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Coach Slaby Wins WOBM Coach of the Year!



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Stan Slaby
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Dear Stan:

The 1979 football season at Admiral Farragut Academy was truly a remarkable one and for your achievements on the gridiron, you have been selected as Ocean County "Coach of the Year".

It gives me great pleasure to inform you of the honor, and I'd like to add that many high school coaches in the area were thrilled to hear of your selection.

In your many years at the Academy, I'm sure you have some great memories, but I don't think anything can top the success you and your team had on the field this season. However, coaches should also be measured by their success off the field, and in this category there are none better. In your many capacities of young men . . . and all those impressions are good ones.

On behalf of the entire staff of WOBM and the football coaches of Ocean County's High Schools, I'd like to congratulate you for having an undefeated team in 1979. More importantly though . . . thank you for all your years of service.

Sincerely,
Kevin Williams
Kevin Williams
Sports Editor

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COACH SLABY

The GALLEON agrees whole-heartedly with the well-deserved praise bestowed by Mr. Williams on coach Slaby. The ability to successfully coordinate a great offense and a great defense is a talent precious few coaches possess today. AFA is lucky to possess a man of Coach Slaby's caliber! Any person with even a rudimentary knowledge of football could slap together a passable football team from the rank-and-file of a typical high school with an enrollment of 2000 or 3000 students. But to work with such a limited number of players, no matter how talented, takes the work and single-minded devotion of sheer genius. The GALLEON salutes you, Coach Slaby!

GAME ROOM

As the year rolls along the Corps Of Cadets have been showing more and more interest in the Game Room. The Game Room has been under the able supervision of LtCOL Gurdock and Cadets LTjg Roden and CPO Child.

The Game Room, located in the lower level of Shepard Hall, has obtained much new equipment this year. At the moment, the Game Room possesses three pool tables, two cable televisions, three ping-pong tables, one shuffleboard table, two airhockey tables, two football tables, one bumper pool table, and a stereo/tape system. All of this equipment has been donated by various people or bought by the Game Room committee.

The Game Room committee consists of a seven member aggregation; one member is in charge each day. The committee members are Roden, Cordell, Child, Battle, Dorff, Hardee, Willner and Gleason. The GALLEON thanks this committee for such a successful year in running the Game Room.

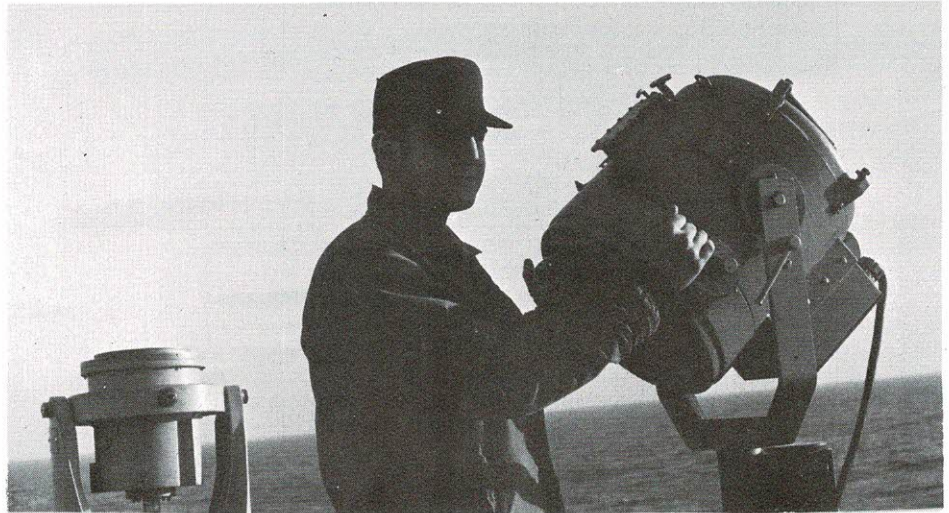
A new role of the Game Room will to be hosting the tournaments on the weekends held by the Parents Association. These tournaments will consist of games in all categories. Cadets are reminded to take care of the Game Room so they will be able to enjoy it in the future.

Cadet of the Month ENS. John Shavinsky

This month's "Cadet of the Month" is Ensign John Shavinsky, who entered A.F.A. as a freshman in 1977. In the spring of 1978 he advanced to a 3 P.O. and is now an Ensign in Band Company.

