

Dear 76,

For those who enjoyed the 10th Reunion, the fond memories of our four years at the Academy were brought back into plain view. It was a time to renew old friendships and to reestablish the old bonds that will become even more important to us as the years go by. To appreciate the opportunities the Academy offered, in terms of academics or sports, is only part of the equation. The many friends we made will ensure that our reunions in the future will become ever more cherished affairs.

As a Class, we have the opportunity to pursue and focus upon several goals over the next few years. I view this assignment as president as one of a facilitator, to coin a modern phrase. **Pete Harris, Blaine Pearsall and Joe Buranosky** round out the immediate group of Class officers who are willing to lend some time and effort to ensuring our Class meets its potential. We need to solicit your ideas as to what you think the Class should be directing its talent, resources and efforts toward. We will do everything we can to make sure that everyone has a voice. All we ask is that you take a few moments, now and then, to drop any of us a note with your thoughts and ideas.

The following will describe a few of the ideas we compiled over the past year. We are at the point now where our financial resources and volunteer talent should allow us to pursue a few ideas such as those discussed in the following paragraphs. Fortunately, the Alumni Association is enthusiastic about assisting classes in any endeavor. You can bet we will call upon them in the future.

Increase Membership

I have come across a couple of Classmates who were not able to make it to the 10th Reunion. They had heard how good a time it had been and were sorry to have missed it. Neither were members of the Alumni Association and informed me they were planning on joining in the near future. I am sure there are several more Classmates, who did not join the Alumni Association prior to or following graduation, who would like to now join and participate. If simply brought to their attention, I feel we could include quite a few as new members. If you know of anyone who is in your area or in your command, please give them the word and encouragement to join. *Sometimes it just takes a small push.* Besides, the more people we have at the reunions to follow, the more enjoyable they will be.

Scholarship Fund

Joe received a note in the mail that described another Class' scholarship fund. It was started as a fund to assist dependents of deceased Classmates and has apparently evolved into quite a program. We will continue to look into this effort. Joe has contacted the Class officer involved and will get the information out to us. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions as to how we might implement a fund of this sort, please drop one of us a note and give us your ideas.

Memorial Sponsored by the Class

The class of 1937, for their 50th reunion last year, erected a memorial to all deceased Alumni. Numerous memorials have been donated to the Academy by various classes. If you have any comments or ideas, now is the time to start considering them.

Annual Alumni Association Fund Drive

I have been kidded about last year's "up close and personal" letter concerning the Alumni Fund. I realize the number of other outstanding charity organizations there are to contribute to. *Shipmate* published the full listing of donations—and some classes had the right to be extremely proud, and others should be embarrassed of their total donations. As a Class we have experienced the greatest economic boom since the Civil War. Even for those who escaped the Wall Street "correction" of October 1987, I feel most of us have been extremely fortunate in our lives, in or out of the Navy. We could easily prove to any other class how proud we are of our individual and collective accomplishments by having the *highest percentage of donations*, year after year. The most recent class to be accounted for in the top ten is 1957. With 189 donors and \$45,000, our 84 donors and \$5,500 are pale by comparison. At this point in our careers, with new families and responsibilities, no one expects our donations to be

close to \$45,000 for years to come, but we could ensure the percentage of members donating is much higher.

Keep in mind what gifts the Academy provided us with, and a donation seems to make a lot of sense. There is no reason why we can't be the top class in percentage of donations, this year and for years to come—we should set the standard.

Preparation for 15 and 20 Year Reunions

Now is the time to start working on our upcoming reunions, especially the 20th. It is hard to believe how quickly the years have moved across the landscape; I hate to think of how quickly the next 10 or 20 will. If you have any ideas as to what the reunions should include, please send your proposals our way.

Class Company Representatives

To proceed with these goals, we need some "active volunteerism" to take place. We need at least one volunteer from each company to act as representative for all Class activities/proposals. Our Classmates who live in the Annapolis/Metropolitan D.C. area, and who have done so much in the past, are always prime candidates. They should not be the only ones we look to for legwork. Should you volunteer, your tasking would not be overwhelming. It would include contacting your company Classmates on issues such as the one previously discussed. Please forward your name to one of us, along with your current address and phone number, and we will put together a Class organization to consider any and all proposals.

