

Supplement to '57 50th Reunion Yearbook

This 8-page Supplement has two purposes. The first is to correct those mistakes reported to the Yearbook Editor, and the second is to provide a summary and the highlights of the 50th Reunion. I will try to do that with descriptions, statistics, and pictures. The arrangement of the Supplement is:

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Yearbook Errata

The Yearbook Errata, received from individuals, are cataloged below by page. However, I'll start with an important bit of information provided by Don Bowes related to the Class Crest that appears on the cover of the Yearbook. "This really great design was selected from about 8 inputs from the Class during Plebe year, ...and was created by Tom Runyan." Now to the errata.

Page 31	2nd column, end line 8: change sentence to read: "After 6 mos. as Sqdn CO, he . . ."
Page 51	Houston Parks Houser, Jr was in CI of '31 vice CI of '32
Page 51	AFA Graduates Add Thomas S. Szvetecz '86
Page 52	Picture labeled "Miller '57 and '81" should say "Meehan '57 and '81"
Page 79	Bob Allen Change branch to Infantry vice Air Force
Page 81	Jack Apperson Next to last line; should read "Randy" vice "Sandy"
Page 105	Jack Cooper Change branch to "Armor" vice "Air Force"
Page 132	Bill Gude Next to last line should read "of poetry" vice "a poetry"
Page 150	Hal Jordan Recent photo (taken shortly before death) included on Page 2
Page 196	Don O'Neal & Mike O'Neal (from Tom Olson). The current photos are swapped (<i>both handsome</i>)
Page 202	Earl Pettibone Add wife's name, Myra; Change "Plano" to "Houston"
Page 202	Jim Pocock Biography, next to last line: Change "XO" to "CG"
Page 235	Bruce Stout The Bio was apparently lost in the mail. Here it is:

WWII years were spent in Dover OH, my parents hometown, where my four uncles took their hand at influencing my early life. Secondary schooling continued in San Francisco, San Diego and Bethesda MD. Being given the options of both USNA and USMA, I made a choice which I have never regretted. The artillery took me to Sill, Bliss, and Germany prior to the Armor career course at Knox. A master's degree at RPI led to a tour in the USMA Math department, followed by C&GSC and Vietnam. Then three tours in the DC area sandwiched ones in Korea and Redstone Arsenal. Retirement in 1983 took me to San Diego with GD's Space System Division. In 1994 I was downsized to a jobless, but active, life in Atlanta for 12 years. Here I married the former Susan Starbird, recently retired from IBM. Life in Georgia was filled with racquetball, Toastmasters, bible studies, golf and extensive travel. Susan and I have relocated to Indian River Colony Club in Melbourne, Florida, where we enjoy the above activities plus our hobbies of woodturning and painting. Our five children and seven grandchildren are scattered in Florida (west coast), Georgia, Colorado and Ohio.

Page 269	Deegan family	Family photo incomplete; photos included on Page 2
Page 287	Burn Loeffke	Family photo should read: "Burn and children" vice grandchildren. My apologies to Marc and Kristin
Page 293	Mollicone family	Family photo should read: "Dick, Joyce and daughter" vice "... and son." My sincere apologies to Cheyenne
Page 304	San Andres family	Family photo should read: "Luis, Salve and children" vice "... and grandchildren." My apologies to Luis and Salve



Reunion Statistics

Our 50th Reunion started officially at noon, Sunday, 20 May and ended at noon, Wednesday, 23 May. There were 5 other Reunion Classes; '32, '37, '42, '47, and '52. We were the youngest, but we behaved with decorum and dignity, and did not run over any of the older grads, even at the Alumni Review where we were last in line. The Reunion Hotel was the Westchester Marriott (we had 290 rooms) in Tarrytown, NY, and several events were held there. Some attendees stayed at two satellite hotels. Support for the planning and conduct of the Reunion was contracted to Ms Joan Emmer, and she provided the following attendance data for all the Reunion events. There were 315 classmate, x-'57, and widow reservations before the reunion, but 8 were canceled, primarily due to illness. Not all classmates attended every event. Estimates of attendance at some of the events at West Point are based on the number of people who rode the buses on Monday and Tuesday. The Table below gives the details.

