Sunnyvale. He invites all Classmates and friends to look him up when in the area.

I received a terrific letter from June Wright detailing the adventures of she and her husband, Eric. June and Eric were married in Guam in 1983 and then headed to Charleston as Weapons Officer in USS VON STEUBEN (Gold). Eric changed his designator to Oceanography and they headed off to NPS where he earned a master's in oceanography and meteorology. He is assigned as C.O. of Oceanographic Unit Three aboard USNS H.H. HESS (T-AGS-38). This last Fall, June was to give birth to their first child. I hope all is well!

Dave Ziemba finished up a Master's in Operations Research at NPS this Spring. He and Janice have a three-year-old daughter by the name of Emily and were expecting another last October. Dave mentioned that as NPS club champion (golf), he was an alternate to the 1989 AT&T National Pro-Am. He halved Jack Nicklaus on the 18th at Spyglass in a practice round! Go get 'em Dave! Jane and Greg Cornish live in Charleston, South Carolina, with their two children Patricia, 10, and Christopher, 7. Greg is the CO of USS FEARLESS (MSO 442) and plans to roll ashore (after six years at sea) sometime this Summer. Greg spent his department head tour as Weapons Officer in USS ELMER MONTGOMERY (FF-1082) and as CSO in USS WILLIAM V. PRATT (DDG-44). While serving as CO in USS FEARLESS, Greg made a five-month deployment to the Persian Gulf where he steamed over 9700 miles under the ship's own power. Well done

Ray Coulombe worked as a start-up test Engineer for General Electric. He now is attending, full-time, the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia. Look him up; he lives in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Morgan McQuiston is working for an engineering consultant in Portland, Oregon. He, wife Kim and sons, Michael, 11, Sean, 7, live in nearby Beaverton. Morgan mentioned other '77ers in the area include: Lee Slaughter, who is an electrical design engineer for Portland General Electric's Trojan Nuclear Power Plant; and Myles Toguchi, who is a sales rep for Pfizer. He visited Kerry Knoizen's wife Betsy and their two children down in Florida. Kerry graduated from med school last year and is involved with an internship in Bethesda. Anne and Phil Wisecup will be moving to San Diego where Phil will report as XO in USS VALLEY FORGE (CG-50). Best of luck in your tour Phil. Drop me a line with all that D.C. news you picked up on the OP-06 staff!

That's all from me this month. Dempsey has a few things to add from the West Coast. Please note his new address. Until next month . . . Happy trails, Bill.

In the last few months I've heard from five Classmates. Jim Blasko wrote just after Christmas to say that he was en route to the PXO course in Newport. He just left USS LONG BEACH as DCA and has successfully passed the engineer's exam in Washington, D.C. From school, he will be decommissioning XO of the USS Hoel (DDG-13). En route his travels, Jim saw Sam Locklear on his way to XO USS TRUXTON (CGN-35). Clark Hardy dropped me a line, with a little prompting. He left the Navy in 1986 and works for Hallmark Cards in the Kansas City, Missouri, area. He and wife, Joanne, have a two-year-old daughter, Courtney.

Tom White is living in Haverhill, Massachusetts. He left the Navy in 1982 and after attending business school, has been involved with a variety of things. Currently, he is starting his own consulting firm dealing in environmental issues. He is engaged and may tie the knot next year. He is also the father of twin boys! Thomas has been busy with Paul Labossiere and Paul Craig ('78) racing off Long Island. It sounds as though they are pretty competitive.

As an update to my last letter, Randy Bannister's wife wrote to say that I left him out of the early Cdr.



The Stones



The Wrights

list. Sorry. I got her letter and still haven't received the issue with the omission. We in the Foreign Legion have to put up with so much.

As for me, I'm leaving sea duty this Summer and will be remaining in Japan as an AEDO. Also, my wife, Jeanne, gave birth to a 7 lb, 7 oz little girl on 8 February. Talk about changes to one's life! God surely is blessing us.

