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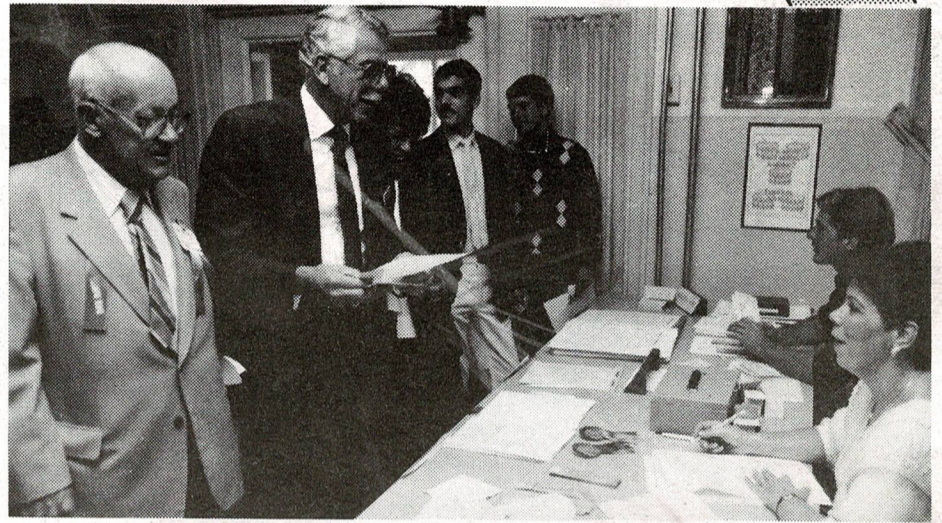
# FOCUS ON Homecoming '87



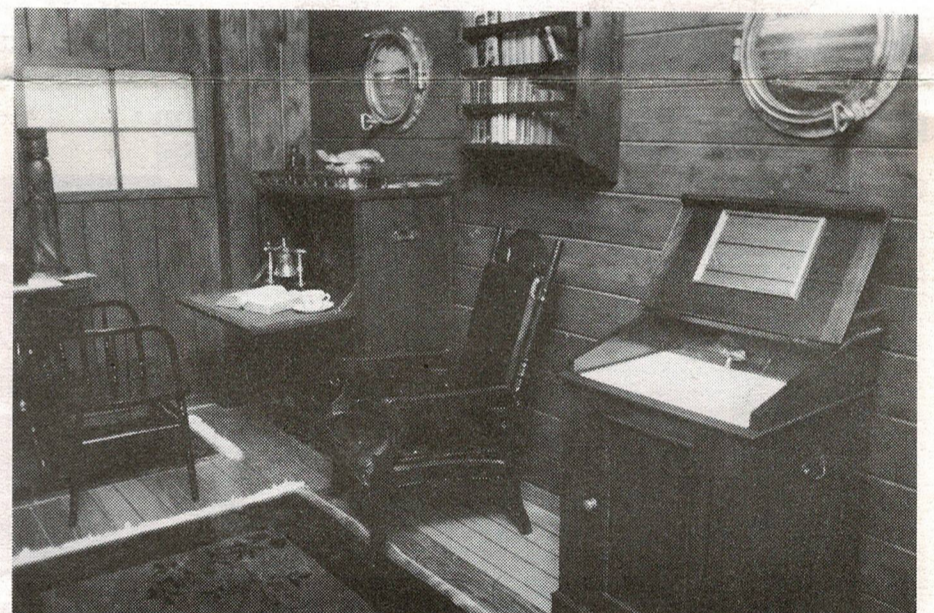
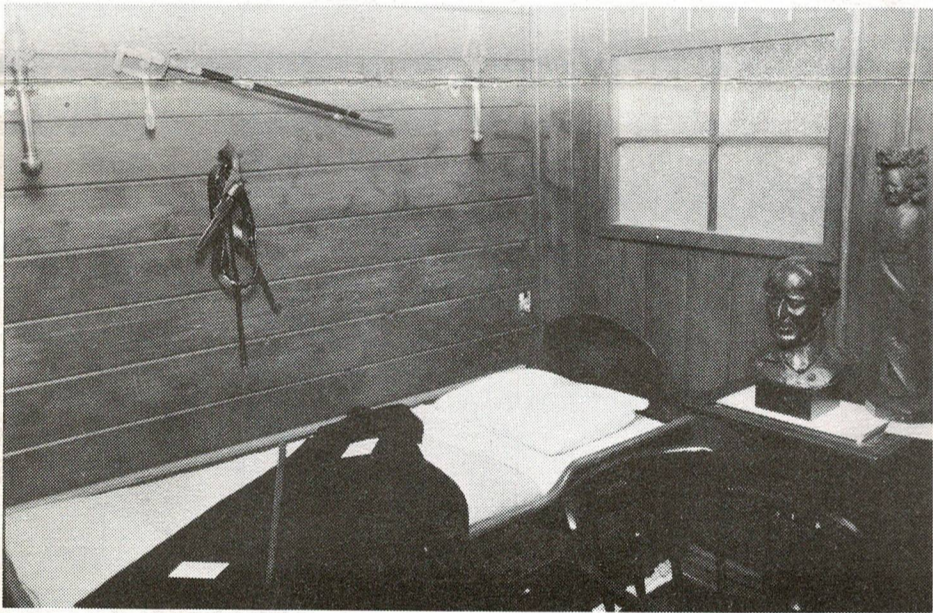
## A PICTURE STORY...