EVENT	NUMBER
Registered Classmates and X-Cadets	292
Registered Widows	15
Guests of Classmates, X-Cadets and Widows	440
Sunday Evening Reception at Hotel	599
Monday Busses to West Point (some individuals drove)	682 (14 busses)
Memorial Service in Cadet Chapel	690 (estimate)
Monday Lunch at Eisenhower Hall	696
USMA Superintendent Briefing to all Reunion Classes	400 (estimate)
Monday NYC Dinner Cruise (Some Companies and individuals who did not cruise had private parties)	503 on two ships (343, 160)
Tuesday Busses to West Point	707 (15 busses)
Alumni Review (Burn Loeffke recognized during Review as USMA Distinguished Graduate)	292 participated in Review 475 sat in stands (estimate)
Tuesday Mess Hall Luncheon	767 (80 tables)
Tuesday Hotel Banquet	647
Wednesday Class Business Meeting at Hotel	300 (estimate)

The actual list of attendees (classmates, X-cadets and widows) can be seen on the Class Web Site, and Tom Kehoe has offered to email the complete Class roster, including addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, to any classmate that requests it. His email is tkehoe@AOL.com and his phone number is 703-978-7975. The numbers by Company were:

A-1 16	E-1 9	I-1 9	A-2 14	E-2 13	I-2 20
B-1 18	F-1 11	K-1 17	B-2 9	F-2 11	K-2 9
C-1 8	G-1 19	L-1 11	C-2 11	G-2 12	L-2 7
D-1 18	H-1 13	M-1 10	D-2 13	H-2 17	M-2 12

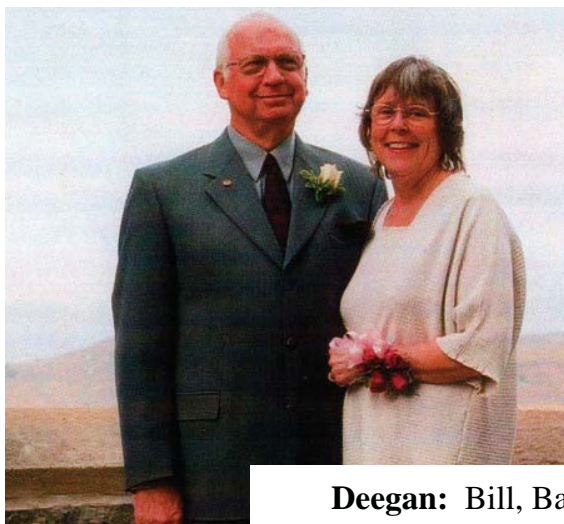
Of the 307 total, 159 were from the 1st Regt, and as you can see, I-2 and G-1 led the list. Congratulations to the Class. Great showing! Of the classmates who brought their families/guests, Jim Britton had the largest group with 20, Arch Barrett had 16, and Dave Ray had 10, and there were many more guests, which is how we got 767 people at the Mess Hall Luncheon. One guest deserves special mention. Jim Maloney's son, Jim IV, USMA '04, was on R&R from Iraq, and joined his parents at the Marriot on 20 May and attended essentially all the reunion events. He has been serving as an infantry platoon leader in Anbar Province since September of last year. We wish him a safe return when his tour is completed.

At the reunion Bob Tener asked how many classmates have become authors and have been published. That information was not known and Bob, assisted by Tom Kehoe and Max Kovel, has initiated a process using the Class net and web site to find out. To date 12 classmates have been indentified. The details, to include titles and availability, are now posted on the class web site.

