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CAPSTAN



Committee To Save
Admiral Farragut Academy

GRADUATION '94

As the 43 graduates assembled on the Parade Field for the 61st Commencement Ceremony most of the over 500 spectators hoped the class of '94 wouldn't be the last.

In many respects, the graduation was typical of those held in years past. The graduates, staff and faculty marched onto the field in the annual academic procession to the sound of a military drum. The National Anthem was played by the Academy band followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Administration welcomed everyone and the Academy Chaplain gave the invocation. The class salutatorian, Cadet, Lt. Anthony G. Licari of Fishkill, New York, said he learned a lot at his former school, New York Military Academy, where he attended for four years before he entered Farragut. During his two years at Farragut, however, he said "Admiral Farragut Academy has instilled in me an even deeper sense of pride and integrity. Honesty and pride should always govern our lives." Cadet Licari gave special praise and thanks to David G. Sutherland, the Academy's former Commandant of Cadets and head disciplinarian who left the Academy last fall. He also praised Captain Frederick Jewett, U.S.N.R., the Academy's math teacher, for his outstanding advice and assistance over the past two years.

Graduation speaker, Captain Select Charles A. Miletich, a former nuclear submarine commander and presently an instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, stated, "Admiral Farragut Academy may close this year but only after having provided our Country with many fine leaders. These graduates will be the new leaders of our Country." Pointing to the graduates, he said, "You need to remember something that many others have forgotten: rights incur obligations. For any position of responsibility in society - from government, business and the military - there is a corresponding obligation to carry out the assigned task. Leaders are people of honor who are practicing promoting truthfulness in all they do." In closing he used the famous line from Admiral David Farragut in his final battle: "Damn the torpedoes, Full speed ahead."

Class Valedictorian, Cadet Lieutenant Commander Kenneth E. Vogel, of Barnegat New Jersey, stated, "There's a lot of tradition at Farragut and Commander David Sutherland, former Commandant of Cadets, taught us to be honorable within that tradition." Cadet Vogel emphasized, "Tradition and Honor have served the Country well in the past and I hope it continues to do so in the future. It would be real sad not to be able to come back to your alma mater true." The Benediction closed out the official ceremony followed by the faculty recessional. At the call of the Cadets, Commander Brian Skubin, Battalion Commander, gave the signal for the annual hat tossing tradition and hats were tossed and cheers were heard loud and clear throughout the parade field. The sixty-first graduation was full of more emotion than we can describe in this article. Congratulations to the class of '94. We are proud of you!

MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY!

This Capstan has been prepared and mailed with unrestricted funds that have been donated by Alumni, parents Past Parents and Friends of Farragut. We need unrestricted donations to insure that we can continue to raise the funds needed to secure a future for Farragut in Pine Beach, NJ.

Don't let this be the last Capstan! Mail your contribution today to P.O. Box 1900, Toms River, NJ. All donations are accounted for then forwarded to the Committee's attorney's Saiber, Schlesinger, Satz and Goldstein of Newark, NJ for deposit to their trust account. Only unrestricted funds are used for printing, mailing and other fund raising efforts.

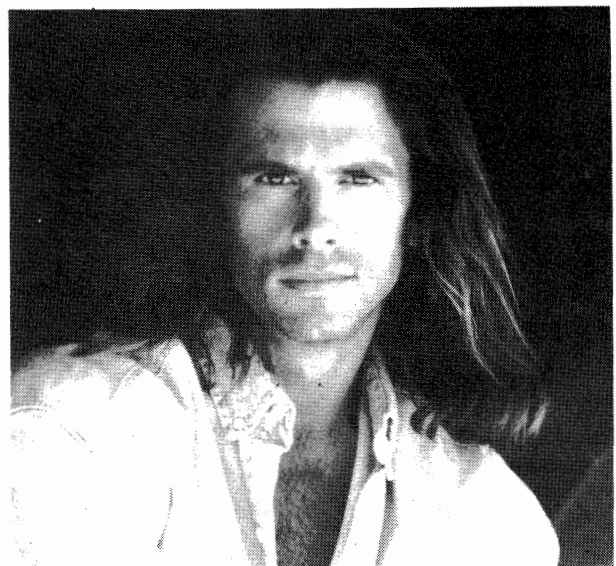
1993-94 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

At the graduation exercise on June 4, 1994, Alumni President, Norm Carpenter, presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Lorenzo Lamas ('75). The following is an excerpt from his speech.

