

Butler!! After the confusion it initially caused back in 1973, I thought for sure I'd never forget his name. Oh well, sorry Dan. I think the award (unofficial, of course) for traveling the greatest distance to Annapolis has to go to Katie and **Mike Wertz** (32). Mike is an AirWing Landing Signal Officer on MIDWAY . . . they flew from Atsugi, Japan! I was pleasantly surprised to see them when I walked into Dalhgren Hall. **Jim Lochry** from VQ-2 in Rota, Spain came in second. And . . . why were all those civilians there??? If you erroneously used this year's turnout as a representative sample of our Class, I would guess 2/3 of the boys are out. I wish all of you who had other pressing commitments last September could have been there . . . we'll see you at 20th or 25th.

While at the reunion, Martha Gardner, **John Bird's** sister, insisted on making an input even though she and husband Mark (6th) live in the Eastern reaches of the West Coast . . . Memphis. Anyway, **Mark Gardner** and Martha are enjoying that civilian life with their two sons, Michael and Chris. Mark is one of a group from '77 that fly for Northwest Airlines. The other Classmates that I'm aware of are **Skip Chesnut** (32nd), **Bill Ittner** and **Rick Seaberg** (30th). In light of the latest DOT reports on promptness I'd say you guys better get busy.

By the way, that Homecoming dinner, we had was the best I've ever had for a large sit-down meal . . . Super job by the Homecoming Committee.

Locally, I ran into **Bob Julian** (8th) in August. He and Robin are living in Bremerton while Jules is with NIMITZ serving as the assistant Air Ops Officer. He was in town trying to beg, borrow or steal flight time from the A-6 RAG. Isn't he a fighter weenie?

The latest installment from Katie and **Skip Chesnut** reveals the arrival of Russell David on 28 August. Katie informs me that the addition of another child (their first child is daughter Brooke) increases the complexity of one's life by a factor of four than two . . . I can't wait!

Recently, I ran into **Steve Garcia** (16) at a wedding. He has just finished a tour with VA-196 as an A-6 pilot. If that confuses some of you (like it did me) it's because Steve served one tour as a Helo pilot before transitioning. He is moving across the ramp to the RAG as an instructor. Steve and wife Bonnie live in Oak Harbor and have two kids, son Kelly and daughter Jami.

That's all for this quarter's edition from the wild west. Please start those cards and letters coming. If you've been putting off writing, make a New Year's resolution to drop me a short note on what's going on in you life. Until next time, God bless you all. **Dempsey**

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Even in my post-Army-Navy game depression I'm managing to get this article in on time. A Christmas miracle. Speaking of which, **Jimbo Shulson** is back in the States! I saw Jimmy at the game along with **Mo Tose**, **Damien "Mr. Whale" Bonvolour**, **Pete Craig**, **Dennis Reilly** and brother Duke Reilly '79, and **Jock Maloney**. A truly representative group of 78ers. As you're reading this in the Dark Ages of the new year, I hope you all had a happy holiday season and that all is starting well in 1988, the year of the "Big 10th."

Before I give a reunion update, let's go the the mail.