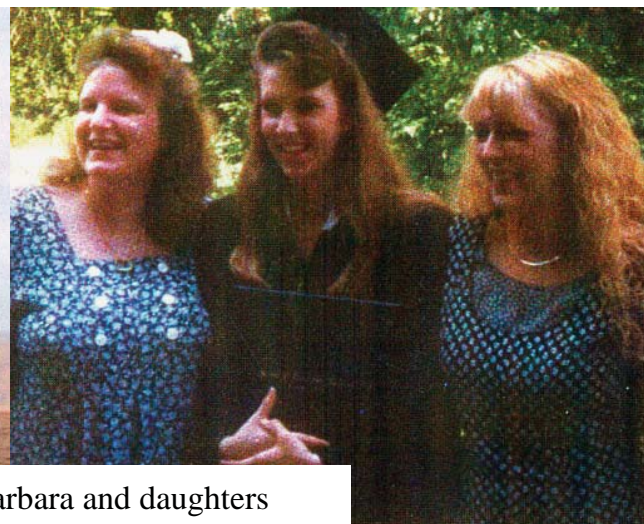
Photo Addendum



Hal Jordan: 1992



Deegan: Bill, Barbara and daughters



Description / Highlights of Reunion Events

Allow me to start this section with a bottom line that, based on the feedback received by the Reunion committee, represents the universal consensus of all the attendees; coming to the 50th was special, and it was great! The camaraderie was electric, and the mutual warmth of all our classmates and their guests was truly overwhelming. It made us all proud to be in '57.

The members of the Executive Board elected in '04 inherited the job of planning and conducting the 50th Reunion, and arrived on Saturday, 19 May, to help prepare for the arrival of the rest of the Class.



Front row: Paul Schwehm, Dick Stephenson, Gerry Galloway, Ted Voorhees, Larry McNeil Back row: Bill Golden, Tom Kehoe, Max Kovel, Bob Gadd, Bob Stephens, Fred Wells, Hank Hatch

Gerry Galloway recently sent a letter describing each member's task for the Reunion and I won't duplicate it here. Fortunately, they were not alone. Ms Joan Emmer, our Reunion Coordinator, and her sister, Mary Ellen Bucknam, and the Class Aides were also there to receive all the goodies purchased from the AOG and initiate the process of preparing the registration packages.



CPT Khanh Diep, MAJ Mark Mayoras, Mary Ellen Bucknam, Joan Emmer, MAJ Mark D. Rea II (Primary Class Aide) and CPT Sonja Bruce.

Ms Emmer had already made the name tags and put together envelopes with all

the tickets and reunion information. The wives of some of our early arrivals also helped put things together. Max Kovel and Jerry Patterson both provided imprinted pens to be distributed to all attendees. What was even more important than both of the above groups, was the early arrival (on Friday) of Bob Gadd, our Hospitality Suite leader, and one of his principal assistants, Herb Koops. They acquired the first stock of refreshments and went to work setting up the suites. The classmates who ran the hospitality operation throughout the Reunion included Golden, Haupt, Ilsemann, Jagrowski, Jameson, Knight, Miller, Olvera, Prichard, Rabe, and Rowland, and they were great. I never got a photo of them all together because they took turns working, but I do have one of several in an E-2 photo with their wives.



Jerry and Sally Chase, Herb and Barbara Koops, Wade and Missy Shaddock, Leo and Jan McEvoy, Bob and Sunny Gadd

Bill Golden provided a hospitality NICBT worthy of note and here it is in his own words. It also says something about us.

Sat: Upon arrival at the Newark airport rental car desk, where I had months ago reserved a mid-size 4-door for two weeks, I found that the only vehicle available, and I mean the only, was a new monstrous eight passenger Dodge Durango. With visions of gasoline dollars to be spent before arriving at the Detroit airport two weeks later, I accepted with reluctance. Earlier the same day Gadd and Koops had visited Sam's Club and the wine store to buy sufficient drink and snacks for the entire three day gathering. Sun, very late: Gadd's inventory showed wine bottles containing fumes and 95% of three days' supplies of beer, soft drinks and snacks consumed in less than 24 hours.

Mon: Gadd and Golden on the first bus following the Supe's briefing and then into the Durango headed for Sam's and the wine store. Gadd fills the eight passenger capacity Durango to the gunwales; back to unload with hotel assistance, and just barely in time onto the bus for the great boat adventure. The reunion is a success for hospitality room denizens because Golden got stuck with a Durango.

By noon on Sunday everything was in place for the start of registration, including 31 boxes of Yearbooks that were delivered to the hotel on Thursday. We also had sales stations for Class authors to sell their books (signed of course), the AOG delivery of previously ordered items and additional sales of clothing, a place where classmates could purchase the Parade DVD produced by Nick Monaco (and played continuously in one of our two hospitality suites), a table for classmates to sign up for a prayer breakfast, and copies of the Mess Hall Mural provided by Bob Stevens. It was an interesting afternoon as most of the attendees arrived and registered while carrying on grand and emotional conversations with classmates they had not seen in the last 5 to 50 years. A delightful highlight was the piano playing of John Sankey throughout the afternoon, music that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who passed through the Registration area. Thank you, John. Sunday evening we had an unstructured social in the hotel ballroom and the adjoining terrace, which allowed classmates to either wander and socialize or gather round a table, munch on a wide variety of foods, and imbibe some of the hotels beverages. The festivities lasted until 11 PM., and were interrupted only briefly to allow Gerry Galloway to provide instructions for the Monday bus trip to W. Many then returned to the hospitality suites to continue their conversations.

