

come mat is out for those classmates coming to Germany. Contact them at <decoaster@t-online.de>.

Your scribes recently attended the Class and Society Leader's Conference at West Point. Class of '87 was well represented. **John Hurst** participated as a class leader, and **Jack Poole** and **Dale Malzi** participated as representatives of their societies. Dale lives in southwest Virginia and took home a Distinguished Society Award. Jack is in the Columbia, SC, area. Jack presented a Leadership Development Program that he and another grad developed and implemented in the Ft. Jackson area. It sounded like an outstanding program as they hosted 20 high school seniors at a 2½-day Leadership Camp.

On an early morning run, **Donna** bumped into **Bernie Banks** who was getting ready to teach a PL300 class (remember "Leadersleep," Bernie insists that he has found a formula to keep the cows awake and engaged. After his stint in BS&L, Bernie expects to move on to battalion command. Bernie currently stars in "Leaders for a Lifetime" a great new USMA admissions video. He also informed us that **Ron Lewis** is in command of an Aviation battalion—one more of the old men in the class! The details of the conference proceedings are at <www.aogusma.org>.

By the time this column hits the street, we will be preparing to go to Oahu to watch Army take on U of Hawaii. As of this writing, the Army team has not played their first game of the 2003 season. Let's hope that it starts off on a brighter note than last year. Hope to see a bunch of you in Hawaii for the game. Please remember to order your limited edition West Point Aloha shirt at <www.aogusma.org>. Until next time, We Strengthen the Line!

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Hello from CENTCOM. **Bob Hamilton**, Ro Jackson '87, and I send our regards. **Jerry Kobylski** sends greetings from Highland Falls. The Army sent him to Woops for a Ph.D. in math and systems engineering. After the academic frocking, Jerry will return to the Math Department to torment cadets, "Take Boards and Cease Work!" Because Jerry is not yet assigned to West Point, he cannot live on base nor send his children to the DoDs schools. But that is okay, they are very happy at Sacred Heart. Jerry's phone number is 845 446-2364. If you are ever stranded in the NYC area, it's a short cab ride to a place to stay.

Because this appears to be the former foot-

ball players' issue, I will continue with e-mail from **Tory Crawford**. Again this issue is about former football players, so Tory's e-mail consists only of his phone number and geographic location. Here are his contact numbers: (H) 281 459-6555; (Fax) 281 459-6545; (Cell) 281 744-2214. Tory resides in his hometown of Houston, TX. If travels bring you south, look him up.

Mike Lover dropped a line with a former football player's spreadsheet of contact info (Excel written in crayon and scanned by some computer geek). Mike recently upgraded to the 64-count box so he will be able to update the master sheet as info comes in. Not bad for a non-Infantry guy.

Mike Rounds (one of the more erudite of the NOT 150s crew) left USMA in 2000 and just arrived in Korea this summer (long commute?). He works on the Combined Staff in the Engineer current ops section at the main HQs in Seoul. He was able to bring his family, **Mary Nell**, and three boys (ages 10, 8, and 6) on an accompanied tour so they will be there for two years. Mike is the only American in the office—the ROK officers he works with are really great guys and, so far, Mike and Mary have been pleasantly surprised with everything there in Korea. Mike spent the last two years at Ft. Campbell as S-3 and XO of the Engineer battalion of the 101st Airborne Div. He got to Campbell in June 2001 and was in Day 2 of Air Assault School on 11 Sep 01. The rest of the two years at Campbell were a blur. One brigade of the division went to Kandahar, Afghanistan, from January–July 2002 and then the whole division deployed to Kuwait this past February for Operation Iraqi Freedom. After hostilities were declared over on 1 May, Mike started his transition out of the XO job and left Iraq in mid May to come back to Campbell and PCS to Korea. The best e-mail address to reach Mike is <michael.rounds@us.army.mil>.

On a somber note, **Scott Snair** forwarded some info from **Craig Borchelt** about one of our classmates who was wounded in Iraq. **Lanier Ward** (A-2) was wounded on patrol in Baghdad on 27 June when a 152mm round was remotely detonated as his vehicle was patrolling Baghdad as part of a two-vehicle convoy. Lanier suffered serious injuries to his foot and right arm. His foot was partially crushed and has had a couple of bones repaired during the course of his treatment. His arm was more seriously injured by the blast and initially required a tourniquet. Lanier said that the quick treatment provided by his driver and Iraqi interpreter were key to stopping serious blood loss and saving his life. Only five minutes from his unit's compound, Lanier was moved in his HUMMMWV back to the 2d ACR CP where he was met by the Regimental CO, Chaplain, and Surgeon. He was air medevac'd within about five minutes to a Forward Surgical Team that spent 1–

2 hours reconstructing his arm. Lanier said there is no question the FST surgeons saved his arm. Sadly, the gunner in the accompanying vehicle in his convey was killed in the blast. Lanier was evacuated to Germany and then sent to CONUS where he was moved to Brooke Army Medical Center where his brother-in-law is an orthopedic surgeon. He has had eight surgeries to date and is optimistic about his recovery. He can move three fingers on his right arm but currently does not have feeling in the arm, although the doctors believe they will be able to repair the nerve in the arm to some degree. Lanier currently is an inpatient at Brooke. His contact information is: Brooke Army Medical Center, 3851 Roger Brooke Dr., Bldg. 3600, Ft. Sam Houston, TX 38234-6200. He is located on Ward 7, Room 754. His room phone number is 210 916-5576. The phone number to the Ward 7 desk is 210 916-3436. He expects to be discharged in about a week and is PCSing from Ft. Polk to Ft. Sam Houston for rehab that is expected to take a year. **Heather** and daughter **Allie** (4) are hoping to move to Ft. Sam in the next few weeks. Finally, **Kevin Reeves** confirmed **Craig's** info on **Lanier** and sent the following personal update. Kevin has been married for six years to **Kathryne**. They have an 18-month-old daughter, **Camille** and one on the way. They recently moved to Columbus, OH, from Houston where he had been working for Enron and Reliant Energy for the last eight years. **Dale Furrow** works with Kevin at AEP in Columbus.

God bless and keep writing.

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Greetings to all those who Strengthen the Line from the heights of Uijongbu and the Second to None Division! Meanwhile, many of our fellow classmates are scouring the arid mountains of Afghanistan or blitzing across the endless deserts in Iraq. The nation has called upon us all once again and '89 is there with all the rest of the Line. I hope this finds each of you and your families well and keeping the faith. I have a few short updates.

Joel Levesque sends his best to everyone from Ft. Drum. He is S-3 of 3-62 ADA.

At Founders Day last March, '89ers showing the colors in the 10th MTN included: **Rob Forte** (S-3/4-31 IN), **Mike Price** (XO 41st EN),