The Party

by Shaun Campbell

as an average Monday workday at
rage. I did a couple of minor re-
and a tune-up. The day itself had
uneventful until I reached home
gan to open my mail.
odd-shaped envelope contained an
ion to a costume party. I had been
ume parties before, but this was
nt. The host's name was not
r. I repeated the name to myself a
of times, but still no recollection
one with that name came to mind.
one of my friends had arranged to
me invited to this party. I still
sure of the reason, so I decided to
the affair because of my curiosity.
cked my John Wayne outfit which
in a college drama play, and soon
r the party. The house, I should
tate, was in the high class section
nchburg. Lynchburg is a small
nt township in the middle of no-
. In the northern end of town,
are a few stately mansions. It was
thrilling to drive up a cobblestone
with granite walls on either side.
was also a little embarrassing to
ny compact Datsun sedan among
ite automobiles, such as Lincolns,
des, and Jaguars.
he door stood a neatly uniformed
nen who showed me to a room
I could change from my street
to my drama club outfit. About
ne I was starting to wonder why I
me anyway. However, I decided
e the most of it since I had gone
.
n I entered the ballroom, I was
iately introduced to the host,
Edwards. Edwards put his arm
me and we walked over to the
table like we had known each
or years. This caused me consider-
orry. Weird thoughts were going
h my head. What's going on?
Mr. Edwards was soon called away
t some other guests. This gave me
e to be alone and look for someone
t know. Familiar faces did not
as I walked around the perimeter
spacious room. I had never met
e of these people.
r a while I noticed this girl on the
side of the ballroom staring in my
on. I gazed back and she waved.
owing what to do I just tipped my
he band started playing and the
proached me. When she stood face
e with me, she asked if I would
with her. I quickly agreed and we
several times. As we glided
the floor, we talked quietly. I
d that her name was Julie Taylor
hat she was Arthur's grand-
ter.

Things were going real smooth until she said, "I'm glad you came, I didn't think you would." "Hold on a moment," I replied. "You don't even know who I am, so how did you know I was coming or even who I was?" She simply replied, "It's not important. The important thing is that you are here."

We danced a little longer and then we walked through the garden. The two of us got along real well. As a matter of fact we were really enjoying each other's company. After the party was over Julie needed a ride to Sugar Grove. It wasn't exactly on the way home, but I said that I would get her home.

It was very late and I needed gas to make it home the long way. Mr. Edwards gave me a key to one of his gas pumps. The pumps were several miles from the house. I finally found the right road and the pumps. The key didn't fit the lock. Well, the plan was that I return to pick up Julie within the hour. I think I dozed off while I was trying to solve my dilemma.

When I woke up the sun was shining on the dew covered grass. I guess the lateness of the party had made me a little more tired than I had realized. I started my car and headed back for the estate. After several hours of a futile search for the estate, I stopped at an old farm house. I asked an elderly gentleman for directions to the Edward's estate. He looked at me with a strange glance and proceeded to tell me that the Edward's estate had burned down four years ago. Everyone that was at the party that night was trapped in the building and had perished in the fire. Not completely convinced, I asked the man to show me the location of the destroyed home. There in the exact location stood a crumpling, charred frame of the Edward's estate. Why and how did all this happen? Was there a logical explanation? I sat there and wondered.

Seventh House Nears Completion

Diman students from the House & Mill Carpentry shop are now in the process of constructing a house on Tickle Road in Westport.

The house will consist of two floors. On the first floor there will be a lavette, kitchen, family room, living room, and a dining room. The second floor will have a sewing and hobby room, three bedrooms, a full bath, and a huge walk-in closet. The cabinets for this year's house are now being built in the Carpentry shop here at school.

Diman students have also added a special touch to this house. Dental work surrounds the top of the entire house near the gutters. Dental work is simply pieces of wood eight inches in width with grooves every one and one-half inches in it.

Some of the other shops which are involved in this construction project are Painting & Decorating, and the Plumbing shop. These shops are now being given the opportunity to utilize their valuable skills which they have been taught in their shops and tech classrooms.

This house is to be the future residence of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Silvia who now live on Chavenson St. in Fall River.

The truth can set you free, but only if you have learned to recognize truth.

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The world's work is done every day by people who could have stayed in bed but didn't.



Work continues on Diman's Annual House Building Project

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The Legend of Valentine's Day

Far back in the days of ancient Rome, young people drew names from a bowl to learn who their beloved of the year would be. This drawing was always held in February and is believed to be the true origin of St. Valentine's Day.

In the legend of St. Valentine, Valentinus was imprisoned in Rome for assisting Christian martyrs. While awaiting execution, he became friends with the blind daughter of the jailer whose sight he was able to restore.

On the eve of his death he wrote a farewell message to the girl who had meant so much to him and signed it "From Your Valentine." This was the origin of the expression which has been used millions of times over the centuries.

