

wp87skibum(s) were on their way back from a week of skiing in Lake Tahoe while our class webpage developer, listserv moderator, and all-around technology guru was on his way to a technology conference in Florida and a little R&R at Disney World. While at the conference, Mike saw **Paul Washington**, who was presenting something as part of a Ph.D. program.

The second sighting occurred on the Boston Marathon race course (I know we should have been running—we plan to run in Boston 2000). Scampering up the infamous Heartbreak Hill was **Dave Mikolaities**. Dave looked amazingly good for someone who had just run 20 miles so I decided to look up his finish time on the marathon website. Unfortunately, it wasn't posted so we are wondering what the outcome was. Did you really run the whole thing? Please send us some photos Dave so we can defend your honor.

Another way that we've begun to pick up news when the mailbag is light is by watching the exchange of SPAM messages passed across the class listserver. Unfortunately (or fortunately for those of us looking to eavesdrop on some class news) some of you still haven't figured out how to send a return message without sending it to the whole class. For a hint, the first line of the message has a reminder that you can't just hit the return button. Although it happens all the time, this month we'll pick on the message traffic passed by the G-3 Gophers. Based on what we could piece together from the exchange (an exchange started by an innocent job posting from **Bill Howard**. **Mike Mathias** sends greetings from Minneapolis, Hugo, MN, to be exact, where he lives with his wife **Kay** and children **Alec** (8) and **Taylor** (6). He works as a sales manager with Pfizer and is completing his MBA at U of Minnesota. He reports that life is "fun filled" and he and the family are doing great. He also reports that he has been in contact with **Tom O'Donoghue**. "OD" is married, has a little girl, and will graduate from law school shortly. Mike stays in touch with **Pat Rhyme**, who is an internal medicine resident at UAB Hospital.

In the other half of the exchange, we learned that **Mike's** old roommate, **Brett Kawakami**, is at Stanford trying to finish up a degree in environmental engineering. Brett writes that he has been in e-mail contact with a few of the old Gophers including **Joe Samek**, **Jamie Gayton**, **Tom Cascino**, **Jim Glackin**, and a couple of others. Of course **Bill Howard** innocently started this exchange with a properly placed job announcement so we would be remiss if we didn't report that Bill lives in Austin, TX, with his wife **Nancy**. Bill is Applica-



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tions Engineer/Manager for KLA-Tencor—a capital equipment manufacturer in the semiconductor industry. Let this be a reminder to those of you who are still learning how to use the "return" button on your e-mail accounts. The internet is a fun way for innocent bystanders like us to poach e-mail. Thanks for the Gopher news.

John Tien zapped us a note from Washington, DC, where he is completing his fellowship at the White House. He is on his way to CGSC after a great experience in DC learning about the inner working of government. He is sticking to his story that he did not do anything noteworthy of a gossip column so we won't elaborate on his "official mission" in his fellow assignment. (Wasn't Ollie North a major when he was getting into mischief in DC?)

In other Army "change of commands," **Dean Batchelder** recently submitted for and accepted a branch transfer to the Acquisition Corps. Dean is scheduled to leave his assignment at West Point admissions after R Day (28 June) to attend the Material Acquisition Management (MAM) course this summer. His next assignment is Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL, where he expects to be working on the Sentinel Radar project. We will miss seeing the Batchelders at West Point during football season and wish them the best of luck in Alabama.

Triiip Bowen also is changing jobs in DC. Triiip has been reading about all of his classmates who have done stints as aides-de-camp and apparently could no longer resist. In March, Triiip began a stint as Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence (ASD for C3I). Beside learning to write his boss' title on the official letterhead, Triiip should have the inside scoop on CCCI. Of course he can't tell you anything or he'd have to kill you!

