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The *Galleon*



A Tribute To A Friend Craig Piatt

by T.J. DeCristofaro

Craig was like the older brother I never had. He befriended me and took me under his wing last year. I was a freshman playing varsity football and basketball, and Craig always included me in with the other big guys. I especially remember the good time we had in Florida last year playing Farragut South.

Craig helped me at the Academy. He had a wonderful natural gift - his personality. He was friendly to all. My parents and little brother and sister loved him. Whenever I called home, Craig, who loved talking on the phone, would talk to my parents and assure them that I was doing well and behaving myself.

Craig will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I still wonder why such a tragedy happened to such a great guy. My sympathy goes to his parents, family, faculty, and friends for their loss. We at Farragut will remember him always. I myself will always have a special place for him in my heart - he was a great friend!

Historical Note: Midshipman Farragut

by Benjamin Buring

It is a well known fact on the Farragut campus, that in the Naval Science Museum entrances there are two gangways. One is inscribed with the name U.S.S. Hartford while the other bears the name of the U.S.S. Essex. It is important that the cadets of this academy understand the reason for their being there.

As most Naval Science students I know, the U.S.S. Hartford was the name of the flagship of Adm. David Farragut during the Civil War. However, Farragut did not command the Essex, so why would it be of such importance to a school carrying his name? It is a story worth repeating.

When James Farragut was orphaned at age seven in 1808, Captain Porter of the United States Navy became his guardian. In 1810, Farragut became a midshipman on board the U.S.S. Essex, which was commanded by Porter. Captain Porter, in October of 1812, headed for the South Pacific hoping to disturb British whaling trade.

By May of 1813, Porter had captured more British ships than he had officers to command them. Farragut's 13th birthday, 5 July 1813, was the date upon which Porter gave him his first command. Because Farragut was the only one with the technical knowledge of how to navigate the ship, he was sent upon the U.S.S. Alexander Barclay to take command from the present captain and allow the mate to handle the ship. Although he ran into opposition from the ship's captain, he handled the situation tactfully and remained in command. When the ship reached Valparaiso, on the west coast

of South America, Farragut returned to the U.S.S. Essex as an experienced midshipman.

When the U.S.S. Essex was defeated off the coast of Chile by the British H.M.S. Phoebe and the H.M.S. Cherub, Captain David Porter, James Farragut, and the surviving crew of the U.S.S. Essex returned to the United States after being held as prisoners of war on 7 July 1813. Farragut then repeated a request to be given the name of his guardian. James Farragut officially become David Glasgow Farragut after having proven himself to Captain Porter, his crewmates, and himself.

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A RESPONSE

by Vince Latchford

In the last issue of this paper, a cadet questioned the practice of making home wrestling matches and basketball games a mandatory activity for all cadets. I support the mandatory attendance because it has several positive effects on the Corps. There is nothing more discouraging than playing a home game in an empty gym. The team feels down and the home field advantage is lost. The Corps presence at these events also displays a feeling of great pride toward the school's athletic program, which is consistently asked to perform against bigger and stronger schools. A final argument might be that although SOME cadets don't enjoy the games and matches, many cadets enjoy cheering on the teams and watching them win.

The only possible reason for complaint would be if the teams themselves were uncompetitive and didn't give their all. This is not the case with our basketball and wrestling teams.

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In Response To Cadet Abramson's Letter

by C.J. van Vliet, Assistant Editor

Before I criticize Cadet Abramson's letter to the editor, I would like to thank him for bringing up some valid points. However, maybe if he probes deeper, Cadet Abramson will find out that what he says is not entirely true.

Mr. Abramson claims that he was "seduced" into coming to Farragut. Perhaps "lured" would be a better choice of words. To seduce is to lead one into wrongdoing in a moral sense. A person can be seduced into stealing something, but not into entering a learning establishment, which I don't think is against his moral standpoint. But we should not let a trivial thing like the shades of meaning in our English vocabulary get in the way of proving a point.

One point Cadet Abramson brings up is the subject of haircuts. According to his article, cadets are forced to miss class in order to get a haircut. How many teachers actually excuse a cadet for missing an amount of class time because the cadet was getting his haircut? It stands to reason that a teacher has more authority than a cadet on watch. As for not having any free periods, why not get a haircut after school?