The only other task for all of us is to keep Joe informed on a more regular basis. Our letters are the best method we have of maintaining contact and that is certainly the primary purpose for *Shipmate* Magazine. We do pretty well—we could fill a couple of pages in every issue if we make it a semi-annual habit. With many of us still making career and family changes there is still a great deal of word to be passed on a regular basis.

Thanks for plowing through this. Take some time and put some thoughts on paper. My address is VF-114, FPO SF 96601-6119. For the next few months, I will have some time on my hands—would be great for Joe, Pete, Blaine or me to hear from everyone with a constructive idea.

Don

I did hear from a couple of other Classmates this month. **J. R. Knight** was transferred to the D.C. area in October; he's a TAR stationed at NAF Washington aboard Andrews AFB. J. R. is also the National Vice President for Junior Officer Affairs for the Naval Reserve Association.

I also heard from **Dave Shimp** who assumes command of the United States Naval Security Group Activity Pyongtaek, Korea on 11 March 1988—congratulations!

Audrey Beth and **Dennis Dilucente** wrote from Hawaii—they are both well and were getting ready for a week of skiing in Utah.

Just a few final notes—I had the opportunity to serve on the IG inspection team at Quantico during the past month, and while I was down there, I had the good fortune to run into **Jack Suter** and **Mony Guerrero** who are both flying with HMX-1, and **Clayton Hill** and **Tim Harris** who are both in Headquarters Battalion. I would like to once again endorse the message that Don passed in his letter—please let us hear from you. I had mentioned in a previous column the possibility of having a get-together for those in the D.C. area—I've only had a couple of responses, but I would still like to shoot for a lunch meeting at a central location, perhaps on a Friday during May for those who can make it. We'll try and get the word out. Keep in touch.

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Shipmates, is this a great country or what? I mean where else can you get the opportunity to drive warships or fly aircraft at supersonic speeds or glide silently through the deep or eat mud or . . . This really has nothing to do with the article, just psyched for Navy. Guess I lost my head!

Speaking of being psyched, **Ples Bruce** sent an enthusiastic letter from the Chicago area where he, his wife Kela and two children, Keisa, 6, and Ples III, 4, reside. Ples, a Marketing Manager for Baxter Healthcare Corp, reports that **Doug Meister**, wife Dori and son Devon are healthy and wise and stationed in Mayport on staff duty. He also reports that **Joe Harrington**, wife Gayle and son Joey just relocated from California to Philadelphia due to a recent promotion at Mobil Oil; **Charles Ivey**, wife Francis and two children are toughing it out in Valencia, California, as an account manager for Mobil Oil; and **Larry Indiviglia** and wife Karen are living in San Diego. He is a defense contractor and she is expecting their first child this Spring. Most importantly though, is the news that Ples is on the slate of nominees for election to the Naval Academy Alumni Association Board of Trustees. Ballots have already been mailed out so let's show our support and vote! Thanks Ples.

And now for another exciting episode in the release of Fleet Home Town News!! **Mark Hugel** and **Craig Langman** reported to the Precommissioning Unit, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, in Newport News. **Bill Stuver** participated in exercise Spanish Phibex 2-87 while serving with the 22nd Marine Amphibious unit, Camp Lejeune. **Dave Aland** reported for duty with Commander, Destroyer Squadron 12, Mayport, Fla. **Charles McCarthy** reported for duty with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron-10, NAS North Island, San Diego.

Well that's going to cover it this month. Keep those cards and letters coming! Until next month . . . happy trails, **Bill**.

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As you read this, the Temple Owls may well have won their first NCAA basketball championship, but right now I'm pleasantly surprised by Navy's own recent resurgence toward respectability with a solid seven game winning streak, 9-12 record and fourth place conference standing. With four of five starters returning for the next few seasons, this could be the nucleus of a pretty good team. In the meantime, the baseball and lax teams should be in the swing of things by now, and I hope to see some of you out at Max Bishop or Navy-Marine Corps fields cheering on the Big Blue. On to the mailbox.

