

warded to me no later than 1 February 1989.

In accordance with our by-laws, those nominated for President must have a written petition of 25 Class members. If 25 Class members nominate the same individual for president, I will compile those nominations into the form of a petition. Of course, I will also accept a petition with 25 signatures on it. Nominations for executive vice-president, secretary and treasurer only require single nomination. Nominations need no second and can be made by the individual. I will try to include a reminder in the January issue of *Shipmate* concerning the above listed schedule and upcoming deadlines.

There has been a lot of news in this column. Most importantly, take Peter's letter aboard as food for thought. Now is the time to start building a strong class . . . Happy Holidays, happy trails from all the Millwards.

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"Merry Christmas Charlie Brown!" Hard to believe another year has come and gone and it's now the Christmas, Hanukah, the holiday season. As I write this however, it's still the howling, Halloween, trick or treat season . . . Candy bars, Garfield's Halloween and Elvira, Mistress of the Dark. What more could a guy ask for? A frozen Milky Way to the head, according to my wife for that Elvira comment. Sorry honey, there's just something about a woman in basic black . . . opps here comes that carmel apple. Moving right along, how 'bout that Homecoming bash? Now that's what I call a 10-Year Reunion! If you folks had half as much fun as I did at Homecoming, you ought to be ashamed of yourselves . . . I certainly am. A great time was had by all at the Reunion Weekend thanks to the efforts of a dedicated and incredibly stupid group who will never, ever do it again.

Seriously folks, it was a lot of work, but all of your "Thanks," "Well done's" and even your "Medium rares" made it worthwhile. I know I speak for the whole Class in passing along sincere thanks to master coordinator **Jock Maloney**, Saturday night feverish **Maurice Tose**, John "Mr. Trinkets" **Rudder**, and the Tailgater brothers **Dennis Reilly** and **John O'Neil** for putting together a tremendous event. Great food, great friends, great fun. I'd like to add a special thanks to "my lovely wife" Janet Schmermund who toddled around Annapolis 2½ years ago while 9 months pregnant (yes, she was past her due date with Bobby) and booked the 180 rooms and the banquet hall at the Holiday Inn and ultimately the additional rooms at the Thr-rift. I'd also like to add a very, special thanks to Maurice Tose's fiancée, Teri Layden, for keeping the train on the track throughout these many months and especially in the final weeks prior to the Reunion. She really was the driving force in keeping it all together during the final weeks leading up to the big day. Thank you one and all and to everyone who helped out in putting this great 10-Year Reunion together.

Now to Dan Blather and the news. The results of '78's *coup d'etat* (that's an election in Uganda) are in and the winners are: President for Life: **Steve "Jock (Idi dada)" Maloney**, Vice President: **Maurice Tose**; Treasurer: **John Rudder**; Secretary: **Vince Balderrama**; At-Large representatives: **Bruce Geary**, **John O'Neil**, **Dennis Reilly**, **Glen Wheless** and yours truly, **Bob Schmermund**. The people have spoken. The 10-year reign of **Kenny Waldie** has come to an end, "Long live the Jock!"

Tenth Reunion



Next item on the list is the personal information sheets sent in by several hundred of you. **Tim Dowling** has put together the information and we're hoping to make something available by the end of the year. Vince we'll keep you updated on that in the next column. While the Reunion was an unabashed bash, we did learn some things and are having a "lessons learned" meeting in the not-too-distant future. If you have any constructive comments or criticisms please let any one of the Class officers know. The 15th ain't far off . . . What a horrible thought.

It just wouldn't be a Schmermund column without a few Fleet Home Town News Releases so . . . from "Main-O" to Tokyo, from Timbuktu to Kalamazoo from Taipan to San Fran this is the FHTNR report. **Joe Martin** was promoted to the rank of LCdr. while serving the ComDesRon 26 out of Norfolk and LCdr. **John Storvick** reported to for duty at Sub School in Groton. And you were there! Reaching further into ye ol' mail bag, we find an update from **Mark James** correcting his letter reported in the November column. **Marty Bushika**, it turns out, did not take the Florida job with Martin Marietta and apparently is still with NAVSEA here in Washington, D.C.

Also, Karen and **Sal Lilly** have three kids now (not two) and Nancy and **Dave Guza** are no longer in the Boston area. Thanks for the update Mark and congratulations in your new job as Indian scout, "Hell, Colonel Custer, I don't see any Indians around here." Just kiddin' pal. Well America, this is IT!

And now, the end is near it's time to take the final curtain." Yes Frank Sinatra fans, as Mr. Wizard used to say, "Trizzle, trazzle, truzzle, trom, time for this one to come home." After nearly eight years of filling this column with James Joycean-like streams of "un-consciousness," it's time for the Ambassador from Rome, **Vincenzo Balderrama**, to take the reins of the '78 column. For all future correspondence, please send your inputs to Vince at 11734 Critton Circle, Woodbridge, Va. 22192.