We boarded the buses on Monday morning, departing at 8:30 AM for our 9:45 AM Memorial Service at the Cadet Chapel. Unfortunately, the gate guards at WP didn't get the word on passing us through and so we started the service about 10:10 AM. We were greeted with

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Photo courtesy of Academy Photo



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lovely Prelude music as we settled in to the chapel and Chaplain (CPT) Paige Heard, the USCC 2nd Regt Chaplain, gave the Invocation and Benediction. She set just the right tone for the service, that included comments by Dick Stephenson, Jack Farris, and Gerry Galloway, the Cadet Prayer led by Bill Huckabee, a Tribute to the Ladies presented by Bernie Penrose, and a Prayer by Max Kovel. Our “choir”, sitting on the alter and composed of our best singers under the direction of Giles Harlow, led us in the Alma Mater and The Corps. A Bugler played Taps just before we sang The Corps.



All to whom I spoke said it was a very moving service, and we are indebted to all who supported it. Following the service the Class was able to join various tours (a Tour Book was provided at Registration), or shop in the Cadet Store (very popular) until we reassembled at Ike Hall for lunch. The lunch was delightful, and once again we received instructions from Gerry Galloway about the rest of the day, with special emphasis on being on time for the buses back to the hotel so those of us going on the cruise could be on time for the bus ride to NYC. Gerry also congratulated, on behalf of the Class, Burn Loeffke on his selection by the AOG as a Distinguished Graduate. Burn had to leave immediately after the Alumni Lunch on Tuesday to attend his son’s graduation and this was the only time available for the Class to applaud his achievements in unison.



To finish off the lunch, Jack Vickers climbed up on a table and led us in the Army Team cheer – just as he has at every previous reunion.

Most of the Class then joined the other reunion classes for the Supe’s presentation in the Theater, while many of our guests did some more touring. Following the presentation, and a little bit of a bus snafu, we returned to the hotel to get ready for our respective evening activities. Over 500 of us boarded the buses at the hotel and left at 6 PM for the cruise ship berths on 39th St in NYC, and it was an interesting trip. We got to tour through Harlem, the Bronx, around Central Park, and through Manhattan traffic. The only thing missing was a tour guide. Those of us who went had a thoroughly enjoyable time, to include excellent food and lots of music, as our two cruise ships sailed up and down the Hudson and around the southern tip of Manhattan. The skyline really was a beautiful sight, especially when it darkened and all the buildings were illuminated.



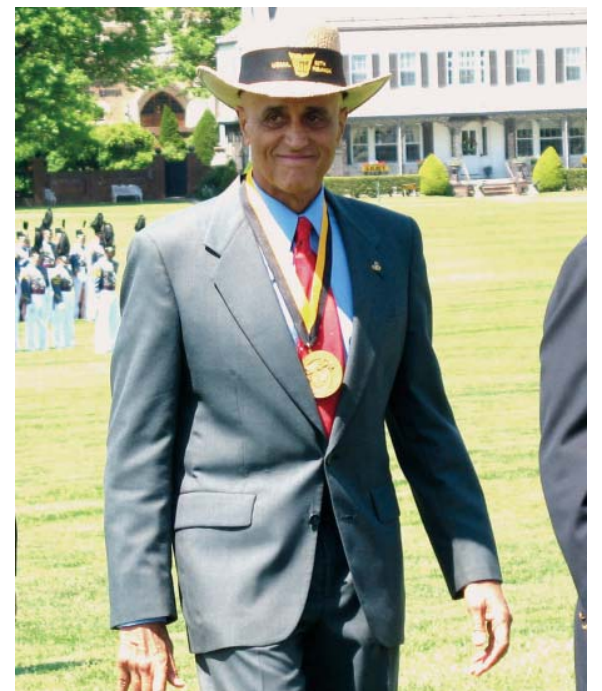
Those who did not join the cruise, like the members of G-1, had their own parties back in Tarrytown and an equally enjoyable evening. The trip back from 39th St. to the hotel was, for most, a time to rest and discuss the cruise.