Cadet Abramson's second complaint is having to stand out during study hall. It should be looked at this way; a cadet petty officer/officer is not omnipotent, so when he hears a disturbance he must punish all parties involved. Then all of the offenders are forced to stand out in the hall. While this is happening isn't the officer losing his valuable study time? Certainly! As well as everyone on the offender's deck.

The least arguable grievance in Cadet Abramson's article is the fact that some people are forced to shine boots during study hall. There are some ways to get out of this predicament. To eliminate forced labor on boots and shoes, simply shine them sooner.

In order to survive at Farragut a cadet must sometimes read between the lines and (gasp!) think for himself.

The assistant editor of this newspaper has managed for four years, and others have coped for much longer. If Cadet Abramson likes it or not, it's all part of our life.

from the
editor's
desk



Dear Editor:

In the last issue of the *Galleon*, you received a letter from Cadet Abramson on how he thought that the academy was too-military. I think that the academy is just about right.

Cadet Abramson also remarked on how standing out during study hall was not such a good idea because you could not study. In my opinion, I think standing out is in a way a good punishment because if one fools around during study hall during the week then maybe they should stay here for a weekend after receiving a poor grade.

The part about doing pushups late at night and early in the morning was an interesting thing to think about. But why do we do them?

In the last part of Abramson's letter where he asked if we "came here to learn about math or science or how to spit shine boots," I found that I could not only learn how to spit shine boots but also learn math and science.

The academy is just about right because you have enough free time from the military part to study or do what you need to. It is not so strict that it makes you nervous or causes you not to think straight during class.

Sincerely,

Eric Sipe

THE PROBLEM IN THE MESS HALL

by Deigo Altomonte

Because of people throwing away silverware (damage \$500) and breaking glasses our tuitions have been raised. This damage happens because the cadets are always in a rush to get out of the Mess Hall to get to the Canteen or butt park.

This problem can be solved if we get dismissed by each individual table or better yet by forming neat and orderly lines which would move faster than crowding around the garbage cans and dumping your silverware and breaking glass because people are in a rush to get out.

I mean big deal if you don't get to the canteen or butt park a few minutes early, you have all the time in the world after classes to go to the canteen and do what you want.

Think about it!

Editorial

Dear Editor,

This is a response to Van Vliet's letter titled "Freedom of Choice" in the last issue of the *Galleon* in reference to the Central Intelligence Agency being able to be on any campus they choose. Even if only a small percentage of the students wishes the C.I.A. on campus, the administration should have to follow their wishes.

The only thing the faculty of the school shows by not allowing the C.I.A. on their campus, is not protection of their students (there is nothing to be protected from) but that they do not trust their students to make their own decisions about a career. It also shows that the administration feels that their students are incompetent and cannot make their own decisions, so the administration feels that it is their duty to "help" their students make the "right" decisions for the future.

I believe that any legal agency should be allowed on any campus it desires as long as it has some support on the campus.

Sincerely,
Josh Cohen

The 100 Deck Two Grievances

C.J. van Vliet, Assistant Editor

There's a certain charm in old buildings; their architecture, style and grace are hard to duplicate today. Unfortunately, while Farragut Hall is an example of the style of the early 1900's, there are many problems within the building itself.

Because Farragut Hall was a summer hotel, the heat was added when it was purchased by the school over fifty years ago. During the winter months several cadets suffer because their radiators don't work. Others complain of their rooms being unbearably hot.

Another problem is the sinks in the 100 deck head. First, there is no water pressure, and the faucets are separate for hot and cold water. To the average observer the sinks may also appear to be a little low, about two feet from the deck to the top of the sink. The average six-foot cadet has difficulty washing his face or shaving because the sinks come up to a little above his knees.

Also, aren't twelve sinks a bit excessive for the approximately 30 cadets that reside on the 100 deck? I urge the cadets who live on the 100 deck to consult their class representatives about this problem so that maybe one day we will have a more efficient heating system and sinks like those on all the other decks.

Dear Editor,

I was recently informed by BMC Charles W. Schwinn, the Assistant Naval Science Instructor at Neptune Senior High, that all JROTC cadets were issued full JROTC uniforms paid by the Navy, including working "blues" and khakis. Also, Neptune High sends as many cadets as they wish to mini-boot camp on Paris Island, and the Navy pays for the transportation there and back. I just wondered why Farragut does not give the same opportunities Neptune High does?

Sincerely,
Don Smith

Dear Editor:

Here at Admiral Farragut Academy many rules are based on the "honor system". Sure you can try and work your way around the system, but is that what we are really here to do? I feel that there should be a little more fairness involved in punishment when "honor system" rules are broken.

