

the only person we know who had both her mother and mother-in-law dancing to Nine Inch Nails, Echo and the Bunnymen, and the ever popular Mosquito Hairspray!

Bob Underwood sent news of a few more nuptial events that he had either recently attended or had heard of. **Jaroslaw (Jerry) Siwik (F2) & Rebecca Henning** exchanged vows in both English and Polish in November 1996 (this news is just a little dated) in St. Clair Shores, MI. Jerry graduated from Medical School with Bob in June and was due to start his residency in Internal Medicine in July. **Strom Brost (F2) & Norma Brown** were married in June. No details on the either affair (just the facts, jack).



Attention all newlyweds (including those whose weddings are just now being reported), please send photos. Better yet, all you guests, send those candid shots and comments. **Mama Brock** set the standard in this arena of intimate reporting a few issues ago (November/December 1995).

Kevin Laborne zapped us from Huntington Beach, CA. **Kevin** works in Long Beach, where he trades crude oil for a large energy firm while gazing at the ocean and the **Queen Mary**. He & **Sherry** were married at WP in November 1995. Sherry is a V.A. nurse. When he's not surfing or trading or spending QCT (quality couple time) with Sherry, Kevin attends grad school at USC. With the trading day beginning at 6:30 A.M. and the grad school classes going into the night, Kevin no doubt still experiences the dreaded "Thayer Day." Kevin had the poop on several classmates. **Ron Knipping** paid Kevin a visit from Michigan to catch some waves. **Jeff & Laura Smidt** visited last summer from the land of OZ. **Kevin & Beth Bell** and **Gerry Falzon** visited this past year on their way down the California coast. The Bells live in Wilmington, NC, and Gerry in northern California. Kevin stands in contact with **Paul & Kim Kamnikar**, who live in Dallas and **Kevin Weisenhoffer**, who resides in Ohio. Kevin also has talked to **Mark Valley**, who lives in Hollywood and continues to break hearts on the daytime soaps.

We'll start the baby news off with a big story from Colorado. **Karen (Haddock) & Dave Fralen** gave birth to Christopher and Jonathan on 23 Apr. The boys were born 8 minutes apart and both weighed in

at a whopping 7 lb. 15 oz. Congratulations, Karen! (We thought our friend who just gave birth to a son weighing 11 lb., 8 oz. was a trooper). I think your heroic effort takes the cake.

Han Kim is the proud father of a 2d daughter, Catherine J. Kim. She was born on 25 May, 7½ lbs. From the sounds of things, Han seems to be enjoying life in Menlo Park, CA, with his venture firm Altos Ventures.

Tom Goss got to experience the joy of fatherhood prior to his move to WP to join the Military History faculty. He & **Andria** welcomed daughter, Rowan Laura, into the world on May 4. With unusual fatherly pride, Tom describes her as "cute as a button, but seems to bear a striking resemblance to an aged Teddy Roosevelt."

Darcy & John Lynch sent news of the February birth of their daughter Shannon Elizabeth (6 lbs. 15 oz., 19.25 in). According to Darcy, Shannon has been growing like a weed, currently 24" and about 15 lbs. and looks just like her dad.

She is trying very hard to talk and the Lynchs are teaching her to say "Go Army, Beat Navy!" (What else?) John finished the POOC & CAC at JFKSWTC at Ft. Bragg. He is currently working with the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion in Training/Operations in conjunction with getting his MBA through Webster U.

A little bit of a short column this time. Everyone must be saving their big stories for the reunion. We are anxiously counting the days . . . "SIR, there are 1 and a butt months until . . ." Check out the home page for the last reunion poop. As we write this column, we just got an e-mail reminder from O'C that 14 years ago today we began R-Day . . . Does it seem that long ago? Thanks for the reminder O'C. See you all in a month and a butt!

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I guess I have really entered the 28.8-baud world of info management because I received the majority of my letters this issue over the phone line. **Abe** twixed me a note but I couldn't translate his e-mail address so all I have is his first name and an update from UV. **Abe** graduated from law and graduate business schools (U of Virginia) last month. **Benny Webb** (& wife **Brenda**) and **Hugh Campbell** all came up to help him celebrate the occasion. **Benny** is presently assigned to Ft. Bragg

(he's actually been there since graduation), but will attend Duke in the fall to pursue a master's degree before reporting to WP for hard-core duty in the Political Science Dept. **Hugh** has taken a similarly non-traditional approach to his Army career, spending 3 years working fixed station commo in Panama before receiving the "unfortunate" assignment to McDill Airbase in Tampa, FL. **Abe** is going to work at J.P. Morgan in corporate finance on Wall Street so he can pay off some of the loans that he has been sucking up for the last 4 years of school.

