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I was concerned that with the 20th Reunion just completed that the old mail bag would dry-up. Luckily, this is far from the situation as you'll see below. Before getting into the heart of this month's column, I want to mention something that was discussed with me by several Classmates at the dinner dance and tailgate. There seems to be broad-based interest in establishing a Class email directory. As the secretary, this would be a gold mine of information for me to use to gather material for the columns; and I would gladly administer such a listing. I would also refer Classmates seeking Classmates (doesn't that sound like a kinky personals column?) emails to check out the Alumni Association homepage and search the listing of registered graduates. If you are interested in participating, just send me a note with the preferred email address; and I'll add you to the list. Similarly, if you'd prefer NOT to have your address included, please mention this fact in any electronic correspondence.

In my last several columns, I covered the O-6 promotion lists and may have caused some undue worry to at least one Classmate, **Jeff Gorman**, who writes,

I was getting really paranoid after your email, so I called BUPERS. They echoed the sentiments of all I had talked to and confirmed my selection. As to why the homepage does not have my name, all they could say is that it was not an official document and that quite possible something happened in the download process to the website. Sorry that I ever doubted you Doctor Mark. If you need or any Classmate wants to contact me, use JAGGCM@juno.com. It is better to use than MSN. Just don't tell Bill Gates.

That just goes to show you that you can't trust everything you read on the Internet, even if it's on an "Officially unofficial site" such as the BUPERS homepage.

With the reunion behind us, I thought that "**Soup**" Campbell might take some time off for himself...no way dude. Here is a sampling of the messages he's sent recently,

I am putting the word out that I took and passed the Virginia State Real Estate Sales Associates Exam. I have affiliated with Long and Foster in their Springfield office. If you know of anyone moving into or out of the Northern Virginia area that may need an agent, have them give me a call at 703-866-3971. My plan is to work part time (40 hours a week vice 80) for the next 18 months. After that, I plan to make the transition from government contracting to working in real estate full time. Thank you in advance for any referrals.

Speaking of reunions; Soup also sent the following,

By now we have all recovered from our 20 Year Reunion, so it must be time to start planning for the 25th. I am having a kickoff meeting on Sunday, March 15, 1998 at 2:00PM (that's 1400 for those of you on active duty). I have received several feedback forms, and they contain some very creative ideas and suggestions. At this point I would like to answer a question that many of you have asked, "Why didn't we use the same caterer for the tailgate party that we used for the 15th?" The answer is we DID use the same caterer. Now on to the 25th.

On the 15th of March, we will need to develop and finalize plans/ideas in the following areas: Date of the event, bus transportation, catering for tailgate party, memorabilia, dance music, dinner dance site/format, and hotels. If you want to help make the 25th Reunion great, come to the kickoff meeting on March 15th. Call me at 703-866-5077 and let me know if you are coming. **Colin Mackenzie** has informally volunteered to gather information and be the Class liaison with Balfour (Class ring company). Several Classes have had Class ring reps set up a table at the tailgate party.

Soup can also be reached via email at **Campbell\_Tom\_L\_TRW@hq.navsea.navy.mil**.

Colin had sent me a note recently with information regarding Class of '77 rings and crests. If you need any assistance in these matters, contact the Balfour representative, **Henry Wittich III**, 7307 York Rd., Baltimore, MD 21204 or 410-321-4433 (voice) or 410-823-5944 (fax). By the way, **Colin Mackenzie** is a Senior Vice President and Marketing Director for Cole Taylor Deferred Exchange Corp. in Chicago.

I received the following email from **John A. Taylor**,

Great seeing all (most) of you at the reunion. I've tried to find **Jeff Berg** through the Internet and all listed "Jeffs" were not Bergie. There are five of them in the U.S. according to the listing. I'm not sure how he eluded the census people. Anyway, I was more successful with **Tony's (Bilotti)** mother (secy. note: As you may recall, Tony was lost in an aircraft accident some years back). I found her address on a phone listing for 80 million. I called her, and the conversation was more than a little emotional on both sides. I sent a card and attempted to articulate the impact that a friend such as Tony had on all of us and that he was much on our minds for the 20th reunion. She was very, very, very thankful to know that anybody cared and still thought of him. She said that she constantly thought of him. Her husband passed away a couple of years ago. I don't know what her personal situation is, but I know she would love to hear from any of you. I have included her address for those who read the Alumni column: Mrs. Irene Bilotti, 14010 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland, CA 94606, 510-835-3536.