Edna and Bill Howie '36 review the first Alumni Farragut Cruise brochure with Bill Masciangelo, Jr. '62. The cruise leaves Tampa, Florida on 25 January 1988 for a 5 day trip to Mexico.



The Registration Desk saw much action as Joe Shepherd '41, working on his 41st year as Registration Chairman, observes as Bea and John Gardella '41 receive information for the day's activities from Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Millington. In the background, Bruce Koerner '87 (starting his first year at the Registration Desk) explains the wall poster to Drew Cerritelli '85 and Peter Van Doren '87.



Above is the newly refurbished replica of Admiral Farragut's cabin located in the passageway off the main museum section of Farragut Hall. It was dedicated Saturday morning by the Museum Directors, and was a highlight during homecoming weekend.



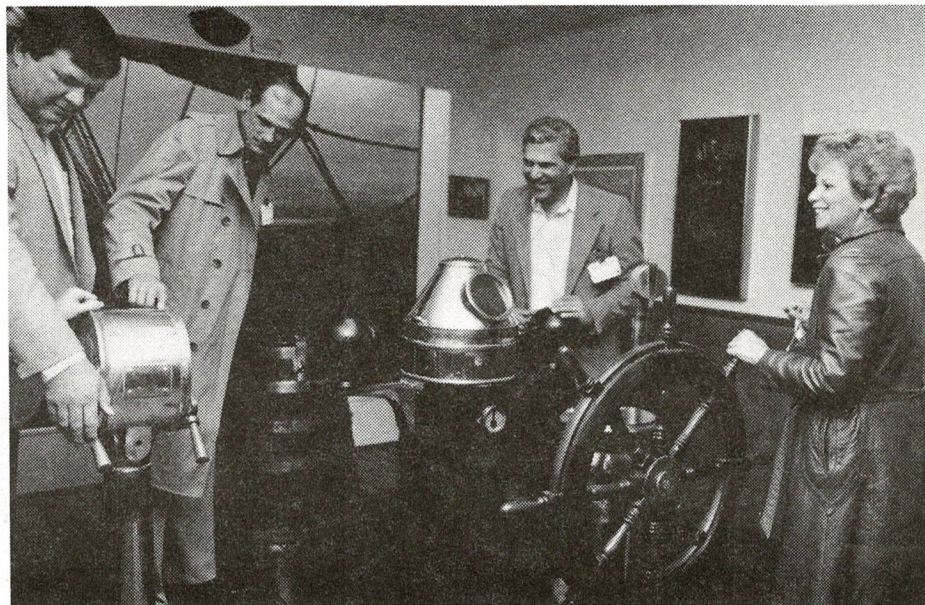
(L to R) CPO Joseph Frendak OIC Museum, Captain Robert W. Matthies, Jr. '67 Headmaster, Captain W. Kable Russell President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Clayton Matthews '36, Senior Director, Mr. Dean Matthews, Honored Guest, Mr. William Taylor '36 Director, Mr. Norman E. Carpenter '45 Director, Captain Frederick N. Klein, Jr., Curator and LCDR Joseph Rossi, Director of Naval Science (not shown) stand in the replica of Admiral Farragut's cabin.



