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I-2, Kevin Weiler, Howard Johnson, and Bill Turner recently ended their single status. Bill married Laura Carew and they now live in the Nurnberg area. Next thing you know Curt Szuberla will be getting married.

Dan "Jabba" Gwynn is now a lean, mean running machine living near Hanau close to "Jilly" Saldavar. From the land of the morning calm, Mike Eddy shared hot MRE's with his bn cmdr to celebrate Founders Day field style. Also from Korea, Bruce Ollstein and Darren Moore have ruled Thailand by elephant and sampled various pleasures throughout Asia's vast landscape. In their off



1986: Ollstein and Moore in Thailand

time they try to find time to fly ambassadors and 4-stars for sightseeing tours of the DMZ with the 55th VIP Avn Co in Seoul. Of course, they still find time to mingle with their sister supporting unit, the 237th Assault Helicopter Co, boasting the high speed, low level skills of Theo Johnston, Dave Meyer and Carolyn Spaulding. This trio, however, seems to plan most of its tactics in elegant Itaewon, where C-12 pilot Joel Schlachtenhaufen provides support. Dow will be waiting to hear from more of you next qtr. I know I'd really like to hear from John Olvey and Dan Charron; how about dropping a line. Good luck to all, and drop Dow a note as I know he'd love to hear from you.

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Well, I hope you had a great summer. By now all of our graduated classmates should be at OBC somewhere. So now that you are settled down at an OBC, how about dropping me a letter and letting me know what is going on! I know some of you have had memorable experiences since graduation that you want everyone else to know about, right?

Speaking of experiences, some of us have entered that guarded institution of marriage since graduation day. Sharon Suzanne Schorno became Mrs Greg H Louks. Kelly M Downing became Mrs C Edward Haywood. Cathy Dix finally gave in to a relentless pursuit and married me. Gwen Zemaitis got tired of being last in line and married Steve Baker. Both Gwen & Steve are enjoying EOBC because they only have to turn in one copy of their homework. I know that there are many of you who have tied the knot since graduation. I did not forget about you, I just need a maiden name to put in the article.

IOBC has turned into a Class reunion at the Willow Creek apt complex. Eric Kurilla has promised to provide pictures of the whole gang at Ft Benning as soon as he can find his camera.

All of you who volunteered to write me and keep me informed on the goings-on at your OBC still owe me a letter. Anyone who would like the Class to know something important, or maybe not important, can just drop me a line at the address at the beginning of the column.

Just in case you are interested, while Cathy & I were on our honeymoon, we picked up the silver spoon that is supposed to go to the first-born of our Class. If you want to claim that spoon, just write or call.

Ed note: The following letter was received by the ASSEMBLY office, forwarded by Class pres Scott Snair: To the Members of the West Point Class of 1988.

Dear Friends:

It was a great pleasure to be able to address your graduation ceremony last month.

Your dedication and spirit are a credit to the United States armed forces. Your many accomplishments have prepared you now for a career of service to our country—service that will protect our shores while advancing freedom and democracy around the globe.

You carry a heavy burden. But it is a burden that will be of benefit to millions around the world.

Best wishes for many future successes.

Sincerely,  
George Bush

## Price/Cost/Worth of West Point

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valid—must be based upon comparisons of cost to cost and price to price, not cost to price. When costs are compared, West Point is no more costly than those other selective, comprehensive undergraduate colleges which it most closely resembles. The same is true of price.

(2) The cost to the nation of educating a young person for commissioning in the Army through ROTC and USMA is nearly the same (about a 4% difference).

(3) Using a measure of man-years of service rendered to the Army combined with dollar cost to the nation, West Point appears to be very cost-effective. In the words of the 1987 Board of Visitors, "West Point actually is a bargain for the Army and the nation."

(4) West Point and ROTC are both justified by the different ways in which each serves the needs of the Army and the nation. We need both to meet our mission of serving the common defense.

(Note: The primary researcher for the price/cost/worth study was LTC Tom Fagan, Director of the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis, Department of Social Sciences, USMA. The study summary was written by COL Larry Donnithorne, office of Leader Development Integration, USMA.)

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<sup>2</sup>This cost is calculated as follows: The cost per graduate of running a college, without tuition in the figure, is \$103,000. For ROTC, the Army pays tuition (\$14,000) plus other ROTC overhead costs (\$66,000) constituting a total of \$183,000 per graduate.

<sup>3</sup>Report of the 1987 United States Military Academy Board of Visitors, December 31, 1987, pp. 6-7.

## A Cook's Delight . . . 4400 Hungry Cadets

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The decor of the dining hall is a collage of the history of West Point and of the United States. The portraits on the walls by the main entrance are of past superintendents who have served West Point since 1802.

Back in Manny's office he points with pride at letters from graduates who have written him to express their appreciation for his work and the efforts of his staff on their behalf. One such letter came from a young lieutenant now responsible for a mess hall at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. He wanted Manny to know what a top-notch operation the Cadet Mess Hall really is.

As Manny speaks with pride about equipment and a fine staff, he also speaks humbly about how grateful he is for the opportunities afforded him by West Point.