As I mentioned in the last column, a list of those Classmates that have gone before us was read at the dedication of the Class sponsored weight training facility as part of the homecoming weekend. **Tony Bilotti** was among those honored. I wish Mrs. Bilotti could have been a part of that most moving tribute.

On a lighter note, Sue Manaskie, **George Manaskie's** wife sent me the following email:

George is in the Persian Gulf as part of CCDG2 on **GEORGE WASHINGTON**. I will try to have him write a letter for *Shipmate*, but his deployment has been busy and filled with the unpredictable twists and turns. I was fortunate enough to have met him in Haifa, Israel—just before the ship was diverted to the Gulf. George's email address is **fn6@washington.navy.mil**. He will be deployed until April, so there is plenty of time to get this to print!! Happy Holidays to you and yours, and regards to all our '77 friends. So sorry to have missed the big homecoming, I hear it was a great time. We hope to catch up with everyone someday, when he's no longer at sea!!!!

I've also received some brief notes via snailmail from various Classmates. **Dave "Gator" Gates** writes,

I spent 5 days aboard **Rob Thompson's** 40 foot yacht, *Desperado*, cruising the sights of St. Lucia from 15-20 September. Rob retired on 1 July and has been trolling the knot log through the islands of the Caribbean. I think he's only sailed it this far South to take advantage of some 'cheap labor' to get some work done on the boat. All he needs to get underway is some crew, so I'm planning to head down in late November to join him in Antigua. From there, we'll plan to head back to Roosey Roads. Anyone wanting to sign on as crew should call and leave a message with his brother Rick at

973-764-3528. As for retiring Classmates wanting to enter the commercial airline community, Northwest is hiring hot and heavy. The next window of opportunity will be in February '98. Those who still want to 'play Navy' for another couple years should put in an application at this time as the company is willing to wait for you. Anyone wanting the 'Gouge' can call me at 703-922-2409. Sorry, no email, I'm roadkill on the information highway. A happy holiday season and bountiful new year to all.

Between the offer of a Caribbean sailing vacation and employment with a major airline I don't know which of the telephone numbers that Gator included will get the most calls; but with this article appearing in the Jan/Feb timeframe, it may be close.

I also heard from **Andy Andersen** a little bit ago. He's working as the military assistant to the Executive Secretary for the Secretary of Defense. He'll have a son entering Plebe Year at Annapolis with the Class of 2001 and say's that he still loves the Navy. Andy's email is **andersen@osdpd.osd.mil**. I also got a note from **Greg Cornish** that reads,

After completing a successful tour as CO of TAYLOR (FFG-50) in Mayport, FL. I transferred to the Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, RI and should be there for two years. I'm still enjoying life with my Annapolis sweetheart, Jane, and we've been married for over 19 years. We have two great kids, Patricia (17) and Christopher (14). Any Classmates coming through the area should look us up. Greg lists his email as **gameheng@aol.com**.

**Bill Millward**, **Owen Thorp**, and I got together at the Homecoming and discussed the duties of Class Secretary. Bill said that after a decade and a half that he needed a break, and I'm willing to carry the load for awhile. I promise to try and take a lighthearted look at the Class each month, but I need to hear from all of you out there. I'm sure that there are still some of you that have read *Shipmate* faithfully for the past two decades and have never taken the time to check-in. If this is the case, put down the remote control and send an email or drop a line; you won't miss anything of substance on ESPN2 or the Home Shopping Network for the few minutes it takes to keep in touch. Until next month...be well.