Scott Maitland finally got his computer systems up and running (after calling a couple of gold coats) and reports that has run into (and drank a lot of beer with) a lot of grads from a lot of different classes there in the "brewpub" (John, thanks for the plugs!) and there is talk about starting a new alumni chapter at Chapel Hill. So, if you are interested, drop him a line. **Alex Puig** has been in Sao Paulo for the last 18 months with the Foreign Service. On 1 Jul he took a leave of absence from the State Dept. to attend Thunderbird (American Graduate School of International Management) in Glendale, AZ, where he will work on a Master of International Management (MIM) degree (a two-year program).

Erin Edgar sent me a staunch rebuff because he couldn't find my phone number (go figure, he's a major). Erin is due to graduate from the Family Practice residency in June, and will be sticking around Ft. Bragg for a few more for a job in USASOC. **Ray Colucciello** borrowed Gabe's computer and reports that he is doing fine in the civilian world as an engineer working for General Electric designing a new gas turbine. He is married and lives in upstate New York keeping very busy. Ray wrote because he was recently digging through old things and found an old videotape that **Chris Easter** and he made around the time of 100th Night. Most of the video has the "dark side" members in it, like **Tom Gabriele**, **Easter**, **Lumberjack Mike Christians**, **Mike Barger**, **John Powers**, **Carl Kielbasa**, and some star appearance by **Jay Paproski**, "I'm so upset" **Arton Krzemka**, **John Janowski**, **Monte Masters**, **Eric Pluckhorn**, **Joe Gaudette**. Ray says that I-Beamers need not worry, for a mere 10K he won't show the video at our 10-year reunion. As a postscript, Ray added that about a month ago the company he works for hired a guy by the name of Brian Samela, yes, our old fearless leader! And speaking of Mike Barger, he is enjoying the weather in Minnesota and wishes we all could be there.

James Dusenberry sends an invitation to anyone who will be visiting France over the next 18 months to drop by St. Cyr where he serves as the USMA Exchange Officer. **Marvin Wolgast** dropped a quick update. He left the active military but has been serving in the Reserves. He says it is

fun to have the headaches only once a month instead of every day. He works with Primerica Financial Services in a civilian capacity. He celebrated his two-year anniversary with **Kelly**, an Army nurse, on 22 Apr 97. They have a 15-month-old daughter, who is as cute as a button. They just finished a year in Ft. Leavenworth where Kelly attended CGSC. In June, he left for San Diego and a two-year joint assignment there. Marv saw numerous classmates who have passed through Ft. Lev for CAS³. **John Gersch** is stationed at Leavenworth as a JAG. **Dave Toczak** is at Texas Tech completing his master's in history before he goes back to WP to teach history. **Mike & Liz Hawn** are wrapping things up in Romania, where Mike attended the Romanian Defense College. They will finish their mandatory one-month travel in Eastern Europe (FAO rules) and move back CONUS to start grad school at a yet unnamed institute of higher learning. **Dave Shirley** is a project manager for a client/server applications development project with Sapient Corporation in San Francisco. He left the Army in November 1994 and worked for Andersen Consulting in San Francisco for 16 months. He then went to work for Sapient, which develops mission critical information systems solutions for large Fortune 500 companies.

Norm Fuss is here at DLI studying Russian. Norm got married about 3 years ago to **Carolyn** who teaches school in Salinas. Norm, Carolyn, and their dog Doc will be heading to the Marshall Center in Garmisch along with **Mark, Patty,** and **Bethany Freitag**; **Jeff Predmore** and **Rick Reyno** to start their in country FAO training. Finally, **Jack Amberg**, his wife **Kristen**, and child **Maggie** have moved to Roswell, NM, to study the possibilities of extra-terrestrial contact as applied to short range field artillery, all this under the guise of being an ROTC instructor at the New Mexico Military Institute. Hey, the truth is out there.

Thanks for the time. Keep writing.