While I have a few pages and a couple of minutes left before Janet races off at Annapolis to deliver this to the ever-patient *Shipmate* staff, let me say a few things about this column. This column is YOURS. It's not mine or Vince's or anyone else's. It's dependent on input from you. Some of you have been great about writing, others haven't taken the time to write once in 10 years. Hey, that's your call. We're all busy. But the ol' USNA Field House sign is true, "If not you, who, if not now, when?" Vince needs your help. Phone calls are nice and chance meetings are great, but when you sit down to write a column, the printed word is by far the best record. **Please write.**

Please also understand that even after the tremendous effort of Colonel Wes Hammond and his great *Shipmate* staff, we still have a lead time of about five weeks. Therefore if your news input is dated, naturally the column will be that much more dated. However, any news is better than none. Just try to be timely, accurate and considerate. A columnist's worst nightmare is putting something in the column that isn't true, or that embarrasses someone, believe me I know, I've done it more than once. That's why you see words like "rumor has it" when I describe an engagement or a pregnancy. It's much better to report something after the fact, like weddings or births, just in case. Over the years, I've tried to make this column more than just a running commentary of "Bill's at sea, Bill got married, Bill has kids, Bill is old and gray." That's not my style. But every columnist is different and the more he has to work with, the better the column will be. Please cut the columnist some slack. Class Secretaries are people too. They have spouses and kids and jobs and business trips and sometimes (though surely this master of procrastination never did it . . . Ha, ha ha) they may even miss an issue. I know that's disappointing and I know people miss reading it, but if you're really mad, get even—send

your secretary some news.

I used to love getting nasty notes from people who took the time to complain and then didn't even send me any news. This also applies to typos and missed names and pictures that don't get in on time. If you take the time to correspond you should expect to get your info into *Shipmate*, but please understand that most Class secretaries spend many thankless hours laboring over a word processor or typewriter to get their column in on time every month. If people spent 1/100th of the time that they do to complain to support the Class secretary it would be better for everyone. I also believe that holds true for the aforementioned *Shipmate* staff. Wes Hammond and his folks are hard-working, dedicated people who put together the best damned Alumni magazine in the country—bar none. And Capt. Bill Busik and his Alumni Association staff work hard to support all the Alumni activities that we enjoy. So the next time you see a typo, how 'bout writing a note of support to these fine people about the 99.9% of the time they get it write (or is that "right"). It will be appreciated. It's been fun folks, it truly has. I hope I haven't gotten too sudsy on my box, but I did want to say some things.

And I hope it will help Vince to make this a better column. That can only happen with your help. *Shipmate* is not the daily crab wrapper, it's your lifeline to the Naval Academy. Though I've been out of the Navy for four years now, I can say without hesitation that my best friends, my closest friends are my Academy friends. Some have been linked to *Shipmate* since June of '78, others have just recently gotten involved and others still are not yet participating. I think that's a shame for them. But for the rest of us, those of us who one day will be the ones wearing blue blazers with "Bill the Goat" ties and "You've met your fate with . . . '78" buttons, *Shipmate* has been and will continue to the link back to "Mother B," the press shop, 7th Wing players, Z-z-z-z burgers, Tea fights and the rest. As this past Reunion showed, "But still when two or three shall meet and old tales be retold, from low to highest in the fleet, we'll pledge the Blue and Gold." BEAT ARMY!

I believe in those words and I hope that in some small way I've helped to retell some of those tales in a humorous and thoughtful way. If you got one laugh a column it was worth the effort. More importantly, if this column brought two old buds together, or made someone say, "Hey I think I'll give Harry a call and congratulate him on his promotion," then I've achieved something worthwhile. Now that the Reunion's done and the holidays are here, what better time to drop someone a letter, give them a call, or better yet arrive with your six children on a surprise visit and spend six or seven weeks with your Plebe Summer roommate who can't remember your name and never liked you anyway? Hey, that's what this column is all about. Thanks for all your support and please keep it going for Vince. Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and wonderful holiday season. Until next decade this is Mike Dukakis saying, "Nobody loves me, but my mother, and she could be jivin' too." Sha na na na, hey, hey, . . . Good-bye and God Bless. (Ed. Note—I couldn't let this opportunity pass without saying that *Bob Schmermund's* column is going to be a tough act to top. We'll miss his way in presenting *Class* news.)

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Hello 79,



'79ers Celebrating

Homecoming . . . that about says it all. The turnout was by no means overwhelming but those that did come by the 79 tent were treated to drinks, beer and lots of great food. Our thanks to **Don Geving, Paul Evans, Dave Krueger**, and the others that helped organize it. Speaking of organizing I met the people that put together the 10th Reunion for '78. They are going to give me a list of names for vendors and a timetable with budgets for each event/promo. We need to decide how to finance this project and who is going to do what. Time is very short, if I remember correctly we do have some people that reserved some rooms. Please contact me as soon as possible. Dave Krueger is going to be in charge of handling the memorabilia but his is the only firm assignment at this time. I need to know what types of trinkets we want such as ball caps, t-shirts, mugs, etc.

