

Miami Herald. He has a wife, Joe, and son, Nick-7 months. Frank, you should have written this article!

Patty and French Caldwell live in Virginia Beach where he is a student at ODU. Kevin Buck is married and living and working in the D.C. area. He can be seen prowling the corridors of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Washington every fourth weekend. Pierre Thout is an astronaut as part of the Space Program in Houston.

This completes the first installment for the '77 Reunion issue of *Shipmate*. Special thanks go to Karen and Julius Caesar who attended the gala event, took notes, and wrote this article! In any event there are still several hundred names that need to be mentioned. Please write and let me know about your experiences from the Reunion and send pictures!!! Special thoughts go out to our deployed Classmates and those stationed overseas who couldn't attend. Happy trails, Bill.

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I write this following the great football battle in Philly. No, not the Army-Navy game, but Penn versus Navy. Why such a big deal? Well, since we were in the midst of the longest current Division I-A losing streak in the country, and at 12 losses in a row just one away from tying the Navy record of 13, AND with Pittsburgh, ND and Syracuse coming up on the schedule, this was a big deal. NAVY 38, PENN 28. Hey folks, a win is a win. And this one was particularly sweet since this losing streak started with Penn about 12 months ago. Anyway, the team is playing some competitive ball now and we've found a Plebe QB who ran for 225 yards last week. Things are looking up. I expect to see y'all in Phill for the really important game on the 5th.

Enough of the sports page, on to Class news. I received a rather complimentary letter from Quantico-ite Gary "two N" Eisenmann who sincerely appreciated the mention in the October *Shipmate*, but explained to me, in a not so subtle way, that the news was "somewhat" dated. Well, here's the update. After having orders "in-hand" for Camp Lejeune, Gary appeared to be on his way, but instead ended up going to Amphibious Warfare School. So instead of leaving Quantico this month, he'll be leaving in May. Also attending AWS with Gary are Curt Maszun, Roy Schleiden, a man whose WUBA shirt I was tempted to steal from the press who on more than one Thursday morning panic before noon meal inspection; Aaron "Tex" Welch, and Dave Karcher. Gary also mentions having worked with Mike Dasovich, while at the Dev. Center. Mike is an F-4 backseater, as is Curt Maszun, and apparently both are looking for new work in light of the Corps' decision to phase out the F-4.

Apparently Roy and his wife were in a serious accident, but fortunately have recovered well and are fine. Having recently been in a NASCAR-sanctioned demolition derby with a very large oak tree, I can truly appreciate the feeling of Roy and his wife. Here's to your full recovery! Gary also mentioned that a former Plebe, '81er Bob Dixon is also going through training with him. As a final note, Gary laments the USMC plight as he impatiently awaits the calling of the promotion board. Gary's not too hot about the idea of becoming a major about the same time the Navy-types become commanders. But all's fair in love, detailing and promotion boards.

A brief note from Kevin Liddy included the previously mentioned September *Proceedings* article by Sam Tangredi. It really is an outstanding article and I encourage all of you to take a gander at it. Kevin also mentions that he recently took first place in the J-24 division of the 22nd Annual Stamford-Denmark Friendship Race (I understand Inga and Heide finished tied for 2nd). Congrats Kevin.

Let me close by this short, column, due to the oak tree incident, by wishing you all the merriest of Christmases, Happiest of Hanukah's and Healthiest of New Year's. This year, as every year, we have a lot of Classmates serving far from home, many of whom are in distant waters in the Persian Gulf area and elsewhere. Let's pray for their safe return and for their families who are waiting patiently at home. As for the rest of us who are lucky enough to be at home with our families . . . ENJOY!!!

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How good it is to be back in the Annapolis/D.C. area again. In the few short weeks I have been working at the Pentagon and living in Severna Park, I have had the pleasure of running across a number of Classmates. Before I go any further, I wish to extend a most cordial invitation to any of you who happen to be passing through or are living in the area. Here are my new address and phone numbers: 748 Trenton Avenue, Severna Park, Md. 21146, (H) 301-544-8714 (W) 202-695-8854.



