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Autumn is upon us. For those of us in eastern climes, lawn mowers give way to leaf blowers and rakes. Madras prints are replaced with soft flannels, rugby shirts and school sweats. A cool chill is in the air and armchair quarterbacks busily warm up their elbows for the long season of 16-ounce curls, flex their remote control thumbs over four channels of continuous game coverage and strain their vocal cords with screams of "It WAS GOOOOD, I'd NEVER have called that play! INSTANT REPLAY!" A new Plebe Class is entering a season of touchdown human funnels and push-ups. While across the globe, echo thoughts of Blue and Gold and nostalgia falls upon us . . . reminiscences of seasons past. . . . For those of you fortunate to relive those days at home games this year, be certain to catch the '78 tailgaters. This year we are trying to make it easier to spot. Rather than trying to recognize stupored Classmates and follow them about a meandering zig-zag which would make even the best torpedo-evader proud, instead go directly to the EAST Parking lot, near the Elks Club. Along the tree line you'll spy a '78 Banner and some Blue and Gold traffic cones, not to mention your euphoric Classmates. (Remember just roll'em over so the brass buttons don't show!) . . . Come join us in the festivities!

Mike Crisp should be back from IO/WestPac. In July he wrote that he'd been homesteading in the fighter community out on the West Coast. (Actually, the "Homestead" is in Poway, California according to Mike's wife Jane and sons Tommy, 31/2 and John Henry, 1. After two tours flying F-4s on the MIDWAY (with an admiral's aide tour wedged in) he transitioned to F-14s in '86. Upon his return with VF-1 aboard the USS RANGER he'll be going to VF-124 in Miramar for instructor duty. Bob Stuart and Tom Trudell were RANGER shipmates of Mike's, flying A-6s and E-2s respectively. Mike also noted that Eric Nelson and Bill Poole are still on active duty in Hawaii. John Martin is out of the Navy, working for Hughes in Los Angeles. Mike Galpin is with VF-21 and the last Mike knew, Bob Fallon was at VF-126 in Miramar. Mike and Jane want Classmates to know the "Welcome" mat is always out if you in happen to be in the area.

I don't know whether it's an indication that we are getting senior enough to require higher level training and schools, or that the Navy/Marine Corps has come to the realization that we are sorely in need of some education, but either way we have a large contingency going through PG School in Monterey. It must have been a Class writing assignment, because for some reason I got two letters from students of "Pebble Beach U" within days of each other. The first came from big Jeff Carpenter. Jeff's gets the "I know where EVERYBODY is award" as his letter was bursting with info! Get your scuba masks on 'cuz here go the floodgates:

Chris Burgin is a stockbroker in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Scott McKee and Scott Provow are both Delta pilots. McKee is living in Annapolis and Provow in Granbury, Texas. (Those of you who read last month's column know that's old news about Scott Provow.) John Wissler is still in the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton. Jerry Schwartz an admiral's aide in Washington, DC. Steve Sutton is working for a major oil company in Nashville, Tennessee. Charlie Love is working for Texas Instruments in Dallas. Mark Boensel is attending the Naval War College. Matt Pasztalaniec is serving his department head

tour in an F/A-18 squadron aboard MIDWAY. Carps confirmed Mike Crisp's news that Bob Fallon is at Miramar flying in an adversary squadron. Gary Rupp is out of the Marine Corps, believed to be selling insurance in the Chicago area. John Simmons is an MD in Geneva, Alabama. Charlie Nickell is working at a nuclear plant in Columbia, South Carolina, as is Otto Bulich in Calvert County, Maryland. Paul Lynch is back in A-6s at Oceana. Mark Broome is with the FBI and living in Tampa, Florida. Vinnie Rossitto is an EDO at Dahlgren, Virginia. Also at PG School are: Doug Ray, Larry Price, Ned Davis, John Hollyer, Vance Moore, Gary Evans, Rich Holzknecht, Charles Bell, Jim Small, Hank Van Oss, Kevin White, Paul Blais, Craig Cowen, Jim Felton, Mac McKeon, Andy Winns, Kevin Cheezum, Mike Combs, Gary Shaw, Dan Barnd, Dave Barile, and Rick "Pogo" Reece. Any of you desiring to get a hold of Jeff can reach him at the library at PG school (aka 19th Hole) or better yet, 22 Mervine Street, Monterey, Calif. 93940.

The second letter was from Vance Moore who sent a picture of what looked like a typical Monterey "study session"—Gathered with Vance around a bucket of brews were Ned, Craig, Mike, Larry, and Ken. According to Vance's letter there are "a ton (approx.-30)" '78ers at PG school. As Jeff's letter proved there are fewer numbers than that, but I'm sure the combined weight is more than a ton!! Still, that estimate's close enough for government work and partial credit, Vance. Thanks for the scoop, guys.



