

the Chicago area playing with other people's money.

Joe Walsh and **Mike Canders** were there as well. Joe is post XO and still wondering if he will stay in for 20 (right!). Mike and Mary are living and working in Long Island.

Gary Gambirani was not only at Homecoming but at just about all other home games this year, too. (That was tough!) Gary is still working for ARINC. **Jerry Miller** is still doing well with his business. **Doug Meints** and **Sally** are living outside Lancaster, Penna. where Doug is a Chiropractor. It was also great to see Jo Bender tailgating with us. She will always be welcome. **Leo Latonick** and Susan made the long drive from Northern Severna Park. I noticed a slight limp from Leo—must have been due to his participation in the Alumni basketball game. **Skip Wagner** and Cheryl were able to make it for a while, even though their son David had a football game that day (what dedication!). **Ken Graber** and Jan are finishing Ken's XO tour and looking forward to returning to the D.C. area shortly. **Bill White** and Cheryl have been faithful Navy football fans all season. During one game this year they brought two bushels of steamed crabs and attempted to feed the entire west side of the stadium.

I remember seeing the following additional Classmates, but either didn't get a chance to talk to them, or did and forgot what they told me since it was late in the day: Wally Tart, Herb Herberger, Bob Sheppard, Steve Martin, Ray Arellano, Jeff Hoobler, Mike Wertz, Jim Lare, Bob Kennedy and Craig Turley.

Finally, **Rick White** and Betty, along with my wife Kathy deserve the loyal Navy fan awards for attending and tailgating five home games this season. Despite the pain of seeing Navy lose all home games this year, our wounds were healed on 7 December 1991.

The following is a list of other Classmates I have run into during the past year at work, Reserves or by chance:

Joe Bogovich—working in Crystal City

Jeff Wendel—living and working in around Olney, Md.: XO of the SIMON LAKE Reserve Unit; he and wife Karen still recovering from having twins.

Doug Goolsby—He and Debby are expecting their fourth child. Doug continues to keep a low profile around NavSea in hopes that any proposed Reductions in Force may overlook him.

Bill Sobotka—working in Crystal City, living in Warren, Va. (just west of Leesburg).

Bret Gary—teaching leadership at USNA.

Charlie Tuozzolo—out of the Navy, working on his Masters at M.I.T.

Bill Stiles—XO in BLUEFISH.

Ed Rogers—living in southern California, working for General Dynamics; he and Mary Beth are proud parents of three boys: Edward (8), William (6) and John (4).

Jim Gassaway—living in Annapolis area, running the show for the Navigators at USNA.

Mark Finley—still working for BG&E (have you checked your electric bill lately? Recently bought a Summer home in Nags Head; will be having a party for the whole Class this April.

Ralph Janikowsky—working for NavSea O8, but since I haven't seen him around Crystal City for about a month, I assume he is detached and at PXO School. Last time I talked to him he had orders as XO of an Aegis cruiser.

John Thorp—(my long lost brother) living in Calvert Cliffs area, working for BG&E.

Paul Graff—rumor has it he just got married! (couldn't be!)

Greg Cornish—I saw Greg at the Navy vs. Bowling Green game this Fall. He has since then departed for Germany on staff duty.

Pete Ozimek—stationed in the D.C. area.

Ollie Read—finishing up as XO in BOWEN. He, Janet and their two boys are doing great.

Mark Tierney—joined the ranks of **Rick White** working for the Aegis program at NavSea.

Duane Baker—now a famous actor starring as the XO in the *Hunt for Red October*, or was it Maryland Public Television's *Steel Ships and Iron Men*? Now stationed in the D.C. area.

Dave Schubert—one more patrol as XO and then on to shore duty, location unknown as of yet;



Gardner's Mini-Reunion



The Hansens: Dan and Sherri, Jason, Terra, Matt, and Bill

lamenting the loss of the Lions to the Redskins in the NFC playoffs.

Barry Sherman—in Cincinnati working for Proctor and Gamble.

Bill Damico—CO of BOLSTER, a Reserve ARS.

Roy Bosarge—working at Westinghouse Oceanic Division in Annapolis; almost finished with his second Masters degree at Johns Hopkins.

Rich Kuehne—arduous duty at USNA medical clinic.

Fred Eliot—at Whidbey Island NAS; he and Lisa and one year old Jennifer Ryan are all doing great.

Ed Garcia—working for Strategic Programs Directorate in Crystal City.

Bob Holman—finishing up as XO in AINSWORTH in Norfolk, Va.; now has orders to the RedConn 4 staff in Philadelphia, Pa.; Jeannie and Ryan (now a concert pianist) are getting ready to move back to Havre de Grace once Bob executes his orders.