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Okay, okay, let's again sound the alarm. THIS is the year! You see, 98 minus 78 is 20. I learned that in my Math for Marines correspondence course—with some help from my eleven year old. That means this is the year of our 20th Reunion year. Now remember waaayyy back when that I also told you our reunion is NOT on Homecoming Weekend. You see, Homecoming Weekend will also be Annapolis Boat Show Weekend. If you think Annapolis during Homecoming weekend is normally bad<sup>o</sup>, picture Crabtown with all the Rigging Rats and Boat Brokers included! So, we've chosen an "off" weekend for the festivities. Less traffic, less crowds, more rooms, more parking, more beer. The entire Reunion will run from the 1st to the 4th of October '98. Hotel reservations have been locked in at the Holiday Inn of Annapolis. We're close to tying them up at a pretty good rate (\$139 per night) with no minimum stay requirement. Call the hotel now to reserve your room at 410-224-3150. Our evening function





A cold day in Yuma—Bolin's change of command



Marty Drake's change of command



Joe Peterson's change of command

is on Friday night, Oct. 2nd, at the hotel. The tailgater will be on Saturday, before, during, and well after the football game. We'll also have some side events throughout the weekend which are still in the planning phase. We made it an off-weekend for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was the fact that Homecoming Weekend is also Annapolis Boat Show Weekend. Recently an attempt was made by the NAAA to move the game (vs. West Virginia) to the new Baltimore Ravens Stadium. Fortunately for our sake, the deal couldn't be made in time—so we're staying in Annapolis. To keep up on the events and other Class stuff, check out '78's website: <http://cs.nps.navy.mil/people/faculty/mjholden/78grads.html>. In the next couple of months, look

for more information about sign-up sheets and reservation forms to appear in your mail, on the website, and in this column (or some combination like that). We're trying to get a lock on the attendance numbers as soon as possible so as to prevent the 20-25% walk-ons (over 100 people) that '77 experienced. We usually plan for some percentage of late arrivals, but our event planning can be much more solid if we can lock in on numbers. It'll also minimize on amount of potentially disgruntled Classmates we might have. But I know you can't please all of the people all of the time.

With our 20th also comes Class elections. According to our Class charter, we'll be electing a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and

Four Trustees-at-Large. Just to jog your memories the incumbents are: **President-John Rudder** (the other guy named in the banner to this column); Vice President: **John O'Neil**; the Secretary is ummm, uh, oh yeah that's me; Treasurer: **Kevin Liddy**. The Trustees at Large are: **Matt Elias, Mark Hubal, Jack Christenson, Steve Sutton and Kevin Lynch**. Anyone interested in running for any of these offices must send me a petition of their candidacy endorsed by 25 Classmates. Even incumbents have to send in the petition, our candidacy is not automatic. In simple terms, the "petition" is just a note saying what office you're going after and endorsed by signature of 25 Classmates. In these days of email, a copy of the email endorsement or list will suffice as well. After all, hey you're on your honor. Petitions should be mailed to me no later than the end of April '98. Ballots will be made and provided to everyone to allow election prior to our reunion, and election results will be announced at the Friday night party. That's enough of the Class news stuff. I'll be printing more later.

That "out of the mainstream", "checkerboard uniform" wearing service—the Marine Corps—issued a list of "extremists" selected to LtCol in the Reserve. Yours truly was one of them. In fact I pinned it on back in October. My date of rank was June—go figure. Heck, some claim that it was the second mistake that the Marine Corps made—the first one was in commissioning me in the first place. Well in all humility, the rank is about five pay grades less than what I ever dreamed of but four more than I probably deserve. Along with me were also, **Gerry Guerrero, Earl Mosely, Larry Semanyk, and Lee Yarberry**. As for the "extremist" moniker, I took that description of the Corps from that great American, the FORMER (I love that word!) Under Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs—Mizzzzzz Lister. It seems she suffered from foot in mouth disease and besmirched the honor of the Corps with those off the wall comments during some Think Tank workshop. She wound up with one of her liberal soled Berkenstocks as an appetizer and a new job description—unemployed. Ahhh, it was just another reason to savor the route of Army this year!!

