

Kirk -
Looking forward to seeing you
+ meeting Jackie in Reno!!
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U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Class of '53 Newsletter
Early March 2002

About this Newsletter: The Class of '53 Newsletter is published "whenever we get around to it." Its purpose is to keep members of our class informed about our classmates' lives and activities and to provide some tid-bits of trivia and information.

Unfortunately, because not all our classmates are members of the Alumni Association, and not all of our classmates have e-mail, and the deadline for articles for our class notes section in *The Bulletin* is almost two months before it's published, there will be duplications and gaps in what is included here, what is sent by e-mail or "snail mail", and what appears in *The Bulletin*.

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This Newsletter was written on March 1st as Jane and I were preparing to drive to Fort Myers, Fla. to spend some time with our son, Bill, and see the Minnesota Twins in spring training. We'll be getting home on March 16th and then on March 20th, we'll be flying to Munich, Germany to travel in Bavaria with our daughter Beth (March 20th to April 6th). So, if you don't hear from us for a while, you'll know why.

Class of '53 "Forty-Niner Mini-Reunion", October 6-10, 2002, Reno and Lake Tahoe.

Ed and Joan Cope have put together a wonderful program for this year's mini-reunion. As of February 28th, these 20 classmates are planning to attend: Roger and Shirley Bascom, Bob and Beverly Benson, Dan and Sue Briganti, Bill and Romy Bruinsma, Ed and Joan Cope, Rick and Beth Cueroni, Frank and Jan Frauenfelder, Kirk and Jackie Greiner, Ralph and Diane Hill, Jimmy Hiteshew, Bill and Betty Ruth Lehr, Steamboat and Adele Lewis, Bill and Dixie Linn, Bob and Iris Lynch, Graeme and Barbara Mann, Bud and Betsy Ann Mathieu, Ed and Joyce Nelson, Hal and Sheila Olson, Bill and Margie Russell, and Wee and Jane Smith. These 8 classmates are in the "may attend" category: Wendell and Yvonne Driggers, Don and Lois Garnett, Hap and Virginia Hazard, Joe and Moira Kelly, Bill and Helen King, Gerry Lipsett, Al and Pat Stirling, and Glenn Young. And 32 classmates were still to be heard from.

[If you haven't yet sent back your postage-paid postcard to indicate your intentions, please do so ASAP!]

We have started the planning for our **50th Reunion** to be held **Oct. 2nd - 5th, 2003** in New London, CT. Details to follow, but in the meantime, save the dates!

"Bits and Pieces" of news from classmates (in alphabetical order).

Dick Bowers is now is on e-mail (papadickoncc@yahoo.com) and has a new telephone number (508-432-8895).

With over \$300 from sponsors who chose to pay, rather than go with him, **Dan Briganti** jumped in the lake (Chesapeake Bay) on January 26th for the *Polar Bear Plunge*. The water temperature was 38 degrees so Dan said, "I totally immersed for about 3 milliseconds and came out like the *roadrunner*!"

Dan and Sue Briganti also sent this "*Sue-update*" via e-mail on February 26th: "Well, to update you from three weeks ago, things have generally gone well for us. The worst scare was a 6 a.m. trip to the ER fearing a heart problem, but after the ambulance ride and a bunch of tests they concluded NO heart problems -- just musculo-skeletal stress. No surprise there! Then tests showed some concern for the lungs where some suspicious spots showed up. So another consultation and a PETSCAN test. No, we didn't have to take the cats in. This is a fairly new test with high intensity radio-isotopes that are supposed to show up any areas with 'C'. Good news again -- only old scars from childhood probably. More good news -- no chemo necessary. The radiation consultant came next and that program will start soon and run for about six weeks, as expected. The outlook is very good and all the prayers and support from church, friends, classmates, neighbors and business contacts was enormous and much appreciated."

Sandy Crouch said that her children decided not to sell Cal's 38' Catalina, *Eleuthera*. They are going to keep it as his legacy and teach their children to sail the way Cal taught them to sail when they were growing up.

Hank Fisher's e-mail address is aeengineering@earthlink.net.

This month, **Frank and Jan Frauenfelder** are vacationing in Tucson, AZ and are expecting a visit from **Roger Britt** and his new bride, **Karen**.

Thanks to the withdrawal of AT&T from their market area, **John Gibbs** has a new e-mail address, (jjgibbs@charter.net).

In February, **Kirk and Jackie Greiner** vacationed and honeymooned in Hawaii on the Kona Coast of the Big Island.