Finally, if anyone knows where **Steve Paramore** or **Steve Perris** are, please write me at my new address: DMS Box 67-114, FPO Seattle 98767.

Take care and God bless! Dempsey.

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Membership: 83%

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This month has been a "target rich environment" for Classmate sightings. The combination of newsbrimming letters, phone calls and accidental meetings should push this column once more to its limits . . . so let's get to it!

**Bill Timme** (31st Co. Rep) passed on a four-page fact-filled copy of his newsletter. Here's the capsulated version with apologies for editorial license:

Debbi, **Ron Loveland** and sons Stephen, 7, and Eric, 4, are in Norfolk, Virginia. After nabbing a Master's in Engineering Acoustics from NPGS, Monterey in '85, Ron has been acting as a watch officer at CinCLant. This July he heads back to JAX for a Dept. Head tour with VP-16.

Bill Burke picked up an MBA from Marymount University also in '85. He and Mary have two kids, Jacqueline, 6, and William, 4. Bill is the navigator on USS OMAHA but should go on to XO this Summer.

David Nix left the Navy in April '89 and now works with Nalco Chemical Company in Rochester, Minnesota, in sales. According to Dave and his wife Diane, it's COLD up there!

After an exchange tour with the Royal Navy, Bill Timme worked as the commissioning Engineer on USS TENNESSEE. Now he's the sub Dept. Head detailer (his forked tongue operation was a success!). In early '91 he'll go on to an XO tour. His bachelor days are numbered though as this May he'll have tied the knot with Suzette Jeffries. (This should replace his previous self-proclaimed greatest accomplishment of finishing the '89 Marine Corps Marathon. Hey, Bill the marathon is easy; IT only last a few hours and the pain subsides after a few days . . . Ouch! Stop hitting me, Lib I'm typing!). Bill is working on his Master's in Engineering Management at Catholic University, while trying to make as many peoples' lives as miserable as possible. He reports he's succeeding at it!

Janeen and George Wadzita have two kids, Kerri 2½, and Brent, 1. (But that was to change with one en route at the end of April.) In Jan. of '89 George took over as Officer-in-Charge of a submarine rescue vehicle AVALON, in San Diego. He will probably go on to an SSBN XO slot at the end of this year.

Connie and **Rob Hanckel** are doing fine. Rob is now a government agency trader for Smith, Barney, Harris, Upham and Co. in New York, making money the old-fashioned way. Rob also picked up an extra sheepskin in '88, an MBA from the University of Virginia.

Mark Koepke and his wife, Denise Knoebel, have four sons, Jason, 10, Daniel, 6, Matthew, 4, and Andrew, 4. Having picked up an MS in '80 and a PhD in '84 from the University of Maryland Mark is now a professor of physics, nurturing fertile minds at the University of West Virginia in Morgantown. (Bill noted that at one point Mark was involved in fusion research. Hey, that's too heady for me as I'm still workin' on that pushing a rope thing!)

Mary and Scott Pihlaja have three kids, Beau, 10, Stephen, 7, and Mandy, 6. Scott left the Corps in '84 and works as Engineering Manager for Honeywell in Maple Plain, Minnesota. He's also attending seminary working on an MA in Theological Studies and hopes to eventually go on to doctoral studies. In the next 8–15 years he'd like to teach at the college level. Right now he gets the practice as he and Mary are busy teaching their children. They've been home schooling for the past six years.

Nancy and **Dave Ehyler** and sons Daniel, 7, Michael, 5½, and Matthew, 3, are in Monterey, California. After the usual nuke tours of sea, school, and sea (engineer on USS LIPSCOMB and navigator on USS BALTIMORE), he's now back at school in the Space Systems Operations curriculum at NPGS.

My old Navy Justice School comrade, Mark "Beau" James, picked up an MBA from Duke University in '85 and now works for the Trust Company Bank of Atlanta as an R&D Analyst. In their leisure he and Connie enjoy sailing and diving in the Keys and the Carribbean.