Out of the blue came a congratulatory email from fellow coxs'n, **Mike Spencer**. He, Carol and the kids are doing fine (I presume). We'll have a more in-depth correspondence at a later date. Those from 19th who'd like to reach Mike can catch at [Spencermt@aol.com](mailto:Spencermt@aol.com). Another of my Hubbard Hall Galley Gang jotted a note, **Lee Yarberry**. Lee, Lita and their kids are fine. He's doing very well with the Buschman Company—the guys who make all those conveyors, rollers and stuff found in all manufacturing plants. Lee can be found at [yarberri@buschmanco.com](mailto:yarberri@buschmanco.com).

**Paul Russo** is stationed at New London. He's XO of the Submarine Development Squadron 12. You can catch him at [prusso@devron12.com](mailto:prusso@devron12.com). **Jeff Cover** was a first time writer, albeit a brief one. He, Jean and their two boys, John (9) and Jared (7) live in Collierville, TN. He's an MD-11 pilot for FedEx. He'd like to know who else in '78 flies for FedEx. Other than **Steve Podawitz**, I drew a blank. Drop him an email if you know anybody else who belongs to the "absolutely positively" gang. You can find Jeff at [freelyfly@mci2000.com](mailto:freelyfly@mci2000.com). One grad who does fly for F Ex is J Craig ('72).

**Pam and Terray Wood** are living in Doylestown, PA, at [woodfam@voicenet.com](mailto:woodfam@voicenet.com). Troll was attending PXO school in DC for a while. Now he is the official Base XO of the Joint Reserve Base at Willow Grove, PA (just as I was checking out.). It's been quite a change going from





Gretchen and Tom Crowley—backed up by '78

Hawaiian shirts and shorts to sweatshirt in October, but Terray, Pam and the kids are trying. Heck, after almost 23 three years—I'm still trying to adjust to some of this wacky weather (snow in the middle of November!). I actually came across Pam and Terray during our group CO's Christmas Party. It was good to see someone with whom I have seen "eye to eye" on everything for almost the past 24 years! **Kevin Liddy** (kgldiddy@us.ibm.com) wasn't able to make our reunion planning meeting in October because he was running for local election. With 61% of the vote, he was re-elected to a four year term on the Planning and Zoning Board of his town, Milford, CT. So if you live in Milford, ya gotta get Kevin's okay for that dog house, out house or nuclear plant you're thinking of adding to your abode. **Jon Kutler** (JBK QTRDK@aol.com) dropped me a quick note. He said that if anyone gets Defense News you'll notice full page adds for Steven Meyers & Associates, one of the small pictures of their senior management is none other than our own **Chris Hassler**. SM&A is a consulting firm that helps defense contractors improve their "hit rate" in winning new contracts. When Jon saw Chris, it sounded as if Chris was pretty much living out of his suitcase as he chased down requests for quotes. Chris barely passes through his Seattle home long enough to change the underwear (for which his office is especially grateful!). Despite the road work, Chris seemed to be enjoying the job and is doing quite well. Jon also talked with **Herb Jensen** (lfbert@aol.com). Herb, Paula and their two children, Bryan (5) and Kristen (2), still live outside Chicago. As for Jon, his Quarterdeck Investment Partners, Inc. is still a going and prosperous concern. Email seems to be way of life with him. His wife, Sara, even has her own address so she can keep in touch with him when he makes his travels. Hopefully, he and I can link up when we commonly hit one of his frequent hang outs—LA or DC.