In 1979 Johns' athletic activities included football and track. His extra-curricular activities include photography; he is the President of the Photo Club and a Junior School Deck Officer. John is also a prominent member of the Ocean County College Band. Academically, John is rated second in his class, showing outstanding achievement. John is the recipient of the national Sogioners award and also received the 1979 NJROTC outstanding cadet award. Ensign Shavinsky plans to attend the Naval Academy or Florida Institute of Technology.

The GALLEON would like to congratulate cadet Shavinsky on his achievements and wish him well in the future.



ENS Shavinsky operates the signal light aboard the USS Harlan County

Senior of the Month Cadet Bill Wall

This month's "Senior of the Month" is Bill Wall, a post graduate student. Bill, before coming to Farragut, attended Parsippany Hills High School in Northern New Jersey. At Parsippany he received letters in both football and track. His football prowess was demonstrated at Parsippany, where he rushed for over a thousand yards and scored 12 touch-downs. He participated in various track events, including the 100 yard dash and the long jump.


Bill had an outstanding year at Farragut. His many touch-downs and interceptions were instrumental in leading the Middies to their first undefeated season in 43 years.

In Wall's opinion "The cadets here are nice, even though there aren't as many here as in my old school; the academics at Farragut are far superior to my old school and I feel I am learning more here than I ever could have learned at Parsippany. I think that the military aspects of Farragut have made a better person of me".

In the future, Wall plans to become a Physical Education instructor and hopes to coach football part time. The GALLEON staff wishes him "smooth sailing" for the future.



BILL WALL



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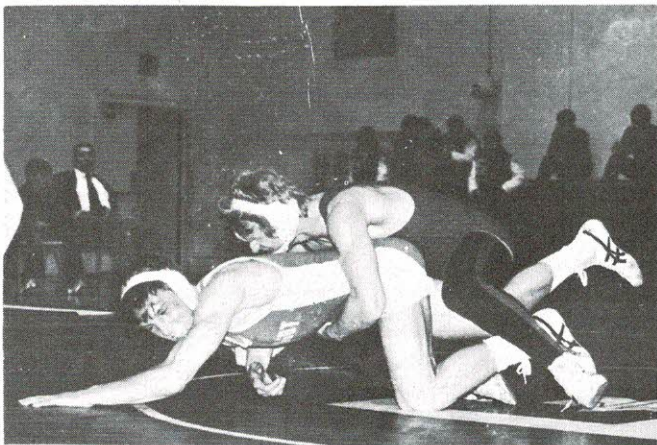
Wrestling Team

As the wrestling season drew to a close the Middies did not quite achieve the goals they had set in their sights at the beginning of the season. The team was led by Head Coach Sam Stelatella, a teacher at Manchester High School. The team was off to a good start, for we defeated Gill St. Bernard 69-6. Our next opponent was Newman prep, and we dropped a close one to the opposition, 36-31. Unfortunately we lost all of the remaining games, but not without an effort.

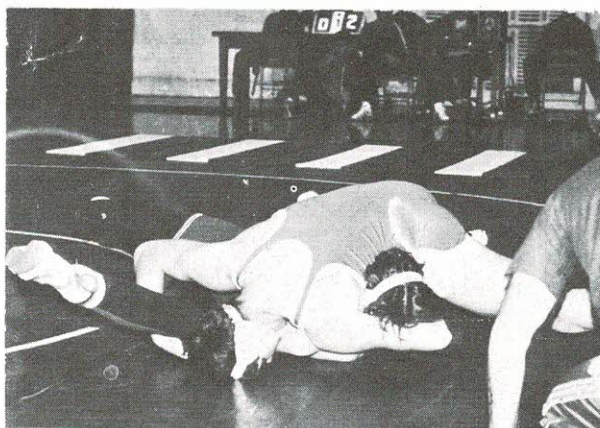
What one works for during the year is the State Tournament. This year's tournament was held in Englewood at Dwight Englewood school. Don Chase (team captain) took a gold medal, at 148 pounds. Don will be wrestling in the Prep Nationals at Lehigh University. The GALLEON congratulates Don on his hard work.

The teams varsity members and weights are Finkleday: 101, Birbal: 108, Galletta: 122, co-Captain Child: 124, Winn: 135, Hutton: 141, Captain Chase: 148, Marshon: 158, co-Captain Cordaro: 188, Muzzio: Unlimited.

The GALLEON and the Corps Of Cadets would like to thank the Captains and Coach Stelatella for their efforts and the team members for their fine work. Our teams final record was 2-6.



