Record Flight

By Henry Vickery

ed to the memories of John of Led Zepplin and John Lennon Beatle.

n our flight to find the best music the 80-81 season. I am your pilot, Vickery, and our first stop is the *gle Live* 80 L.P.

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ike *"Hotel California"*, *"Life in the ne "*,*"Heartache Tonight"*, and that ballad, *"I Can't Tell You Why"*, his truly a great pick.

ing at a speed of 33 r.p.m.'s, I am ly flying high with all you hard . This album contains hits like *e Cradle Will Rock"* and*"Every-ants Some"* as well as the hit title shows that this album is truly of e that first brought you *"Runnin e Devil"*.

Springstein's new two-disc set, *ver"*, is proof enough of this space-alent. His current hit *"Hungry* only introduces the wildness of his unes on the L.P. such as *"The "The Ties that Blind"*, and *"Cad-nch"*.

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ck for the band of the 80's is AC/ ey're well on their way with a hit alled *Back in Black* and its hit sin-*u Shook Me All Night Long"*.

this wraps up my first column. your pilot signing off.

Awards (cont. from p.1)

tion sponsored by the Yankee Dental Congress.

The competition was open to all Dental Assistant students throughout New England. Judging was performed by dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants from across New England.

Mrs. Lefevre and Mrs. Gonsalves, under the guidance of their instructor, Mrs. Paula Bernstein, continued the past successes of Diman Regional by placing first and fourth respectively in this year's competition.

Creative Writing Corner

Still Night

by Troy Brault

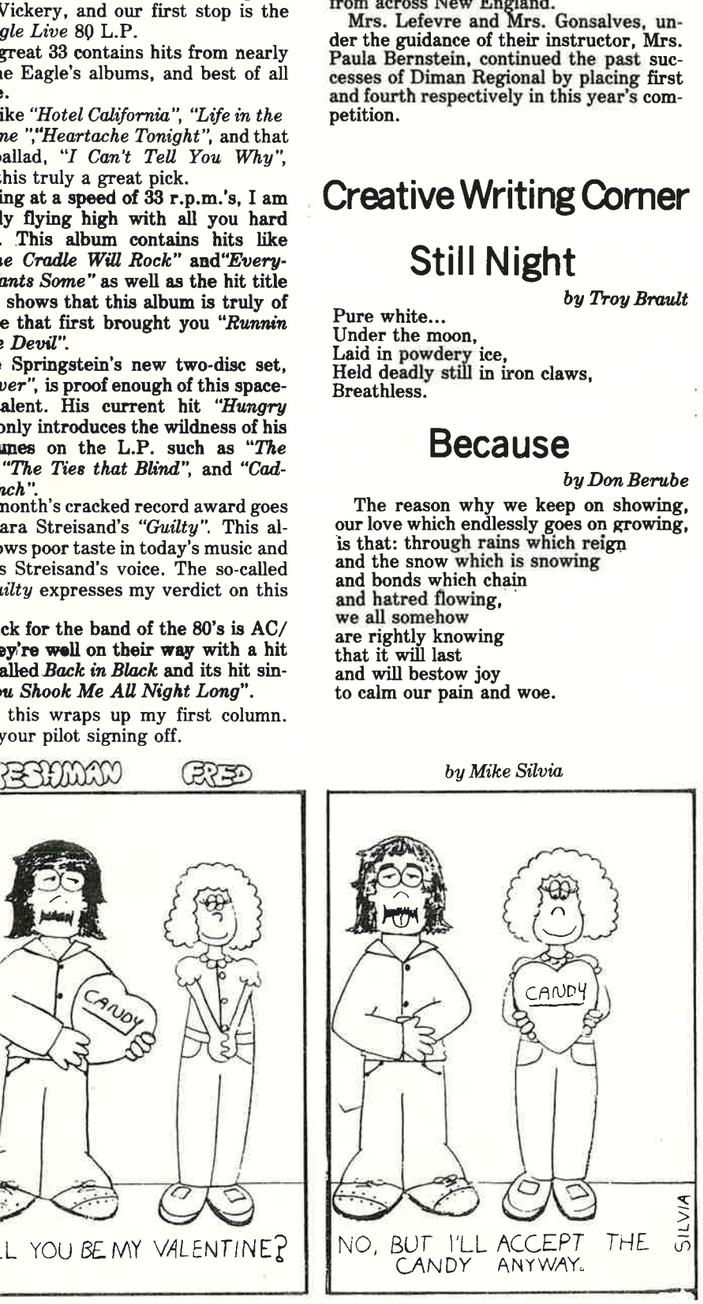
Pure white...
Under the moon,
Laid in powdery ice,
Held deadly still in iron claws,
Breathless.