"Dr. Dwarf" Nichols, "Blues" Baker, '77's Gardener



Jim and Jan Fiorelli

Al Baker may be a Navy Chaplain, but he's still "Blues." I can't think of a better guy to keep up the spirits of men who go down to the sea in ships. Al is serving on board RICHMOND K. TURNER and has been doing his ministry in the lovely Persian Gulf. As Al put it, "There are no atheists in fox-holes," or in this case, within range of the Ayatollah. In his travels, Al bumped into my old 15th Company roommate, **Chris Nichols** who passed up a tour as CSO on TICONDEROGA to become scheduling officer on CoMidEastFor on board LASALLE. Out of the proverbial frying pan and into the fire. Dr. Dwarf, who should be an LCdr. by now, is doing well and loves the golfing in Bahrain (Dwarf always was good hitting out of sand traps). Al also ran into John Gardener '77 with ComDesRon 36 (not to be confused with '78's **John Gardiner** who's still with MCI in Virginia). Al closed with some pithy Moslem sayings which, as he explained to his troops, would be very useful while on liberty in the Gulf area, particularly if one were to run into some of the Ayatollah's friends. My favorites are *Auto arraregh davateman mano sepahen hast* which, as most of you know, translates to, "It is exceptionally kind of you to all me to travel in the trunk of your car." And the other favorite travel tidbit is *Akbar khali-kili hafatir loftfan*, which loosely translated means, "Thank you for showing me your marvelous gun." Like I said, Chaplain Baker will always be "Blues." Good luck on your cruise, Al, I know Marla and Rebekka are anxiously awaiting your safe return. God Bless.

Speaking of blessed (Is that a transitional sentence or what?), a short note from Shelley and **Charlie Love** included the good news about their blessed event. A new addition, Tye Ashford, was

born on 30 September. Tye and big brother **Brac** are getting along great in Lewisville, Texas, where Charlie works for Texas Instruments. Charlie notes that three other '78ers work in his building at TI. **Sale Lilly** is selling Harm missiles to NATO and other liberty-loving countries. Also involved with Harm is **Mike Huber** who is a field service representative. I can just see Mike with a briefcase walking up to someone asking, "Excuse me, are you the person who called about our Harm missile brochures." Also there is **Phil Benoit** who finally came to his senses after that wrong move at graduation, left the Army and is working on a program with Charlie. While USNA is well represented, Charlie says that they're still greatly outnumbered by Woops and Zoomies. . . I'll have to talk to H. Ross about this.

Jerry Swartz is on a "Love Boat" cruise in the Med on Charlie's old ship, the SARATOGA. Speaking of SARATOGA — Charlie reports that our own Elliott Ness, **Mark Broome**, is still with the FBI out of Saratoga, Florida. Kevin Costner watch out, we got ourselves a *real* G-man right in '78. I understand the Broome-man is trying to scam his way on "Miami Vice" as Sheena Easton's old boyfriend, but NBC hasn't bought the idea yet. Keep tryin' Mark, maybe you need that Don Johnson stubble look.

Further north, we find that Dale and **Vinnie Rossitto** are living in Maryland and recently had their third son, Matthew Emerson. Congrats to the Rossittos and to the Loves, and thanks for the skinny, Charlie. Just to show that it's never too late to get those cards and letters in, **Jim Fiorelli** has written after a 9½ year hiatus. After graduation Jim started off with 2½ years of flight training pools, SERE school, etc. He then spent 5½ years at Whidbey Island where he flew EA-6's and made a Med and an I.O. deployment. In September of '85, he married Jan Marie Dugan, a Kansas native and nurse by trade who had found herself transplanted to the Northwest. Jim left the Navy in July '86 and embarked with Jan on a summer of travel to Europe, across the U.S. and finally to Oceanside, California. They moved there because both Jim and Jan had decided to pursue a higher calling and joined the staff of the Navigators; an international, interdenominational, Christian ministry serving people at U.S. military bases around the world. While Jim spends much of his time ministering to the spiritual needs of the Marines at Camp Pendleton, he still maintains his Navy ties by flying in the reserves with VC-13 out of Miramar.

Jim also included some up to date info on the following Classmates: **Vin Bellezza** is living in Bucks County, Pennsylvania north of Philly where he works for Pacer Systems. He tries to make computer software user-friendly for P-3 TACCO's (You're a glutton for punishment Vin). **Bob Shinskie** also works at Pacer and **Bryce Zimmerman** is also in the Philly area with GE. Roxanna and **Gerry Guerrero** are in the Pendleton area where Gerry is 1st Tank Battalion supply officer. **Dave Balestrieri** is also flying with VC-13 and is presently flying with American Airlines. Meegan and **Pat McCormick** are living in Phoenix where Pat flies for Delta. Nancy and **Mike Galpin** are in the Miramar area where Mike flies with VF-21 which was deployed to the I.O. Most of you probably know that Galp and a few other USNA boys had some major flight time in "Top Gun." Hell, if you ask me, Galp could have played Cruise's part in "Risky Business." Hey, just kiddin' Nancy. Moving right along, Jim also reports that Carmen and the "Itch-man" **Rich Cellon** are in San Diego where Rich is doing his impersonation of a civilian. As a CEC officer, Rich wears civvies, and works in a downtown office in S.D. Hey, somebody had