A GOOD SHOW BY WINN



ANOTHER PIN BY CHRIS CORDARO!

A F A Basketball

The 1979-1980 Middle basketball season was marked by illness, a lack of height and a rough schedule. The Middies began their season with a victory over Ranney School; this was followed by close losses to Morristown, which finished fourth in the state, and Wardlaw, the state runner-up.

The team soon felt the effects of a 24 day layoff when pitted against Bricktown High School. Although Brick has an enrollment of over 3000 people compared to Farragut's 173, Farragut remained close at the half, trailing four points; against Brick's advantage, Farragut soon ran out of gas and were defeated solidly. According to Coach Dean "That game was the 'demoralizer'. After that game we could never really pull together again."

The team was struck by the flu and attended several games with five or six players, three times dressing the manager in order to have enough players to compete. The best efforts came at Morristown, with a four point loss, 63-65 in overtime. The team suffered all year from a lack of height, our tallest player was 6'3 while other teams had players of 6'6 or more.

"The team gave it everything they had. 14 of our games were against the top 10 prep schools in the State. With the lack of height and later the illness, I really felt bad about sending them in sometimes. I don't ever think that we got our spirits up after that Brick game" oach Dean said. "The team tried their best, they stayed together as a unit; it was really rough, so they can hold their heads up high."

Paul Lippman averaged 27 points a game. The team captain, Kurt Peterson, missed four games with a mouth injury. Dan Duffy did an outstanding job as the point guard despite the illness during the last weeks of the season. Don Gross came along at the close of the season scoring 15 points over. Frank Viggianni and Scott Peterson, both underclassmen, alternated at the other starting positions. Jeff Feick started until he left school and Jeff Meador and Chris Planeta rounded out the team. Bill Hollenbach and Luke Welker did outstanding jobs as managers.

The teams final record was two and six.



LIPPY IN ACTION!

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

Should America Become Involved in Afghanistan?

PRO

by Chris Roden

Time is getting precious. Could the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan affect world peace? This is a definite possibility. As much as we dread the repercussions from a US-Soviet conflict, we can no longer support a policy of isolationism, the result of our 'police action' in Viet Nam. Over the years there has been a massive build-up of Soviet troops in the key points of the Middle East: Muscat and Oman, South Yemen and Ethiopia. We have done nothing to hinder this kind of aggressive behavior and as a result these positions are vital in obtaining control of the oil supply. If these countries experience an internal or external instability, Russia could easily enter the situation.

The Soviet expansion into Afghanistan only eases their access to other OPEC nations. If the Soviets were to continue, they would soon have complete control of the world oil supply, and by the same token, virtually total control over the United States' economy. The US would be severely crippled by this, and we cannot condone such military action by the Soviets nor a US attitude that makes it possible.

The Soviets expansion on the Saudi Arabian peninsula has been a story of gradual, stealthy but undeniable movement by the Soviets. But, to complicate matters, we have actually been aiding that expansion by a policy of attrition. As a result of the Viet Nam war we have been more than willing to ignore the current world situation and adopt an isolationist policy. We also have made a drastic reduction in our defense budget and we are finally realizing exactly what the situation are.

The Afghanistan situation calls for a definite stand be made by the US. We should either stop the Soviets expansion into Saudi Arabia or cease to be a world power. Whether or not a conflict would result from our decision nobody knows; but this decision must be made by the US to maintain and even improve her world status.

On another note, it is certainly true that Afghanistan is remote, but by not acting we have made it possible for the Soviets to take one step closer to their eventual goal: complete control of the Middle East oil fields and the final goal of the USSR: the culmination of the Communist ideal - complete world domination.

CON

by Jeff Parkin

When is American foreign policy going to become truly consistent and represent the interests of the people it is supposed to serve? The US is constantly embroiled in foreign conflicts that exert very little influence upon our nation at all. We try to make other nations accept our ideals of democracy and free enterprise despite the realization that these concepts are neither understood nor wanted by foreign nations.

We generously donate billions of the taxpayers dollars in the name of 'foreign aid' to nations that will quickly denounce us as 'imperialistic'. A good example is Japan. Prior to world war II we gave them billions of dollars and then they attacked us at Pearl Harbor with planes built with those self-same dollars we gave them! The US foreign policy has become so muddled and confused that we have supplied arms to different sides in 18 separate conflicts! We are just now realizing the folly of such a policy. Our only alternative to buying other nations 'friendship' with our arms, technology and money is to completely tear-apart and re-evaluate our foreign policy. As far as the US is concerned, Afghanistan is a non-existent country as far as reciprocating trade and aid is concerned. They exchange nothing in the form of trade or technology with us; their present government is completely communist-oriented; communist influence is predominant at this time and will continue to be so until the US takes a firm stand.