Kitty and Rich Valenstein are expecting baby #1 this month. While he was an instructor at USNA Rich found time to garner an MBA from Maryland. Now he works for Ford as a pricing analyst, currently with the Asia-Pacific Group in Dearborn, Michigan. Kitty is Director of Marketing and Leasing with a developer. They both started a publishing company called Capital Publications which is a commercial real estate guide for metropolitan Detroit. The third issue will be available in March.

Sharon and Ron McNeal have been "homesteading" in San Diego most of the time since graduation. The only break was a payback tour as Flag Lt/Sec for CTF 70 in Cubi Point. War College enabled him enough free time to also grab a Master's in Management from Salve Regina. Now Ron is the Safety Officer for VF-114 on the "Big E" as she makes a round-the world cruise.

Vicki and Ron Brownley have one daughter, Holly, 6. Ron is a pilot for American Airlines based out of Raleigh, North Carolina. (Hey Ron, Elizabeth used to take piano lessons from your sister. As much use as she gets from our piano . . . I want my money back!)

Sue and **Tom Algeo** also have one daughter, Megan, 3. Tom got his JD from Temple in '88 and now practices law with a firm in Perkasie, Pennsylvania.

Rennette and **Dewain Forbis** have their hands full with five kids, David, Patrick, Kevin, Cameron and Summer. After a final tour as an engineering officer on a boomer Dewain left the Navy. He's now a senior engineer for Applied Power Associates in Omaha, Nebraska. He's still in the Reserve with the CinCUSNavEur Reserve Detachment.

Jenny, Eileen, 6 mos., and Sean Donovan are living in Northern California. Sean entered the Uniformed Services medical school program in '85 (as an ensign again!) and received an MD in '89. Currently he's doing his internship at Oakland Naval Hospital. Next month they'll all return to Bethesda for his radiology residency. Bill reported that Sean had, at one time, considered being a priest but instead became interested in the medical field. (I was once also interested in the priesthood. I figured, poverty, chastity, obedience? . . . Just pick two and join the Marines.)

This month marks Cindi and Rich Polek's third anniversary. Congratulations! Rich got out of the Nuke Navy in '83. For a time he worked with Westinghouse Nuclear Training Services where he picked up a senior reactor operator certification from the NRC. He went on to work with a nuclear engineering consulting firm, Impell Corp, before moving on to their owner, Combustion Engineering last Fall. Now he's the resident site manager at Zion Nuclear Station.

Paula and Gerry Goodwin have three kids, Ricky, Damian, and Sherrise. Gerry has been working for the Buick Motor Division of GM as an electrician since '77.

Cindee and Jay Goree have three kids Stephanie, 11, Ashley, 9, and Brennar, 2 mos. Jay is the Ops Officer on USS DETROIT. (You may have recall their '87 wedding picture aboard the Presidential Yacht SEQUOIA in a past *Shipmate* issue.) Brennar was a tax baby born last December at 7 lbs 13 oz. Thanks to Lamaze and a ship that would not sail Jay was able to be there for his son's arrival.

Cindy and **Bruce Sinkule** live in the Annapolis area. Bruce is vice president for commercial lending at First National Bank of Maryland, which involves a lot of travelling.

Jack Christensen just completed a tour as Navigator on USS OLYMPIA out of Pearl Harbor. He's now changed coasts and is XO of a new construction subbeing built at Electric Boat Shipyard in New London, Connecticut.

Rebecca and **Dan Barnd** are among the many at NPGS in Monterey. Dan is still in the Marines. Speaking of Marines, Patty and **Charlie Pangburn** are living in the D.C. area with their two kids, Kimberly and Charles. Charlie received a JD from Villanova in '83 and is now the Adjutant at the Marine Barracks at 8th and I in Washington, D.C. You may recognize him during some of their parades, he'll be the one with a sword in one hand and a legal pad in the other.

Catherine and **Jim Hughes** are alive and well and living . . . where? All Bill had said was that Jim was out of the Navy and believed to be a pilot for an airline.