to take that billet. Last and certainly not least, **John, the Sturgesman, Sturges** is on a ship homeported in Long Beach. In fact, Sturge, Itchy, **Don Ferree** and Jim were the '78 reps at June Week West in Long Beach. In closing, Jim asks **Fred Hidler** to drop him a line, he's got some contacts for you Fred. Thanks for some great info Jim, and good luck to you and Jan in your work.

Shifting to the Fleet Home Town News poop, we find that **Dave Bruce** is stationed on board USS **CARON** out of Norfolk. **CARON** is about halfway through a Med cruise and was scheduled to make port visits to Spain, Greece, Egypt and Israel. Sounds like a great cruise! Maybe those recruiting posters are true! Then again, I was supposed to deploy to Australia and New Zealand and ended up in Karachi, Pakistan or "Partytown, Pakistan," as we used to call it. Nothing quite like a liberty port in a country where alcohol is forbidden and they burn your tongue out for looking at their women. Well, as Frank Sinatra used to sing, "My kinda town, Karachi is. . ." and "Karachi, Karachi one partyin' town." You get the idea. . . FHTNC also reports that **Chris Wright** recently participated in exercise Kernel Blitz (sounds like a guy I used to know at the Pentagon). Chris is a captain in the Marine Corps and is currently serving with the 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade out of Pendleton.

On to the '88 Reunion Update. Things are moving along smartly. **Steve "Jock" Maloney** has graciously accepted the role of overall coordinator for the reunion weekend. As part of the planning specific areas of responsibilities were accepted by the following individuals: Fundraising — **Joh Rudder**; Tailgater — **Dennis Reilly**; Saturday Nigh Banquet — **Maurice Tose**; Lodging and Transportation — **Bob Schmermund**. Of course, in realit our wives (or wives to be) are doing all the work We're just taking credit for it. As for "the wif to be" Mo Tose finally took the final step an asked Terri to marry him. She foolishly accepted Congrats to Mo, and our sympathies to you, Terri Back to business. . . We are looking for help fror anyone and everyone, particularly if you'r located, or will soon be located in the area. Bu even if you're not, we can always use ideas. Man of you are probably wondering, where the long lost reuion mailout is. Well, for several reasons, including waiting for an updated Alumni list and finalizing our Class charter including the holding of Class elections, we held off on the mailing. As of this issue, the mailout should be well underway. However, in the meantime the Holiday Inn is taking room reservations and plans are continuing. If you want to make room reservations, please call B.J. at (301) 224-3900, Ext. 2903. Make sure you tell her you're with the Class of '78. If you have any questions, please call me or Jan. Well sports-fans, I'm sure I'll have some Christmas card info and pictures to share with you in the March issue, but until then this is the Schmermatollah saying that Mo Tose will undoubtedly be saying in the not too distant future: "Shomaeh fekr tamomeh oeh gofteh bande," or "I agree with everything you have ever said or thought in your life, (honey)." Hey Mo, welcome to wedded bliss.

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Hello '80! **Gary Smith** had emergency surgery on left knee by Captain Cox and didn't get the article in for this issue, but guarantees it will be in next month.

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Happy Holidays! Is it almost 1988 already? For most of us this is the big decision year. It's hard to believe where the time goes. Have lots of news for this issue. Basically, most of the news dates back to Homecoming 1987. Let's get started.