At the game I saw quite a few people so if I do forget you in this column please excuse my blunder. **Steve Smith** and family were definitely memorable. You probably remember one of the little Smith's heartrending backup vocals on Navy Blue and Gold. I have to admit that I also enjoyed whipping his children into a "play with me" frenzy and then telling them to ask Daddy to play. I also saw **Claude Jordan**. He is still living and working in the D.C. area. **Gabbie and Jack Kasiski** were at the game and I'm still waiting to hear from Missie. **Tom Teynor** is now working at a Nuke plant in Maryland which I believe is on the Eastern Shore. Tom is married with children as the saying goes. **Wendy and Don Gorie** were with their little one too. I saw **Dave Bethel** and his future Olympians but only while we were playing demolition derby in the parking lot.

Chris and Jeff Johnson, Matt Brower (ran into some sailors on his ship who told me that Matt had some interesting liberty calls on his last deployment), **Betty and Charlie Mark** (I want some tickets), **Paul Evans** (scissors in hand looking for Klingensmith), and **Skip Krause**. Skip was with his sister but his wife was left in the desert. Those crazy airdales, go Navy air-fly a desert.

Jim Wise is now stationed out of Norfolk aboard the USS SUMTER and **Frank Hudik** is now an Engineering Duty Officer. **Mike Neller** is out in the Pacific somewhere and **Jenny and I** both want a letter. It must be time to hear from **Claudia and Tom Hicks** too. Although I hear the Browns need a quarterback.

By the way, **Matt Brower** prefers Romania for his shore time off the USS PETERSON. **Mike Lambie** was also at Homecoming and he is working for Arinc if I remember correctly. One last note, would someone please explain to **Paul Evans** that one does not run in a 10k race with one's wallet in the sweatshirt. Oh, Paul, the policeman was a former Marine. **Anne-Ferrell and Bob Tata** had a baby girl in September and named her Peyton Martha.

One last note, thanks to **Don Hubbard and Chris Wenz**, we have 120 rooms booked for next year at the Annapolis Hilton. They are for arrival on 27 October and departure on the 30th. To make your reservation call or write to Don at #7 West Lee St. Baltimore,

Md. 21201, phone 301 625 2488. The cost will be about \$120. The Hilton will not take reservations from you. It has to be done through the master list.

Watch this column for further updates. News on Don, he made law review at Maryland and will graduate in 1989.

Enjoy-Larry K

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HELLO 80

What a great tailgate season this has been for Navy. Every game, '80 has had an excellent turnout at the quonset hut. It seems that half of the Class that lives in the Annapolis area works for ARINC and those guys show up with KOBO, Bart, and Huck all the time, now if only Navy would win a couple. Homecoming was great and as usual I'm going to remember only 30 percent of those attending. **Tim Kobosko, John Huckenpoler, and Bart Nixon** all still from Annapolis. **Marshall and Dianne Atkins** from Pax River, **Harry Coker** from Clinton, Va., **Mark and Amy Czarzasty** still from VaBch, **Jim and Kim Petrocini, Mike Lopez-alagria, Mike "angel" Lortangeli, Lee Barnhill, Brian Burliggame, Chuck and Kelli Zingler** from Burke, Va., **John Taylor** from Richmond, **John and Margret "OHM" Merrill, Duane and Pat Dennis** from Philly, **Armando Mendez, Tony Vanaria, Rueben Padilla, Tina D'Ercole-Jascot, Wayne Bouchers** and a host of others. I should start typing these after the game so I would remember more people.

Harry Coker dropped a short note and a copy of Oct '88 *Military Lifestyle* magazine. On the front cover, stepping out with '80 is **Jim Wilson** and his son, Kevin. These guys are looking good enough to do a calendar of men from the military. I realize that Jim probably bought out the newsstand, but I'm sure a few copies still exist.

Peggy and Tony Verducci announce the birth of their second daughter, **Megan Malone**, born on 13 Oct. 1988. **Tony** is still attending Seton Hall Law School and is in his second year. **Joanne and Bob Fish** announced the birth of their second son, **Jeffrey Armand**, on 10 August 1988. **Bob** is the navigator on **GEORGE WASHINGTON** and will soon be moving to Groton.

Dave Arnold dropped a quick note to let everyone know that he is out of the Navy and living in Dallas with his wife, **Hitomi**, and son, **Kenny**. **Dave** is the software manager for UTL Corp which makes ESM systems. **Dave** would like anyone in the business or anyone from 30th to call or write; 622 Westwood Dr., Richardson, Texas 75080.

Well, sorry this is always so short but I'm always waiting until the last day to do this and *Shipmate* won't print them if they're late. BEAT ARMY, **Smitty**

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Holiday Greetings to All!

It's kind of hard to get in the Christmas spirit as I