The annual presentation of the Distinguished Alumnus Award is a privilege for the Academy's Alumni Association. The Alumni Association is grateful to the Administration for allowing us the opportunity to honor one of our very own, at a time of importance, and in a setting such as the sixty-first commencement exercise. The Association feels that each graduating class and their parents, families and friends would want to share with us the pride we have for one of our graduates. The award is given in recognition of an individual who has reached a high level of success in a given field.

Today's recipient of the 1994 Distinguished Alumnus Award is no exception to success in his given field. Lorenzo is a graduate of Admiral Farragut Academy, Class of 1975, where he obtained the rank of LTJG Battalion Staff. "L", as he was called by his classmates, wanted to be successful not only in the eyes of others, but in his own eyes. While attending Farragut, Lorenzo was on the Varsity Wrestling and Track teams and Inter-Company Football. Other activities included Weightlifting, Swimming and Drama Clubs. Lorenzo was a marksman on the Rifle Team and was a member of the Drill Team and Trident Publicity Manager. Lorenzo was also senior class president. After graduation he returned to California and became active in movie roles. His acting career included many feature films: *Grease*, *Take Down*, *Body Lock* and *Final Impact*. He is remembered for his role as Lance Cumson on *Falconcrest* and now as the star of a syndicated T.V. series, *Renegade*. He has become known for his martial arts films and his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

The Alumni Association, in making this selection for the Distinguished Alumnus Award, is fully aware that Lorenzo has reached high on the ladder in his chosen field at this young age and has fulfilled most of his dreams and aspirations to be the very best he can be. On behalf of the Association, I would like to proudly present a framed and matted lithograph of a limited edition print representing life at Farragut in 1934.



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In accepting the framed lithograph and the honor of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, Lorenzo stated that his goal was to bring attention to Farragut's plight. "I can get to news services and spread the word about Farragut and the importance of schools like Admiral Farragut Academy." In his speech he told the graduates about the days when he was a part of their school and its traditions. He originally came to Farragut to sail boats on the Toms because he read an advertisement on the back cover of "Boys Life" magazine which said "Come sail boats on the Toms River."

Instead, Lorenzo soon learned about duty, discipline and dedication through the rigorous drills and strict routines of a Farragut life. "I received tremendous discipline which I apply in my daily life," he said. "When you're taught to be a leader at 15, few of life's curveballs can surprise you." He also said that the school looks the same to him as it did in 1975, but he resisted the urge to go into the barbership to get a haircut. Lamas then read a letter from the Save AFA Committee, which stated the school needs several million dollars to stay open. Lorenzo said, "I have joined the fight and I'm making a plea to all our alumni, friends and business associates to join us in saving this wonderful Academy."

Many of the 500 guests remained after the graduation to share time with Lorenzo who stayed to the very end to shake hands, take pictures and sign autographs. What came across, loud and clear, was the love Lorenzo has for his Alma Mater.



Lorenzo Lamas, '75, receives the "Distinguished Alumnus Award from Capt. Norman Carpenter, U.S.N. Ret., '45 Alumni President.

THE COMMITTEE TO SAVE ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY, INC.

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The Committee to Save Admiral Farragut Academy, Inc. is organized as a New Jersey Not-for-profit Corporation. The corporation has filed for 501C3 tax status with the Internal Revenue Service. Donations made to Save AFA may be tax deductible and are most urgently needed.

MR. LORENZO LAMAS AFA '75

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Farragut:

By now you should have received the announcement from the Admiral Farragut Academy Board of Trustees of the School's closing. Their announcement was mailed to all Alumni on May 2, 1994.