Monterey study session

The last letter comes from Charlene and Skip Bayes, complete with sketched artwork of an H-3, home and family. (If that was Kenneth's handiwork you have a talented and budding artist. If one of those was Skip's, as the note hinted, I wouldn't get out the .) In May Skip transferred from USS NIM-ITZ to NAS Jacksonville. After completing the HS RAG he'll report to HS-7. They are all excited about the move and more ecstatic to have joined the ranks of the mortgaged as they just bought their first home! It's in Orange Park, Florida, near the air station. It sounds great and has all the features that have Elizabeth and me envious (lots of bedrooms, big kitchen, bay windows, pool . . . plenty of beer . . .). Charlene noted that Skip especially loves the built-in sprinkler system. (Hey, get him out of the sprinklers . . . you've got a pool now!) As for the kids, Ken is now in the third grade. Not to be outdone by her big brother, Angela is also in school-pre-school that is. It was really an upbeat letter as is Skip's way. The only down side was his inquiry about my old copper 280Z (*sigh*) . . . I no longer own it. After 126,000 miles of great memories (and a few speeding tickets) it became a casualty of my married conversion and domestication. I still pine away each time I see one drive by . . . I wonder how many of you players in the "Great Z-buy of the spring of '77" still own your

The Reserve Majors' list came out in the Navy Times and I noticed Greg Baur was on the list. Also congrats again to **Tim Hanifen**. He picked up his 2000th safe flight hour award (a major milestone in an aviator's career), but more importantly he was augmented back into the Regulars. It's tough competition, especially for re-treads, but we're all happy to note you made the cut and will be around the Corps for some time to come!!

Since I have the space I'm able to follow up on some of the backlog of FHTNR's, so I'll capsulate them: A June FHTNR reported that LCdr. Al Nugent received a Meritorious Service Medal for his service as the DCA aboard USS Constellation. The award was for a specific action in containing a fire which lasted 23 hours in the machinery spaces. It read Al's "leadership and extensive knowledge of firefighting procedures, made him instrumental in containing a fire and preventing major injuries to personnel." Way to go Al!! Capt. Carl J. Gavin is an instructor at VT-10 in Pensacola. In July he was named Instructor of the Quarter for the squadron. Gary Leaman is with HSL-35 in North Island. From the bio section of the FHTNR I saw that Gary also picked up an MS at Monterey. (Boy, all these Master's degrees are giving me an inferiority complex.) Warren Robinson pinned on his LCdr. in July and reported for duty at SWOS Command in Newport, Rhode Island. Whew, that's all the "official" press

The last bit concerns some Class business . . . After a little volunteerism on your part (accent on little) and some extensive phone recruiting and clever coercion (defined-blackmail) by our President, **Jock Maloney**, the results of our great Company Rep search are in. Here they are, by company:

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The purpose behind the reps is to assist in fostering Class communication, comraderie and Class "networking." You'll be hearing from your rep in the near future to update a locator sheet and seek your help in finding our "lost souls." The company reps will be forwarding that information to our Class historian, Tim Dowding (who's done a bang-up job for us!). Tim will then input that into our data base. The goal is to try and get 90% of our Class located by the end of the year which will lead us to be able to publish a Class news directory sometime next year. This is a big step toward enhancing our Class' active role in the Alumni Association and promoting more activities among ourselves. Well, that's all folks . . see you at the tailgaters and keep those cards and letters coming in!

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Membership: 92%

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I am sure that we are undefeated now and rolling towards the big Reunion. As I write this, we have money rolling in so it looks as if we will be able to pay some bills. This column has to be short because it has to be mailed today. I am sure that next month's will be longer since I am getting lots of phone calls.

John Byzewski is a rugby legend now and is deployed to Okinawa. John, I'll try to get you a beer! Gary Herbold is wandering around as the S-4 I think for 2nd Mar Div, 4th battalion. I am now officially unable to speak Marinetalk. Tom Brandl and Sharon are in Camp Lejeune and should be at Homecoming with some luck. Rick Fitzwater is also still in but I can't figure out where. Jeff Johnson and Chris just had a baby girl, Kelly, in August. Kelly is their second. Lorie Forman aka Dancer and I talked today, she and Mike are now at Pax River. They have two boys. Bob Graham and Maria are not to be outdone as they have four boys. Bob is on deployment and headed for PG School in late-Fall. Kelvin Womach is up in Newport, Rhode Island, with Peat, Marwick and Main. He and Marlene are enjoying it. Rich Lanning is up in New Jersey working for GE and is married to Alex which I guess is short for Alexandra? Tom Herrmann and Betsy are up in Connecticut. Tom finished Harvard and is in some good deal development program with United Technologies. Jim Hillan and Sylvia are out in California. Jim went to the Air Force Top Gun school. They have one son and are at Point Mugu. Gary Gearing and Lisa have three children and are living in the Pittsburgh area. Gary works in his family business that is involved in coating metals, I think. Paul Hatch and Mary-Ann have a girl named Lauren. They are in the D.C. area where Paul is a broker. Tim Dumbauld and Kathy are also in the area but on the Maryland side. Tim works for Beta,

