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# June Ball Scheduled For P. M. Popular Bobby Byrne To Play

## Thirteenth Annual Graduation Exercises Observed Tomorrow

#### Colorful Crowd Is Expected For Dance

Farragut's social year will be climaxed this evening with the presentation of its annual June Ball in the Senior Gymnasium.

Eagerly awaited by every member of the Corps, this grand display features the top notch, "name-band" music of Bobby Byrne, currently featured at the Roseland Ball Room in New York City.

As usual, the Hop Commitee has worked hard to make this dance one of the outstanding affairs in this part of the Country. Decorations will have a Blue and Gold motif and the work will perform a complete transformation of the regular basketball court scene. While the decorations will be effective, they will be comparatively simple as with other years. An innovation for 1946 will find the Corps taking part in a Ring Dance Ceremony which will be conducted half way through the dance. A dummy ring behind lattice work which bears the numerals 1946, will be erected on the stage for this purpose.

Also new to the Farragut June Ball will be the Grand March at the start of the dance led by the chosen Queen of the Ball. The general scene of the gymnasium will be a modern one and will be a departure from the very elaborate and ornate settings of the past years.

A surprise favor is in store for the young ladies attending the dance, and new regulations as listed in the last edition of the Capstan will be in force. The Canteen will be set (Continued on Page Two)

### Dramatic Players Win High Praise

On Saturday, June 1st, the Corps of Cadets and their guests were entertained in the Senior Gymnasium by the Admiral Farragut Academy Dramatics group production of three one act plays. Lt. John Strucker, who has a wealth of experience in the theatre world, and is quite an accomplished thespian in his own right, was the capable director of the three plays. Cadet Peter Casella, the student director, worked along with Lt. Strucker in turning out three of the finest plays Farragut as ever had presented.

#### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



DR. FRANCIS R. B. GODOLPHIN Dean of College, Princeton University

#### First Alumni Day Since 1941 Held Here; Large Alumni Group Returns To Alma Mater

Sunday, June second, was a big day for Admiral Farragut Academy, as it marked the first Alumni Day since June of 1941.

A creditable number of alumni were seen around the campus inspecting their Alma Mater. For many of them it was the first time in years that they had been back, and the progress and growth of the past few years proved miraculous to them. The majority of returned alumni visitors were service men or ex-service men, for Farragut had the very creditable record of having 92% of its graduates in uniform during the past conflict.

At 10:00 A. M. they began to register in Farragut Hall, where they were presented with a name tag to be worn on the lapel of their coats. After meeting many of their old friends and gossiping with class-

mates, they attended the Baccalaureate Services held in the Senior Gmnasium at 10:45.

The principal speaker at this service was the Reverend Samuel Steinmetz, D.D., Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton, New Jersey, who delivered a very effective and forceful message to the graduating class of 1946.

The Alumni and their ladies next enjoyed luncheon in the Academy Mess Hall with the Corps of Cadets, and the "Old Boys" had an opportunity to relive days of the past when they sat at attention with arms folded.

In the afternoon, the L.C.I. was opened for inspection and a softball game between alumni and the company all-stars was arranged. At 3:30 the General Alumni Associa-

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#### Dr. F. R. B. Godolphin Principal Speaker

Admiral Farragut Academy is indeed fortunate to have for its principal speaker at commencement, Dr. Francis R. B. Godolphin, Dean of the College of Princeton University. A classicist who participated in four Pacific invasions as a Marine Corps captain, Professor Godolphin is the fourth prominent educator to occupy the office of Dean of the College, a position created in January 1909.

As Dean of the College, Professor Godolphin is responsible for undergraduate discipline and extra curricular life and also serves as adviser to undergraduates returning to the campus from the armed forces. Prior to assuming his duties as Dean, he directed the Princeton Program for Servicemen, a counselling service for returning veterans.

A member of the Class of 1924 at Princeton, Dean Godolphin had taught Greek and Latin for more than a decade and was Chairman of the University's Department of Classics when he entered the service as a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps in February, 1943.