During the first half of March, **Jim and LaVerne Irwin** will be vacationing in Florida. Enroute they spent a few days with **Rick and Beth Cueroni** in Canton, GA and see the Cueronis new log cabin "get-a-way" up in the mountains.

In mid-February **Steamboat Lewis** had surgery to repair a torn ligament in his knee. He's expecting a speedy recovery.

Bill Markle continues his battle with pancreatic cancer, and is now staying with his daughter, (Cathy Carlson), at P.O. Box 394, Sidney, NE 69162, Tel. 308-254-2139. He can be reached via e-mail at Carlsonfamily@Hamilton.net. He is uplifted and greatly appreciates the cards and notes from our classmates.

We've located **Don Segee**. He can be reached at 8 Robin Rd., Simsbury, CT 06070, Tel. 860-658-9546, e-mail: dksnps@aol.com.

"**Humpy**" **Smith's** new e-mail address is: captwade@bellsouth.net.

Down Memory Lane.

While doing some research at the New London Library about the Academy football team I ran across the enclosed article about the CGA-W.P.I. football game played in early November of our "swab year". That's probably the greatest comeback that any Academy football team has ever made, and the most exciting game I've ever seen. Does anyone know where **Connie Nagle** is?

Retires Coach



GEORGE M. TYLER

the Eastern Connecticut conference, serving a term which continues until Dec. 9. He said he had given no thought to whether he would be eligible for continuous office in the conference.

Tyler said that there has been no discussion as to a possible successor as football coach and indicated that school authorities will take their time in selecting a candidate for a job which does not need to be filled until after the end of the school year next June.

Any problems concerning the continuing operation of the athletic directorship are expected to be resolved easily, since Tyler will remain at the school and can work out carry-over plans with the school's faculty manager of athletics, John Quark.

Tyler declined to discuss possibilities in selection of a new football coach beyond saying that under school rules the new appointee must be a member of the faculty.

Among Tyler's intimates, however, it is scarcely a secret that his own wish is that his successor might be a Fitch High school graduate who played football under his regime.

Tech-Bulkeley Game Friday, Armistice Day

The Bulkeley-Chapman Tech football game will be played Friday, Armistice day, at 3 p.m. at Mercer field.

The original schedules listed the game for Saturday. The earliest—and the reason for Chapman Tech, Bulkeley will play its final game with Norwich Free academy Nov. 19, at Mercer field.

Browns Hold Undisputed Lead In AAC Race

By RALPH RODEN

NEW YORK (AP)—The Cleveland Browns, usually resting up for the playoffs at this time of the year, once again are undisputed leaders of the All-American football conference today but the shooting isn't over.

Cleveland, champion every year since the league was organized in 1946, broke its stalemate with the New York Yankees for the top rung yesterday by trouncing the Chicago Hornets, 35-2, while the Yanks were upset, 17-14, by the Buffalo Bills.

Both contenders have three games remaining, including a date in the Yankee stadium two weeks hence that probably will settle the issue.

Meanwhile, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Los Angeles Rams staged an expected "pre-view" of the National league championship in the Quaker City.

The Eagles, Eastern division pre-settlers, cuffed the Rams, Western division leaders, 38-14. Each sports an identical 67 record, and each has five games remaining.

Two of the Eagles' contests are against the New York Giants, who are tied with the Pittsburgh Steelers for second place, two games back of the Rams, who play their final three games at home, do not meet their chief rivals, the Chicago Bears, who are two games in arrears.

The Giants were stunned by their hosts, the New York Bulldogs, 31-21. It was the Bulldogs' first victory. Pittsburgh also bowed, 27-14, to the fourth place Washington Redskins. The Bears stopped Green Bay, 24-13, in the other National league game the Chicago Cardinals humiliated the Detroit Lions, 42-19.

San Francisco's 49ers kept their hat in the ring in the A.A.C. fight with a 28-10 triumph over the Baltimore Colts. The 49ers trail the Browns by one game, having dropped two more than Cleveland.

The smallest pro crowd of the day, 18,441, watched Otto Graham perform his T-formation magic in Cleveland. Graham completed 13 out of 19 passes to share honors with Marion Motley and Dub Jones, who scored two touchdowns apiece.

Lou (The Toe) Groza kicked Cleveland's first three extra points before he was banished from the game as a result of a slugging bee with the Hornets' Nate Johnson. Lou Saban converted after the final two Brown scores.

Windham Wins Sixth in Row

Windham High school overcame a six-point deficit and went on to defeat Rockville High school 35-6, Saturday at Rockville. It was the sixth straight victory for the Whippats.

Late in the first period Rockville opened the scoring when Owen Bahler plunged over from the two yard stripe. The extra point kick was good just as the period ended.