How carefully have you considered the ramifications that the loss of Admiral Farragut Academy, Pine Beach, New Jersey will have on us all. I believe that the loss of a school of Farragut's stature will greatly effect society!

Farragut, in my opinion, is the prime reason that I have achieved success in the acting profession. In fact, the dicipline needed to work in my field is extensive, and I learned that dicipline at Farragut!

"Ever Shall Be Flown," the last line of our Alma Mater, has true meaning to me and the other members of the Committee To Save Admiral Farragut Academy, Inc. In fact, I have accepted a seat on the Board of Directors and I am sure that we can save the School and perpetuate it for the future of our children and our children's children!

Please consider sending an unrestricted donation or at least a pledge. Our goal is obtainable, our Strategic plan is workable, and the opening of Farragut is in fact very feasible.

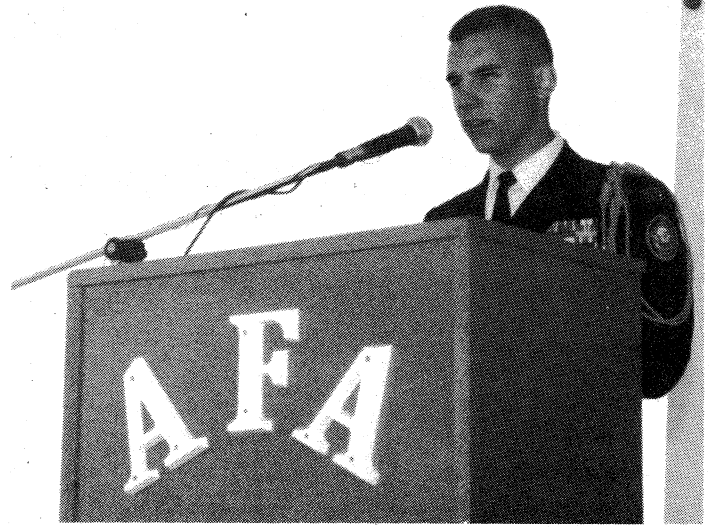
We need 110% participation and support. Please send your donation or pledge to Save AFA, P.O. Box 1900, Toms River, NJ 08753. This will be our last chance for success and quite possibly the last opportunity to save the school that we will ever have!

If you have any questions, please direct your inquiry to the committee at P.O. Box 1900, or any director at their home or business address. We will endeavor to answer all questions and concerns as quickly as possible.

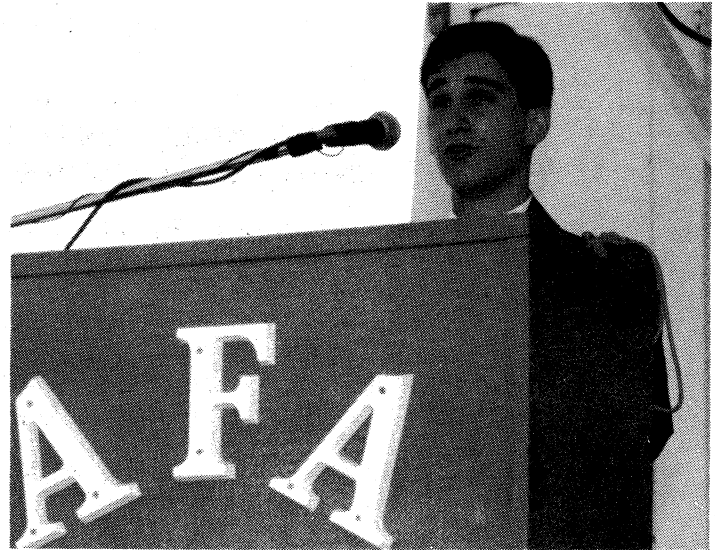
Sincerely yours,

Lorenzo Lamas
 Lorenzo Lamas, '75
 Honorary Chairman, Save AFA

Editor's Note: Lorenzo Lamas is currently the star of the syndicated television show "Renegade." Lorenzo is also well known as Lance of television's "Falcon Crest," and many feature films.



