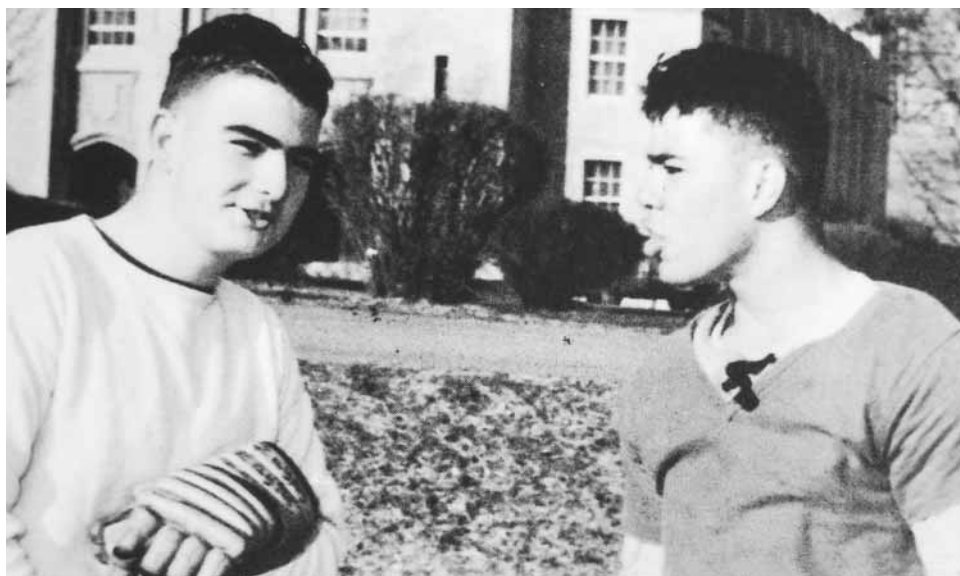


## Al Zayas, '72, the best goalie in the game

That's what Coach Ed Hart had to say about Al Zayas.

A very high compliment from a very tough coach.

When Al's parents were deciding on where to send him to high school, he had one major criteria: it had to be a school where they played lacrosse. So Al came to Fort Defiance in the Fall of 1969. Zayas was the starting goalie for all three years he was at Augusta. In Al's senior year, AMA lost only one game and were considered the State Champs in their division.



Al Zayas, left, and Karl Haleamau discuss lacrosse tactics.

AMA lacrosse team played Washington and Lee's JVs in Lexington. The W&L varsity was rated number one in the country that year.

AMA was leading 2-0 at the half. In the second half, W&L put in some varsity players but Al held them off and Augusta blanked the Generals 3-0.

Zayas also played football and JV basketball and later was manager of the AMA basketball team.

Al Zayas gave the lacrosse team great confidence in the knowledge that if they did their part on offense, he would be there to stop the opponent's offense cold.