We boarded the buses once again on Tuesday morning and departed for WP at 8:45 AM to participate in the Alumni Exercises, the Alumni Review, and lunch in the Mess Hall. ’57 was by far the largest Reunion Class, being equal in size to the other six combined, but we were also the junior class. Here we were at our 50th Reunion, and there were five more senior classes. The oldest graduate present was from the Class of ’32, and he was amazing. I know that many of us would like

to be able to follow in his steps some 25 years from now. Tom Olson proudly carried our flag (made many years ago by Dick Seward) and we followed “close order” behind him – walking/marching, as you can see in the photo.



After the wreath was placed at Thayer’s statue, we strolled across the Plain to where our guests were seated and the Reviewing Party line was formed. During the Review, the Distinguished Graduates were formally presented their medallions, and Burn displayed his – as well as his ’57 hat – as he walked back to the Reviewing Party.



As is always the case, the Pass in Review set our hearts (and feet) stirring and made us all proud to be graduates of WP. In keeping with the history of the Alumni, only the USCC 1st and 2nd Regiments, a total of 18 companies, with the Brigade Staff and Color Guard, marched. It was really quite impressive. Getting everyone into the stands after the parade for a total group photo was quite a challenge, but we finally got it done. The size of the group required the photographer to take two photos, and we tried to do it by regiment.



The group photos are on pages 4-5. All of us then walked across the Plain to the Mess Hall for lunch, and some speeches after lunch.

The most important moment for the Class was when Gerry Galloway and Dick Stephenson presented the Supe with an oversized check representing our \$650,000 contribution for the new library, and Max presented copies of our Reunion Yearbook to the Supe and the AOG Chairman for the respective libraries. As Gerry told the Supe, a new library should have a new book. The structure for the library can be seen in the photo (page 4, top center) taken from the stands with our guests and over the heads of our classmates on the reviewing line.



Following lunch (a very satisfying one, especially the cheesecake desert) we again had an opportunity to go on tours before returning to the hotel for our evening dinner.



C-2, joined by others who knew Mink Newman and Rod McConnell, held a memorial presentation for the two at the AOG building, Herbert Hall, where they dedicated a memorial paver (bottom center) to Mink, who was killed in VN in '66.

The dinner event started about 7 PM, and the ladies were simply beautiful to behold. Some of us old men looked pretty good, too. The official photographer took photos of each company, a feat in itself, and they are included on the CD that every classmate registered for the Reunion will receive (20 non-attendees also purchased the CD). For this event the Class was seated by company, the only event that this was done for all, and the location of the tables was randomly selected. All attendees had a wine glass inscribed with the class crest on one side and "50th Reunion" on the other, that they

were then encouraged to take home as a souvenir. The meal, which was excellent, was preceded by toasts giving everyone at least one opportunity to use the glass. However, since it was an all the wine you can drink affair, I'm sure lots of us made good use of the glasses. About 9:30 PM, the entertainment planned by our impresario, Bill Seely, started and it was wonderful. Hank Hatch was our MC and we had a marvelous performance by Bill Seely and Marie Cortez that brought back a lot of fond memories of reunions past. Sam Focer and Bob Tener did a duet, and Bill Webb did a solo followed by an ensemble that included all those already mentioned as well as Bill Wright. Ann Zabriskie provided most of the accompaniment and was later joined by Jerry, as well as John Sankey – who brought back memories of the Sentry-Box Six. At the end our "choir" of the Memorial Service became our "Glee Club" for the show and led us in singing God Bless America.

It was a grand evening, and once again some classmates returned to the Hospitality suites to round out the evening and a wonderful day!