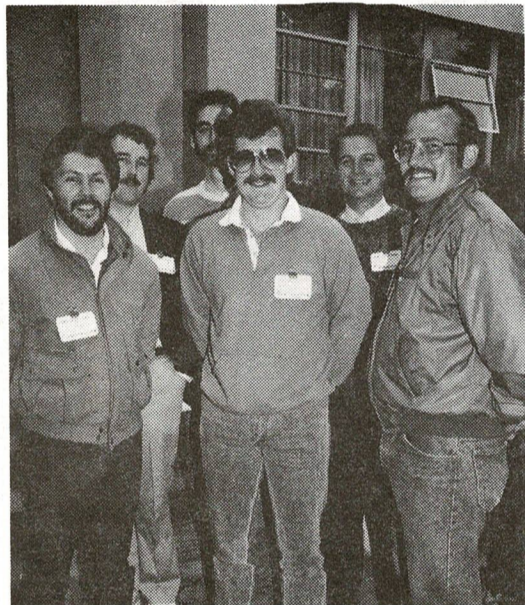
Museum Directors receive information from Captain Klein during the regular Homecoming meeting of the Board of Directors.



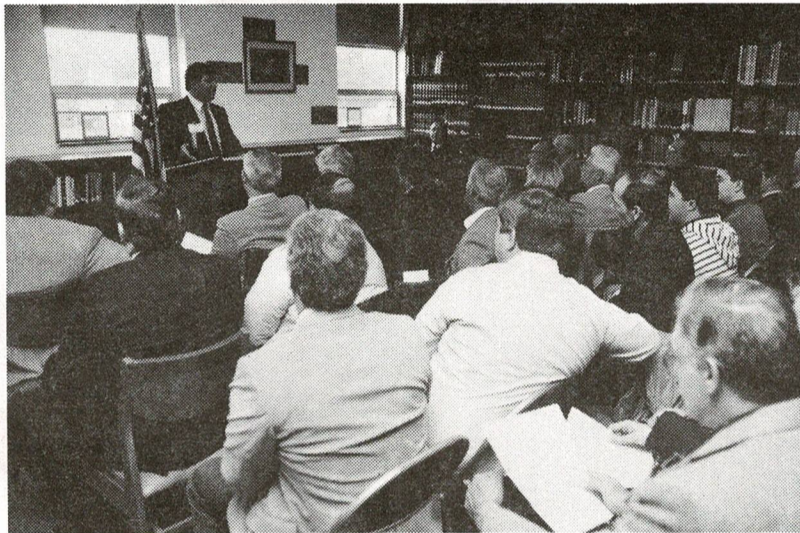
Bill Howie '36 and Bill Edwards '48 bring back those memories of yesterday as they look through a yearbook in the Masciangelo Alumni House. Secretary Lois Meyh and Edna Howie give approving glances.



Erl Benson '62 and Doug Brown '62, along with Steve Ledewitz '62 and his wife, Marsha, enjoy the AFA Museum tour during the morning session.



(L to R) Class Trustee Charlie Stefko, '77, along with former classmates Tim Harlan, Greg McClain, Chris Reichardt and Ken Francis pose for their tenth anniversary picture.



Alumni Association President Bruce Kreeger '74 addresses the Alumni during the regular business meeting which was held in the Academy library. An important first for Farragut was the unanimous approval of an *Alumni Work Weekend* to be held in the Spring of '88. William O. Doherty '66 has agreed to chair the activity. Bill is looking for many volunteers. More about this in a future Capstan.



Classmates of '62 celebrate their 25th anniversary reunion. (L to R) Bill Lucas, Jr., Erl Benson, Bill Masciangelo, Jr., Doug Brown, and Steve Ledewitz smile nicely for the camera. (Note: Bill Masci Jr. is planning to contact his former classmates for a gathering of the clan for Homecoming '88. Great idea Bill!)