Bill even had word on the 31st Co Officer, Capt. Randy Bogle ('68). Capt. Bogle is now the Navy V-22 Officer in OP 504. He just reported in Feb '90 after a tour as XO of USS OKINAWA. Bill asks for help in rounding up these other 31st Co lost souls: Ken Aiken, Bill Henderson, Vic Camargo, Steve Jacoby, Pfunandre Redvict, Tom Link, Carl Tinsley, Skip



B.C. tailgater



"Still captains!" Spegele, Beceril, Williams

Marks, Frank Walndle, Isaiah Jones, Bill Cummings, and Tom Mulhare. Thanks for all the news, Bill! Whew!!

I talked with **Scott Provow** last night and he passed on the following 21st Co. update:

Matt Rausch checked in to NPGS in Monterey to study computer systems management. Former AC Board victim, Paul Nunez went in the Marines and now is also at PG School. Matt Pastalniec is on USS MIDWAY with VFA-151. He's the maintenance officer but will become the Ops O soon. Charlie Nickel has three boys and works for Westinghouse in Aiken, South Carolina. He started out in engineering and now is in management. He's currently working on an MS in Mechanical Engineering. Tom Holman was on USS WISCONSIN where he was MPA, Chief Engineer, and "plankholder" for 22 months. Now Tom's with the Undersea Warfare Division of ComOpTev Four in Norfolk, Virginia.

Otto Bulich works as an engineer for Baltimore Gas and Electric's Calvert Cliffs nuclear plant. Bob Ross is still a bachelor. He's living in the San Francisco Bay area working for Kim Hip Enterprises out of Hong Kong. Right now he's trying to sell some company property in the Bay area as they make a move from Hong Kong to China. Paul Lynch is still in the Navy. His wife Mary Ann just left the Navy but is staying active with the Reserve. As for Paul, he's XO of the Medium Attack Wing School in Virginia Beach. (I ran into Paul at the recent Navy League Convention in Washington, D.C. Judging from the looks of him it appears he still gets time to do some sailing!) Jeff Carpenter completed PG School and was en route to Little Rock, Arkansas, for C-130 refresher. By now he should be at PAX River flying EC-130's while his wife, Wendy, is flying Reserve C-12's out of Andrews. At the end of this month John Wissler should be reporting to Quantico for Command and Staff School. Judging by that he's still in the lean green fighting machine and very likely one of the few majors we have.

Speaking of lean green machines, I got a letter from the Marine Det at USNA via J. J. Spegele. J.J. short toured at NPGS. (He didn't like to golf.) In the hopes of returning to catch a winning season of Navy football. He now can say it is much better to watch a march-on than to be in one!! With his MS in Computer Science and Information Systems, J.J. is fully

qualified to teach Basket Weaving 101 in the Computer Science Department. He, Donna, Elizabeth, 8, John, 6, and Brian, 2, are living in quarters on Hospital Point. ("Red Alert" at Capt Spegele's!!). "Disco Miguel" Becerll has remained unchanged after all these years. Rumor had it that he almost stopped smiling while attending Cal State Long Beach while he worked on an MA in economics. The "payback" was worth it though as he is THE gouge prof for both Econ and Spanish. Sharon and he are in the area until they roll for parts unknown in this Summer. John Williams is the last of dinosaurs—F-4 RIOs. He bounced around the pattern long enough at PG School to snag an MS in EE. Now he teaches cables, which he claims is not really all that hard. (Take it from a Lydorff trained man, it is!!) John, Vivian, Tina, 10, Katie, 6, and Susan, 2, are living in St. Claire. For equal service billing, others at USNA include: T. G. Rubenstein, 3rd Co Officer, Joe Gattuso, 36th Co Officer, and John B. Sturges (aka LCdr. HUGE, at least that's what the Mids say.), 17th Co Officer. Spence Witten teaches in the Sea Nav and doubles in the Computer Science Department. Rich Mooney works in the 'Dants staff as his Assistant Operations Officer. Dave Surgent retired to CivLine and is working with USPA in Annapolis.