At that time he discussed with President Harold Willis Dodds his decision to accept a commission and they agreed it would be of vital importance to the University after the war to have on the Faculty men who, in addition to their qualifications of scholarship, would understand at first hand the problems of a veteran returning to college.

Dean Godolphin saw action. He was trained for duty as an air liaison officer. In this capacity he participated in the invsaions of Kwajalein, Tinian, Saipan, and Luzon. In the first three landings he was with the Fourth Marine Division. In the 38-day drive from the Lingayen Gulf to Manila, he was attached to the Army's First Cavalry Division which Marine planes supported.

Having received his A. B. degree from Princeton in 1924, Dean Godolphin received his A. M. degree from New York University in 1926 and his Ph. D. from Princeton in 1929. While still a graduate student, he taught as an instructor at both Rutgers University and Princeton. He became an assistant pro-

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#### THE CAPSTAN

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#### FOR THE CLASS OF 1946

Nineteen forty-six, although hardly six months old, has faced many critical problems. For little more than a year, a new man has assumed the great duties of President. We have seen the important cogs in the machinery of peace put into their place; and have witnessed its running. This machine has been fed with the lives of men and its products have been too few. It is hard for us to conceive the idea of peace because we have read in our early history of the First World War and know of some of our friends who were killed in the Second World War.

Throughout the country, high schools and prep schools are now holding graduation exercises. The class of 1946, which, in normal times, would be considered just another "bunch of kids" going out to flood industry. This year, we are a "bunch of kids", but we still step forth to accept responsibilities that have seldom before been asked of even grown men. People say a new and better world must emerge from this strife. Who is to make it? The statesmen of today will plan it, but it is up to the citizens and statesmen of tomorrow to take those plans and produce realities.

The immediate task is the peace. Many members of the class of 1946 will not know what war is or how deep a scar is left by it. We are struggling to get into college so that through our newly acquired knowledge we can help to cover up the mark of war. It is a challenge to every Cadet graduating from this school. Are you, as an individual, capable of meeting this challenge?

We have seen what war is; let us never forget it in the long years to come. It is our duty to forget the anger and the bitterness, but let us remember that the circumstances occasioning this anger would be more wicked than any treason. In school and at home we have learned and mastered the fundamental policies of honesty and justice. These policies leave no room for war and racial hatreds. Accordingly, let us use this standard for all living people.

W. B. Z.

#### \* \* \* GRATITUDE IS THANKS

We, the graduating class of Admiral Farragut Academy, are a small, exceptionally well-prepared unit of the whole scheme. We go forth with much basic knowledge, and with the full realization that we still have a lot to learn. We will take with us a few fond memories which will stay with us all our lives. We find it difficult to properly express our gratitude to our instructors, whose great patience and cheery willingness to help have been as much of an education as have the actual studies. We look to God for the courage and the wisdom that we will all need to meet the unprecedented challenge of the future.

The reporters and staff of the Capstan wish to thank their advisors and

corps for their help in publishing this year's papers.

This year has been one of the best for the Capstan and we want to wish the staff of next year the same success.

#### FOR THE UNDERCLASSES

This year was rather an eventful one and we hope that those who leave us will cherish fond memories of A.F.A.

Next year there will be some one hundred and fifty new boys and we will be starting a year with an extremely new crop of officers. Our Naval Department has been increased and organized to the point where we should start off the next year as a tightly-knit organization.

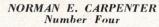
Although it is almost four months until September 20th and the start of a new term, time will be rolling around fast and before we know it, we will be challenged by the record of past years; confronted with new problems and trying to make "this year" better than last.

Thanks to the Corps of 1945-46 it will be a mighty challenge.

Next year we will return to find many changes. We will enter our 14th year—a year filled with friendships, trials, and tribulations, but above all there will be that everlasting challenge. Have you the courage to accept it? A farewell thought for bigger and better things through the CAPSTAN.