The annual Christmas epistle from the **Lloyd Prince** family (naturally Lloyd's wife Carolyn does all the work) reports that the family has left the brush country of Kingsville, Texas, for the Jacksonville, Fla. area. Carolyn and daughter Catarina are waiting for a house to be built in the Mandarin area, while Carolyn has returned to the real estate business to get some dollars for a Far East trip. Why a Far East trip,



The Princess

you ask? Well the Prince of Lloyd, that is LCdr. Lloyd (Congrats, buddy), is off on a two-year unaccompanied tour on USS MIDWAY out of Yokosuka. Lloyd will be Flight Deck officer. Previously Lloyd had been doing some software work for the Navy's new T-45 jet trainer. He's anxious to get back to sea, but not so anxious to leave his two lovely ladies behind. Carolyn also reports that **Ray Bracy** is attending Harvard Business School while his wife, Evonne, is paying the bills. Ray, however, is still in the Naval Reserve. Old roomie **Tim Mcgee** was reportedly about ready to leave that island haven of Diego Garcia and return to the States soon. **J. P. Clager** is on admirals's staff in Norfolk and **Steve Niennis** is flying FA-18's with VFA-137 out of Cecil Field. Carolyn's not sure if Lloyd will make it back for homecoming, but at least we know his brother Teddy will be there. He's 18th company class of '90. Thanks for the scoop Carolyn.

Another Holiday epic comes from Lora and **Guido Manzo** down Louisiana way. The Manzo M&M girls are going great with four-year-old Melanie gearing up for kindergarten with some pre-school fun and eight-month-old Marissa being a good baby at home. Apparently Marissa is the quiet counterpart to Melanie's mischief, but then again, we'll see what happens by the time Marissa reaches four. Lora started a new job with South Savings & Loan in the personnel department while Guido also started a new job, accepting a promotion with Abbott Diagnostics as an Account Executive for the New Orleans area. Guido also bought a new boat, a 19-footer, and wants one and all to visit him in Slidell and do some fishin'. I can see it now, Guido catchin' catfish in an Old Milwaukee commercial saying, "You know somethin', it don't git much better 'n this." Next thing you know he'll be doing Cajun potato chip commercials. The Bayou family can be reached at 504-649-5217. See you at the Republican Convention in August, old buddy!

Speaking of elections, the 10-year reign of **Kenny "Idi dada Amin" Waldie**, Class president for life, is about to end with this year's election of Class officers. All of you on the Alumni Association mailing list (which is about 85 percent of the Class) should have received a flyer in February explaining the Class election process. Also included was a copy of the Class charter.

Well, that's the scoop. However, it has been decided to extend the deadline for nomination petitions for Class office until 30 April. In this way, we can give everybody as fair a shot as possible without screwing up our timeline. Class ballots will be sent with a second flyer in May and should also appear in the July-August issue of *Shipmate*. Again, if you haven't updated your address with the Alumni Association, or if your buddy hasn't, please do so NOW! Either contact the Alumni Association directly or

even call me. In fact, *Shipmate* has been kind enough to allow me to print this list of names (at the end of this column) who are NOT currently on their mailing list (which of course is OUR mailing list). If your name is there, or someone you know, please get their current address to the Alumni Association at 301-263-4448 as soon as you can. We'd really love to get this list updated and keep it current, but we can't do it without your help.

On the subject of Class elections, I promised buddies **Kevin Lynch** and fast **Ed Reid** that I would print the letter they sent me endorsing a particular Classmate for Class president. Well, guys, I lied. Actually, if you haven't already guessed, Eddie and the Grinch-man called a bunch of guys to get them to support my candidacy, but in fact there won't be a candidacy, presidential or otherwise. I've had a great deal of fun doing this column over the years, and I hope that the missing columns have been made up for by a well-turned phrase here or there in the columns that did make deadline (thanks to Col. Hammond). Anyway, there are a number of talented guys who have expressed interest in running for Class Secretary, as well as for the other Class offices, and I think it's time to get some new blood in here who know different people, have different contacts, and maybe even gets his columns in on time.

Believe it or not, I have put a lot of time and effort into this column and I hope you have had as much fun reading them as I have had writing them. But before I give my farewell song eight months early, suffice it to say that in the meantime, I pledge to actually get the rest of my columns in on time. (Now there's an election year promise if I ever heard one.) Rest assured you haven't heard the last of me yet.