Debra and Artie Johnson's wedding party

Several weekends ago I ran into the Pete Johnstone family down on Maryland Avenue. Pete, his wife Meg, and his two sons, Gregory and Michael, were in from Rockville for a beautiful day's stroll through the Yard. Pete is a Navy medical student in his third year at Bethesda, along with Rich Bosco and Mike Muldoon. Rich and Pete will graduate in May of '89. Mike graduates in May of next year, as does Jim Chimiak, who's a med student down at UNC.

Moving from doctors to lawyers, I walked into the Georgetown Law Center for class one evening and spotted a very familiar looking guy waiting for the start of his class. After the old line "Didn't you go to the Academy?", I discovered that the guy was Jim Edmondson, who, after three and a half years of the evening grind, will graduate with a J.D. in the Spring. Jim and his wife Terri both work for D.C. area consulting firms. Jim also pointed out that George Wilson is in the area, working for McDonnell-Douglas.

One deck up from my office works Steve Fillipow, an action officer for the Navy's Space Systems Division. Steve is thoroughly enjoying some very high-tech, high-priority work on a new radar system. Early next year, he will head out to Alameda for sea duty on either VINSON or ENTERPRISE.

On to the mail. My dear friend and roommate, Artie Johnson, considers himself the most happily married man on earth, and sent a picture to prove it. AJ and his wife Debra exchanged vows on 23 May in Santa Clara. Currently an instructor in the P-3 RAG at Moffett, he'll be looking for a ship for his disassociated sea tour at the end of 1988. Hey, Artie, there are a lot of great ships here on the East Coast. And Europe has changed a lot since you and I were last there.

Every man has his American dream, and Ken Church's was to become a "sundown" farmer in the hills of eastern Pennsylvania. Ken's wife Anita wrote to describe how Ken arrives home from his daytime job as an environmental engineer for Boyertown Packaging, wolfs down dinner, and then heads out to the field until the sun goes down. Ken and Anita share their farming life with six-year-old Barbara and four-year-old Scott, who share a penchant for playing in the creek in their Sunday best. Meanwhile, over in Feasterville, John Current, who is married to Ken's sister Nancy, works for Vitro, and has two sons, five-year-old Michael and newborn Steven. Finally, the Churches ask that Terry Ruddy write from San Diego, informing them of his new address, and extend a warm welcome to any Niners passing through the Pottstown area.

Faithful correspondent Kirk Michaelson sent a huge letter from Portsmouth, Rhode Island, to tell us of the following: Alex Urrutia, J.J. Muldoon, and Ray Spicer graduated from Department Head School in mid-September. Alex is headed to TATTAL in Mayport, J.J. to FANNING in San Diego, and Ray to YORKTOWN in Norfolk. At an ASW Seminar, Kirk ran into George Jackson, Dick Yocum, Britt Skogstad, and Dave Schafer. Russ Keller came down to the War College for three weeks this past Summer to participate in some global war gaming. If I remember correctly, Russ is earning his MPA at Harvard's Kennedy School. Russ graduates in December and will then report with wife Kris to SOAC.

Kirk graduates from Department Head School in January with three other '79ers: Vince Domzalski (Ops, USS JUNEAU, San Diego), Jim Goodwin (Weps, USS PAUL F. FOSTER, Long Beach), and Willie Quintong (Ops, USS KINKAID, San Diego). Kirk will be the engineer on SPRUANCE in Mayport. Laura and Bill McKinney are also up at SWOS Newport late of USNA; Bill is hoping for a SPRUANCE-class out of Charleston. Jean and Dick Tobey are enjoying Rhode Island life with their one-year-old, Sarah. Jim Wise just arrived at SWOS from NPGS. Jim and his wife Pam are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ashley Patricia. Also just arriving from NPGS is Tom Wetherald. Tom, who was married in 1985, earned a master's degree in computer science. Chuck Kuzma is studying hard to become a DH after tours on USS HOEL, Pearl Harbor, as flag lieutenant to ComNavSurf-GruMidPac, and Monterey where he earned a degree in weapon systems engineering. The former XO of USS CONSTITUTION (a heavy sea duty billet), Michael Ranz and his wife Laurie are also getting ready for Winter in Newport. Steve Brooks arrived from SURFPAC staff where he was affectionately known as "Mr. UNITREP." Now all of you PacFlt ops types know where to send your hate mail. Steve is getting married in February to Lynn Casey.