### APPOINTEES GAIN NOS. 1 AND 4 HONORS IN NATIONWIDE EXAM TO ANNAPOLIS







JOHN T. BARTRAM Number One

#### Corrie, Belcher Gain **Graduation Honors**

The Commandant recently took pleasure in announcing the appointment of Cadet Jon Belcher as Valedictorian of the first class. Cadet Belcher, who entered Admiral Farragut Academy in 1943, has well earned his new title. He has had very few demerits and in 1944-1945 stood first in the corps. His average for this year is 93.08. When he enrolled at the beginning of the year he was given the rank of second class petty officer in the band. At the half year, because of his fine record he was made an M.P.O. Cadet Belcher is a member of the dramatics club and appeared in last year's play. Upon graduating this year he plans to enter Yale University and study to become

The Salutatorian of this year's class is Cadet Edwin Corrie. Corrie comes from the Dominican Republic and is one of Admiral Farragut Academy's earliest and finest cadets. He enrolled back in the year 1938. During his early training in the Junior School, Cadet Corrie played football, basketball, and baseball. Upon entering the senior school in 1942, he participated in all his company sports. From 1943 until 1946, he has been a member of the varsity tennis team. From 1944 to 1946 he was a member of the varsity basketball team. In 1944 he was made a second class petty officer. When he enrolled this year he rated an ensign in the First Company. At the half year he was made a Lieutenant (sg) in charge of the First Company. Upon graduation this year he plans to enter M. I.T. and become an architect. We are sure that all the members of the Faculty and Corps wish both these outstanding cadets the best of luck and smooth sailing.

GODOLPHIN . . . . from Page One fessor at Princeton in 1930, an associate professor in 1940 and chairman of the Department of Clasics in 1942.

#### A Great Job Done!

For the second consecutive vear Admiral Farragut Academy has had one of its graduates attain first place in the annual Honor School appointment examinations to the United States Naval Academy.

Competing with more than one hundred and fifty students appointed from approximately fifty-one schools and colleges throughout the Nation, Cadet John T. Bartram of Torrington, Connecticut, won top honors in this year's examination.

Following close on Cadet Bartram's heels is Cadet Norman E. Carpenter, of Wollaston, Massachusetts, who placed number four in the Nationwide compe-

The remarkable record accomplished by these two cadets is a great honor for both themselves and for the School, and from the Superintendent to each member of the Corps, a hearty motion of congratulations is extended to them.

JUNE BALL . . . . from Page One up again in the Drill Hall and a patio leading from the double doors will allow guests to enjoy the night air, weather permitting.

The ingredients for this dance are of the best. It is now up to the Corps to mix them properly for a truly outstanding and memorable evening that will live with it for years to come.

ALUMNI DAY . . . . from Page One tion held its first annual meeting in five years. Commander R. O. Dodge, Headmaster, addressed the alumni body and welcomed them to Farragut in behalf of the Superintendent and Administration. The retreat parade at 4:45 found the Alumni on the reviewing line in a body.

After the Parade, a reception was held at the Pine Beach Yacht Club for Alumni and their ladies, and members of the school faculty and

staff.

# SPORTS

This issue marks for your reporter, the last of his contributions to the Capstan. Whereas, this column has formerly contained, more or less, lighthearted sports prattle, we are now confronted with a more serious task, that of bidding farewell.

Two full years have come and gone since our arrival here in September, 1944, and countless thrills with them. We've seen men like McCully, Walsh, Collier, Nardone, Downes, Gambke, Corrie, Stuff and a host of others don Farragut uniforms and take to the field, the court and the mat. Three things above all else linger in our memory of these events, and they are the spirit, sportsmanship and fellowship that were always evident in sports here at Farragut....We've met some fine fellows and made fast friends; it certainly isn't easy saying good-bye to them.



Our congrats to Bob McMillan, Bernie O'Connell and Jack Corrie on being elected captains of the baseball, track and tennis teams respectively. All three are great guys and fine athletes.

You fellows eyeing the forthcoming Louis-Conn bout might be interested in this bit of info. Though still strong as a lion, the Brown Bomber is twenty pounds above his pre-war fighting weight and lacks quite a bit of his former speed. Conn, on the other hand, is just as nimble and quick as ever. From the way it looks to us though, you can look for a tough battle but not a new champion.

