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Greetings Helen!

BEN L. SLAVIN

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In reply to your flier requesting information for your Special 1994 edition. The following should be sufficient.

Graduated 1937

Capt. of 1936 Southern Calif. Conference Champion football team.

Member of Kappa Phi Sigma.

Enlisted in U.S. Navy 1942

Discharged from Navy 1945

accepted the position of football coach and athletic Director at Northwestern Military and Naval Academy, Lake Geneva Wis. 1945. After 28 years at the

academy, retired in 1973. Retired to Arkansas. Never regretted choosing Ark. as my retirement location.

By the way, regardless what you have heard, Ark. does have electricity and indoor plumbing. I would like to hear from you. I think you were a member of Phi. Sigma Nu.

Do you remember me?

(OVER)

Sincerely  
Ben Slavin

married at Great Lakes Naval  
Station 1945. Have two children  
Ronald and Pamela.

Time goes too fast for comfort

Ben

THE 1993 ANNUAL ALUMNI PIG ROAST  
HONORS  
BEN SLAVIN & JOE PASKUDNIK

**All proceeds & donations go toward the  
Ben Slavin Scholarship Fund.**

Donations are accepted at the information table in the Alumni Welcome Area.

### **Ben Slavin:**

Fast-talking retired Academy Coach Ben Slavin, has a special place in the hearts of Northwestern Military & Naval Academy alumni. Ben began his Northwestern career in 1945, and quickly earned a reputation for his hoaxes and head-spinning double talk such as, "Ben Slavin all my life" and "Wherever we go, there we are."

An outstanding athletic coach, Ben is perhaps best known for the "longest running practical joke in the history of the nation"... namely, Joe Paskudnik. Initially a fictitious character, Joe took on a life of his own, appearing on Academy athletic & academic rosters for 27 years. One year, the Academy's athletic schedule was short and a game with Paskudnik University was scheduled... "after which" an unsuspecting sportswriter called in for the final score of the game.

### **SPECIAL THANKS:**

Northwestern would like to thank those who made it possible for the Medinah Black Horse Troop to appear today.

Patrick M. Delaney  
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Geri Delaney  
Ronald Luehrs ('50)  
St. Germain, WI

## TAPS

ELLIS L. COHEN

August 1944 - May 1993

Class of 1963

*Ellis L. Cohen ('63), a beloved classmate, friend, husband, and father, passed away this year. He is deeply missed. In honor of Ellis, the class of 1963 will present a donation for the Ben Slavin Scholarship Fund.*

Ellis Cohen attended the Academy from 1961 through 1963 and was a cadet officer graduating with the Class of '63. He went on to graduate from Northern Arizona State where he met his wife of 26 years, Sally. Together they had two children - Tracy, 25, and Michael, 22.

"By any measure," wrote one of his classmates, "Ellis was one of the best among us. He was talented, kind, and exceedingly generous - character traits that would be synonymous with Ellis throughout his brief life."

As a businessman, Ellis was the co-founder of Mini-Space Storage and Ventures West Corp., both of San Bernadino, California. As a sportsman, he was the owner of Cohen Racing Team and was one of the fiercest off-road racers in the Southwestern United States and Mexico.

Ellis was a tireless and consistent contributor to his community. He served in key positions with Bethlehem House - a shelter for battered women and children, Exchange Club of San Bernadino, Miss San Bernadino Pageant, Aquinas Boosters Club, Sierra Club, San Bernadino Executives Association, The Hear Foundation, United Way, Boys Club of San Bernadino, Leukemia Society of America, and the YMCA Indian Guides.

Mr. Cohen's generosity was both legendary and extraordinary. In addition to regularly supporting the Academy, Ellis' construction company donated the labor to build a local library, a school dormitory, a day-care center, and Bethlehem House.

One of Ellis' classmates had this to say about him. "It is interesting to me to contemplate how very much Ellis' adult life mirrored that of his youth. As both a youngster and as an adult, he was a man of uncompromising integrity and was consumed by a genuine zest for life. He always sought and found the best in everyone he met. He never had anything he wouldn't give freely to one in need."

Perhaps most remarkable was his capacity to love. It was that capacity that was central to everything Ellis did or thought. And it was certainly that capacity that made him a very dedicated husband and father. How he loved his family!

"Ellis deeply admired and respected Ben Slavin. I know how delighted he would be that his classmates would contribute, in his name, to a scholarship fund honoring our Academy's legendary coach and teacher. I know just how broadly and brightly Ellis is smiling at this very moment."

**NORTHWESTERN MILITARY  
&  
NAVAL ACADEMY**



***1993 HOMECOMING  
AND  
ALUMNI PIG ROAST***

***SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND***

## Saturday, October 2, 1993

10:00 am	Annual Bazaar Opens Varsity Soccer Match	Herrick Alumni Gymnasium
11:00 am	Pig Roast Begins	
12:00 pm	Campus Tour Departs Campus Museum Opens	Academy Museum
12:45 pm	Alumni Meeting	Roy Memorial Auditorium
1:30 pm	Sky Diver Lands Varsity Football Game	
<b>Halftime</b>	Ben Slavin Presentation... by David Harman Ellis Cohen Presentation ... by Lon Getlin	
2:00 pm	Campus Tour Departs Campus Museum Closes	Academy Museum
4:00 pm	Medinah Horse Troop Pig Roast Ends	Ben Slavin Athletic Field
5:00 pm	Festivities Conclude	

Alumni are invited to an after-homecoming gathering at Harpoon Willies or Cafe Calamari, in Williams Bay. The owner, alumnus Greg Anagnos ('80), is anxious to provide a warm welcome. See you there!

Sunday's Academy events include the Annual Bazaar from 12:30 - 3:00 pm and a cadet parade at 4:00 pm. Though not a formal alumni function, alumni are always welcome to attend Northwestern events and parades.

# SLAVIN ATHLETIC FIELD

ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN 1957

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