If you are blamed for an offense you should have an opportunity to make a statement, even though it may not always be the truth. Many times a cadet is punished for an offense, and the cadet officer will not even listen to you. I feel that a cadet should be able to make some type of statement in some kind of closed door meeting with his witnesses and a jury.

Sincerely,
Brad Moses

Rebutal: "Honor System"

Cadet Moses,

I personally find it quite offensive for you to even suggest that officers are unfair and are unwilling to hear the "whole story". In order for anyone in any situation to make any kind of correct decision, one must know all the facts. One reason that an officer may tell you to be quiet is because he already knows the full story. What the cadet is doing is apparently trying to get out of trouble by making up excuses. Unfortunately, one must take responsibility in the real world, not only here at A.F.A. Is not part of this institutions mission to teach you to become an adult? What good is a statement by a cadet if it is a fallacy? Also, I do not personally believe that the Commandant would approve demerits if he had a reasonable doubt. Finally, do you seriously believe that a jury would be fair? How could it be impartial? Would not peer pressure play a large role in the jury's decision making? I believe so, and furthermore I believe that in order for problems to be dealt with effectively at the tactical level, officers must be allowed to make correct decisions at that time, soon after an infraction.

Truly,
Alan McKellar, Editor

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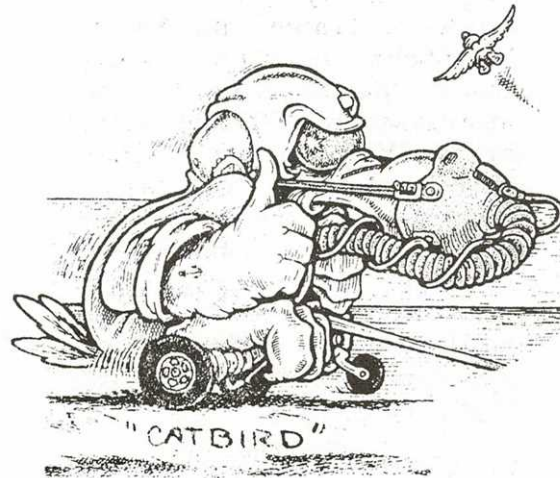


NIGHT CAT

by Cdr. Rossi
Director of Naval Science

It was a short night. You had made it to bed by 9 P.M. but it was noisy and you slept uneasily. The weather was bad - would the launch be cancelled? NO! A quick breakfast - bacon, eggs, toast. COFFEE! Shake off that drowsiness at 2:30 A.M. Into the Ready Room for the briefing. Sit with your crew. Put on your red goggles to acclimate your eyes to the impending darkness. Listen carefully, the lives of your crew and the success of your mission demand it. After the meteorologist gives you all the technical terms it boils down to this - dark, rainy, rough sea - miserable. Your mind drifts momentarily to a roaring fireplace, a pretty friend - SNAP - back to reality. Aircraft assignment, launch/land positions, search coordinates, armament load, emission control, codes, and emergency data. Last minute instructions to your crew, check charts, grab box lunches and "MAN YOUR AIRCRAFT". On the flight deck it's mean! Rain, cold, black - aircraft, men and equipment everywhere. BE ALERT! Always ALERT! Find your plane, red lens in your flashlight, PREFLIGHT. Strap in.

"ON THE FLIGHT DECK - START YOUR ENGINES". Hit every step on your checklists. Taxi forward - the flight deck is pitching, rolling, and slippery. Slow and steady. Your director guides you forward, turns you, lines you up for the catapult. Everything is critical now - alignment! You don't want to get shot off in a skid! Slowly but smoothly forward, the hook-up tolerances are small! Over the shuttle - easy - STOP! Quick last minute check. Shoulder harness locked, ready to go. Your director passes you to the Catapult Officer - off the brakes - the aircraft nose rises - we're in tension! The Cat Officer waves his green light - FULL POWER - HEAD BACK against the rest or it'll be snapped back! Wrap the fingers of your throttle hand around the catapult grip to prevent it from being thrown back on the shot. Properly backed up by your copilot - turn your wingtip lights on - READY! The Cat Officer crouches down and touches his green wand to the deck. You glue your eyes to your attitude gyro because that is going to be your primary instrument for survival. In a split second, your 25,000 pound aircraft will be accelerated from 0 to 110 miles per hour in less than 200 feet and less than five seconds! That's hauling! When the last light of the carrier is behind you, you will be suspended in total darkness, 50 feet above the ocean - inside an inkwell with no apparent motion. Only your instruments will be able to tell you fast from slow, left from right, up from DOWN! You can take a deep breath, yell GERONIMO! CAT SHOT!