Because

by Don Berube

The reason why we keep on showing,
our love which endlessly goes on growing,
is that: through rains which reign
and the snow which is snowing
and bonds which chain
and hatred flowing,
we all somehow
are rightly knowing
that it will last
and will bestow joy
to calm our pain and woe.

by Mike Silvia



New Faculty Faces



by Sue Labouliere

Resource Room

Miss Donna Barandas was appointed in the fall as the resource room instructor here at Diman. Her responsibilities include assisting students in their study of math, English, and American government. Prior to her appointment, Miss Barandas served as a substitute teacher in the remedial reading are last year. In addition, she previously employed as a substitute teacher in the Westport school system for two years.

Miss Barandas is a graduate of Bridgewater State College, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She is a resident of Fall River where she enjoys aerobics, rollerskating, woodworking, and macrame.

Miss Barandas enjoys working here at Diman, and feels the students are friendly and enthusiastic about their shops.



General Shop Instructor

General Shop (Academics)

Mrs. Goretti Balch is a new instructor in the general shop area. Her teaching responsibilities include teaching English, reading comprehension, and math to the freshman general shop students here at Diman. She previously substituted in the Westport school system.

Mrs. Balch is a graduate of S.M.U. where she recieved her Bachelor of Arts degree in English. In her spare time, Mrs. Balch enjoys biking, reading, herb gardening, cooking, and plants.

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Drafting Senior

LABOULIERE CAPTURES FIRST PLACE LOCALLY



Susan Labouliere

Diman Senior Victorious In City Competition

Sue Labouliere, a senior in the drafting department, captured first place in the city-wide Voice of Democracy competition and advanced into the district finals. This is the fifth consecutive year that a Diman student had won the local city-wide competition.

At Diman, Susan's entry finished first in a field of sixteen seniors who had written and taped a broadcasting speech on the theme of "My Commitment to My Country." For her efforts, she will be awarded a $100 saving bond, a trophy, and a certificate. The presentation will be made during the Veterans of Foreign Wars' spring banquet.

A resident of North Swansea, Miss Labouliere has been active on the newspaper staff for the past three years. This year she is assistant editor of *The Tradesman*, and also a member of the yearbook staff. Her hobbies include reading, painting, drawing, and bike riding. After graduation, Susan plans on furthering her education in the field of engineering.

The contest, sponsored by Local Post 486 was open to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students in public and private schools in the area.

Diman Students Win Awards

Two Dental Assistant students at Diman Regional Technical Institute received awards on January 15, 1981, in an annual Boston competition.

Mrs. Debra Lefevre and Mrs. Judy Gonsalves were recognized for outstanding achievement in the Poster Competi-

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The Tradesman Places Second

The *Tradesman* has recently been awarded a second place certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the 1979-80 issues. The award was made as part of the 57th annual contest and critique for school newspapers this past fall.

Each publication entered was judged on its own merits and also compared with other journalistic efforts from schools of similar size and type. *The Tradesman* was compared nationally with newspapers from vocational, trade, and technical schools with enrollments of 1000 students.

This was the newspaper's first recognition in a national competition. In the past three years it has earned superior achievement certificates from the Boston University based New England Scholastic Press Association.

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Charles R O'Malley

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From The Editor's Desk

Community Responsibility

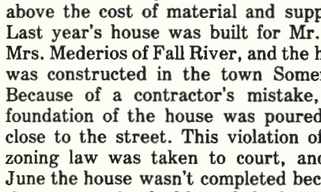
As a vocational technical high school we have certain responsibilities to the communities which provide our financial support. However, I feel the people in these communities also have responsibilities to our school, particularly when they sign contract agreements.