The last note comes from our leader, Steve "Jock" Maloney. He had spoken to Bill "If" Fell. Bill's daughter, Kimberly, has a new little brother, Billy, as of about five months ago (now more like 7 mos). Bill and Debbie are doing fine and living in Battle Creek, Michigan. "If" is still in the Corps and on an I&I tour which should last for about another year. In fact Bill, Mike Gasapo (MOI at Michigan) live close enough to have been able to make a few Wolverine games. Jock also passed on a photo which attested to the success of some Navy away game tailgaters. In it were Kevin "Grinch" Lynch, Bob Schmermund, Pete Craig and an unrecognized Classmate—Must be the "cookie duster," the hat, age? Say Pete, who was that masked man?!

This past two weeks found me frequenting Washington, D.C. for business. While at the Navy League Convention I came across a few Classmates also selling their wares to Uncle Sam. Herb Nyberg left Perry Systems in Florida and is now a business development specialist with General Dynamics Boat Division in Groton, Connecticut. Herb says that despite all the referrals he's thrown John Rudder's way who have found jobs, he still hasn't gotten his free meal from Rudder. Don Schneider was walking through the convention halls and passed out a card which only says he works in Sterling, Virginia but not with whom. (As I recall, he's doing some consulting work on his own.) Tom Wittenschlaeger answered my common question posed to the familiar face "Yes, we're Classmates." Tom is the Manager of Division Marketing and Business Development for the Surface Ship Division of Hughes in Fullerton, California. He and Suzanne live near my old neck of the woods in Orange, California.

I talked with Lita and Lee Yarberry the other day. Lee's tour with the I&I at Grand Rapids, Michigan is up, their house is sold, bags are packed, with orders in hand to ship their household goods, but to a destination, as yet unknown. Seems Lee is in Limbo awaiting the results of the majors promotion board. He's hoping to go back to USNA as a Co Officer or crew burn. But where he will go depends on whether he's a Captain or Major. Don Beverlin is doing fine. He and the family are still in Copell, Texas. Don's in business with a friend manufacturing and distributing hair care products. The business is picking up and they have a product with which they hope to go national. Rick Anderson is still with Vitro Corp. in Dahlgren, Virginia. He and Lynne just had a baby a few months back, I think a brother for young Richard. Unfortunately I can't find my quickly scribbled note on the subject. Sorry, Rick. But how about dropping me an update to get my act straightened out?

I close with two FHTNR received this after last months deadline: The first said that LCdr. Steve Curtiss had (Feb. timeframe) returned from a deployment in WestPac and the IO while serving aboard USS New Jersey. The second release just mentioned that LCdr. Don Free had participated in Exercise Valiant Usher. Don is on the dock landing ship USS FORT FISHER, homeported in San Diego.

After another marathon session at the computer that's all there is to say folks!! Should any of you see me at any more conventions (particularly at the cocktail hour receptions) just remember to "Roll me over so the brass buttons don't show." This month marks 12 years from commissioning and June Week '78!! Happy Anniversary, Classmates!! . . . See you in next month's column.

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Membership: 93%

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Wellll, Myyyy Goodness! Lots to cover, lots to talk about this month fellow Niners. We're striving for quality info, not quantity. Yeah sure, the other guys get the quantity, but does it really mean anything? I don't think so. That's why this month will be a Total Quality kind of thing. So let's get busy!