Mark Hubal reports that the quarterly Washington area '78 luncheon will be held on 4 May at the Ft. Myer O Club starting at 1100. Those interested need to contact Mark at (703) 689-4915 or **Dennis Reilly** at (703) 250-1697. An update on **Mike Ruth** came from his wife Patti in some not-so-up-to date 1987 letter I found in my one-year old son's bedroom (along with a basketball, my three-wood and a birthday card from my mother-in-law . . . and I thought she forgot). Anyway, Patti reports that Mike is doing well with Martin Marietta in Baltimore, but that he couldn't leave the Navy cold turkey so he still trains with the Naval Reserve here in Washington, D.C. Because of the job change, the Ruth's left Northern Virginia for Northern Maryland. That move included bringing along six-year-old son Eric and one-year-old (nearly two by now) daughter Alix. Patti included a picture of the kids, but it could not appear in *Shipmate* because *there is no Class member included in the picture*. So, as Popeye used to say, I'll say it once and I'll say it again, keep those Moms and Dads in the picture with the kids or it won't get into the column. Patti did indicate what Alix looks like by saying that after nine months of pregnancy and hours of labor, Alix comes out looking like her father. Sometimes you just can't win Patti.

Speaking of winning, right now the U.S. Olympic team is tied with the Fiji islands in medals won (zero) in the Winter Olympics. But, in the Summer Games give me David Robinson and the U.S. Hoops team and you'll hear me saying chanting U-S-A, U-S-A, U-S-A. Until then this is Jim McKay saying, "You wanna see the agony of defeat? . . . Take a look at these bunyans!!!"

Quatroche, A. J.
Kantner, J. L.
Donovan, M. S.
Kinney, S. D.
Sellner, S. C.
McKeag, W. O.
Bradley, S. M.
Giltzow, G. W.
Day, J. P.

Haar, K. J.
Cragg, C. H.
Livingston, B. K.
Maloney, S. E.
Carter, B. W.
Brewer, D. R. III
Sauls, M. K.
Susalla, P. K.
Stivers, R. D.

McCabe, J. T.
Barnd, D. J.
Zimmerman, B. E.
Seto, C. J.
Hynes, J. E. II
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Walter, K. R.
Sears, M. E.
Doroshuk, B. W.
Rosa, J. S.
Aiken, R. K.
Minnis, S. R.
Lax, M. S.
Olsen, K. R.
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Laughlin, R. O.
Fabiani, T. M.
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Cornwell, S. J.
McCormick, P. J.
Fritsch, R. J.
Nicol, C. B.
Withers, R. H.
Ball, G. R.
Carpenter, J. R.
Price, L. D.
Divers, L. C.
Ives, G. R.
Cobb, C. J.
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Arcano, J. T. Jr.
Gallati, P. C.
McCloskey, S. K.
Bellezza, V. A.
Lilly, S. T. III
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Maszun, C. F.
Gerety, J. P.
Von Ahn, F. G.
Smith, D. J.
Peters, D. G.
Borchardt, R. W.
Holman, T. D.
Shinskie, R. H.
Ray, M. W.
Kauffman, J. V.
Williams, J. W.
McNish, M. J.
Lott, D. J.
Bole, B. S.
Nolan, S. J.
Drake, M. A.
Benoit, P. B.
Spencer, M. T.
Fallon, R. J.
McCrabb, M. H.
Tucker, L. N.
Fitzsimmons, D. D.
Fox, M. I.
Godfrey, R. A. II
Stallings, J. B. Jr.
Pasztalaniec, M. S.
Forbes, E. C.
Plautz, T. L.
Young, O. W.
Colby, K. G.
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Eggleston, J. L.
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Boster, N. B. Jr.
Burger, W. L.
Akiyama, B. N.
Welch, A. E.
Bohlman, J. E.

Reiland, D. H.
Kozlarek, M. J.
Bacon, S. W.
Langdon, S. A.
Christie, D. W.
Diehl, D. J.
Gray, W. M.
Hayden, L. M.
Rochon, B. G.
Dellinger, N. G.
Farwell, F. T. Jr.
Carr, J. M. III
Aasland, R. L.
Long, G. R.
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Saenz, R. R. Jr.
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Aiken, D. W. Jr.
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Karcher, D. P.
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