I warned you it would be short and it is. See you at Homecoming! Larry K

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HELLO '80

I know it has been a long time since I last wrote an article and I've almost forgotten how to type. I have plenty of mail so I can't use that as an excuse, would you believe I've been too busy teaching Kobo how to be a godfather? Anyway, I hope that the worst is behind me. Some quick admin notes and then I'll pass along the news. Monte Burke has offered to set up some rooms for Homecoming 90 and you should contact him directly at 333 Rector Place, Apartment 3A, New York, N.Y. 10280. We are looking for Classmates to help organize the ten-year and I would like someone to head the event. Please contact me for details. Finally, we need to form an election committee for our 10-year elections. I understand that Crowdaddy may not run again and I know that I'm not doing the Class any good based on my recent performance. I feel that doing this column for the past nine years has been extremely rewarding and I thank evervone who put up with my antics, but I feel that my editorial style is growing stale and could use some new lies. Speaking of which, Greg Hunter and Edie gave birth to a baby girl, Daniele Lacee, on 7 August in New Bern, North Carolina. Huntman has finally decided to settle down and I understand that he's adjusting quite well.

Dave Arnold has recently retired as the Rec Services Officer in NAS Adak and is now working as a Software mgr for UTL Corp in Richardson, Texas.

I received a long letter from Mike Reed who, with wife Katherine and daughter Jeanne, lives in Coronado where he is the navigator on New Orleans. Mike is company secy and passes some info on:

The Clement's: Dave and JJ are fine and they have a new addition so Congrats are in store! Maura was born in April '88 and is doing well. Jeffrey is making it through the two's and isn't too "terrible." Dave received the award given to the Navy JAG of the Year (Nice Going!!) and the family got to travel to Toronto, Canada, for the awards ceremony. Dave has received orders to Newport, where he will be an instructor at the Naval Justice School.

The Gildner's: Will and Ann are doing fine. Jeanne and I had dinner with them here in San Diego last Fall. I am happy to announce that Will has made captain before the rest of us . . . that is Will has crossdecked into the Air Force. Yes, he is flying for the Boys in Blue.

The Haley's: Char wrote that JR should have his wings before Christmas and they would be back in Oak Harbor by Jan. Hope this letter catches you. Congrats on receiving your pilot wings and in 14 months!! You must not have had the student pools that some of us did. The boys are fine though the moves have been tough—Johnny has been in four schools in two years.

The Herrscher's: Dan and the clan are here in San Diego. Dan is out of the Navy and working for Lifecycle Engineering. He was hired as an engineer and is working preventative maintenance programs. He is still in the Reserve and is the ship control and supply officer. He drills on USS COPELAND.

The Lair's: Brian, Jeanette and the boys are doing well and surviving in Corpus Christi. He is still flying for Customs and enjoying it and looking great!! If anyone passes through Phoenix, you should give them a shout. Brian, if you ever head this way with one of those Custom birds give me a call.

John Link is doing well. He is still at Three Mile Island working with reactors.

The Peters: Matt and Liz started last year in D.C. where Matt was in the Program Appraisal Division of OpNav. From there he received orders to San Diego and TAO School last June and then onto the ComCarGru-1 staff aboard Constellation.

The Shettle's: Mike, Charity and Sarah moved to Norfolk in October where Mike is a "Shooter" aboard ROOSEVELT.

Jerry Chandler and Bill Webber wrote from the Moslem world. Chan and Webs are hanging out together at the Bahrain Pool, the garden spot of the Arabian Gulf. Chan is back in the Navy and is flying on the ELROD. Chan will be back in NAS JAX in October and would like some of the fellas to stop by and see him. Webs is OIC of the EOD det out of Sandy Eggo and is spending his Summer vacation in Bahrain. Webs had his first male issue and is departing for Guam, another great island, in November. He wants anyone, except Crowdaddy, in 29th, to see/call him at 736 Iris Ave., Imperial Beach, Calif. (92032). Alex Funke dropped a line from Colorado Springs where he lives with his wife, Joan and three daughters. Pup received a master's in Construction Mgmt from Stanford and started a hotel renovation company in Colorado. I understand he's coming back to Annapolis next year to redo the THRI-IFT Inn.

I'm going to close now, but I still have at least ten letters to catch up with so don't despair. Please start thinking of Homecoming because we need lots of help in order to make it a success. I'll see everyone at the tailgaters this season, it promises to be a good one. I understand the football team won't be too bad either.