictured are **Chuck French**, **Rick Keller**, **Dennis Murphy**, **Mike Mahre**, **Dan Quattrini**, **Jeff Freeman**, **Bill Cone**, and **Willie Taylor**. Jeff is assigned to the Office of the JCS. He is working as an Action Officer in the J-3/Joint Operations Division. Jeff and Anne Marie are expecting their first child in mid-May.

K.C. O'Connor wrote from VP-30 at Jax and sent along this picture of **Stacy** and **Tom Gallo** with daughter, **Jordan**, **John Geshay** and **K.C.** and **Fran**. **K.C.** also sent our Class financial picture as of 31 December 1986. The Class has a balance of \$10,159.66 as of that date. Our successful Reunion at Homecoming brought in a total of

\$6,860.75 with interest of \$327.70. Unfortunately, our total expenditures were \$8,827.09. Our deficit was therefore, \$1,638.64; however, some of this will be recouped through the sale of remaining Class buttons and cups. Also with **K.C.** at VP-30 are **Stacy** and **Tom Gallo**, **Kevin McCarthy**, **Trish** and **Bill Moran**, **Nancy** and **Pete Reister**, **Tina** and **Dave McCurdy**, **Vinnie Calvente** and **Pete Canalilchio**.



The Gallows, O'Connors and "Gesh"

Tony Marolt wrote from Annapolis that he is back instructing at USNA. Julie and Tony have a daughter, **Jackie** who is one-and-a-half and a son, **Christopher**, born on 30 December '86. Along with Tony in Seamanship and Navigation are **Tim Fleischer**, **Al Dodge**, **John Paul**, **Carmel (Gilliland) Chapline**, **Tom Yavorski**, **Tim Garrold**, and **Mike Kronzer**. In Leadership and Law are **Dave Phillips** and **Mary Grigden**. '81 is represented in Candidate Guidance by **Steve Colon**, **Dan McElroy**, and **Rowley Molina**. In Bancroft Hall as Company Officers are **Bill Standley** (36), **Joe Adan** (6), **Rob Winsor** (7), **Dave Portner** (11), **Stu Forsythe** (20), and **John Christenson** (14). **Dan Hudson** is the Midshipman Activities Officer. Tony also reported that **Robin Thomas** is at Fort Meade. Her husband, **Al** is ready to roll from Norfolk. **Bob Burns** is a civilian working in D.C. **Rich Kopp** is also out of the Navy and living in Ohio with his wife, **Dorin**. Also in D.C. in Intelligence are **Tim Collins**, **Jimmy Bianchi** and **Tony Gurnee**. **Dave Paskevichis** in PG School and **Fred Smith** is in D.C. working for the JCS.

Doug Johnson sent some news and this picture from Newport News. Doug is Weapons Officer on the PCU of NEWPORT NEWS. Beth and **Tom Jacob** are out of the Navy and living in Waldorf, Maryland, where Tom is working for E.G. & G. Dona and **Paul Bushong** are in Buzzard's Bay, Massachusetts where Paul is completing grad school at MIT. Pictured are, Standing: **Tom Jacob**, **Doug Johnson** holding his son, **Grant**, and **Paul Bushong**. Seated: **Beth Jacob**, **Tammy Johnson**, **Dona Bushong**. Front: **Melissa** and **Lauren Jacob**.



Jacobs, Johnsons and Bushongs

Finally for this month I received a letter from our Classmate **Mary Brigden**. Mary is instructing at the Academy and using the opportunity to get