**Fred Hilder** (fhilder@noclant.navy.mil) is one of '78's active duty chaplains. Fred's been at the Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, VA for a year. For the three years prior, he was on SHENDANDOAH (AD44). He offers a cup of coffee for anyone visiting his side of the ordnance pier in Yorktown. Just give him a call at 757-887-4711 or email him. When you visit, keep in mind that the smoking lamp is NOT lit. Fred mentioned that our other Sky Pilot (aviator talk for chaplain, for those of you who forgot your Plebe rates), **Al Baker**,

recently distinguished himself as being one of the first chaplain's in anyone's memory to have been deep selected for CDR. Considering the Chaplain Corps promotion rate, that means Al's a rising star, or halo—or something like that. Al is currently serving with the Coast Guard on Staten Island. Of course with BRAC, that may have changed or may be on the process of changing. Thanks for the note, Fred. Keep in touch. JB—you can call me JB, Jack, Brad—Richardson is down in Tallahassee, FL. Whatever you want to call him, do it via email at JackRIC@aol.com. Being a southern gal, his wife, Julie, loves the Winters—no snow. As for the kids, Ashley is a high schooler, Anna is in kindergarten and George and Will start next year. Awhile back, Julie sent some photos of the infamous **Mark Bolin**—Change of Command. Attending were Amy and **Jim Lippard**, Kathy and **Don Beverlin**, **Doug Meyer**, and **Bray Baltera**.

**Dave Dwyer** sent a note mentioning **Marty Drake's** Change of Command last February ('97). Besides Dave, other 11th Company mates who made it were, **Scott Laser**, **Gary Lovgren**, and **John Byzewski '79**. All is well in the Dwyer household. Dave still works as a Senior Engineer at Newport News Shipbuilding—still doing that submarine engineering stuff. It's been fifteen years of wedded bliss (or tolerance depending on your perspective of married life) for the Dwyers. With their two boys, life has been pretty constant at their Virginia Beach home.



The Peterson Family

As for changes of command, **Joe Peterson** sent me a note on some pretty neat SWOS stationery letterhead (Amazing what these "chip tubes" can do!). Joe relieved a '77 grad, **Jim Miller**, as CO of CARON (DD-970) back in August. As with a lot of

these occasions, it was not without friends—the Academy and especially, '78 kind.

There to munch on Joe's after ceremony hors d'oeuvres were **Frank Cassiano '80**, **Doug Grau**, **Steve Hincks**, **Roosevelt Bynum**, **Jim Miller '77**, Joe's brother-in-law, **Ernie Halton '76**, and **Randy Kahn**. His family of course was also there; his wife, Ynez, daughter Jayne, son, Joe Joe, and his mother-in-law, Dora Halton. That's one of the bennies of a CONUS Change of Command.

Enroute to that command pennant, Joe had gone through the PCO pipeline with Classmates, **Paul Susalla** (HAYLER) and **Wayne Young** (STARK). You can reach Joe via email at JoePete2@aol.com. One photo I have finally developed is from **Tom Crowley's** commissioning of his ship, HOPPER (DDG-70) last September. Tom's folks, family and friends from '78 joined the city of San Francisco in the celebration. I was joined by **Ray Luevano**, **Bart Buechner**, and **Ferris Farwell**. Ray is the Regional Director, Strategic Sales for Sun Microsystems; Bart works as the mouthpiece for the State of California Veterans Affairs; and Ferris is the CO of REUBEN JAMES, a "Fig" out of Pearl.

Julie Hammond dropped me quick note to show that she is fine and that PAX RIVER has honored **Al Hammond** by naming a street on base after him. Al's memory and that of 33 other deceased aircrew and test personnel are commemorated in their street names. Their streets are located near where they worked on base. Julie is living in Burke, VA. She's doing well. If anyone wants to get a hold of her, drop me a line; and I'll pass on her phone number and address.



A Street Named—Hammond



John Sturges' brother, Matt, sent a photo of Bill "If" Fell and John taken during a Dependence Day cruise aboard RENTZ (FFG-46). John is the CO of RENTZ. That centrifuge desensitization training didn't help "If" at flight school, and it didn't provide any residual "immunization" from ships either. No sooner had RENTZ passed under the Coronado Bridge, when "If" headed south for the CO's stateroom to gather his sea legs.



Sturges and "Sea Legs" fell!

(That horizontal position you see him in is the proper alignment for that effort.). Bill did surface a few hours later—at pierside. Hey, like any good Grunt he knows to stay below until you're either ready to assault a beach with gun or liberty card. Thanks for the note and photo, Matt. Now if you can only get your brother to write.

