

Shipmate September-October 2012
Duke Longworth
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September is here and it's football season! By the time you read this we will know the outcome of the Navy – Notre Dame game in Dublin, Ireland! I know there are many classmates attending the game and touring Ireland, so I'm expecting several notes with photos!

Fall is my favorite season – the Yard is always full of color and the weather is most always just right for a football game. I've grown fond of the Homecoming parade as a favorite event. I expect to have a photo or two to share with you later this year. Speaking of football, the class tent is set up along the western perimeter every home game. So, if you're in town for a game, stop by to visit with the many other classmates who are there!

I received the following note from **Lee Schierer**: "Duke, Sue and I just got back from a 3 ½ week cruise/RV vacation in Alaska, which was great. The first part of the trip was a 7 day cruise on the MV Statendam out of Vancouver, BC. During the first formal night, since we were on open dining, we were seated at a large table with several other people. The last couple to our table sat down to my left. As the conversation progressed during dinner, the subject of rough seas came up and a few Navy stories came up. As it turned out the couple seated next to us was Ellie and **Marty McGee '72**. Once it became known we were both boat school grads we shared a number of sea stories and career highlights with each other. Since there were only 1,000 passengers on the ship we bumped into Marty and Ellie several more times during the cruise. I've attached a picture of the four of us that was taken by a helpful steward at dinner the last night on board. Sue and I are on the left and Marty and Ellie are on the right. If you have ever thought about a vacation in Alaska do it as it is a magnificent place to visit. Lee." Lee, you've confirmed my necessity to take an Alaska cruise. I'm looking for the opportunity! Glad you and Sue had such a good trip!



Sue and Lee Schierer, Ellie and Marty McGee

Sadly, we have lost another classmate, **Henry “Hank” Shaw**, who passed away unexpectedly in July 6th after retiring on June 30th. Hank graduated from 17th CO.

Too soon it's time to close. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health and safety in summer travels. Pray, too, that our mission in Afghanistan will achieve success and our work in Iraq does produce an ally in the Middle East. We have several classmates in business and government leadership who can use our thoughts and prayers, too. There is plenty of work remaining for us as we increase our wisdom! Time, tide and column due dates wait for no man!

Duces Virum, Duke