Cadet Lt. Anthony Licari, Salutatorian.



Cadet Lt. Cdr. Kenneth Vogel, Valadictorian.

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I understand that these funds are being solicited by the Committee to save Admiral Farragut Academy to help perpetuate the continuation of Admiral Farragut Academy, Pine Beach, New Jersey. Funds will be used to pay for costs of solicitation, the retirement of debt of the Academy, to provide funding for the Academy in the event it should remain open and for litigation costs, if necessary. I understand that, if I choose, I may have my contribution returned if the Academy does not remain open.

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 Toms River, NJ 08754**

'94 Homecoming

Mail your reservation ASAP to: Homecoming Committee, AFA Alumni Association, Inc., 601 Riverside Drive, Pine Beach, NJ 08741 - 1299.

Name:

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Class:

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I will be attending the following events, my check is enclosed made payable to the AFA Alumni Association, Inc. :

Brunch \$ 15.00

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- Annual Meeting - Brunch - Dinner Dance / Cruise - Class Reunions -

To all Alumni, Friends, Past , and Current Parents:

We are utilizing this issue of the Capstan to publicize Homecoming 1994 through the courtesy of The Committee to Save AFA, Inc. The election information found in this issue has been provided as a courtesy by the committee and for this we are appreciative !

Homecoming is always an exciting time. Lasting memories, friendships, and mutual goals have always made Homecoming a special event. This year more than ever, it is imperative that as many alumni as possible come to the area to participate in the future of our association and the academy itself !

Room is limited and as such, below please find the schedule of events, their associated costs, and the registration information that we will need from you to pre-register for these important two days.

Holiday Inn, 290 Route 37, Toms River has special room rates for Farragut Homecoming participants. \$ 65.00 per night, advance reservation is required, call the Holiday Inn at (908) 244-4000.

FRIDAY, October 21, 1994

8:00 p.m. - Coach and Polly Slaby's home - 525 Radnor Ave., Pine Beach , NJ Pre Homecoming get together for all alumni and friends. This affair is informal, and is hosted by Coach Stan Slaby and his wife Polly. Snacks will be served as well as beer, wine, and soda. Meet new friends and renew old ones.

SATURDAY, October 22, 1994

9:00 a.m. - Registration - Lobby of the Holiday Inn, 290 Route 37, Toms River.

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Brunch / Working Annual Meeting / Election Results - Buffet style brunch at the Holiday Inn who has provided us with a private room for our eating and meeting requirements \$ 15.00 each. Come hear more from your newly elected officers of the association and The Committee to Save AFA, Inc. Your input is very important !

2:45 p.m. - Boarding begins at the AFA dock for the cruise on the River Lady. Cruise the scenic Toms River while enjoying a sumptuous buffet dinner and dancing. \$ 65.00 per person. Seating is limited to 150 persons so reserve early. The evening will feature a special 50th anniversary observance of the class of 1944. Special group photos of the Reunion Classes of '39, '44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, and '89 will be taken at AFA. Final location will be announced at the meeting. Alumni Only.

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Cruise the Toms, eat, dance, enjoy !

On July 29, 1994 the Admiral Farragut Alumni Association Executive Board met at the Alumni House in Pine Beach, NJ. On the agenda that evening were several discussions of the Board of Trustees decision to close the school on Toms River in New Jersey. Amongst other action taken that evening, the Executive Board voted to incorporate the Association. That resolution is as follows.

**RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the Admiral Farragut Academy Alumni Association (the "Association") is currently an unincorporated association formed to advance the interests and promote the welfare of the Admiral Farragut Academy (the "Academy"), its faculty, students and, alumni; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, July 29, 1994, a meeting of the Executive Board of the Association was held at which the following members of the Executive Board were present in person or by telephone:

Norman E. Carpenter '45, President	John Gardella '41, Secretary
Donald Schreiber '46, Past President	H.K. Whiting '50, Past President
David MacDowell '55 Vice President	Bruce G. Kreeger '74 Past President
Charles Beyer 38 Past President	

Bill Anders '50	Frank Porcellini '80	Kenneth Francis '77	John Puglisi '74
Winfield Irwin '44	M.G. Kelly '57	Bill Doherty '66	James Deitz '64
Teri Rekus '94	Charlie Eberling '60	Wally Shults '93	John Kinney '60
John Jacobs '82			

and;

WHEREAS, the forgoing constitute a quorum of the members of the Executive Board and;

WHEREAS, the Executive Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Association to incorporate itself as a non-profit corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS,

RESOLVED, that the Association incorporates itself as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New Jersey it is in the best interests of the Association and the Academy; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the name of the Association shall be the Admiral Farragut Academy Alumni Association, In., a non-profit corporation; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Executive Board of the Association, and its officers be, and each of them is hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver any and all certificates, forms, affidavits, agreements forms and other documents, and to do such other acts and things, as such members and officers deem necessary, appropriate or desirable to carry and the intent and effectuate the purpose of these resolutions.

Our motion of Bruce G. Kreeger '74, duly seconded by William Doherty '66 and carried by all the members of the Executive Board, the foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted and approved.

John Gardella '41, Secretary

In addition to the members of the Executive Board members that voted on the above Resolutions, the following members of the Alumni Association were present at the meeting showing their support for Admiral Farragut Academy: Rudy Inteslisano '77, Carl Peterson '78, Kurt Peterson '80, Mark Hollern '74, Dan Wilhelm '82, and Larry Felts (Honorary).

Members of the Alumni Association are asked to vote for the New Officers of the Association and a Class Trustee for their class. Please return the ballot ASAP. Sign below and indicate your class year.

Signature _____ Class _____

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A.F.A. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
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THE PLAN

Background and Current Situation

Admiral Farragut Academy was founded in 1933 by a small group of experienced educators, under the leadership of Admiral S.S. Robison, USN (Ret.), who was superintendent of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis; Brigadier General Cyrus S. Radford, USMC (Ret.). It was the first secondary school in the Nation to develop a Naval Science Program approved by the Congress and the Department of the Navy.

Farragut opened with 56 cadets, in a building that had been constructed in 1910 as a hotel. In continuous operation since 1933, Farragut occupies a 35 acre campus in Pine Beach, overlooking the Toms River. Since 1954, the academy has been chartered as a non-profit corporation, The Farragut Company, directed by the Headmaster for a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees.

Enrollment reached a high of 350 during World War II. The Academy was the first secondary school to be designated an Honor Naval School by the Congress of the United States in 1941. It was designated an official NJROTC unit by the Department of Defense in 1967.

Enrollment has declined from more than 300 cadets in the 1970s to about 140 today. Under the current management, staffing levels, and expense structure, a census of 225 cadets was needed to support the Academy's \$4,100,000 annual budget. Most of the budget comes from tuition and fundraising. There is one small endowment, the Scholarship Fund, which provides about \$200,000 in student aid yearly.

Declining enrollments and the need for major new investments in the aging physical plant are two factors that led to operating losses in each of the last four years. As a result, the Board of Trustees announced on April 29, 1994 that the Academy would cease operations on June 4, 1994.

The school's assets would be liquidated to repay loans and reimburse capital contributions made by the Board members. Remaining assets would be transferred to the Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, Florida.

In response to the Board's decision, a number of Alumni, parents, past parents, and friends of Farragut have formed the Committee To Save AFA, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized in New Jersey, to acquire and manage the School.

The Board of Directors of the Committee To Save AFA, Inc. is now working diligently to raise funds and finalize the strategic, financial, and operating plans needed to recapitalize and reopen the Academy in September, 1994 under new management.