By the way, I got an email offer from **Charlie Dawson** for a little "career counseling" and assistance for anyone interested in joining the airlines. Charlie says that Northwest, United and Delta were hiring at the end of last year (could still be now), and American may begin this year. Northwest has a 1 Feb-31 March application window. As some of you with wings of gold look for life after twenty, you may consider giving Charlie an emailing at [charles.dawson@juno.com](mailto:charles.dawson@juno.com). Other late emails I've gotten: **John Hawk** is also among the '78 faculty types at USNA. You can reach him at [JRHAwk3@aol.com](mailto:JRHAwk3@aol.com). **John Young JFYOUNG@southernco.com** is still climbing rapidly up the corporate-ladder with Southern Companies. He's in "Hot-lanta," GA. **Laura and Dan Cox** are living in St. Louis but missing Maryland. Hey, **Roy Bookmiller, Rand Lebouvier** and **Bill Hession**, if you haven't linked up with Dan by now, drop him a line after reading this. His email is [USNA78Grad@aol.com](mailto:USNA78Grad@aol.com).

Speaking of St. Louis, **Andy Karakos** will be heading there this June. He'll give up command of GERMANTOWN (LSD-42) and move the family back from Sasebo, Japan. He'll be reporting to a joint tour with the U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM) at Scott Air Force Base, just outside of St. Louis. Until then, you can reach him at [lsd42ceo@nosc.mil](mailto:lsd42ceo@nosc.mil).

As I wrap this up, anybody in the Annapolis area who wants to volunteer to help out for the Reunion, give **Mark Hubal** a call. There are plenty of committees to join and much "grunt" work that'll need to be done as the day draws nearer. You can reach Mark at home at 703-689-4915, or work at 703-602-6625/6631 or 591-5559, Ext. 314.

Well that's it for now. I'm just at the end of my 5 page limit. Check the website and tune in to this column for up-to-date news on our reunion. Less than nine months and a wake up 'til the '78 Celebration! Until next month—Launchin, Spot Four!

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Regular Membership: 3%  
Life Membership: 90%

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Once again, it's '79's favorite extremist and social outcast comin' right atcha this month with just a whole tuna boat full o' info. "But Kenny," you say, "you're no extremist or social outcast. That's a label reserved only for Marines by members of Presidential appointees." Ah, but Grasshopper, you forget that I too am a former Marine. I also was an SR-71 pilot who flew George Bush to France, got shot down by a Russian U-Boat and suffered a severe head injury while serving in the Merchant Marines back in 1950. So what if I wasn't born yet, it reads well on a resume, makes me appear real important with high self esteem and isn't that what really matters? I've grown beyond the Academy's Honor Concept. "Miscommunicating" in order to get what you want as long as it does mankind some good is really something we should all learn to do. That's the Great Leadership Example demonstrated to us daily from inside the Beltway, and we all must take this progressive value with us when we crossover the Bridge to the Twenty First Century. By the way, Erich Segal actually used Vicky and I as subjects for his book, *Love Story*. We didn't even hardly know each other then and don't know Erich from Adam's off ox, but Erich's got a real keen insight on things. And yes, if you hadn't already guessed, I'll be running for President in 2000.

By the way, rumor has it that there's some right wing extremists, environment destroyers and child starvers from Draconia trying to end the UnHomecoming extravaganza here in the Arlington Metroplex. I'm for standing firm against those who want to have Homecoming in Annapolis and who would kick the elderly into the streets. These people, who drive SUVs are backed by Joe Camel and Big Tobacco. Besides all that, I'll be stuck with a whole bunch of buffalo nickel key chains if it's not here.

Have I abused my huge power and influence enough this month by using the article as a forum for my own personal opinions? If you think so, switch to decaf...for The Children, The Village and also to stop Global Warming. Is it me or does Toy Matinee's Last Plane Out sorta sum up the current administration? (...with cake and vulgar surplus, we can have it and eat it too.)