US foreign policy should aid America at home and abroad. It should increase our political and economic influence among the nations of the Earth. If a country contributes to our cause they deserve our full backing. Common sense should make us realize that we will benefit by using this foreign 'aid' at the home front. By giving aid to other countries, we are giving them ammunition for the destruction of us morally, politically and economically.

Rifle Team

Chief Frendak reports that 1980 has been a building year for the rifle team with nothing exceptional to report in the win column. The squad did, however, have a few close matches.

The team mainstays, Niziolek, Johnson and Guadalupe are doing fine and the Varsity Squad should have a winning year in 1980-1981. Other team members showing much improvement are cadets 3PO Frank, CPO Hanel, Diesinger, ENS Porcellini and Larry Sangis.

On March 8, the team travelled to Langhorne, Pennsylvania to compete in the annual Conventional Championships. Our team claimed possession of the Army-Navy trophy for yet another year.

This is the seventh year of competition for the possession of this trophy; Farragut has had it for the past six years.

Although losing away trips to the United States Naval Academy and Xavier in Manhattan, the matches were enjoyed by all.

NJROTC CRUISE

When a chance for a new experience comes along, it should be taken. That is exactly what twelve cadets did this January. These cadets spent a week on board the U.S.S. Harlan County. The Harlan County is an LST or tank landing ship, that is primarily used for beach landings and invasions. Under the supervision of LCDR. Culp and Mr. Simon cadets Cordaro, Frank, Karan, Pall, Parkin, Phillips, Planeta, Roden, Shaw, Shavinsky, Wilhelm, and Willner were allowed a glimpse of the U. S. Navy.

DAY 1 January 13, 1980

Departed A.F.A. for Little Creek Virginia Amphibious Base, home base for the U.S.S. Harlan County. After a long ride we arrived on board, ate a late mess, stowed our gear and prepared for the busy day ahead.

DAY 2 January 14, 1980

Reville at 0600. We are given a tour of the ship. Everything seems confusing at first, but things start falling into place soon enough. We are then assigned to a particular section. Four cadets are assigned to control, four to deck, and four to engineering. Control is concerned mainly with the bridge, deck, with the handling of lines, and engineering with the ships power plant. The ship then briefly gets underway and ties up on the other side of the harbor so that ammunitions may be loaded. After this is completed we have evening mess. Taps at 2200.

DAY 3 January 15, 1980

Early reville at 0530. After morning mess all personnel report to their assigned areas. The ship gets underway at approximately 0700. Not too long after, many cadets start to feel the effects of the sea. In the afternoon "General Quarters" are called. Each cadet reports to his assigned battle station. During this drill the ships three inch guns were fired. An abandon ship drill immediately followed. Rougher seas were encountered as we moved farther out to sea and the rocking of the ship increased. Later that night we joined in a search for a man overboard off the destroyer U.S.S. Charles Adams.

DAY 4 January 16, 1980

As we continue the serach, along with three other ships, conditions become rougher. All weather decks are secured and no one is allowed topside. We go through a decontamination drill for use during chemical warfare. At noon mess, cadets are allowed to eat mess in the ward room with the captain. The seas begin to quiet down as we start heading back for Virginia.

DAY 5 January 17, 1980

We come into Chesapeake Bay and drop anchor while we wait for our harbor pilot. We are allowed to go aboard and drive the landing craft which had been lowered into the water. Around 1500 the ship docks in Little Creek. We take a tour of the base and then spend our last night aboard ship.