Valentinus was put to death on the 14th of February and was buried in what is today the Church of Praxedes in Rome. Near his grave a pink almond tree, a symbol of abiding love is said to have bloomed.

The widespread use of Valentines began sometime during the 18th century. These were all made entirely by hand and delivered to the lady's doorstep.

Through the years their popularity has increased enormously and Valentines have progressed to the expressive sentiments and beautiful cards of today.

When you're right you can afford to keep your temper.
When you're wrong you can't afford not to.

What Is A Valentine?

George Webster Douglas

A Valentine is many things ...flowers, ribbons, lace ... a verse of sweet endearment ... that lights up a special face ... A valentine is a remembrance, a sentimental token ... a dream, a theme, a melody ... in words too seldom spoken. And all the love and tenderness ... a valentine can impart ... shows that it is truly ... a communication of the heart

Valentines - An Old Custom

It's said that on St. Valentine's Day the patron saint will smile on maidens the world over.

In medieval times the first youth who saw a maiden in the morning, or the youth whose name she drew from a box, was her "valentine," or chivalrous Knight. He gave her a gift, often flowers, and attended her gallantly.

The origin of the day concerns a priest named Saint Valentine, who lived in the third century. He was supposed to have the power of healing lover's quarrels and often was beseeched to bring back straying lovers. His gentle sweetness of character made him so beloved that the Emperor, Marcus Aurelius Claudius, feared for his throne and had Saint Valentine beheaded. After his death, it became the practice to celebrate his birthday with giving sweets and flowers.

Thus, the custom of gift-making started and grew. Red, the color symbolizing cheer, for many years was the most popular, but it has been largely replaced by blue, the true lover's color, and pink, which symbolizes thought.

Valentine letters full of love were the old-time custom. Nowadays, if one does not wish to bestow a more substantial gift, a card will do. But remember the date and the card. Valentine's Day is February 14.

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From The Editor's Desk

February for Patriots

February has been a busy month in our nation's past.

On February 10, 1763, the Treaty of Paris ended the French and Indian War. With it, France ceded her territorial claims in Canada to Great Britain and the stage was set for the American Revolution that was to begin in the next decade.

Birthdays this month include those of Aaron Burr, an almost President, on February 6, 1756, and three Presidents: George Washington on the 22nd in 1732, William Henry Harrison on the 9th in 1773, and Abraham Lincoln on the 12th in 1809.

Among other historical milestones for election of George Washington as the first President of the United States on February 4, 1789. On the same date, John Adams was chosen the first Vice President.

Money cannot buy happiness.
But at least you can select your own kind of misery.



"You cannot refer to the Rumble of 1776 and Honest Abe's pad and still expect to pass American History, John."

STAMPS

ALREADY ISSUED

The 1978 United States stamp program is already underway. The following commemoratives have already been issued: *Carl Sandburg*, a single stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of this famous American poet and biographer; an experimental *Indian Head Cent* stamp which is only two-thirds of the size of a normal definitive stamp; two *Capt. James Cook* commemoratives, one marking his arrival in Hawaii and the other marking his visit to Alaska; and a *Harriet Tubman* stamp in the Black Heritage U.S.A. series.

It should be noted that the Indian Head Cent experimental stamp is only available from the postmasters in Kansas City, Mo.; Hartford, Conn.; Richmond, Va.; Portland, Ore.; and Memphis, Tenn.; or through the Philatelic Sales Branch in Washington, D.C. The PSB imposes a $5.00 minimum on all mail orders, and collectors are advised to request PS Form 3300 before ordering.

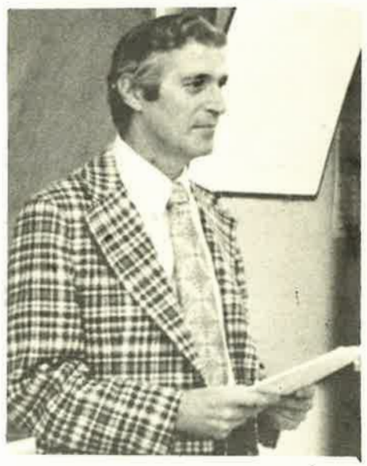
If you want a pair of stamps that should appreciate in value, attempt to secure a joined pair (se-tenant) of Capt. Cook stamps. The unusual pane layout (sheet of 50 stamps) has only 5 joined pairs along with 20 individual stamps of each design on either side of the pairs.