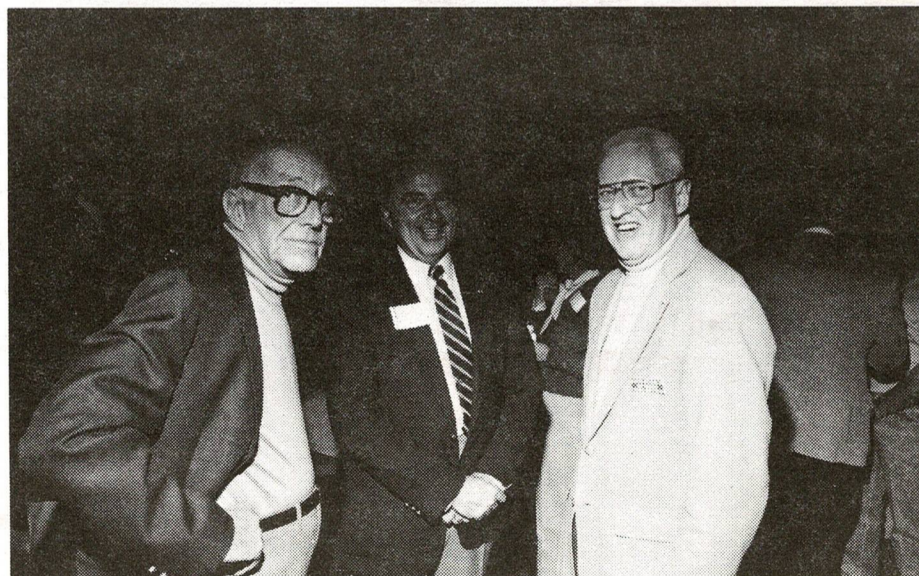
Present & Former Battalion Commanders join Headmaster at the Alumni House during the Homecoming '87 weekend. Bottom Row (L-R) John Hoffman '88, Tom Gaffney '84, Capt. Robert W. Matthies, Jr. '67, Chris Roden '81 Top Row (L-R) John Wnek '83, T.J. Gavenda '85, Daniel Wilhelm '82.



George Clark, Jr., Bud Ifill, Jack Van Gelder, (Jack Avery and Cliff Gill not pictured), returned to AFA to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The group had a really great weekend, sharing old memories, reviewing pictures and yearbooks, and just sharing those special moments with former classmates. Many of the classmates who didn't make it were missed! Jack stated he will be back next year to celebrate another 50th, since after graduating in '37, he put in a P.G. year at Farragut. (Come on Class of '38! Let's join Jack in '88).



The Friday evening get-together brought out many of the local Alumni, along with those who traveled from other areas to share the weekend activities. The Legend Lounge at Howard Johnson, a popular watering hole, gave Headmaster Bob Matthies, Jr. '67 an opportunity to share some cherished moments with his former cadet officers (L to R) Tim Carley '83, Dave Hardee '82, and John Jacobs '82.



Alumni Secretary Mike Pitch poses with active Past Presidents of the Alumni Association, Bill Taylor '36 and Clayton Matthews '36, two of the regular pre-Homecoming party goers.



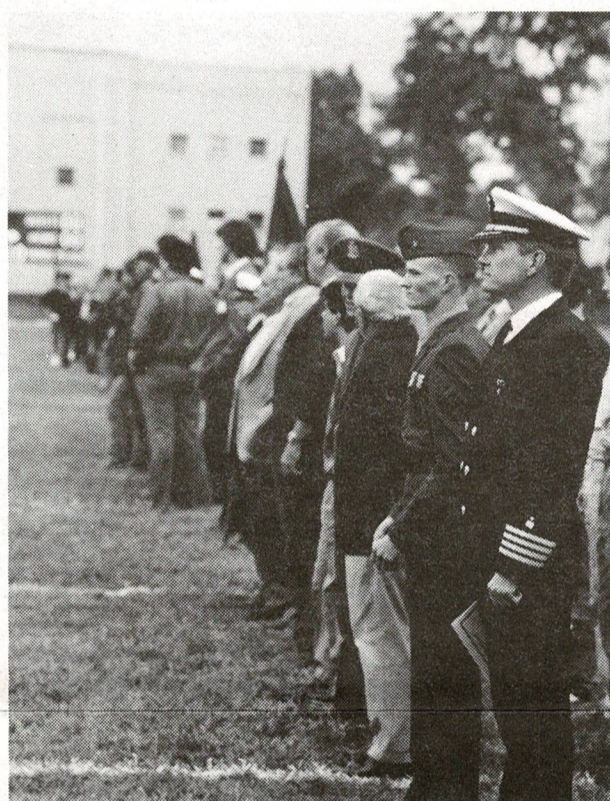
Alumni President Bruce Kreeger '74 congratulates the Homecoming '87 Long Distance Winners prior to the Homecoming football game on Saturday. (L to R) Howard Reich '67, Huntington Beach, California, George Huber '72, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jack Avery '37, Seattle, Washington, and Alan Magidoff '47, Los Angeles, California stand proudly with their awards.