It is believed that a total of \$2,400,000 will be needed to repay obligations to current Board members. Certain members have indicated that they would leave the Board if they are repaid, and The Committee To Save AFA would assume management of the School with its Directors comprising the new Board of Trustees. As of June 18, over \$60,000 in cash and \$1,000,000 in commitments had been obtained.

Mission and Vision for The Academy

Admiral Farragut Academy's Mission has not changed since its founding. With one change as noted below, the Admiral Farragut Corp. Board of Directors intends to pursue the same Mission.

The Mission Statement is as follows:

"With the conviction that the duty of the School is far greater than that of merely imparting knowledge to youthful minds, Admiral Farragut Academy seeks to develop in each Cadet those qualities that go toward making a worthwhile citizen. Each graduate must have a thorough knowledge of the ground work of the arts and sciences, and at the same time must be a person (changed from "young gentleman") imbued with honor, uprightness, and truth; and one who has a deep and everlasting love for God, country and home.

"This Academy is dedicated to Admiral David Glasgow Farragut. May his spirit, sense of duty, loyalty, industry and courage guide and direct the course and action of every Cadet."

The Committee's vision for the Academy is not one of an aging dowager, a shabby but venerable institution. Instead, we envision a School that is only 62 years old, still young and able to respond to and profit from change; a School with an enviable tradition behind it and its best years still ahead of it.

The Committee envisions a Farragut that offers what we know people want for their children - attractive, well-maintained surroundings; small classes; individualized attention; discipline and routine; personal safety and no drugs; sports, arts and music; a highly qualified faculty; solid academic preparation; affordability (with financial aid); 100% college placement and very low college attrition; and other benefits.

We envision a School that, through its nautical atmosphere, procedures, and customs, teaches the benefits of honesty, hard work, attention to detail, self-discipline, self-respect, respect for others, selflessness, a sense of duty, and willingness to learn and change. And we envision a school that provides a moral compass for young people.

These goals are worth achieving and *can* be achieved, with this plan.

Farragut's Distinctive Competence

Admiral Farragut Academy is distinguished as America's first preparatory school with Naval training. As a participant in the Naval Junior R.O.T.C. program, Farragut enjoys several unique privileges: It receives some financial support and equipment from the United States Navy. The Headmaster may nominate three students each year to each of the United States service academies, including the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine academies. As an Honor Naval School, Farragut may nominate an additional three students each year to the United States Naval Academy.

At Farragut, every Cadet has the opportunity to play three sports a year. Class sizes are small, averaging 7 to 12 students per class.

In addition, the success of a school is measured by the success of its alumni. Farragut Alumni have distinguished themselves in

military, business, and academic pursuits for more than sixty years. For example, 458 graduates, or 13% have attended service academies; 14 graduates have attained flag rank; Farragut is the only secondary school in the country to count two astronauts among its alumni (Alan Shepard and Charles Duke); more than 500 graduates have become presidents or other top executives of their companies; as of 1990, only 1.32% of Farragut graduates dropped out of college for academic reasons, versus 20%-25% for the college population as a whole; and every graduate since 1990 has been accepted into college — a phenomenal 100% placement rate for four years.

Future marketing/promotion campaigns will highlight these distinguishing features as a way of communicating the benefits of Farragut enrollment.

Enrollment Trends

Enrollment has declined from more than 300 cadets in the 1970s to about 140 today. Under current management, staffing levels, and expense structure, a census of 225 cadets was needed to support the Academy's \$4,100,000 annual budget. Enrollments since 1990 have been as follows:

School Year	'89/'90	'90/'91	'91/'92	'92/'93	'93/'94
No. Students	205	190	180	168	130
No. Females	0	5	10	14	18

Academy officials have attributed the enrollment decline to three factors: continuing economic recession in the Northeast; the diminished appeal of military-oriented secondary schools; and an aging and expensive physical plant.

These attributions are plausible, but may not tell the whole story. For example, although five years of economic recession in the Northeast have had a profound impact on consumers at all income levels, upper and upper middle income families have been affected the least. And the Academy's market extends beyond the northeastern United States. The notion that enrollments are down because parents cannot afford to send their children to Farragut, or keep them there, appears to have little merit. In contrast, enrollment at Valley Forge Military Academy, where tuition is 10% higher, reached 750 cadets in 1994, the highest level in 20 years.