REMAINING 1978 PROGRAM

The following commemoratives will be released on the following dates:

March 8, American Quilts - four se-tenants in square format depicting a rare American quilt
April 26, American Dance - four se-tenants in square format depicting ballet, square, modern, and theater dancing.
May 4, French Alliance - single semi-jumbo commemorating the ratification of the alliance on May 4, 1778.
May ?, Dr. George Papanicolaou - single commemorative for development of cancer detection procedure.
May 12, Cincinnati Music Hall - postal card in the Historic Preservation series
June 26, Photography - single commemorative
July 4, George M. Cohan - single stamp in honor of the birth of George "Yankee Doodle Dandy" Cohan
July 20, Viking Space Missions - single commemorative marking the anniversary of the landing of Viking I on Mars.
August ?, American Trees - four se-tenant semi-jumbo stamps
October ?, Christmas - either two or four stamps. Also the time of issuance has not yet been determined for these two issues:

Jimmie Rodgers - single stamp honoring the "Singing Brakeman" of country music
American Owls - four se-tenants depicting the Great Gray Owl, the Saw Whet Owl, the Barred Owl, **and the Great Horned Owl.**



Mr. Michaud, newly appointed Department head, of the Graphic Arts Department.

Washington's Birthday

George Washington enjoyed the unusual situation of having his birthday celebrated publicly while he was still alive. This first took place in Newport, R.I., in 1781, when he was commander of the Continental Army - 18 years before his death and eight years before he became president.

Washington actually was born on February 11, 1732; the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar moved the date to the traditional February 22. And Public Law 90-363 marks the holiday of his birthday on the third Monday in February, this **year - February 20.**

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Winter Track

by Karl Hetzler

Under the direction of Coach Cantwell and former Diman superstar Ed Hill, the winter track program has begun its first season. The team comprises of approximately twenty-five to thirty athletes. This is a good turnout, considering the season and the fact that it is a new sport.

The team is constantly training in freezing weather, and running on snow covered streets. This just shows the dedication some students have toward their sports teams. Until now the team has not won many meets, but experience is being gained. In addition, Coach Cantwell will have a good number of athletes in shape and ready for the start of the spring track season.

Winter track and spring track are considered two different sports, so there will be all new records for the winter track season. This means the best Diman student in each event will hold a school record in winter track at the end of this season. But everyone knows, records are made to be broken, and hopefully in the future students will attempt to break a record or two in this winter program.

Conference Title Eyed

by Karl Hetzler

Varsity

This year's varsity squad possesses spirit, optimism, and high hopes for a successful season. Coach Goj feels that his team has the necessary talent and experience to capture the Southeastern Massachusetts Conference Division III title.

The varsity squad consists of the following court veterans: Vern Belliveau, John Moniz, Bob Leandro, Dave Kaminski, Moe England, Jim Marcoux, and Mark Lavoie. Occasionally, junior varsity members join the varsity ranks when they are needed. The junior varsity players include Al Costa, Dave Costa, Bill Marum, and Dave Belliveau.

As of this writing, the team has been playing well, despite a few losses in exhibition play against Division I teams. However, the varsity squad has been winning a majority of their divisional games.

Although attendance by the student body appears to be improving, more students should attempt to attend these games and cheer our team on to a division title. Tickets may be purchased in school on the day of the game, or at the door.

J V

by Shaun Campbell

Mr. Gillespie, the junior varsity coach, is optimistic about the outcome of this year's basketball season. Last year his junior varsity team's overall record was 16-6. Several of last year's veterans are returning to the squad, a good reason for Coach Gillespie's enthusiasm.



Coach Cantwell's newly formed winter track team.

In addition, the coach has fou
bers who occasionally play for t
sity team. Alvin Costa, Dave Co
Marum, and Dave Belliveau coul
play varsity level, except that the
squad has eight senior members.

Other junior varsity team m
include: Don Vezina, Rene T
Bruce Antone, Bill Berlo, Dennis
nard, Jeff Arruda, Greg Pinau
Paul Amaral.

Freshman Basketba

by Karl Hetzler

Talented, but definitely inexpe
are the words used by Coach Pa
describe this year's freshman tea
different players have been used a
ers and all have performed well.

Guards include: Keith Pereir
Lambert, and John Budzisz; all
players who are contributing bot
sively and defensively.

The forwards include; Steve
nard, the team's leading scorer
John Couto; Ernie Bacon; Pau
and Bill McHenry. The forwar
been rebounding well all seas
are acquiring their offensive abi
the season progresses:

Dennis Vezina has been used
forward and guard positions a
adapted well to both assignments
team members include: Joe Collin
Paiva, Greg Cunha, Robert M
and Steve Theroux.

The team inexperience has
through the first half of the se
their 3-5 record might indicate.
these losses were by a few points
missed layups and foul shots. H
good performances in these losin
gives Coach Pawlak extreme c
for the second half. The team
finish at least at the .500 level
season, after playing such te
Bishop Connolly, Henry Lord,
Stang, New Bedford Voke, and W

Overall, some good varsity ba
should emerge from this squad,
continue their hard work and ent
on the court.

Some people are that way
they don't know any better. D

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Truth sounds clear as a bell
isn't always tolled.

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If you could kick the pers
marily responsible for your p
you wouldn't be able to sit d
a month.