Military Band Festival

by Richard Leaton

The Military Band Festival, conducted by Captain Cherlard of the U.S. Airforce Band, consisted of about eight schools. Farragut brought eight band members and two drum majors. The band members were Leaton on bass clarinet, Jiminez on trombone, Bodine on trumpet, Newman on trumpet, Williams S. on clarinet, Graziano on drums, Abramson on flute and Padgett on clarinet. There were two to three two hour practices a day, and a vigorous work schedule throughout the weekend. The pieces performed were: National Emblem March, The Star Spangled Banner, The Irish Washer Woman, Flight of the Bumble Bee; which included a solo from the Airforce Bass quintet; two movements from An Original Suite, The Armed Forces Salute and for an encore, The Stars and Stripes Forever. We had two finalists this year for best bandsman, Cadet Lt. Jiminez and Cadet Graziano. Congratulations!!

The Band Festival, after 12 years at Hargrave Military Academy, is starting to move around. This year it is at Randolph Macon Academy in Virginia, and we hope we can host one soon.

Military Band Festival: Drum Major Clinic

by Scott Hansen

The clinic run by Master Chief Sergeant Stevens of the U.S. Airforce Band had 13 drum majors participating. It included three from Hargrave, one from Fork Union, two from Benedictine, one from Valley Forge, two from Fishbourne, the drum major from the Citadel and Chris Carter and Scott Hansen from Admiral Farragut Academy.

The drum majors worked long and hard to master voice and mace commands. Throughout the clinic directors voted on who were the three best drum majors. The three were Carter, Hansen and Weaks from RMA. Weaks was voted as the winner. Everyone learned a great deal from Chief Stevens and were glad he could spend time to show the fine details of being a drum major.



First Place Winner

ANOTHER DAY AT THE OFFICE

by David Pearson

It is a cool crisp summer morning in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. A mammoth ship sways to and fro in the turbulent sea. On its vast angled deck the silhouette of a man and his aircraft is seen like a black speck against the azure sky. As he nestles into the cockpit his anxiety is vaguely seen for he is wary of what job lies ahead. A job that he has survived for many years yet it could terminate at any given moment. As a breeze blows over his face, a few lambent rays from the sun pierce through the thick cotton clouds looming overhead. This soothing pause is very brief for an intense downpour shudders down like a tsunami. His aircraft now feels like a citadel protecting him from the harshness of the outside world. He is now in a pensive mood. Soon, a medley of rings softly reverberate inside his helmet, it assures him that his mission will not be deferred. He now thrusts his throttles forward to full power just previous to launch. In an instant his plane is slammed forward with a great momentum from the steam catapult. His anxiety is now overflowing. As he soars away leaving a cloud of steam behind on the deck, he searches for his destiny, the destiny that he knows he must face without fear.

Contest: 2nd Place DEATH

by Leo Arici

I am the key that parts the gates
of fame;

I am the cloak that covers covering
shame;

I am the final goal of every race;

I am the storm - tossed spirit's
resting - place:

the messenger of sure and swift
relief,

Welcomed with wailings and
reproachful grief;

the friend of those that have no friend
but me,

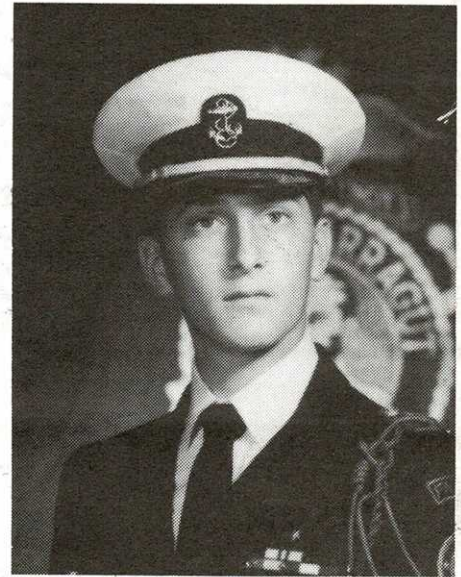
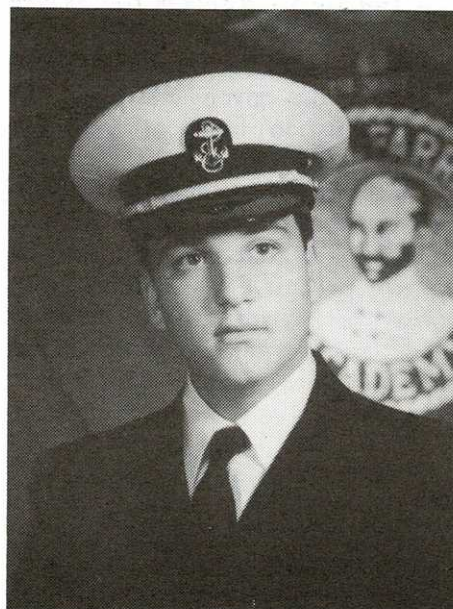
I break all chains, and set all
captives free.