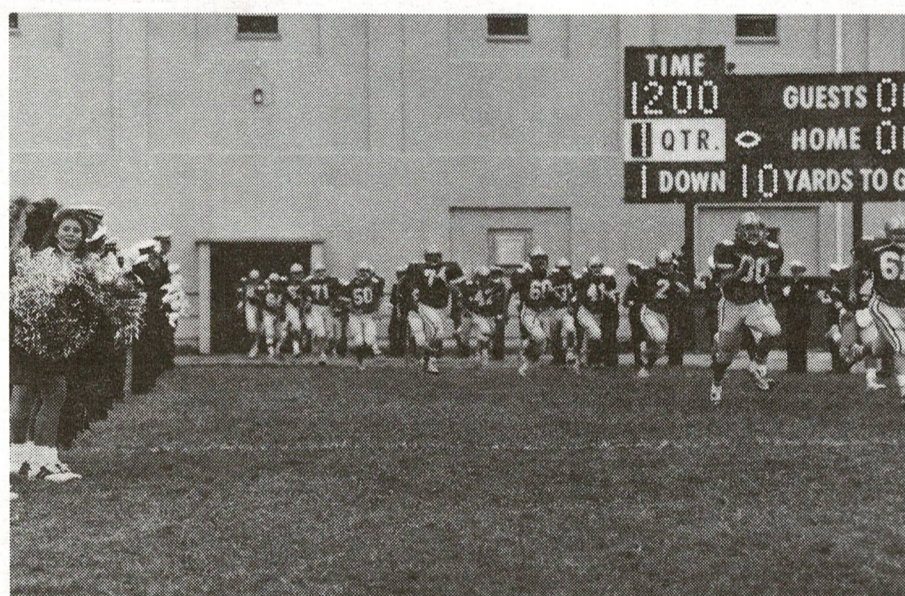
The annual Homecoming Alumni/Cadet March On takes on a new look for '87, with the addition of the AFA Band Banner. Bill Howie '36, Drum Major for the Alumni, and Cadet Chris Carter, Drum Major for the Corp of Cadets, strut their stuff for the crowd.



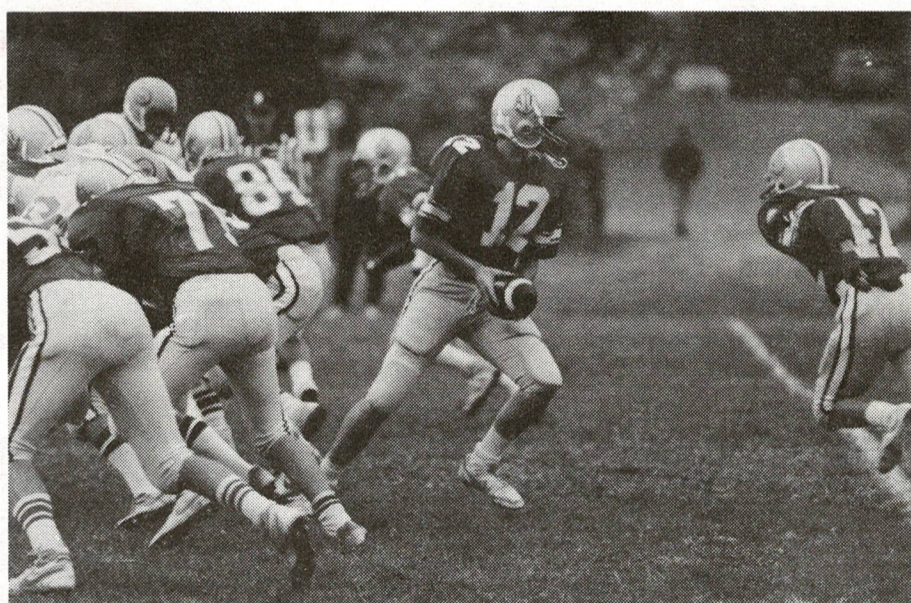
Jack Avery '37 plays one of the instruments he brought to Farragut from Seattle, Washington for Homecoming. Jack, who flew in Wednesday evening, practiced nightly with the Cadet Band. Plans are in the works for an Alumni Band to get together for Homecoming '88. Start practicing now and plan to be with us.