Each year, Diman builds a home for a low-income family in this area at 15% above the cost of material and supplies. Last year's house was built for Mr. and Mrs. Mederios of Fall River, and the home was constructed in the town Somerset. Because of a contractor's mistake, the foundation of the house was poured too close to the street. This violation of the zoning law was taken to court, and by June the house wasn't completed because the construction had been halted.

The decision concerning zoning laws was overturned in court in November. At that time the Greater Fall River Vocational District Committee voted to allow students to return and finish the home, even though the school wasn't legally obligated to do so. In other words, the committee showed concern facing the Mederios family and helped out.

In fact, after this committee's decision, it was reported in a *Providence Journal* interview (Oct. 15, 1980) that Mrs. Mederios said, "I was really thrilled; it really knocked me off my feet".

Diman finished all of the remaining work and on November 23,1980, an open house was planned. The Mederios family was informed of this schedule. On Sunday, November 23, people arrived at the home in large numbers to view the interior,which had been finished by the Diman craftsmen. They were refused en-



"I think my report is extremely well written for an underachiever."



trance by Mrs. Mederios; in fact, she didn't even open the door. The family wasn't even suppose to have moved in.

The contract between the school and the new owner had clearly stated that an open house had to be held before anyone moved in. However, the Mederios family with their home now finished, moved in, without notifying Diman and tried to justify it by saying they needed more room for their larger family.

The Mederios family acted very irresponsible. Their actions cannot be justified because the school committee acted with great consideration and responsibility in allowing Diman students to return and finish a job which they didn't have a legal obligation to complete.

Perhaps the school should retain all the keys for the next new home until after open house has been held or hold some money in an escrow account.

Letters to the Editor

The Tradesman welcomes letters expressing personal opinion from its readers. All letters must be signed and include shop and group for verification before printing. All letters are subject to condensation. Letters may be given to any staff member or left in *The Tradesman* box in Mr. Brosnan's office.



John prepares for his exit

Popular Custodian Retiring

by Paul Casanova

John Lewis, a custodian at Diman since 1968, will retire in March, 1981."John" as he is known has been employed on the school custodial staff since 1968 when the school opened. He has been very popular here with the students, many of whom he has known personally.

John lives in Fall River with his wife Charlotte.Upon his retirement, he plans on spending time catching up on some much deserved rest.

John served in World War II. As John describes it, "The Big One, 5 years, 3 months, and 23 days of hell". After the war, he worked in the construction field including two years here on the construction site of Diman before joining the custodial staff. John will certainly be missed by all of his friends at Diman.

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SPORTS SIDELINES

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As We See It

by Arty Parker

The continual uprising of scandals in college sports is becoming alarming. People really don't think about the way colleges are run athletically, just educationally.

It all starts at the coaching positions, usually the head coach of the team. The pressure on the coach's ability to survive depends on his win - lost record. Often a coach is given a time contract, a number of years to win or you're not going to be there for a contract renewal. Thus, the coach has a choice of losing or breaking the recruiting violations to win.

Teachers are also involved; they do not want to flunk the player, so they pass them in their courses. When the player leaves college for the pros and does not make it, the dump jock syndrome continues.

The coaching aspect is not the only place it happens; it also occurs in the playoffs. Players, in some instances, will take payoffs from an official to perform duties which others have to do for free. Players also take payoffs to help shave points in games which is a common thing done now.

In recent years the scandals have been made public through official investigations. Thus, most of the alleged payoffs to coaches and players have been revealed and action has been taken. The head coaches involved in scandals have been fired; thus, foiling their whole scheme.

Now that the scandals have been made public, the schools involved have been booted out of any national titles or have been taken off of TV games.

Varsity Basketball

Art Parker

This year's varsity basketball team is having an exceptional year. The squad is competing in a tough Division Four with a record of five wins and one lose in conference play and an overall record of 9-2.

The great start of this basketball season began when the team went to the Cape Cod Tournament and finished in second place losing only in the finals. Senior Ernie Bacon was voted Diman's MVP in the tournament.