I am the cloud that when Earth's day is
done,

an instant veils an unextinguished
sun;

I am the brooding hush that follows
strife,

the waking from a dream that man
calls - Life!



Third Place Winner THE DREAM MACHINE

by Richard Leaton

How much have you seen?
How much do you know?
Where have you been,
And where will you go?

The near and the far,
The rest to be seen,
While I sit in my dream machine.

Illusions of darkness, illusions of
light.
Pictures of darkness, and pictures of
light.
Wizards and demons; fairies and
sprites.
All gather 'round my head this one
night.

The near and the far,
The rest to be seen,
While I sit in my dream machine.

The day is now breaking, dreams
wither away,
I lie in my bed and hopeful say,
"This dream machine cometh in the
dream machine path,
I just pray that this one will stay in
the past."



The Bimbos and the Beatle

by C.J. van Vliet

The radio is fast becoming the most annoying thing on the face of the earth. Almost every station you turn to there's some bimbo belting out (whining?) some moronic tune. For instance, Debbie Gibson's "Shake Your Love" is one of the more dimwitted songs of our time. You do have to give her credit for writing her own hit single, unlike "Tiffany".

Miss Tiffany has taken an old 60's tune and remade it with drum machines and synthesizers. By doing this she has destroyed the original feeling of the Tommy Reeves and the Shondell's hit "I Think We're Alone Now". It has been defiled by this new pop wonder, who tours shopping malls of all places.

It is refreshing to see former Beatle George Harrison climbing the charts with his new album "Cloud Nine". Ringo Starr joins Mr. Harrison on percussion, as well as a member of the

Electric Light Orchestra on strings.

The album opens up with the title track, "Cloud Nine" which was a bluesy feel, with many good licks on guitar. "Just For Today" is a good ballad and "That's What It Takes" is light and bouncy.

"When We Was Fab" is climbing the charts. The track sounds much like Beatles tunes, due to the string arrangements, which are reminiscent of "Eleanor Rigby". E.L.O.'s influence is especially obvious in this song. The sitars at the end of the song are a reminder of Mr. Harrison's Rejaneesh days.

"Got My Mind Set On You" is very popular nowadays. It was written in the 1950's by an obscure artist, and Mr. Harrison has given the world an opportunity to hear an otherwise unknown song.

"Cloud Nine" is one of the most enjoyable records I've ever heard from a Top-40 artist. Good show, George!

THE WATERFRONT

by J.R. Broselow

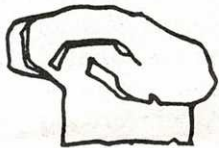
Spring will be here soon and the waterfront will be opening. The waterfront plays a large part in the naval training here at Farragut. It has a large fleet of well maintained sailboats for use by cadets. Naval Science tests can also be taken on the docks. But besides all this, it is a great place to have fun and relax from all your classwork activities. If you do not come down to the waterfront, you will be missing out on many warm weather activities.

See you there!

Community Service

by Benjamin Buring

Thanks to the efforts of Cadet Parish, Naval Science now has a new board with many examples of properly tied knots. The board is sure to help a great deal of people with less-experience in knot tying. Cadet Parish deserves the appreciation of the Corps of Cadets for a job that will help many in the years to come.



CHEF'S CORNER

Polynesian Fish Marinade

by John Hoffmann

Ingredients:

1 cup of soy sauce
 1 cup of orange juice
 teapoon of ginger
 garlic
 salt
 pepper
 2 tablespoons of chopped parsley

Mix ingredients well. Next, place salmon or swordfish steaks in marinade and let it sit overnight. When ready, remove from marinade and then use it for basting when cooking.