Headmaster Captain Robert W. Matthies, Jr. '67 heads the line-up for the Alumni as they prepare to observe the Corp of Cadets pass in review.



The annual Homecoming football game saw much action. (Not shown) The Alumni supplied us with a great cheering section!



### DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

- 31 December 1987 – End of the 1987 Fund Campaign – send in your donation today – never too late!
- 25 January 1988 – First AFA Alumni Association Cruise leaves Tampa, Florida for a 5 day cruise to Mexico, Cancun and Cozumel.
- 30 January 1988 Second AFA North vs South Basketball game, St. Petersburg, Florida – Come join us!
- 1 March 1988 – Alumni/Cadet Career Day – Interested?? Call us (201) 349-0957.
- 14 May 1988 – Alumni/Cadet Softball game – Bring the family and enjoy the day.
- 4 June 1988 – Graduation '88 – The highlight of the year.
- 20 June 1988 – First Alumni Association Golf Tournament (Rain Date 27 June) – Sign up early.
- 22 or 29 October 1988 – Homecoming '88 – Save these dates. When finalized, we will let you know.

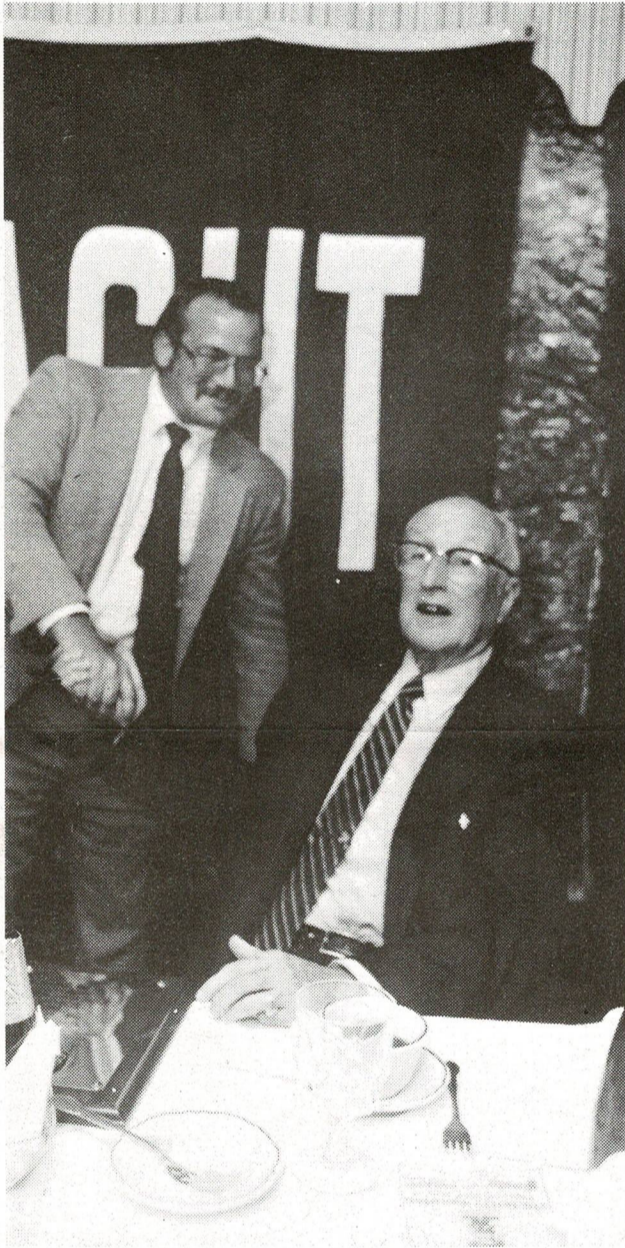
*May each and everyone of our Alumni and their families enjoy a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.  
Remember to keep in touch with your Alma Mater in '88*