DAY 6 January 18, 1980

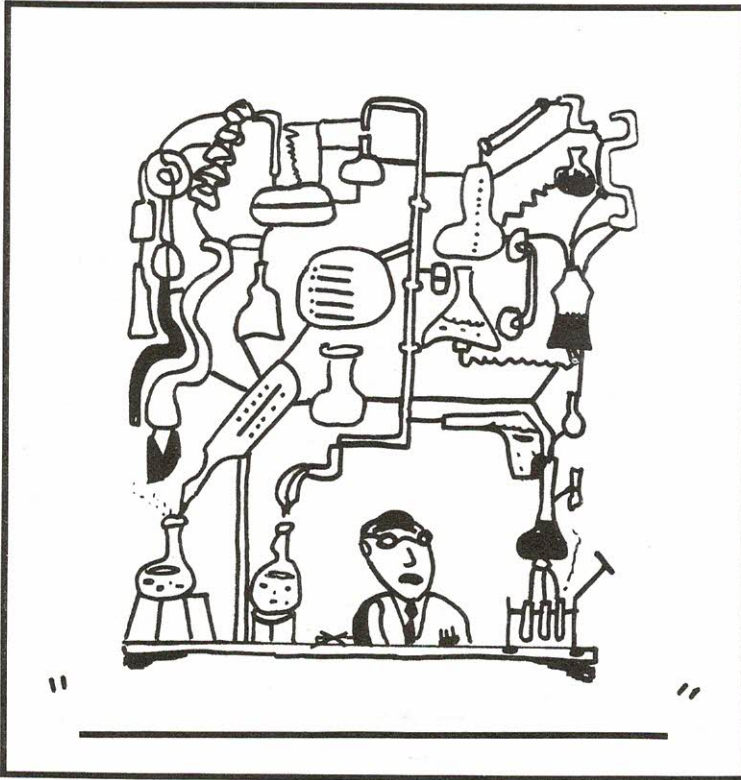
Reville at 0600. We eat mess and prepare to depart for A.F.A. at Farragut at 1500 knowing a lot more about the U.S. Navy.



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Junior School Trip

On Wednesday the 13th of February the entire Junior School participated on a trip to Philadelphia. At approximately 8:45 A.M. the lower school was aboard their chartered bus on their way to historic Philadelphia. The first stop was the Franklin Institute where cadets took part in many scientific exhibits. The cadets later had lunch in the lower floor of the museum at McDonald's. After lunch we were back on the bus on our way to the Penn Mutual Towers in which the cadets enjoyed an exciting view from the observatory.

We were later joined by a guide who showed us historical landmarks such as Independence Hall, Betsy Ross' house, The Liberty Bell, and The First Bank of the United States.

The Junior School would like to thank Mr. Kaufman, Mr. Simon, and the cadet officers who, without their help, this trip to historic Philadelphia would not have been possible.

THE DRAFT

Because of the recent conflict between Russia and Afghanistan, the question of reinstating the draft has arisen. If the registered draft were to be approved by Congress, it will take several months to actually be put into motion. If it is, there are many cadets at AFA who would be affected by it.

The last time a person was drafted was in 1973, and there have been no draftees since then. During the 1960's, the draft was vividly described as being "the tool of a dictatorial government." There were numerous protest marches, draft-card burnings and anti-draft rallies taking place, and these were some of the factors that led to the discontinuance of the draft.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 26 will be required to register, and a five year prison sentence or a \$10,000 fine awaits those who do not.

The people who urge the re-institution of the draft neglect to remember an old saying "The best worker is a volunteer." Isn't the potential draft boards not taking another thing into account: while they will get all the people they need to man the armed forces, they will also be deluged with misfits, malcontents, mentally unstable people and physically unfit people: all the paperwork required to classify and de-classify them will more than make up for the losses caused by the under-staffing of our Armed Forces. The Congress should consider yet another old maxim: "One good soldier is worth 15 bad ones".

However, those from Farragut who join the Armed Forces and have completed three years of our Naval Science successfully will enter the Armed Forces two pay grades higher than if they had not attended Farragut. The draft is not an unmitigated evil, and only time will tell if the President thinks that a draft is necessary.

DRILL TEAM

The AFA Drill Team, already in its' second year at AFA, is off to a brisk start this year. Organized last year by the teams advisor, CDR Grahl, the team has performed several times after parades this year.

The Drill Team is distinctive; it marches in a formation of four squads of four men each, forming a perfect square. Formation aside, the teams most unique feature is its' uniform design. The basic uniform is a standard undress shirt, white duty belts, black pants, white spats, special drill helmets and white ascots.

Drill Team Commander Cordaro comments "This year we really have a great group of men. They are so eager to learn, and their morale is so much improved that it's a pleasure to work with them. At every practice session they want to learn more and more difficult trick maneuvers and we expect them to be a crack military unit. Later this year we hope to develop a silent drill format, and enter it in competition with the JROTC teams in this state."

The Drill Team usually performs after the Saturday formal parades, and it is a real treat to watch them. The GALLEON wishes the drill team good luck this year and the coming years; keep sharp, we're proud of you!