The Winter Sports Banquet

On 4 March a group of our cadets gathered at Tommy's Restaurant in Toms River to be honored for their participation in the Winter Sports program. It was a fitting ending to the seasons, records were forgotten and everyone had a great time. There was a close feeling in the room as the athletes from the many sports gathered to be recognized and to thank those who helped them during the season.

Gunner Royster presented the Rifle Team letters as well as many awards to the members of his team. Co-Captain John Hoffmann received the TOP GUN award, which is awarded annually to the member of the team who has the highest average over the course of the year. To show its appreciation, the team presented their coach with a varsity jacket with "Coach Gunner" stitched on.

The bowling team awards were presented by Mr. Schmidt. The team competed weekly against Lakewood Prep and had a lot of fun throughout their entire season. The team concludes its season next week.

Coach Cresbaugh, head coach of the varsity basketball team, presented the teams letters next. With the letters he also presented a special award to two of the team members. At the AFA North-South game in early January, two members of the team jointly won the MVP award for the annual game. Todd Dresser and John McNulty each received a plaque for this honor. The junior varsity letters were presented to the team by head coach Ray Allender.

Head Coach Michael Eddy presented the wrestling letters to the team along with sincere hopes for each of the departing team members in the future. Coach Eddy also made a special presentation to the wrestler who had the best and most dedicated season. The recipient of the award was Chuck Leas.

Annually, the Parents Association puts the name of the captains of each sport on a plaque in the Athletic Hall of Fame room. This year the names of Co-Captains John Hoffmann and

Jarod Vanna will appear on the rifle team plaque; along with Co-Captains Dennis Adell and Chuck Leas names who will appear on the wrestling plaque. John McNulty and Doug Winters will share the space on the basketball plaque as Co-Captains, and Norberto Jiminez will be honored as Captain of the bowling team.

Farragut, the Plebes A Personal Insight

by Chris Vassallo

I was a plebe beginning in February. When I first arrived I hated it. I did not want to talk to anyone. I missed by girlfriend and my friends. All in all I was homesick. The second day I was here I felt as if two tons were placed upon my shoulders. I went to the Commandant's office and requested to leave. It was a waste of time, so I decided to go AWOL. The plan fell short too and I stayed. The reason I am still "plugging away" is because of a few special people, my girlfriend and my dad. I could never have made it here without the help of the other cadets here. Stephen Lubinski, from my town, has helped me in school and has been a good role model. John Horne has shown me the ropes of cleaning my room and making my bunk. Chris Hallam, even in his moment of pain and sweat during "Hell Night", still offered to call my girlfriend for me. Jarrod Vanna who met me on the football field has been as inspiration to me to do better. He also takes care of me when I am down. Rob Serrano who lets me know life is not all bad, even though I am here. Sean Crisalli, a fellow plebe has the same problems so we talk together and help each other out. Bill Powers is a wise guy but gives me a few good laughs. And, of course, our very own battalion commander John Hoffmann, who I was afraid of. I finally got the courage to ask for help. He does not bite, in fact he gave me a short and simple answer to my problem. He said, "Do not think about it, think about the next time you will get to see your girlfriend." Well guys, that was just to let you know you have helped me through some tough times. Thanks!

Mike Sebesta our plebe instructor says that the mid-year plebes are adjusting well. Although this is only his second encounter with mid-year plebes, we value his opinion. Mr. Sebesta believes we would be accepted as R.C.'s and also believes that we are steadily improving.

Stephen Lubinski is only concerned with the Third Company plebes. He thinks that they are hard working and committed to the company. Though a couple of plebes could use some motivation, they are doing a good job.

Battalion Adj. Lt. McNulty says, "Plebes are very well rounded except on a few minor points." Mr. Pellicce says we are doing well, though he thinks we have too much energy and might get in trouble.

Though this is a new home for the mid-year cadets, we are making it, slowly but steadily.

MID-YEAR PLEBING

by Shawn Crisalli

Plebes coming into A.F.A. in February seem to have plebing much easier. I feel that this is because there is not as much time for officers to drill plebes as there is in the beginning of the school year when there are many more plebes and it's more necessary to make time for them. One of the new plebes, Thomas Chiomento, feels that our plebing is easier because, "In the beginning of the school year it was fun to initiate the plebes, now it's old." He thinks that the military part of the school is not strict enough and that the the schooling is adequate but no harder than a public school. He says that the old cadets are easy to get along with and in the beginning they were extremely helpful. When I asked him how the February plebes looked, he said, "We look terrible." He feels that we can definitely use improvement in marching, bracing and looking front.