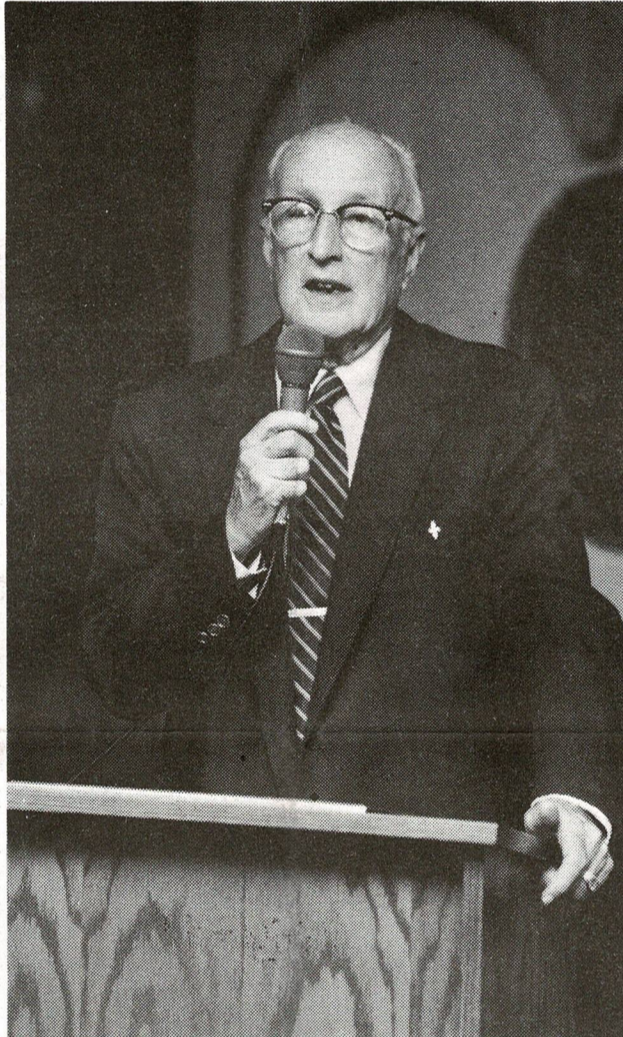
Seated (L to R) Col. and Mrs. Charles Harrington, Julie Masciangelo (Welcome back, Julie) and standing (L to R) - Vard and Pat Vellucci, Til Singara '36, and Jack Avery '37, enjoy the evening's festivities.



Standing (L to R) Ralph Rockicioli '45, Mark Biddison '47, Al Frank '47, Ted Patton '47 and Mrs. Biddison; (sitting L to R) Ethel Reinhard, Mrs. Patton and Ronnie pose for a moment during the dinner/dance festivities.



Ken Francis '77 congratulates Chaplin Bob Lankford on his 20 years service to Admiral Farragut Academy.



Homecoming '87 Honoree Chaplain Bob Lankford addresses Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Friends during the dinner/dance program. Bob, after a "This Is Your Life Presentation", in which he was honored by Capt. Matthies, Pres. Kreeger, Alumni and Faculty with a variety of plaques, pictures and letters, reflects on his 20 years of dedicated service to Farragut.



Alumni Secretary Mike Pitch and his lovely wife Susan, find a relaxing moment during the busy three day Homecoming weekend.



The class of '72 have a fun time celebrating their 15th reunion - (L to R) George and Yoko Huber, Bill & Vicki Huber, E. Garrett Gummer & Susan Michals, David & Donna Grevy, Tom & Gail Chirichella, Walter & Faye Paul, and Mark & Joanne Anders.



Ed De Seta and Bob Matthies, Jr. class of '67 along with Mrs. De Seta, Sr., Wanda De Seta, and Bonnie Matthies enjoy a relaxing time together.