Rich Knowski—still flying for the airlines; now has a nephew that attends USNA (boy, are we getting old!).

Tug McGraw—orders back to USNA or D.C. are pending and could be expected as early as May; SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD TIME TO HAVE A 22ND CO REUNION!

Rob Prodoeho—now working at the Pentagon; living in Annandale, Va.

Dan Shinnego—XO in BATON ROUGE; due to rotate soon.

Jeff Reinhardt—working for INPO in Atlanta, but still rooting for Buffalo.

Mike Hamner—at NavSea trying to design a brand new submarine with no money.

Bob Nichols—still living with wife Deb and three children in Severna Park.

John Bird—rumor has it, he'll be moving to the D.C. area, working for OP-02.

Brad MacDonald—also in the D.C. area, working as OP-923D.

George Manaskie—just moved to the Naval War College in Newport following his tour as XO in CINCINNATI.

Bill Stulb—Bill and Marilyn are living in Suffolk, Va. and are the proud parents of two girls, ages 2 and 4.

Terry Cook—Terry and Karen are living in western Annapolis with their two boys, Joe and Christopher. Terry is working as the staff JAG for NIS at the Washington Navy Yard. Terry and Karen are again working on the reunion committee.

Tom (Soup) Campbell—working in Crystal City for Troy, Inc.; as mentioned above, Soup will be co-chairing our 15th.

Fred Vogt—living and working in Newport News, Va.

As for me, I'm still working for the SEAWOLF program (will there be a SEAWOLF?) at NavSea in Crystal City. I will be attending DSMC from January until June this year. My wife, Kathy, is due with our fourth child at the middle of February. This is our post-war baby since Kathy became pregnant right at the end of her reserve mobilization for Desert Storm. We're both very excited and will let you know the results.

Owen, what a tremendous letter! Besides being incredibly interesting and full of names and news, I don't have to write another word! Thanks for taking care of the column this month. I have no other news to report . . . not even one Hometown News Release. So next month's entry will be pretty short unless someone else can fill me in on some excitement in their lives (or any other Classmate's, for that matter!). Here are two pictures that were mentioned in previous columns. Sherri and **Dan Hansen** sent along this photo of their handsome family. And here is the picture from **Corky Gardner's** "Skate one-Eight" mini-reunion last Spring. The five families shown in the pic belong to **Doug Isleib**, **Duane Heughan**, **Rob Creamer**, **Shawn Morrissey** and **Corky Gardner**.

That's enough for now. Happy Trails . . . **Bill**

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Membership: 86%

Pres., **Steve Maloney**

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Well the mail bag's been pretty slim this past month. Of course from the looks of the past few month's columns I guess I've pretty well depleted the backlog. Of course, a scarcity of mail hasn't hampered me before, nor is it about to now . . .

Already I'm a month into this PM course at Ft. Belvoir and have knocked out one test—one down and another 16 to go!! I did manage to pass that first test, but it didn't come without it's anxieties. It's pretty tough getting back into the routine of academia, particularly if it's been a LONG time since your last formal school, and especially if you weren't quite good at it the first time either!! All I can say is thank goodness for their grading system. It's "PASS" and "NOT YET." If only we'd had that system back in our old school days, maybe I would've fared better. Then again, on the other hand, I might STILL be there . . . "Say who's that OLD guy?" Oh, that's Midn Balderrama, the world's oldest Firstie" . . . "Pass you? No, not yet, Mr. Balderrama, perhaps NEXT year" . . .

Being in this great "military corridor" around our nation's capital, one can't help but come in contact with a Classmate or two. Beside myself, **Bill Dunkin** is the other '78er in attendance at this PM Course. Already assigned to NavAir, he didn't travel a long distance to get his "X" checked off. Unfortunately, we're in different study groups and appear to have the same test schedules. There's little likelihood of our getting and sharing "THE GOUGE." I also literally bumped into **Andy Moeller** on my way to one of my Classes. Andy is also at NavAir but was attending one of the week-long "short" courses offered at the College (Defense Systems Management College or DSMC). The Class was on software acquisition, which by its very nature could've seemed like a LONG course instead.

