



1987—Donna McAleer driving curve 14 during a training run at the Utah Olympic Park bobsled track, the venue for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

a full MBA directly to students through the academic institution we are building, Cardean University, next year. Since Jeff started with the company in September 1999 they have grown from 50 people to more than 300 and also have 300 more adjunct faculty. Unext is pre-IPO. We are looking for more adjunct faculty. Adjunct faculty need a master's degree and work (but not necessarily teaching) experience. Our faculty work from home on a part-time, contractual basis. We have a unique instructional design model, so our instruction is very non-traditional. Check out the faculty section of <[www.cardean.edu](http://www.cardean.edu) for more information>." If you are interested, e-mail Jeff first so that "I can use part of that referral bonus to take you out for a nice Chicago-style steak dinner." He can be reached at 847 405-7433 or <[hassman@unext.com](mailto:hassman@unext.com)>.

Happy summer. Anyone interested in a little hiking, mountain biking, fly fishing, and golf in the Wasatch Mountains, give us a call. The McAleer B&B is open year round.

## 1988

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Hello all. **Jack Amberg** sent another update and a photo of the family. Jack will go to Korea for a year and then return to Ft. Lewis to join one of the transformation brigades.

**Tyler Lee Randolph** sent the annual update via e-mail. Unfortunately, the photos that came with it would not print. Regardless, I am including the majority of his update below. "As **Tracey** & I near Christmas

card number 75, our hands are wearing out, and time is running out! For those who were expecting a handwritten note, we sincerely apologize. We send these greetings with the same heartfelt love and greetings, and you get the benefit of a few more words! The year 2000 has treated us very well. Despite a couple of bouts with the virus and some colds with the change of seasons, all are in good health. Addison turned six in August and Morgan four in September. I continue to be blessed with a wonderful family and a wonderful wife and companion, though Tracey could probably show cause ten times over, why she is not similarly blessed by my presence!

"We have had two enjoyable years with the JAG School, here in Charlottesville. This last year, I was assigned to Ft. Lee, VA, but chose not to move the family for the eleventh-month period and chose, instead, to commute and stay at Ft. Lee some nights so that the family can stay in Charlottesville. Our big news arises from our decision to depart the Army, next summer. After some long and serious reflection over the holidays, last year, I made a personal decision and we made a family decision to depart the Army. I will now take the big leap into the civilian world and join a law firm in Raleigh, NC. The decision was not one made easily or lightly. The Army is all I have known since high school, about half my life, now. I will have more than 13 years of service when I depart. I based my decision solely on positive reasons, nothing negative. I weighed the pros of each side of the fence and at this point in my life, and in the family's life, this is the right decision for us. The family moves to Raleigh some time

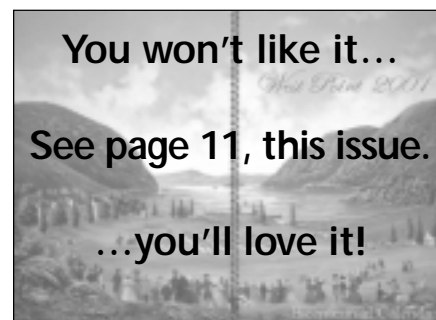


1988—The Ambergs 2000.

this summer, during the school break. Tracey is very excited about my leaving the Army, this New Year. She has always backed me 100% and would do so were I to choose to stay in, but she heartily agreed with my decision and is looking forward to getting close to all our friends and family in North Carolina. My only fault was in not finding a firm and job as I did located closer to the beach! Thus, my promise and debt to her of getting a beach house some time in our future lives. (All donations gratefully accepted!) As the last item to close with, this year, we would like to thank all who made our incredible trek to Baltimore for the Army-Navy game possible and so enjoyable this year. I believe we had about 20 people among our friends and family accompany us to the big game this year, which is usually held in Philadelphia. It was the best time I have had at such a game, yet.

**Now for something a bit different.** I am sure all of us can still remember the death of the racecar driver Dale Earnhardt this past February. I received e-mail from a former Marine that might add perspective to the event: "On 18 Feb 01, while racing for fame and fortune, Dale Earnhardt died in the last lap of the Daytona 500. It was surely a tragedy for his family, friends, and fans. He was 49 years old with grown children, one, who was in the race. I am new to the NASCAR culture so much of what I know has come from the newspaper and TV. He was a winner and earned everything he had. This included more than \$41 million in winnings and ten times that from endorsements and souvenir sales. He had a beautiful home and a private jet. He drove the most sophisticated cars allowed and every part was inspected and replaced as soon as there was any evidence of wear. This is normally fully-funded by the car and team sponsors. Today, there is no TV station that does not constantly remind us of his tragic end and the radio already has a song of tribute to this winning driver. Nothing should be taken away from this man, he was a professional and the best in his profession. He was in a very dangerous business but the rewards were great.