Titus Dubose, Windham's choice for All-State honors, took the following kickoff and raced 81 yards to touchdown territory. LeGrand Turcotte kicked the extra point and Windham began to move. Two more touchdowns and extra points in that quarter gave Windham a 21-7 halftime lead which they increased with single touchdowns in the third and fourth periods.

Windham, 0-21, T-7, 25, 35, Rockville, 0-0-0-0
STROBERG HIGH BOWLER
HARTFORD (AP)—Vincat Stroberg of Waterbury passed 46 bowlers as he captured the Capitol alley class B duckpin bowling tournament here early Sunday. Off to a slow start, he compiled a six game total of 773 and collected

C.G.A. Nips Worcester, 33-32, in Last Minute

Trailing by an all-but-bogus margin of three touchdowns, Coast Guard academy's football team came through in the last period to nose out Worcester Tech, 33-32, at Jones field in a ball game with a Hollywood finish on a touchdown by a player having what an older generation recognizes as a Hollywood name.

Coast Guard was on the short end of a 32-12 score when the third period ended and its chances didn't seem worth a plugged nickel.

Then came two lightning touchdowns and it again was anybody's ball game. But with about two minutes to play and Worcester having the ball inside Coast Guard's 36, it began to look like the "Cade's" chances weren't even worth the plug that came out of the nickel.

Coast Guard took the ball on downs on its own 27 yard line and the clock read less than a minute to play. The time had come for the Cade to take long chances. They did, and connected, and the roof fell in on Worcester.

Harry Smith, rifle-arm of the Cade's passing attack, dropped back and threw a pass that measured 49 yards from the line of scrimmage. The pass was intended for Steve Vaughn, who had drifted all the way down to Worcester's 24 yard line.

The ball grazed Vaughn's fingertips, but he was covered by two Worcester men and the ball got away from him. One of the Worcester players in halting the ball away from Vaughn flipped it into the air and towards the goal line.

Nagle Makes the Catch. Also down field as a possible alternate receiver for Coast Guard was Conrad Nagle, named after, but not related to the film star familiar to movie-goers of two decades ago.

Nagle snatched the ball out of the air, feinted perfectly to draw the opposition away from the line of his forming interference, but in with two blockers over towards the sidelines, and was off for the touchdown that tied it at 32-all.

Spectacular though the climactic touchdown was it comprised only a part of the thrilling fourth period comeback. When the final quarter started, Coast Guard needed not only three touchdowns, but all three of the extra points.

Daniels' Boot Wins
Ed Daniels had placed kicked the points after the previous two. Now he stepped up as unruffled as in pre-game practice, and booted the point that won the game and broke the hearts of a Worcester team whose defeat certainly wasn't due to lack of trying.

Until the final quarter, it was Worcester show, featuring the hard running of Rick Ferrari, whose hard running accounted for three touchdowns, and the passing duo of Joe Junnies and Dave Holmes, who produced the other two Worcester touchdowns.

Generally, it was a ball game in which both teams forgot, or ignored everything they ever learned about defense.

Worcester scored the first touchdown on the 65-yard drive from the opening kickoff, with Ferrari doing most of the carrying.

Coast Guard went 70 yards to a touchdown after the next kickoff. With Hal Parker going over after he, Vaughn and Bill Black rolled up the peak of the yardage on running plays.

After the next kickoff, Worcester drove 68 yards to a touchdown, with Ferrari grinding out 63 of those yards, including the last two needed to score.

Coast Guard went from its own tan to the Worcester ten after the following kickoff, but two misplayings sent the Cade's all the way back to the 46. Coast Guard punted, and Worcester followed with an uninterrupted 75 yard scoring surge, including a 61-yard breakaway run by Ferrari.

Worcester scored two touchdowns in the third period on passes from Junnies to Holmes, and Coast Guard countered with a touchdown by Bill Reilly's 57-yard runback—a kickoff to the Worcester 38. A Smith-Nagle pass moved the ball farther up for ultimate scoring by Nat Spadafora on a double re-

verse from the eight yard line. A 33-yard runback by Reilly and passes by Smith to Nagle and Vaughn put the Cade's in position for the first of their three comeback touchdowns in the fourth period. Vince Foster scored that one from about the two-yard line.

Ferrari Fumble Costly
What ultimately proved to be Worcester's worst break came shortly afterwards. The Engineers went down to Coast Guard's four-yard line on a 74-yard surge including a 33-yard run by Ferrari. Then, Ferrari fumbled on the ten-yard line and John Malloy recovered for Coast Guard. The Cade's went all the way in a touchdown—28 yards—with the yardage about evenly divided between Spadafora's running and Smith-to-Vaughn passes. There was also one short pass from Vaughn to Dave Strzyfeler. Spadafora went over from not more than the one yard line.