Class Business Meeting

The last scheduled event of the Reunion was the Business Meeting conducted by Gerry Galloway on Wednesday morning and it was well attended. Following the financial details presented by Larry McNeil (Class should have sufficient funds to sustain operations until the 2012 Reunion), Gerry discussed the symbolic check presented to the Supe and described the library gift verbally and with graphics. The primary features are the Honor Kiosk on the 3rd Floor, the naming rights for the coffee shop near the main entrance, and an endowment to maintain all '57 gifts to USMA. The library completion date is anticipated to be spring 2008. Dick Stephenson summarized results of the fund raising effort. 67% of the Class contributed, and we also received gifts from widows, former cadets, and friends of the Class. Dick thanked the Fund CQs, and said their success will result in a substantial balance in the Gift Fund. Max Kovel made some comments about the Yearbook and thanked all who supported it, especially the CQs, his associate editor and the section writers/editors. He also solicited continuing input for the Assembly column, provided some information about writing obituaries for the Assembly, and announced that John Holland has again volunteered to supervise that effort. Then Max presented Tom Kehoe with a framed original Tom Runyan cartoon portraying the "birth" of the Yearbook to Tom and Max. Priceless! Gerry thanked Nick Monaco for his production of the Parade DVD (Nick still has some for sale), and Bob Stevens for his effort to sell the Mess Hall Mural prints for the Class. Tom Kehoe then described the Class' Internet web site and list servers used for class communications and information. Needless to say, the Class net is the communication means for the future, and Tom solicited updates on email addresses to keep it current. Tom also offered current Class Rosters electronically to those who contact him at tkehoe@AOL.com. Gerry Galloway spoke on Class governance and on our presence in the AOG governance structure. He noted that Hank Hatch is a Class Advisor and attends all AOG Board meetings, Ted Voorhees and Warne Mead

are WPS regional Society Advisors, and Bill Ray is on the Board of Directors, all working for the betterment of West Point and to benefit all members of the AOG. Two of our classmates, Carl Vuono and Burn Loeffke, are now designated as USMA Distinguished Graduates and the Class Executive Board (EB) will continue to nominate members of the Class for appropriate recognition. With respect to Class governance, the current EB serves until the election at the 55th Reunion and will be responsible for planning that reunion, but encourages and will assist any group that desires to sponsor intermediate reunions. You may recall that '57 had one in Colorado in 1991 and one on an Alaskan Cruise in 2000, and the regional groups have also sponsored gatherings around the country. Gerry suggested that classmates interested in sponsoring a reunion contact a member of the EB if they so choose. He also encouraged classmates to be active in WP societies around the country and in other WP activities.

As the meeting was concluding, Gerry, on behalf of the Class, presented mementos to John Stokes for his 12 years of sterling and selfless leadership of the Board of Governors during the tumultuous times prior to the new '04 Constitution, and to Bob Comeau and Jim Cortez for their long dedicated service to the Class as the Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, from cadet days until '04. The service of these three classmates is deeply appreciated. Gerry then presented mementos to Max and Tom for their past and continuing extraordinary service to the Class and their outstanding efforts in producing the Yearbook. He also expressed the Class's deep appreciation to Bob Gadd and the hospitality crew for their great support to the Reunion. In response to a question from Howie Haupt, Gerry explained that Don Kutyna, Dick Stephenson, Jack Block, and he would present Second Lieutenant's bars to the graduating members of 2007 as they left the dais at the Graduation Ceremony. He also recounted the many other events that '57 has sponsored or supported for '07, our affiliated Class, and encouraged future contacts with members of that Class.



Bob Stevens suggested that there are also other ways to support future WP classes, and offered the example of the donation of Class rings for melting down and incorporation into the rings of future graduates. Nick Monaco reported that J. Phoenix (a pseudonym of the Assembly editor) is considering the publication of a future article about our Graduation Parade. Max Kovel then offered a tribute and led applause for the ladies of the Class, and Gerry officially closed the meeting with the following words.

"We've had a great reunion, you have done a great job, this is a Class of which we can all be proud. To go home and say we have an association with four hundred and twenty-six people who think the same way we do, have the same values we do, means a lot to each and every one of us."

I'll conclude with a perspective of the CI of '57 from a non-'57 graduate. In a post-reunion email Mike Keating related the following anecdote. As he entered the Mess Hall and passed one of the AOG tables "A person at the table grabbed me by the arm and said. 'Mr. Keating, I have never seen a class with more spirit and camaraderie than your class. My congratulations to '57.' I gave my thanks and continued on to our table with my chest popped up and standing a little taller." All of '57 stand tall with you, Mike.

On to the 55th, and let's Beat Navy five times along the way.