Jim Garrett also is having a "change of command" of sorts as he hangs up his Army green for civilian life. On 31 Mar, Jim said goodbye to the military after nearly 12 years. He accepted a job with GE Appliances in Bloomington, IN. Bloomington Plant Operations is the largest manufacturer

of side-by-side refrigerators in the world so if you are in the market for a GE fridge, give Jim a call and he can initial your fridge as it passes off the assembly line (hey, it works for Saturn in their commercials). Jim recently finished a master of science in human resource management and is looking forward to testing his new HR skills on the "troops" at GE. Jim will be setting up his new home in Indiana with his wife **Natalie**, twin sons **Randy** and **John** (1), and their friendly dogs **Dusty** and **Liesl**.

Ron & Tammy (Czekala) Davies just completed a move from Chicago to Denver last April and report that they continue to move as much or more as they did in the military (we can attest to that). Ron will be trying to keep the distraction of the ski slopes out of his mind as he works on developing the internet strategy for his company's REIT.

Last but not least, **Kurt Greene** sent an update. He is loving his job at Procter & Gamble in Jackson, TN, where he has been since graduating last year from Vanderbilt's MBA program.

What would an '87 column be without some baby announcements? Either things are slowing down or we haven't been paying attention to the announcements because there are only three to report. **Doug & Karen Carr** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, **Liam Douglas Mackessy Carr**. Liam was born on 6 Mar at Andrews Air Force Base, MD, weighing 8 lbs., 10½ oz., and measuring 20¾ inches. "Aside from needing a bit more sleep, the three of us couldn't be better." (Now where have you heard that one before?) **Gary & Vicki (Vogel) Flack** announced the birth of their son **Conner Ryan Flack** on 29 Apr. He tipped the scales at 8 lbs., 6 oz. "After 15½ hours of labor, Vicki gave birth to a bouncing baby boy!" We just learned that **Steven & Julia Myers** had a baby boy named **Spencer John Myers**. Congratulations to the new parents!

Have a great summer and remember, BEAT NAVY!

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Brian Pulford wrote to update all those he lost track of since graduation. He assures me that he has been keeping busy. Some may know that Brian went Aviation. After

flight school, he went to Ft. Hood for six months and then to Germany. There, he drank the beer, had fun, and did a six-month tour in Saudi Arabia. He went to the Armor advanced course at Knox and then back to Ft. Hood, where he decided to get out and go to work for John Deere in 1993. Brian is in the Industrial Division, where he builds backhoes, crawlers, excavators, and the like. Think industrial yellow, not agriculture green and that's him (also, if you see a Hitachi orange excavator, that's him too). Just more than two years ago, he married **Jane** on Thanksgiving weekend. This proves that there really is somebody for everyone. Then John Deere sent them to Japan for two years. He worked at the Hitachi factory in Tsuchiura, just north of Tokyo about 18 months. He got back in March. Drop him a line when you get the chance <PulfordBrianR@Dubuque.Deere.com>.

Joe Volpe sent this update. First, he dutifully chastises the class scribe by passing on a correction regarding **Dan Rice**. Dan Rice does not sell pharmaceuticals as I erroneously reported a few issues ago. He actually is a regional manager of a medical sales company. As we all know, medical and pharmaceutical sales are dramatically different. Also, Dan was recently promoted to vice president of marketing for the company and relocated to Pennsylvania. Thanks for keeping me honest, Joe.

Some other updates. Joe is still working for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas. He also is a JAG officer with the Arkansas Army National Guard. In his JAG travels, he's had the opportunity to run into a few other classmates. **Tyler Randolph** works at the JAG School. **Jean (Brittinisky) Lucy** teaches a class for the Guard's Professional Education Center (Located in Little Rock). **Scott Zigmond** relocated to Milwaukee to work in the Marketing Section of GE Medical. **Brian Mahoney** still works for the FAA and has been accepted to the University of Virginia's master's program. **Paul McGrath** relocated to Indianapolis where he is a regional manager of a computer software company. **Dan Negron** still lives in Richmond and is quite active with the Richmond West Point Society. **John Egan** works for Pfizer and now lives in Annapolis, MD. Joe is trying to set up a network of Class of '88 attorneys. If you are interested, email <Joe_Volpe@ared.uscourts.gov>.