Mike got a good response for company reps, however, more of you are needed/requested. If you're interested, please write to Mike for the okie-dokie. Once a majority of the companies have responded, a list will be published of each company's rep. Why company reps? Because then we as a Class can begin to make a big difference in our Alumni Association; In things like Class reunions (even have a fifteenth or eleventh for that matter, better than the tenth, which from what I heard, was THEE best damn three-day party on earth); In even more important things like Class projects. WE can come up with lots o' stuff to put the Class of '79 on the map. Most importantly, because we can all have fun keeping in touch with each other while exercising that crazy USNA '79 heritage we've earned. That's the direction Mike would like to see us take. Let's make some good things happen and have some chuckles while we're doing it. And I'm getting a big cavity in my left lower bicuspid so I'll quit the sweet sappy stuff and get on with the rest of it, but, please keep the above on the

Got a great letter from Vince Bousa. He is out of the cockpit (hopefully not for long) and into the pit, I mean Rock (Okinawa, Second Battalion, Second Marines). It's his payback for a three-year SAR tour in Kaneohe, Hawaii. In addition to flying the Mighty War Frog and going home every night, he also got 700 hours in the C-12 AND became a C-12 instructor pilot. Vince, I hate your guts! You deserve six months of Advanced Miserable training for that good deal. Maryann and Vinnie have three little ones; Jonathan, 9, Kimberly, 7, and Christine, 5. Sounds like Maryann has her hands full while Dad's off playing Air Officer. Vince will be going CivDiv real soon and is looking to fly for somebody's friendly skies. If any of you airline pilots can help, Vince promised me he'd buy you a new Ferrari. Vince also sends word of a few other Niners. Dave "The Rave" Bethel has finally been located. He's a Company Commander (you mean somebody gave Dave NJP authority? Run for your lives!) with Third Battalion, Fifth Marines out of Camp Pendleton. At this writing (April), he's

in Korea. Paul "Peck" Gehring is flying as copilot in the President's helo with HMX-1 in Quantico. (Mimi, was I drinking at the '261 flight suit party?). By the way Peck, Vince needs you to lie for him by telling the character reference guy that Vince is perfectly normal and not really a derelict. Vinnie also mentioned that **Dom Gorie** has been at Pax River doing the right stuff. Thanks for the lowdown Vince.

Allan Kuong has been surgically demoted to Ensign, MC, while he's attending medical school at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine. (Get it? "surgically demoted", "med school"; it's all part of keeping you at the Cusp of Comedy while reading the article.) In two more years Al's going to be Doctor Kuong and a LCdr. with I imagine, one heck of a payback tour. Hey Al, thanks for the card, congrats to ya, and keep us informed about when you graduate, medical specialty, etc.

I am very, very happy to report that my best friend and his wife had their first child. Patti and Sam Hull had Elizabeth Anne (7 lbs. 15 oz.), 9 April. Sam literally JUST called as I was writing the article. He says that the top of Elizabeth's ears look like his and the bottom of her ears look like Patti's. So there it is; Elizabeth looks exactly like both of them. Sam was a little tired after staying up all night but probably not quite as tuckered out as Patti. Can we get a poll taken from all the Mom's out there? Is giving birth a very tiring experience? Just answer by making a voodoo doll in my likeness and as soon as I feel my arms and legs break for no apparent reason, I'll know you've answered the poll. Anyway, I'm delighted to hear that Sam and Pattie are now Dad and Mom. I can't wait to see Elizabeth.

Mike sent some news from a couple o' Classmates: **Dave Jackson** is the Skipper of USS IMPERVIOUS (MSO-449) out of Mayport, Florida. Hey Dave, did you ever get that '66 VW running?

Rusty Mirick will take command of USS HOIST (ARS-40) in July. Rusty will be homeported in Little Creek, Virginia. Rusty plans on using the same technique at Captain's Mast he learned from a former President. Take away money and stripes then give them back at a football game.

Harry Murphy sent some info: Tim Nagle is practicing law somewhere in the Norfolk area. Tim, are you still a Navy JAG? What's the deal? Harry also sent a letter from Al "Doughball" Whiting. Doughball took the reins a long time ago as the 26th Company overseer and frankly, I've been one of the knuckleheads who hasn't written back to him. Al's got an APB out on all us 26th company guys to write to him or else you'll be sent to solitary confinement here with me in the Mojave Desert. Avoid the hellish nightmare, send Al a note. Thanks Doughball. By the way, Boo forgot to send me your address.