Seems as though our athletic teams liked the example set last May for they managed to sweep the field on the last day of the season. To top off the year the Diamondmen, after eight scoreless innings, overcame a visiting NYMA nine 1-0. Simultaneously the netmen swamped Eastern 7-1 up in Stamford and the Tracksters ran rings around NYMA on the banks of the Hudson....Great work!

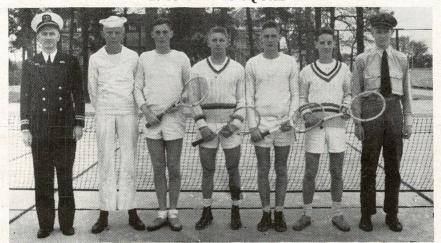
Saw Coach Dalton beaming over his football field the other day. Seems like the recently-planted grass has sprouted rapidly and the gridiron should be in fine playing trim come next Fall.

With the mention of Autumn we're reminded that we won't be around next football season...so...by way of closing, we'd like to say so long to all of you, good luck to the graduates, and a wish that next season will see rousing Middie victories over Pennington, Manlius and BORDENTOWN.

#### Join The Alumni Association

# Excellent Season For Tennis Team With Eight Wins, One Loss

1946 TENNIS SQUAD



#### Baseball Nine Tops New York M. A. 1-0

Extra Inning Game Proves Thriller

With a well earned 1-0 victory over New York M. A., the Farragut Nine brought to a conclusion a year filled with all the thrills that are baseball. Hampered from the very start with poor weather, bad breaks and inexperience, the team got off to a poor start losing badly to Asbury Park and Valley Forge before it finally cracked the ice with a victory over Eastern M. A. Prior to the first victory, a 2-1, 10 inning affair had been played with Peddie in which, during the final inning, the mainstay of the pitching staff Tex Cowan was injured.

The last two games were the best by far of the year. E.M.A. came to Farragut with a revamped ball club and in an extra-inning game won 3-2. N.Y.M.A. marked the final tilt and for the second straight year the Middies triumphed.

Ned Sprang scored the winning run and was the winning pitcher while Joe Mendleson of N.Y.M.A. went down to defeat. The game was scoreless all the way, both teams threatening several times until the deciding tally was pushed across in the last of the eighth on Vissotzky's double to left. The New York team had two men on base in the first inning only to have the rally cut short by a quick double play. Farragut twice got men to third with one out only to have them left stranded. The best play of the day came in the seventh inning when with bases loaded and two outs, Roy Ewertz, running at top speed reached over his shoulder and grabbed a ball that was tagged for at least three bases.

The next inning saw Sprang and Vissotzky double to score a run and end the season with a well deserved victory.

BUY AND HOLD UNITED STATES

#### Track Team Ends Mediocre Season

Penn Relays Bright Spot on Record

Topping off their season at New York Military Academy the Middie "Cindermen", smarting from four successive defeats, over-powered the relatively weak NYMA squad 70-43. With sweeps in the mile, half mile, shot-put and pole-vault, the "Daltonmen" picked up a lead that was impossible to overcome.

Led again by Gambke, with two firsts and a third, the team was never headed from the initial low hurdle event to the last relay. In the 220, Ziluca with a last fifty-yard kick, passed Muth to cop a second place. In the century dash Muth turned the tables and finished second with Ziluca on his tail. Gambke and Schreiber then took, respectively, first and third in an exciting low-hurdle contest. The 440 looked like a "Navy" first and second with Shaffer and Mackey pounding out a 53.2 quarter, but a strong spurt on the part of a New York lad nosed them both out. The 880, led by Wisotzky, Edwards, and Cox, turned out to be a clean sweep by some fifty yards. In the mile run it was pretty much the same with Folgoust, Cohn and Dickinson all winding up within inches of each other and several hundred yards ahead of the nearest "Cornwall" run-

#### Team Lauded For Work

One of the greatest tennis teams to wield rackets in the name of Farragut wound up its season a week ago Saturday with a record of eight wins against one loss.

Losing only one match against a stronger Peddie aggregation, the Middie racketmen duplicated the outstanding record compiled by the 1944-45 team, which also lost only one match to Peddie. In that case however, Farragut defeated the men from Heightstown in a return set-to.