ONWARD AND UPWARD!

Middies Rip Blue Jackets North Keeps The Sword

by V. Latchford

The Middies of AFA North journeyed to Florida on 29 January with a single purpose embedded in their minds - to win the second AFA North-South game and keep Farragut's sword at the northern school. The middies rolled over the Blue Jackets easily. The team was led by John McNulty and Todd Dresser, who shared team Co-MVP honors for North. Many spectators and alumni turned out to watch the game, which turned out to be great fun for everyone.

After the game there was a reception and the ceremony where North Headmaster Capt. Mathies accepted the sword and everyone wished the team well on their trip to Orlando. After arriving at the Holiday Inn, the team relaxed for the evening in the many swimming pools and whirlpools at the Inn. Sunday and Monday were devoted solely to Disneyworld and Epcot Center. The team returned home 2 February, leaving behind 80 degree weather and sunny skies. Most importantly though, the team left their mark and the legacy for next year's team to uphold Keeping The Sword In The North!!!

3RD WINNING SEASON

by Tom Bestafka

The A.F.A. Middies gave Head Coach Mike Eddy his third winning season in a row. This is the first for Farragut's Wrestling Team. The Team's overall record was 7-5. The scores of all the matches are: Far. vs Hun W 43-27; vs Rutgers Prep, W 49-21; vs Peddie, W 36-33; vs Montrose, L 46-18; vs Pennington W 39-33; vs Wyoming Seminar W 52-18; vs Blair L 49-21; vs Monsignor Donovan L 58-12; vs Lawrenceville L 50-6; vs Manchester W 45-21; vs Ocean City L 57-9; vs Newark Academy W 64-10. In the States, the Middies finished up in 7th place. Co-captain Chuck Leas came in 3rd in the 135 lb. division. Sal Abbracciamento finished up 4th in the 171 lb. division. Coach Eddy, assistant coach Ted Giletto and Captains Dennis Adell and Chuck Leas should be satisfied with the teams season. Hopefully, next years team will be just as good, or even better.



Cadet John McNulty

Capt. Klein

Cadet Doug Williams

LACROSSE

by Jeff Silver

This spring we are having a varsity lacrosse team. This is the first year that it will be a varsity sport. In order of having the distinction of being a varsity sport, it had to be a club for the past two years.

This year the team has high hopes with many returning players and a staff with Mr. Alercio as head coach and Mr. Deleon as assistant coach. Mr. Alercio coached football earlier in the year and Mr. Deleon is returning from last year.

The main goal of the lacrosse team is to teach the people who have an interest in the sport, but of course the most important element of the team will be the fun all will have. This season should be quite competitive, but as usual, the team wishes to come out on top.

If a team wishes to come out on top, they must put as much in as they expect out of it. One of the ways to make sure people are "putting out" is to enforce the smoking policy which states, "If a cadet wishes to play a sport they cannot smoke or else you get kicked off that particular team." Mr. Alercio made this quite clear the first day by saying, "I am dead set against smoking."

This season we have seven game scheduled and three of the seven will be home games. Before the season starts A.F.A. will have a scrimmage

against Coach Alercio's old college, Ursinus. The lacrosse team should benefit from the experience.

In this world we have found out that practice is the most important element in any sport accomplishment. The coaches plan to use this theory and A.F.A. wishes the lacrosse team the best of luck.

Middies Basketball Finishes at 11-7

by Vince Latchford

The Middies Basketball team finished their season with an 11-7 record and was ranked eighth in the Prep Conference by the Star-Ledger. The team made a name for themselves this season, defeating old enemies such as Lakewood Prep and Montclair Academy as well as compiling a record good enough to get them a bid in the state tournament against Lawrenceville. The team made a valiant effort but came up short and ended their postseason play for the year. The team will lose three starters in the class; John McNulty, Ron Tucker, and Doug Winters. Good Luck to them in their future endeavors!! The team will have a strong foundation to build upon in the remaining juniors, including starters Todd Dresser and Vince Latchford. The team has finished a successful season and would like to thank the Corps who turned out to watch and cheer them on.