Lee Young, Lisa Yustak, Harry Dorman, Angela Smith



Cathy, Greg and Bridget Zingler

The first letter came from **Craig Mueller**. Craig and Paula travelled all the way from Washington, D.C. to attend the Homecoming football game this year. Craig is stationed at SPA WARS in Crystal City. The Muellers moved to Baltimore to live as Craig began University of Baltimore Law School's night division this past fall. Between the train ride to D.C. each day and school at night the day's must be very long. While at Homecoming Craig and Paula saw **Bobby Moran**, **Billy Freitag**, Karen and **John Hughes**. They all seem to be doing well. Thanks Craig for the line.

Believe it or not I was prepared with paper and pen all weekend for people that I would meet on the street. Talk about looking and feeling like a roving reporter. This next section will be short blurbs based on the info you provided. . .

At the Alumni Dinner on Friday night . . . **Barb Bell**, **Angela Smith**, **Lee Young** and his lovely wife, **Harry Dorman** and **Lisa Yustak**. There were many more people at the football game and tailgaters.

28th Company was well represented with **Steve Burt**, **Chris Rice**, **Don Emerson**, **Gordon Moller** and **Angela Smith**. Some of the folks at Riordan's afterwards included **Dan** and **Margaret Valaik**, **nancy Schiavetta**, and **Gordon Moller**. Just touring the town were **Walt Molano**, **Mike Rafter**, who is the Flag Lieutenant for NMCB7, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, **Joe McQuade**, **Matt Feely**, **Dennis** and **Bonnie Yeatman** and **Craig Faller** who claims to have "sold his soul to the company store" he has prototype duty in Balston Spa, New York with his wife and two children. **John Reilly** was the Com-TraMidPac Coordinator '87. **John** recently married **Christina Lench** from Montclair, New Jersey.

Saw some folks at our tailgater . . . **Tomoko Ishikawa Tanaka** married **Bert** June 27th, 1987. **Bert** is a civilian working in Washington, D.C., while **Tomoko** is on board USS L. Y. **SPEAR** (AS-36) as the ROVSS Officer. **Sue Smola** is assigned to ComSpaWarSysCom in D.C. She is the ASWOC Milcon Project Officer. **Ann Furtner** is assigned to NavMedCom NW Region. She is the USNS **MERCY**'s OPS Officer where she just completed a humanitarian mission to the Philippines and SoPac. **Susie** and **Jim Marler** live in Falls Church, Virginia, where **Jim** is assigned to MTMEC Headquarters. **Marcial Dumlaio** who will be married by the time you receive this claims he is in the pipeline for CNO. **Andy Stephenson**, still in Key West did manage to head North for the game.

Some news about folks as reported by other. **Cathy Gaul Salvato** was due to have a baby this past September. **Cathy** is stationed at the Fleet Training Center, Dan Neck, Virginia. **Mike McCool** is Supply Officer for Mine Group 2 in Seattle, Washington. "Climbed Mt. Baker Lately Mac?" **Valerie Villaneuva** has orders to Bethesda, Maryland. **Bonnie** and **Dennis Yeatman** are expecting their third child. **Cathy** and **Greg Zingler** along with **Bridget**, also enjoyed the Homecoming Festivities.

Well I'm sure there was lots more news from Homecoming, but that is all I have now. Please write to bring us up to date on everyone else.

Carol and **Mike Hull** were passing through Annapolis on leave. All three of the **Hull**'s are doing quite well with **Allyson** walking now. **Mike** ran into some '83 grads during his travels and they include **Jim Wooley** who is with HMM-264 in New River, as is **Jim Evans**. **Russell Robinson** is on USS **MANTIWOC** in Norfolk while **Rob Papp** is the Cryptologist on USS **NASSAU**. **Frank McNeil** is the general's aide in Camp LeJeune. **Frank** is apparently doing quite a bit of traveling.

Received a note from **Kevin Hymers**. After returning from a six-month pump in Japan, **Kevin** returned to Beaufort, South Carolina (MCAS) to