Looking back on the old mail bag, I came across one that had been trapped in one of the creases, it was a letter written by **Vinny DiGirolamo** back in December (so some news may be quite dated). Sorry, Vinny, but if you'd have addressed it to **Steve Maloney** or **Tim Dowding** (for even me) instead of "Tim Maloney," it may have gotten more respect. Anyway, sorry for the oversight . . . Vinny's living in Maryland. He's currently stationed at NAS Patuxent River where he is the communications Department Head at VQ-4, flying the Navy's newest airborne switchboard—the TACAMO E-6A Mercury. Vinny's having sooo much fun that he'll only accept orders to the Space Shuttle, next. While he's busy off and flying, Diane and their four children, David (12), Chad (10), Scotty (8) and Tallie (6) are maintaining the homestead in LaPlata, Md. to be exact. Vinny's not only an accomplished pilot (But then aren't all us aviators legends in our own minds?) but he's published as well. Actually, those of you in the C squared arena may have come across a book recently published by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) entitled, *Navy Command and Control: Policy, Programs, People and Issues*. Well, the man who compiled and edited that little volume is our own Vinny Di. Pick it up at your local newsstands today or through *Signal* magazine!! Those of you who attended the Joint Naval Institute/AFCEA West conference in San Diego in January may have seen it advertised and available. Now, Vinny, you have been thinking about a portion of the proceeds going to some tax deductible contribution (like our Class Fund), haven't you? Hey, this ad for your book isn't free you know! Those of you who remember his artistic talents from the numerous etchings in those *Logs* of yesteryear will appreciate the fact that he hasn't given up his sketch pad. In fact, he's gone commercial. After 13 years of wanting to put out a poster, he finally got down to it and renovated a pep rallie scene which appeared in a '76 edition of *The Log*. This time he rendered it in full color and blew it up to 24" x 36". It looks a lot like a "Where's Waldo" picture, but as Vinny brings up, "Beno" was roaming the halls of Bancroft long before Waldo ever started his wanderings. If anyone wants to get their hands on one of these posters, Vinny will mail them anywhere for \$8.00. (Now about that Class Fund contribution . . .) On a final note, he says he hasn't heard from Wendy

and **Buzz Fink** since they left Okinawa. Come to think of it, I haven't heard of Buzz since I could fit in my Dress Blues. Anyone having any news of his whereabouts give Vinny (and your favorite *Shipmate* columnist) a call (I was soooo tempted to say "buzz," but these cheap puns aren't my style!). Vinny can be reached at (home) 301-934-2511, or (work) 301-863-4915. You can also drop him a line for poster requests or general correspondence at 107 Oriole Lane, LaPlata, Md. 20646.

Speaking of another oversight, I really have to apologize for not mentioning our great victory over Army in the last battle of the season! Was that a victory or what?! Thank goodness for it, because I was able to walk around the plant with my chest puffed out and dish out large portions of grief to my fellow employees from that "trade school" on the Hudson. The real reason I have to mention it is to belatedly than **John Kovalchik** for his hospitality in allowing me to join his group of spectators. (This also helps me to schmooze a slot in next year's "A" guest list!) You see after that game I was forever spoiled as a football fan—Not so much from the fact that we'd won (Though we all can get spoiled by that!) but for the way in which the game was viewed—Skybox seats, 50 yard-line. Through his business connection, John got his hands on the use of this magnificent "Skybox" perch. All he paid for was the brew and the munchies. (I was just grateful to be there John, forget what Jock said about the other Skyboxes having crab imperial and meatball subs . . . Your hot dogs were just fine . . . (besides **Billy Hession** and I were able to scrounge off some subs down the hall). The crowd consisted primarily of John's "computerware" stores gang, peppered with quite a few '78ers who came aboard freely and through other devious smuggling techniques. John would've gotten more into the box but the stadium management was getting wise to our ways and put some added prevention measures in place! Still, we had a pretty good group which included Mary Jane and **Jock Maloney**, Sherry and **Bill Hession**, Carol and **Elmer Olsen**, and Heather and **Ken Law**. Sherry and Billy almost counted as three in attendance as Sherry was VERY pregnant and due with child number 4 (?) that Christmas. If the doctors guess work was accurate it was another girl. Oh nooo, Bill, another wedding to pay for someday!!! Elmer and Ken make up the other two-thirds of the General Electric contingent (along with Bill) in attendance. They had a little trouble remembering some of the Navy fight songs but could sing the "We bring good things to life" tune very well. If I recall properly, they both are still active in the Navy Reserve, flying LAMPS (?). One thing is certain, they finally have their names mentioned in *Shipmate*, a previous deficiency of which their wives had voiced dismay. (Was that you Carol?) Sorry for the belated mention, folks! do drop me a line to correct anything I may have misstated, the beer was flowing pretty well that day and time has clouded the memory. Perhaps the best thing about the whole Skybox bit was that it was on the ARMY side. Naturally, we couldn't help but belt out Navy "Blue and Gold" and "BEAT ARMY" with great gusto and VOLUME!! (Especially, since the windows opened!). Well, I just couldn't let that event go any longer without mentioning it. The only reason I didn't do it sooner was the large influx of mail the past few months. I also wanted to allow enough time for Elizabeth to "cool off" for having missed out! (Hey, I DID invite her to come.). Anyway, thanks a lot John (and Jock); and John, make sure your brother keeps that business card hand spring-loaded.