Speaking of Global Warming, we have a HUGE bunch of info this month; so let's all take a cleansing breath or two, get ourselves in a not-to-deconflict-with-bad-karma state of mind and get on with the info ploppage, shall we?

**Ray Kutch** became the new Skipper of Reserve Detachment 282 at NAS Whiting. Kutchmo makes the civilian big bucks as a first officer in 737-300s for United Airlines. Good on you Ray; but I sorta thought after your divergent oscillation ride a few years ago, you'd shy away from Boeing products. **Mark Tempestilli** is the CO of VP-26 as of last March. Mary sent a great shot of Mark, **Butler Newman** and **Bob Dolan '81** (brother-in-law). Mark will take the squadron to Italy from February until April under Aetna's shadow there on Sicily. After that, Mark and Mary drive the Beemer convertible back to Maryland for a fun tour at Crystal City or the Five Sided Puzzle Palace. Thanks Mary for the note and photo.



CDR Mark Tempestilli '79, Butler Newman '79 and CDR Robert Dolan '81

Down there in Bentonville, AR, **Dave Otterson** is sprucing up VIP jets and sucking up to Walton family members. Dave's company, Ozark Aircraft Systems is bankrolled by one of the sons who owns WAL-MART; so Dave has had to dispense with wearing shoes and started sporting a corn cob pipe just to fit in. For culture, Dave, wife Pat, kids Tatum 17, Patrick 11, and John 10 pile into the Family Truckster and head on up to Branson, MO a mere one hour away, where they go into Silver Dollar City's pottery shop and buy some of my mini-hurricane lamps. Pat is the VP of Sales for Arbonne International and works out of the house. All the kids are heavily involved in every sport in the universe. Dave, thanks for the great letter. If the Arlington Pottery ever fails, I'm keeping your phone number for myself.

**Al Whiting** sent his Christmas info letter to all his pals. Dr. Doughball is teaching physics to youngsters, still looking for answers to questions about the universe and liking his paycheck as a Commander there at the Home For Wayward Gender Neutrals. Doughball, if you can get your hands on an old Calculus and Physics textbook, let me know 'cause I want to buy them from you. By the way, thanks for the update and say hi to Plebe Michael Neilson for me and his folks.

Now kids, we move onto Glo-Bull Al's very own invention, The Info Superhighway for your info ploppage reading pleasure. First up, **Bob Clyman**. Here goes:

Greetings—I was wondering if you have any info on Fourth Company slugs—don't see much in *Shipmate*. Any email addresses would be a great start. I'm trying to resurrect some life going into the 20th! I am guilty as well. Would you put out an all call for 4th Company in the next issue? Include my email address as a place to start. As for us, we've been living in sunny Jupiter, FL for the past 2.5 years. I am flying international with American out of Miami on the A300. Julie is training for the Disney Marathon in January, the kids Lauren and Austin are busy in school and with soccer. Email is [Maxkick@aol.com](mailto:Maxkick@aol.com), phone # 561-747-4762. Lets hear it, Fourth!

Thanks Bob; and you Fourth Company guys, send Bob a tron or two. Let's see, here's one from **Vince Bousa** concerning **Dom Gorie**. I won't cut and paste the whole message but sort of condense it here. Dom is going up on STS-91 in May '98 to pilot the Space Shuttle. It's Dom's first time in space. Dom, take some Glade or a few of those fragrant evergreen cardboard deals up there to those guys in the MIR. Just in case Elvis drops by. Congrats to you Dom! Next up, a note from **John Byzewski** right there at the home of the famous Jo-Jo potatoes and Chicken City with a stinkin' ton of Niner updates. Take it away John:

Ken, I'm sure the nicest part of your job as Class of '79 Sec'y is hearing from Classmates that you haven't seen or heard from in years. So, don't be too shocked as you read this because I definitely fit into that category. First of all, let me say that you have done a fantastic job as Sec'y. I really do look forward to reading the '79 news every month in *Shipmate*. Thanks and keep up the great work. Now for the latest and greatest from Newport, RI.