Corrie as number one man did an outstanding job all season long, taking on the best men that the opponent's had to offer. Gerry Benstock, holding down the number two spot, handled his racket with a great deal of skill and should be the leading veteran for Doc Soderman's 1947 team. Dave Lawrence, Jerry Smith, Mencher, and Wishner played numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively.

Most of the opponents submitted rather peacefully to the superior play of these gentlemen with the exception, of course, of Peddie, who topped the Little Navy by a 5-2 score. Eastern, Perkiomen and Pennington were beaten twice, while Bordentown and Asbury Park succumbed to the Navy broadsides once. Shutouts were earned over Eastern M.A., Asbury Park, Bordentown and Pennington with 5-0, 7-0, 9-0, 7-0, and 9-0 scores respectively.

Lieutenant Soderman deserves a well earned round of applause for compiling such an enviable record of sixteen wins against two losses during the past two years and it is felt that his success with the tennis men has done a great deal to popularize this sport here at School.

ner. Schreiber and Bugbee won a first and second respectively in the high-jump and javelin while Gambke. Wilkinson and Frankhauser copped one, two and three in the shot-put. O'Connell pole-vaulted to first place with Burcham and Vissotzky close on his tail. The 880 relay team of Muth, Gearhart, Giunco and Ziluca, however, were unable to top the NYMA crew.

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By C A W C A W

Ken Miller and John Nellis seem to have had a cloud hanging over their heads during the last week. It seems that during the Trig exam John artistically displayed his thoughts.

We hear that there is going to be a shortage of caddies at the golf course in Toms River on June 3rd.

Cann will be sorry if he passes Spanish: But Nellis won't.

The "Boys" went to church last Sunday and prayed for rain. It didn't rain Sunday, but for the next two days it did.

Why did the Count run up to the Second Deck when he heard there was a beer party (Root Beer?) Thirsty....

Attention! Captain Jack is back! Bigger and better adventures in your 46-47 Capstan.

Advice to a certain member of the "Public Speaking" Department. Quote—"Plenty of rest and sunshine should put that shoulder in great shape for next year"—Unquote.

Who is in the Farragut Task Force P.M.? What about it, Stew?

Dick Sciorra is sending his chocolate milk receipe into Betty Crocker.

Shylock Nellis was selling old clothes tdoay. Pish, Posh, to Larry Levine. It finally ended that John paid Larry to take the clothes.

What famous Carpetbagger from Arkansas was bombarded by the blue-jays as he watched said birds attack a cat?

The originator of the "Group Picture" has been made an honorary member of "The Boys."

FAMOUS LAST WORDS:

Ken Miller—The battery! My Car! Sciorra—Pish, Pash.

Candy—Gimme a drag. Nellis—But...you mean I didn't graduate?

Flo—The soap? Oh it's in my room.

Moe—Got some gum, chum? Ball—Yeah, you wanna? Dennie—Look out for Art!

TRACK . . . . . . . . . from Page 3

The highlight of the comparatively unsuccessful season was the victory of Gambke, Cox, Shaffer and Mackey at the Penn Relay Carnival where they turned in a neat 3:37 time for the mile relay. The only other victory was a surprising win over a very highly touted Asbury Park aggregation, early in the season. Following that the "Cindermen" succumbed to Long Branch, Peddie, Valley Forge, Bordentown and Hill School and picked up some four points at the George School Invitation Meet.

# We Salute Yan Class of '46...



# ... Platter Chatter ...

By ANCEL and BENNY

For you hep cats that are clearing out of this Palladium tomorrow, it is our desire to plant you now and dig you later. Something hot just put on the platter is Arthur Rodzinski's recording of Bizet's Symphony in C Minor, and for those of you floating in the green backs Arturo Tosconnini just completed his newest arrangement of the Blue Danube. For those of you who are down in the currency of the times and can't cut mother's best rugs, we have the June Ball theme song—"Give me a Little Kiss" by that drummer man himself, Gene Krupa. Another one of his prize packages of the week is "We'll Gather Lilacs."