And last but not least gang. You guessed it; Home Town News Releases. These things are like News Lite; one third less informative than our regular news. But seriously . . . JD Fish is now flying with HCS-3 in NAS North Island. That makes about half the squadron '79 grads. Fishcakes, do you guys fly H-60's? Bob Walsh is now in Beaufort (pronounced Bee-ewe-fert), South Carolina. Bob, I assume you're in a squadron flying something (F-18's?), but these news releases are pretty generic. Help us out here guys. Don't let hometown news releases (although well intentioned) keep what you've been up to in the No-Names-Brand-Grocery-Store-Aisle of life.

And that about wraps her up for this June's issue. Was this quality or what? That's just kinda the way we are. Givers. Remember, give, give, give, never take. Until next month . . . Ken.

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Membership: 94%

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It is hard to believe that the month has already gone by. Time for another column. The only problem is that I have already sent in all of the news that I had from previous letters. Time for you all to send in all of your latest and greatest! I promise that I will do my best to get it printed in *Shipmate*. This month's column will be a collection of rumors and phone messages from all of my sources.

I spoke with Griffin and John Fry last night. I mentioned in the last issue that they are in Atlanta, where John is clerking for the 11th Circuit Appellate Judge. He will then be assuming a position with the law firm of Alston and Bird in Atlanta. They were a wealth of information and passed on the following news. Jan and Jay Whitlock had a daughter about six months ago. He is currently the Nav/Ops on board USS FINBACK, in Norfolk. Lynn and Bill Buchanan, (it may be William now that he has finished his MBA at Harvard) are living in Baltimore where William is working in investment banking at the firm of Alex-Brown. At last report, the beer drinking golden retriever, Rett, is still alive and well. June and Bruno Padovani were married in December in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. Bruno works for Maxwell House Coffee. There were a host of classmates at the wedding, including: Bert Nelson, Griffin and John, Gail and Chuck Behrle. Michelle and Chuck Phillips have moved back home to the Chicago area, where Chuck has just accepted a position with the NRC as an inspector. Glen Yoritomo and his fiancé, Maren are to be married this Summer. Glen works for RCA in Morristown, N.J. as a project control manager. He completed his masters in EE.

Ernie Styron is on his way to Monterey from Hawaii. He was seen at the 30 December wedding of Ellen and John Huckenpohler, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Tommy Ulrich was his best man, and also present were Jeff Best, Tim Kobosko, Tom Burke and a few others. Jeff is working as an oceanographer in Virginia Beach. He hopes to soon replace Willard Scott as the nation's most well known weather man.

As I write this, my sources are calling around for more information. Linda and Byron Trop are being transferred to California with their daughter, Allison, 3. Linda and Byron are expecting another child in August. Rick "put 'em on hold Schulz" is in Norfolk where he is the Weapons Officer on board SILVER-SIDES (SSN-679). He will be transferring to the EDO community in late-Summer. That should result in a move to California. A real gain for the EDO community, and a loss for the submarine force. Ed Dempsey is the Engineer on board USS LIPSCOMB. Since Kathy never sees him she has arranged to have the Navy decommission LIPSCOMB in Puget Sound. Now that's pull! Steve Strubel is the SubLant Radcom Officer. His wife Debbie is expecting in April. A little further south, in Charleston, Tom Broadmerkle was last seen starting up his own marketing company. We wish him lots of success. Gail and Steve Southard are busy raising new members for the Brigade in Annapolis.

The word about Brenda and Steve Nygaard living in Virginia Beach has been confirmed. I saw Steve at Waterside in Norfolk, where he was sitting in with a local band. He can still blow a mean horn! Rich Campbell received his MS degree from NPS in Monterey. As he heads off to a new assignment, Rich Wendland reports to NPS. No word as to his area of concentration. Bill Padgett and Kelly McBride visited Rio de Janeiro, travel compliments of USS ENTERPRISE. They are deployed with fighter Squad-