"One week earlier, six U.S. Army soldiers died in a training accident when two UH-



60 Blackhawk helicopters collided during night maneuvers in Hawaii. The soldiers were all in their twenties, and thirties, pilots, crewchiefs, and artillerymen. Most of them lived in sub-standard housing. If you add their actual duty hours (in the field, deployed) they probably earn something close to minimum wage. The aircraft they were in were between 15 and 20 years old. Many times parts were not available to keep them in good shape due to funding. They were involved in the extremely dangerous business of flying in the Kuhuku mountains at night. It only gets worse when the weather moves in as it did that night. Most times, no one is there with a yellow or red flag to slow things down when it gets critical. Their children were mostly toddlers who will lose all memory of who 'Daddy' was as they grow up. They died training to defend our freedom. I take nothing away from Dale Earnhardt but ask you to perform this simple test. Ask any of your friends if they know who was the NASCAR driver killed on 18 Feb 01. Then ask them if they can name one of the six soldiers who died in Hawaii two weeks ago.

"On 18 Feb 01, Dale Earnhardt died driving for fame and glory at the Daytona 500. The nation mourned. On 11 Feb 01, six soldiers died training to protect our freedom. No one can remember their names. Less we forget the true price of freedom, They were: MAJ Robert L. Olson USMA '87, CW4 George P. Perry, CW2 Gregory I. Montgomery, SGT Thomas E. Barber, SPC Bob D. MacDonald, and SPC Rafael Olvera-Rodriguez."

Keep writing and God bless.

## 1989

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Greetings to all those who Strengthen the Line. Hope this finds you well and enjoying life. I have just a few noted for this time.

On 5 February, in Boston, Digital Media On Demand, Inc. (DMOD) announced the hire of **Jeff Macklin** as its new chief operating officer. Jeff previously was a partner in Furnace Labs, COO at Rock.com, a senior consultant at Gemini Consulting, and an independent record producer. Jeff earned an MBA in 1995 from Darden Business School at UVA. Congratulations, Jeff. Please let us know how life at the top really feels!

Received a brief update from **Paul Schubert**. Paul is now Deputy Test Director for the Joint Battle Damage Assessment Agency, working for OSD. Remember that Paul turned in Army Blue a few years back and is now proudly wearing the USMC uniform. (Should we call him the class leatherneck then?) Paul lives in Suffolk, VA, and welcomes anyone to watch the Army-Navy with him...and why not, he can't lose, either way! Thanks for the update, Paul. Keep them coming.

**Gripes & Rumors.** There were rumors flying around on e-mail that one of our classmates penned a letter to the CSA that was a serious gripe about the black beret. I hope no one in '89 wrote this letter. As Americans, we sometimes fall victim to the lure of complicating the obvious. There are, in my humble opinion, way too many missions yet for us to execute. Now the question becomes...who will write a rebuttal? A separate rumor has it that **Nate "The Voice" LaMar** is on his way to the Korean Peninsula to tour various sites and enter into debates on "post-industrial expostulation;" I'm not sure if this is true or not, but this spectator will stock up on Soju and enjoy the show. Finally, I heard that **Dave Sokol** was hired by the Army Athletic Association as the graduate assistant for A-Man. Dave has neither confirmed nor denied, but has been spending countless hours in the gym buffing up. We'll see next fall. Go Army!

That's all for now. As always, see you in the field or at the club. Scouts out. Please keep the updates and tall tales coming. I really enjoy telling our story. WILCO. We Strengthen the Line.

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Fortunately, two classmates answered my pleas for reunion photos/mail, saving all of you from viewing another photo of the Fighting Cocks. **Dave & Jeanine Smith** sent in two photos.

The first shot is at the H-2 CQ desk: **Dave Smith, Scott Simpson, Mike Panciera, Paul Schmitt, Ken Chapman**, and the H-2 CCQ.



1990—Dave Smith, Scott Simpson, Mike Panciera, Paul Schmitt, and Ken Chapman.

The second photo is after the reunion parade: **Paul Schmitt, Scott Simpson, Dave Smith, and Mike Panciera**. Dave is a math "P," Paul is a Russian "P," Mike is a FAO in Korea, Scott is a Lutheran minister in North Dakota, and Ken works for Perot in Connecticut.

**Ray & Christine Cho** sent in a reunion photo of E-3. Pictured in the front row: **Jeff Kopp, Bob Reppa, Al Armonda, Julie Hiebert**, (second row) **Ray Cho, Jamie Danner, Paul Kuznik, Steve Milstein, Alan Abell**, (third row) **Brad Tieke, Rod Ofte, Bob**



1990—Company E-3.