Hitting the more solid side of the line we tear Harry "The Lip" James away from his home life to give out with that Farragut special, "Do You Love Me?" and for the graduate's theme song of the week, "As If I Didn't Have Enough On My Mind", Harry turns loose his seldom-heard brass section to a solid arrangement

of that jump ballad, "Love Me" with Ginnie Powell doing the honors on the vocal.

Benny Goodman hits the hot spots with his new find, ex-G.I. Art Lund and teams him up with his sextet in "Don't Be A Baby, Baby" and on the dirty side of the tray Liza Morrow sings "All The Cats Join In."

T. D. with Sy Olliver lending his vocals to "There's Good Blues Tonight" really make for a solid sender.

Without the background but plenty of chirping, Jack Leonard gives out with "They Say It's Wonderful" and "September Song". Allen Jones does a fine job on all of Cole Porter's hits—old, but solid through and through.

For the floor polishers, Woody Herman cooperates by giving us "It's Anybody's Spring".

Louis (please don't squeeze the banana) Prima plays our mothers' theme song, "Baby Won't You Please Come Home."

Here's to bigger and better jazz from your music critics.

#### JUNE BALL SLANTS

Ву "В. А."

Yes sir! Here it is again and to the upper classmen this is farewell. The June Ball will be better than ever this year as you've probably heard.

I hear that some of the boys on the Hop Committee will be up till all hours of the night tonight.... studying for exams? It's quite amazing how rumors get around (and I hate to spread rumors) but here goes—What's this I hear about a certain cadet having two dates for the evening of the Third when some of the more unfortunates can't do well with one? Come now Bill, let's not hog

all the fun....Seems like Jack and Jon will be sharing the same date—or is it that a pair of twins will be winning their hearts. What's this about Dick Cox chasing Jim Edwards around the track—looking for a date for your sister, Dick? Who's going to be Queen of the June Ball, Benno?

Now that we've had our fun, let's get back to the serious side with a final word to all....have an enjoyable evening and to the upper classmen, so long fellows. It's been grand knowing you and here's hoping to see you all again soon.

## Capstan Poll

Question: Why are you bringing the girl you are to the June Ball?

STEVE DICKINSON (2 P.O.)—
"'Cause the two girls I wanted to bring couldn't come." (What's the matter Steve, isn't one enough?)

HERBERT BENNETT—"Why! Is the guy crazy?" She is a nice girl and I am fond of aurburn-haired young ladies that have green eyes."

Lt. Commander Reinhard—(after a chuckle) "To keep peace and harmony in the home."

Steve (Foul Ball) Nathan—"Why! Three guesses and the first two don't count. I like her, what do you think?" (Never mind what we think!!!)

Lt. Strucker—"Because I'm married to her."

WILLIAM (Wrestler) BUCKINGHAM
—"Why? What do you mean why?
Because I got fixed up with a date."

TEDDY (Steady Teddy) KORT— "Because it is my final dance. That's the only reason I would bring one." (Teddy asked Venus but she was too busy with Hercules!)

WILL (Dodger Fan) IVERS, M.P.O.
—"None of the others will go with
me."

BILL (Oscar) HAGMAN—"I was talked into it by my Mother—I was forced into the deal at the point of a rolling pin."

JIM (Needle) EDWARDS—"A friend of mine asked me to take his sister—besides I needed the date." (I bet it will be fun dancing with a ten year old girl. (Just a note from your roommates!)

CADET LT. (jg) (Shaggy Dog) MACKEY—"I'm not bringing a girl so you're out of luck." (If you hadn't been C. O. I would have called you on that statement.)

Bob (sneezy) Angelus. "She forced me into it. But I love her."

MARCHEL (Flo) FLORANCE—"Nice personality."

KEN MILLER (The Student)—
"She is well informed on the topics of today and she is a nice kid."

Mr. Joe (Bake) Baker—"Nice personality and a lot of fun." (Why, Mr. Baker you seem to be at a loss for words. Why don't you say "I don't know" and get it over with.)

JOHN NELLIS—"Because she dances well." (Tell me John, do you dance at a June Ball?)

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And last but not least we come upon little "Red" Reinheimer, vigorously applying the freckle-remover. "I met her in chapel and she has a pretty fair reputation."