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Greetings to all who Strengthen the Line out there. Hope all is well upon receipt of this issue. I now do this electronically, so thanks for the influx of e-mails and support.

Received a nice letter from **Ed & Holley Hlopak**. They live near Houston, TX, with their daughter **Hannah**. Ed works for MW Kellogg Petrochemicals as a civil engineer. Ed reports that **Scott & Sarah Moore** live in Davenport, IA, with their

son **Konrad**. Scott is an environmental health and safety engineer for Case Corp and competes in bodybuilding in his spare time. Ed said **Keith & Elizabeth Thompson** are at Ft. Bragg with daughter **Rebekah**. Keith is applying to med school and hopes to become a doctor soon.

Also, **Ed** mentioned that he keeps in touch with **Rob Mueller** and **Joe D'Costa**. Joe currently works for Enron, but is interviewing with NASA,

and serves with ED in the 75th Div (Ex) conducting simulations for the Guard/Reserves. Rob is an investment banker for

Goldman & Sachs in Houston. Thanks for the update, Ed, and please stay in touch.

Amy (Williams) Franklin

sent me a whole bunch of corrections to previously written bad poop with IRP! all over it. Okay, okay, here we go. Amy did leave active duty in 1994, but continues as the S-3/S-2 of the 604th MP Bn in the Reserves. While in grad school getting a master's of education at Indiana U, she met **Matthew Franklin** and they married on 27 Jul 96. They now live in Columbus, IN, where Matt is a manager of Cummings Diesel Engine Company and Amy substitutes in local schools.

Also, I must correct some updates on Amy's room-mates: **Diane (Maniuszko) Falk** lives at Ft. Bragg, where her husband **Matt** is in Delta



1989—Ed, Holley, and Hannah Hlopak.



1989—Sarah, Konrad, and Scott Moore.



1989—Elizabeth, Rebekah, and Keith Thompson.



1989—Amy (Williams) & Matthew Franklin.

Force. They have 2 children, **Alexandra (2)** and **Patrick (1)**. **Sue (Irons) Beachler** lives near Sioux Falls, SD, with her husband **Kevin**. In November 1996, they had a son, **John**. Other news from Amy includes: **Chris & Carla (Miller) Easter** moved to Georgia where Chris is the GM for Wal-Mart distribution center.

Their son **Chase Lee** is just graduated from Pace

U with a degree in accounting and works for KPMG Peat Marwick as an auditor. **Liz (Winkler) Yarbrough** married **Dave** and they live in Iowa.

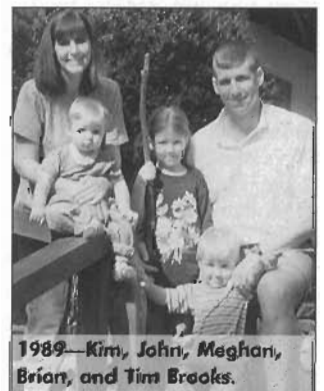


1989—Old roomies Sue (Irons) Beachler and Amy (Williams) Franklin.

Sorry about the inaccuracies **Amy**, but sometimes the cocktail napkins get a bit blurry. I hope this keeps you and your roomies free from strife!

Tim & Kim Brooks send regards from Ft. Bragg. Tim commands A/3-505 IN and enjoys spending his spare time with **Meghan (5)**, **Brian (2)**, and **John (9 months)**. Tim says that **Frank Sturek** is en route to WP, **Vince Wallace** is now at Ft. Gordon, **Brian Cox** is in SF at Ft. Bragg, and others at the Light Mecca include: **Miguel Howe**, **James Raymer**, **Dave Warshaw**, and **Greg Gadson**. Tim hopes to wind up in the Old Guard—guess he never got enough of the Cadet Color Guard. Thanks for the letter, Tim, and best of luck to you and the family.

John Andonie says hello from the Iron Triangle at NTC. Along with **Marty Leners**, **Bill Walski**, and **Ed Fleming**, they are the Troop Commanders of 1/11 ACR, the OPFOR. **Bob Radtke** also is there as commander of HHT/11 ACR. Upon publication of this issue, the '89ers of the Blackhorse will depart for distant bugles. Ed, **Barbara**, and daughter **Meagan** will go to U of Maryland where Ed will work



1989—Kim, John, Meghan, Brian, and Tim Brooks.