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Hello Classmates,

Can you believe it is September already? I hope many of you were able to attend the Aer Lingus College Football Classic in Dublin, Ireland, 26 August. How about that for an exciting way to start the Football season!

So, a guy with a flag walks into a bar and bumps into three classmates...



L to r: Wes Huey, Gabe Gomez, Scott Herbener, Jim Matheson

This month, the *Shipmate* input box was a bit bare, so I thought I would share some interesting news about the new and the old Alumni Centers...

The United States Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation in March announced the name of our new 65,000-square-foot facility on College Creek, opening

this summer just across the street from Terwiliger Field. - **the Fluegel Alumni Center**. Construction of the center was fully funded by philanthropic gifts and made possible in large part through an anchor gift from Donna K. and Frederick Fluegel '61. More than 3,500 generous alumni, including 37 U.S. Naval Academy classes and more than 1,200 plank owners, raised more than \$36 million in contributions to build, equip, and operate the facility. The official opening is expected sometime this summer. The Alumni Center Camera at this link is updated every 30 minutes and shows the building looking complete. <https://www.usna.com/news/alumni-center-camera>

The original Alumni House at Ogle Hall was sold to Fair Winds Capital Investments. Fair Winds' principals and limited partners include Navy veterans and Naval Academy graduates. "The Fair Winds Capital Investments team is excited about the opportunity to purchase a property with such historic significance as Ogle Hall," said Corey Chonsky, director of commercial real estate at Fair Winds Capital Investments. "We understand the importance of being able to keep this property in the Navy family and we look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the Naval Academy family and the greater Annapolis community." Fair Winds Capital Investments fittingly intends to convert 280-year-old Ogle Hall into an Inn catering to Navy visitors. Angela and I will make a point of staying there for nostalgia's sake, as we had our wedding reception there the day after graduation.

So, I wish you all health, happiness, and prosperity until we meet again!

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Eric Reinhold:

✉ At the end of May, 35 years after graduation, my second daughter married a West Point grad. USMA '15. An improbable meeting, he's from Delaware, and she was set up by a guy from Texas, he met at West Point, who my daughter has met at a YMCA camp in NC when she was in 9th grade. Facebook makes for a great stalking tool a decade later after losing touch. Before they met, they were texting, and my daughter told him, "My father played football for Navy." He replied, "Navy is on my hate list." Her response? "First of all, I'm concerned you have a hate list." When he showed up to take her out, she answered the door wearing a Navy sweatshirt! It was great to reconnect with another '88er at the wedding. **Alfred Bunge** and his wife Pam.



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