The team's nine victories came against Dennis Yarmouth; New Bedford Voke; Harwich and Sandwich (in the tourney). Westport, (twice - annihilating them once); Case; and two close contests against Bourne and Seekonk.

The defeats came at the hands of Cape Cod Tech, who had beated Diman in the tourney; and division leading Dighton-Rehoboth, who defeated Diman with seconds left in the game.

The team's front line came back from last season with 6'5" center Ernie Bacon, a high point scorer who is tough on the boards. The forwards consist of seniors John Couto and Steve Chouinard who contribute greatly in the scoring and on the boards. The guards are senior Keith Pereira and junior Bob Ferreira, both of whom have great outside shots.

The other team members include juniors: Mike Valerio, Bob Coelho, and Scott Ewert.



Westport players try to stop 6'5" center Ernie Bacon.

J.V. Basketball

Scott

The junior varsity basketba opened its 1980-81 season on Frid ember 19, 1980, against Denn mouth. This year's J.V. team, as a record of 1-6 (w-l) having lost to Yarmouth, New Bedford Voke Westport, Dighton-Rehoboth, Bourne.

The new coach of the J.V. tear Steve Blanchette. He is a 1974 graduate. Even though he has not other experiences in coaching a ba team, Mr. Blanchette had partici various sports activities throug high school years at Diman.

Coach Blanchette is carrying players, six of whom are junio members of the team include: juni Forand; Ron Boyer; Glen Turcot Tappen; Roger Arsenault; and B calo; and sophomores, Brian Franc uel Gervasio; Michael Courchesn hael Berard; Gary Bosse; David and Wayne Wilkinson.



Coach Blanchette

Frosh Off To Slow Start

by Dave

The freshman basketball tea "high hopes" at the beginning of son, yet now have a record of 0- team members are disappointed a pected, but say they are determ win at least one game. Team m such as Kevin (Animal) Goncalo re carry the so called "super psych morale necessary for team effort off the court.

The biggest problem for the roo gals has been the plague of a "s period". It seems that in every gar is one quarter which the Frosh ar to score at all or, if they do, onl six points. Coach Bentley feels tha the season is through, the team, says contains some fine athlete break into the win column.

Coach Bentley and the players Lambert and Andy Ratcliffe bes upon their recent promotion to th varsity squad.

Diman Students Participate in King Memorial Observance

Photography on the King Observance courtesy of senior Joseph M. Costa.



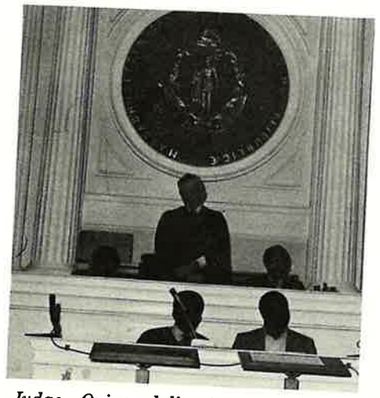
Judge Quinn with the Diman delegates. [L to R.] Troy Brault, Brendan Trott, Steve Theroux, Judge Quinn, Beverly Couch, Paul Casanova, Al Pelletier, and Mr. Brosnan.

Tribute to Dr. King

by Paul Casanova

Six Diman seniors attended the annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 14, 1981 at Bristol County Juvenile Court.

Diman's representatives included: Troy Brault, Paul Casanova, Beverly Couch, Al Pelletier, Steve Theroux, and Brendan Trott. These six students had entered an essay contest connected with the program. Each of them had written a 500-word essay on the theme of King's Ideals and our future.



Judge Quinn delivering the opening remarks.

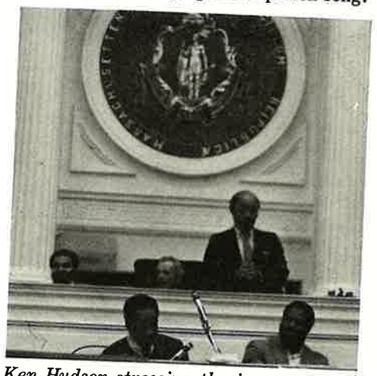
As a result of their participation in the essay contest, they had been invited to attend the program. However, not one of them expected what they witnessed as the program unfolded. Senior Brendan Trott said, "I didn't know what to expect, but, what I saw pleased me very much."