Oops, I did notice I do have an epic letter. It's actually a fax from—yes, **Kevin Liddy**. How'd you know? Anyway, as he does with every project he undertakes, Kevin has jumped on the job as 17th Co Rep with a vigor. Here's his own "sound bite" version of Company news:

Joe Alvite is married now and working as a mar-

keting manager for General Electric. He and his bride are living in Marlton, N.J. **John Anderson** is also married. John is the XO SACRAMENTO and lives in Bremerton, Wash. the ship's homeport. **Darrell Cofsky** has two kids and is the XO of FIN-BACK out of Norfolk. **Barney Cramp** is married-with one. He's the Tomahawk WCS Engineer with the Tomahawk Program Office at NavSea in Crystal City. **Andy Cuca** lives with his wife and two kids in Burnsville, Minn. Andy is among our Class contingent with Northwest Airlines. **Pat Curtis** lives with his wife and two kids in Mayport, Fla. Pat's the First Lieutenant on FORRESTAL. **Ken Fladager** is also married with one. He's the President of VALKEN (I don't know what this is, but it isn't a Star Trek trivia question.) Ken will soon be a double threat to the business world as he will have his JD/CPA by this May.

Steve Gahan is married-with two and is XO of REASONER in San Diego. Talk about your geographic bachelors, his wife and kids are in Mayport. Now, he has had a "shore tour." Once he was on a DesRon Staff. It was billeted as sea-going but he never put out to sea. Otherwise, he's been at sea continuously . . . Remember, it's not just a job . . . **Don Gold** is also a "non-bachelor" and is OIC of NavEles in beautiful Guam. **Tim Hardin** is among the few, the proud—no he's not a Marine, he's a BACHELOR. Tim is also a civilian and is Federal Programs Manager for Robert Cloud & Associates in Berkeley, Calif. Tim's living in like, San Francisco, dude, ya know? **Tom Harper** is married with 4. He works as the Operations Director for CACI, a beltway bandit outfit in Crystal City. **Chris Hassler** is a single with none (Hey, it's possible to be a single WITH . . . you know, retreat bachelor, or good liberty port . . .) Chris does Strategic Planning for Lockheed in San Jose. With all the budget slashing and force reductions, he's a pretty BUSY guy. thank goodness for his MS in computers. He can write a program and get some help.

Herb Jensen and his wife were expecting their first in February. Herb works for W. R. Grace in Chicago but lives in Aurora, Ill. (Isn't that the home of Wayne and Garth of "Wayne's World fame? . . . If that's true, I think they're Herb's neighbors . . . NOT!). **Carl Jorden** is married with 4 and is OIC of AcDut-Tra OV-10 at NAS Atlanta. That means he's the active duty guy for all the Marine Reservists flying OV-10 Bronco's out of the Coke Capital of the world (Atlanta, NOT Columbia). Every once in a while, you have to interpret these things. To continue . . . **Jim Kain** and his wife and two kids live in Herndon, Va. Jim is VP Operations for Telecommunications (**Maurice Tose's** company) in Annapolis. **Al Kowadia** works as an Applications Engineer for Energy Control Systems in Norcross, Ga. He wants everyone to know he has his MBA from Texas A&I, NOT Texas A&M. **Don Kelazek** is XO of ANTRIM in Charleston. **John Kutler** is Managing Director of Wasserstein, Perella and Company in Los Angeles. He and his wife have one child and for some reason like living their life on the edge—the fault line edge, that is, in LA. **Larry Mizak** is an Al Bundy (Married with children—4, to be exact). He is the training officer for HM-12 in Norfolk, flying those fine Sikorsky products! **Jeff Roton** is married-without and lives in Downingtown, Penna. Jeff is Lead Senior Engineer for Erin Engineering Research. **Jim Scola** is also married without and works in that 5-sided puzzle palace known as the Pentagon. **Jim Small** and his wife and 3 kids live in Alexandria, Va. (Hey, just up the road from me!) Jim is the P-3 Avionics Officer at NavAir. **Mike Smith** lives in Wheaton, Md. with his wife and kid. He's President of his own firm in Olney, Md. **Sam Tangredi** is XO of FORT MCHENRY in San Diego. Sam finally got his Ph.D. from USC. You can often get an idea of what's on Sam's mind just by picking up a copy of the *Proceedings*. He's a regular contributing writer. **Maurice Tose** is married without and aside from being our Class VP, he's also President/CEO of Telecommunications in Annapolis. **Buck Wicklund** is a Solution Engineer with IBM in Hamden, Conn. He and his wife and two kids live in

