

Shipmate May / June 2010
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What a beautiful spring! I'm sure that as the midshipmen prepare for "Graduation Week" they will have plenty of distractions – great outdoor weather, p-rades with plenty of eyeball liberty, and the thought of semester finals. The spring p-rades were a favorite of mine for two reasons – the mild weather and the crowds of family and friends watching as they waited for p-rades end. Ah, those were the halcyon days! Surely do hope today's midshipmen enjoy them as much as many of us did.

It's nice that "we" are on track for more frequent Shipmate columns. That means more opportunities for you, my esteemed classmates, to send your updates for inclusion in our column. That reminds me. The Class of '71 Facebook page is getting more members with each passing week. As of this writing there are 79 members. Not too many posts, but that can change. I note that the site was used to initiate classmate rendezvousing at football games last fall. So, it's a nice way to share photos and coordinate short notice events. I expect that over time many of us will become frequent users of such media.

Here's a note from **John Ball**: "Duke, greetings from San Diego. In February I spent some time at Fort Benning, Georgia while demonstrating our company-owned Fire Scout UAV helicopter to the Army there. One Saturday I was able to meet up with Steff and **Mike Stephens** at The 5 Seasons, a local watering hole in Marietta near their home. The food was great too. Mike and I spent four years together by the bay in 8th and 26th Companies, while Steff, aka The Georgia Peach, was often seen around Annapolis. Since it had been too many years, we three had a wonderful time reminiscing and catching up. The best parts were the hilarious and harrowing stories they told about sailing the bay in their Hunter 336 boat that is moored at a slip behind their Virginia condo. One of these years will find them fully retired to live near the bay and become sailing bums. They are both enjoying being grandparents, like so many of us are, to their young granddaughter.

"In the last Shipmate I mentioned **Scott Gessis** had a stroke. Good news - I am pleased to report Scott is back home with the loving support of Jackie, enduring the sadists at Physical Therapy, and getting better every day. Late update – **Tom Hammons** reported he was on his way to Arizona and Spring Training for the San Diego Padres. He was really looking forward to sun, baseball, beer, and hot dogs. As I write this we are having our own spectacular weather this weekend in San Diego – warm, dry, and sunny. As I wear my shorts and flip-flops here in March, I can't wait to get back in the ocean here." Thanks, John. You always do good notes! Hope Tom makes the team!



This has been a good spring in the Longworth household. Our youngest, Bonnie Jean, was the lead female vocalist in the musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" at her high school. She is soon to graduate from high school and has her choice of Virginia Tech and James Madison University. She is quite pleased as are Lisa and I. Our son, Michael, is a '05 University of Virginia history major grad who is studying diligently in hopes of gaining admission into a physical therapy doctorate program. I keep busy with Booz | Allen | Hamilton working at Fleet Forces Command and Lisa is full time busy with Nice School of Dance Studio 3. Below is a recent photo. Hope to see many of you this fall at the Navy football home games.



Next is a news release from the University of Arizona on March 29th :
“**Richard Fisher**, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, will speak at the University of Arizona about the nation's financial situation. Fisher's lecture, ‘Where We Go From Here: The Crisis and Beyond,’ is part of the UA Eller College of Management Distinguished Speaker Series. Fisher previously served as vice chairman of Kissinger McLarty Associates, a strategic advisory firm chaired by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. He began his career in 1975 at the private bank of Brown Brothers Harriman and Co. where he specialized in fixed income and foreign exchange markets. Fisher became Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury during the Carter administration, working on issues related to the dollar crisis of 1978-79. He then returned to Brown Brothers to found its Texas operations in Dallas.

“In 1987, he created Fisher Capital Management and a separate funds-management firm, Fisher Ewing Partners. From 1997 to 2001, Fisher was deputy U.S. trade representative with the rank of ambassador and over-saw the implementation of NAFTA and various agreements with Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Chile and Singapore. He was a senior member of the team that negotiated the bilateral accords for China's and Taiwan's accession to the World Trade Organization.

“Throughout his career, Fisher has served on numerous for-profit and not-for-profit boards. He has also maintained his academic interests, teaching

graduate courses and serving on several university boards. He was a Weatherhead Fellow at Harvard in 2001, is an honorary fellow of Hertford College at Oxford University and is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

"A first-generation American, Fisher is equally fluent in Spanish and English, having spent his formative years in Mexico. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy from 1967 to 1969 and graduated with honors from Harvard University in economics in 1971. He read Latin American politics at Oxford from 1972 to 1973 and received a master of Business Administration from Stanford University in 1975.

"In October 2006, Fisher received the Service to Democracy Award and Dwight D. Eisenhower Medal for Public Service from the American Assembly. In April 2009, he was inducted into the Dallas Business Hall of Fame." That's a great career for our classmate. I think we need Richard to give us a brief on how our nation will avoid a huge financial crisis with this ever increasing debt load! Keep up the great work Richard!

Too soon it is time to close. I hope your spring was a "best ever!" Our next reunion is a month, so be ready to make reservations. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for safe travel and good health. Pray, too, for the success of our missions in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as for our classmates in business and government leadership. Time, tide and the sunrise wait for no man!

Duces Virum, Duke