On the home front, **Cathy & I** are PCSing to the Mahgreb. We will live and work in Tunisia for at least the next 14 months. Please note the change of address and the new e-mail listing. Keep writing and God bless.

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Greetings to all Who Strengthen the Line. By the time this issue hits your mailboxes, we should be getting ready for the 10-Year Reunion, 20-24 Oct 99, when Army will beat New Mexico State in football.

I have some important Reunion information. Please pass this on to everyone that you are in contact with. **Brian Roberts**, **Steve Miller**, and several others have put a lot of work into developing a great reunion. The current plan looks like this: the hotel for class accommodations is Woodcliff Lake Hilton in Woodcliff Lake, NJ. You can call for reservations at 201 391-3600 or 1 800-HILTONS.

Activities for the reunion weekend include a golf tournament, a class business meeting, and an informal social on Friday, 22 Oct. The business meeting will be at the hotel at 1830 and cover the status of our class fund (that **Dave Blain** and several others have done a superb job organizing), whether we want to elect new class officers or keep the current ones, and future plans for class functions, etc. The social will follow at the hotel at 1930.

Saturday, 23 Oct, includes the parade to Thayer Statue at 0920, the Alumni Review 1000, tailgates, the football game at 1300, and a formal dinner in the Mess Hall at 1930. As always, please take your families to see the cadet barracks, the Area (Centurions, especially), the library, the museum, and the new alumni center (where the old hockey rink used to be just south of Lusk Reservoir). Come on out and be an "Old Grad!"

All of these times are tentative. We will all receive a packet in the mail from the AOG that further describes the weekend. RSVP to **Jill (Schweitzer) Boice** at 914 938-2903 for the golf tournament, Friday social, and Saturday formal. Football tickets will be purchased separately with a form in the packet. Also, our class website will have the same information.

As for "Class Notes," I have just a few this time. **Chuck & Kristen Correll** send warmest regards from Houston, TX. They have just had their fourth and (so Chuck writes) final child. Nathaniel Barrett Correll

was born on 2 Feb of this year. As Chuck said, perhaps there is a future in an ACR for Nathaniel, based on his birth date! Their twins, Tres & Breanna, are now 4, and Justin is 2½. Chuck continues to practice commercial litigation. As for other I-3 Polar Bears, **Mark Elfendahl** is currently at DLI learning more German, then will move back to Deutschland as an Olmstead Scholar. **Greg Chandler** is an investment banker in Boston, while **Greg Conti** is just now returning CONUS from a tour in the UK. Thanks for the update, Chuck. Hope to see you in October.

Dave & Monika Halligan have left the wondrous paradise of Ft. Chaffee in May and are settling in at Ft. Jackson. (Dave and I have been in the same AC/RC unit, 2-120th IN BDE for two years.) Dave will work on the staff of one of the new integrated divisions, the 24th ID. They have two children, David Patrick (7) and Erika (5). Dave will bring the concept of the triangle of happiness with him: school, camouflage, and PT.

Gripes & Rumors. Apparently, so much has changed at WP that the first stop for any reunion is on South Post for a virtual tour of USMA. This is to orient the "Old Grads" so we can find our way around. It's been said that **Skip Phillips** has appropriated a bus with a PA system and plans to drive it all around USMA and pick up classmates during the reunion weekend. It will be known as the "89 Party Bus." Finally, the Department with a Heart, DPE, plans to screen all graduates returning for reunions to ensure that we all maintain vibrancy into middle and senior ages. I guess it never ends...

That's all for now. Hope to see you all in October and let's remember when we ruled the Plain. All the best to you and your families from **Marna & me**. Scouts out. We Strengthen the Line.

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The column is a little light this month, only two bits of news. Send me your Founders Day photos for the next column.

Josh King, who recently moved back from Brazil, is living in Houston, and working for an energy company. He is undergoing major culture shock, but did make