There is also little evidence to support the idea that military-oriented secondary schools have lost their appeal. In fact, enrollments at Farragut's peers have increased since 1990. Enrollments in the 44 schools represented by the Association of Military Schools and Colleges of the United States have topped 11,000 at the grade-school and high-school levels. And enrollment has increased at the Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, Florida.

There remains a good flow of inquiries and parents who bring prospective students to campus for a tour. But fewer and fewer of those who do visit enroll their children. This is partly because Farragut's physical plant has been allowed to fall into disrepair (media reports have described it as "shabby" and "run-down"); and partly because of the evident lack of a spirited and disciplined atmosphere among students and staff.

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THE PLAN
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It is likely that enrollments will stabilize and increase if structural and aesthetic improvements are made to the physical plant, and if a sense of discipline, rigor, and pride can be restored (assuming curriculum quality and accreditation can be maintained during the improvement period).

THE ANNOUNCEMENT - THE REACTION

After the initial shock of being advised that Admiral Farragut Academy was closing its doors on June 4, 1994, the AFA parents went into high gear. They were infused with the spirit of David Glasgow Farragut... "Damn The Torpedoes, Full Speed Ahead". A meeting was quickly organized and the parents, 50 plus, made a commitment to raise the needed money to keep AFA afloat. The group was advised that an incurred debt of approximately 2 million dollars would have to be paid immediately and that additional millions would have to be raised to provide capital improvements. The parents met this challenge by establishing telephone banks to contact parents, alumni and friends of Farragut for donations or pledges. Letters of appeal were sent to entrepreneurs and business people, and press releases were sent to radio and T.V. stations and world-wide wire services.

The parents also decided that all activities would proceed as scheduled. On May 21st, the Admiral's Fair was held on the AFA football field. The weather cooperated and the day was successful. An estimated \$7,000.00 was netted.

To make the above mentioned efforts a reality, members of the Parents' Association teamed with alumni and parents of alumni who had been diligently working on their own plan of action and together they met with a prestigious law firm, Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, from Woodbridge, New Jersey who provided guidance and direction. At this meeting Bruce Kreeger, past president of the Alumni Association, was selected to spear-head the team now known as the "Save AFA Committee". From the group in attendance, a 5 member team: Paul Wnek, Diane Backett, Andy Aldi, Dave MacDowell and Bruce Kreeger, Chairman, were chosen to meet with the current Board of Trustees to negotiate the terms under which this committee will be able to execute a plan to ensure the future of Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach, New Jersey.

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Our daughter, Nicole, came from a public school system which was totally non-personal, non-supportive and non-motivational. AFA was my daughter's choice over many private schools in our area of South Jersey. Her reason for choosing AFA was the military standard of the school. One and a half years ago, a sixteen year old recognized the need for structure, discipline and regimentation to realize her potential. To AFA we owe a debt of gratitude. Nicole has made great progress but she is still striving for improvement to meet her college goal - a military career through ROTC.

The Forsyth family has met and worked with many of the cadets and parents, some of whom will remain in contact long after Nicole graduates.

Life-line for many students over the years. Numerous success stories have been told and retold the past 60 plus years. These stories only reflect and confirm the true meaning of "Farragut Tradition" - Commitment, Dedication and Loyalty.

By Nancy Forsyth

A VIEW FROM A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

Only 1000 raffle tickets for a 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee will be sold by The Committee to Save Admiral Farragut Academy, Inc. with proceeds going toward expenses incurred in raising the necessary funds to keep the school open. Please buy a chance today. Send your check or money order to "Save AFA Raffle", P.O. Box 1900, Toms River, NJ 08754. Your ticket will be sent to you by return mail. A great chance at a great car for a wonderful cause! Drawing is to be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Academy Waterfront on September 2, 1994.

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