A Tense Situation
The tactical situation became somewhat tense at this point. Having just scored a touchdown, it was Coast Guard's turn to kick off. There wasn't much time left. Coast Guard tried a short kick, in hopes of gaining possession of the ball after the kick. It didn't work, Worcester got the ball on Coast Guard's 30. Ferrari promptly smashed back to the Coast Guard 30.

The ball game which up to this point was totally lacking in defensive play, finally produced one defensive stand. Coast Guard stopped four plays in a row and took the ball on downs on its own 27.

Without waiting any time, Smith heaved the long pass that brought the contest to a stopbook finish. There was a kickoff after the touchdown. Worcester received, and had time for only one play, near midfield.

Lineups
Coast Guard
Ends—Nagle, Friedhoff, Strzyfeler
Tackles—Pias, J. Smith, Huggins, Murphy
Guards—Ross, Kols, Waba, Skieka, Stallander
Center—Burke, Daniels, Roman, Ahrens

Backs—Vaughn, H. Smith, Spadafora, Black, Hihn, Parker, Reilly, Stech O'Connor
Worcester Tech
Ends—Freedland, Holmes, Melhalick
Tackles—Carpenter, W. Kolodna, Gunder-Hansen, Ferron, Fritts
Center—Majewski, D. Kolodna
Backs—Junnies, Miller, Abdow, Ferrari, Shebek, Collins, St. Louis

Coast Guard 0 0 3 31—33
Worcester 0 13 14 6—33
Touchdowns—Ferrari 3, Parker, Holmes 2, Spadafora 2, Vaughn, Nagle
Points After Touchdown—Ferrari 2, Daniels 3
Referee, C. F. Twomey; umpire, P. J. Haughey; field judge, M. E. Kearns; head linesman, Frank Hopkins.

Hartford High Downs Norwich
Hartford Public High school scored a 31-19 victory over Norwich Free academy before less than 500 spectators at the Norwich campus Saturday.

It was the fourth defeat in five games for the Norwich Wildcats, who trailed from early in the first period to the end. John Hanley scored three of the five Hartford touchdowns.

Hartford 13 13 15 0—41
Norwich 0 9 6 7—19

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By WILL GIBBELEY
NEW YORK (AP)—With just two big weeks to go in the wild "wham-the-favorite" football season, Oklahoma, California and Rice today stacked up as the only real hot bowl candidates in the land.

It's a good bet that the unbeaten Sooners and Golden Bears will do repeat performances—third ranked Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl and fourth-rated California in the Rose Bowl.

Rice's Owls, No. 8 nationally, have emerged as the outstanding team of the southwest and should wind up as host in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas.

Where sponsors will proceed from here in filling the four major post-season bowls and the dozen other minor attractions is an engaging mystery.

Five Top Teams Out
They probably will have to do business with teams that have been kicked around a bit—maybe last two or three games.

Of last week's top ten teams in the Associated Press poll are—Notre Dame (11), Army (7), Michigan (5), Cornell (7) and Michigan State (10)—are either dustered or are bound by conference edict from participating in the Jan 1 extravaganzas.

The other two—sixth-ranked Baylor and ninth-rated Southern Methodist—are beginning to lose some of their bowl glimmer.

The western conference will send one of its representatives to Pasadena, but it can't be Michigan, which went last year, or Michigan

No individual in the 36 year history of the event ever has won it four times and it is very unlikely any other competitor ever will get a chance to win it four times to a row.

Black first won in 1946 as a freshman when wartime eligibility rules allowed first year youngsters to compete in varsity sports.

Black and his mates also are favored to win the team title for the sixth consecutive year.

However, the Rams from Rhode Island, who have won team honors is eight of the last nine years, can expect competition from Connecticut, Boston university and Brown.

Rhode Island hasn't quite the depth it has had in past years and could be defeated as hill and dells from 17 colleges piled over the Franklin park course. A field of 183 has been entered.

A short loop has been added to the course since Rhode Island's Bob Nichols set the record of 20 minutes, 38 and 4.5 seconds for the approximately four and a half miles long trail.

If that mark is broken Black figures to be the man to do it. He could be pushed into a new time by Fred Schoeffler of Tufts.

Schoeffler, former national junior champion from Drake, finished fourth a year ago.

Black can take competition as he not only is defending New England champion but also recent winner of the eastern I.C.A.A. and N.C.A.A. cross-country championships. He

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