Senator Owens leading a sing-along.

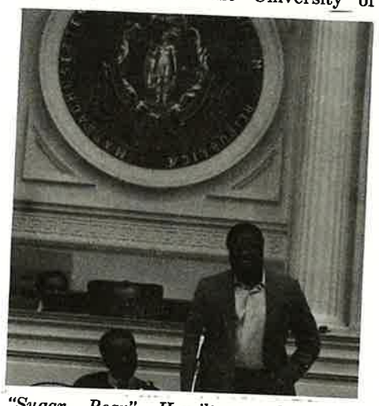
The two hour tribute was coordinated by Judge Thomas M. Quinn, Jr., justice at the Bristol County Juvenile Court. It was the fifth year that this memorial observance had been held to honor slain civil rights leader Dr. King who had been assassinated in 1968.

Speaking on the subject of racial harmony, State Senator William Owens delivered a dramatic speech full of emotion and realism. Senator Owens spoke of his day in prison and at the end of his address led the audience in singing an old prison song.



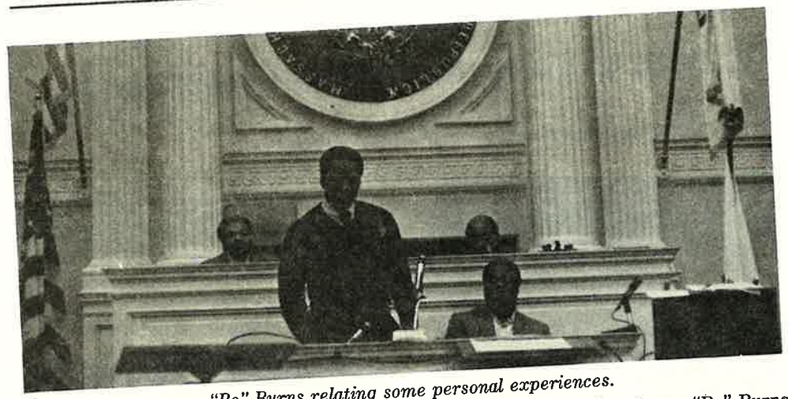
Ken Hudson stressing the importance of education.

Also speaking to the standing-room-only crowd were Kenneth Hudson, a former NBA referee who is now very active in youth programs: and Raymond "Sugar Bear" Hamilton, an All-Prolineman with the New England Patriots and a cum Laude graduate of the University of



"Sugar Bear" Hamilton relates an interesting story.

Oklahoma. Both Ken Hudson and "Sugar Bear" Hamilton spoke on the importance of education in today's society and urged the young people in the audience to remain in school until graduation.



"Bo" Burns relating some personal experiences.

But the most emotional moment of the two-hour program was the presentation of a scroll and plaque to Ernest "Bo" Burns, Jr., a Walpole prison inmate who has been involved with the court's Outreach program. This program counsels youngsters in how to avoid prison.



Ron Smith, split-end for the San Diego Chargers, mingles among members of the audience.



Upon receiving the plaque, "Bo" Burns noted that this was the first time in his life that he had received recognition for anything. Burns spoke highly of Judge Quinn and his concern for people. "Bo" said that the judge had visited him during Christmas and had even brought along his family. With the judge's encouragement, Burns said he had completed his high school equivalency program and had even taken some college courses since then.

The program wasn't without music, as the Durfee Mixed Chorus sang two selections: "Exultate Deo" and "Gloria in Excelsis." Cantor Richard Wolberg of Temple Beth El sang a beautiful rendition of "I Believe", in addition to leading the audience in a song often sung during Dr. King's non-violent marches, "We Shall Overcome."

In addition, two original poems were delivered by their authors. John Griffin read his poem, "There Are Two Kings Up in Heaven," followed by Samuel Schwartz's poem entitled "Eternal Rest."

Clergymen participating in the closing benediction included: Reverend Joseph M. Costa, Reverend Stanley Bayne, and Cantor Richard Wolberg.

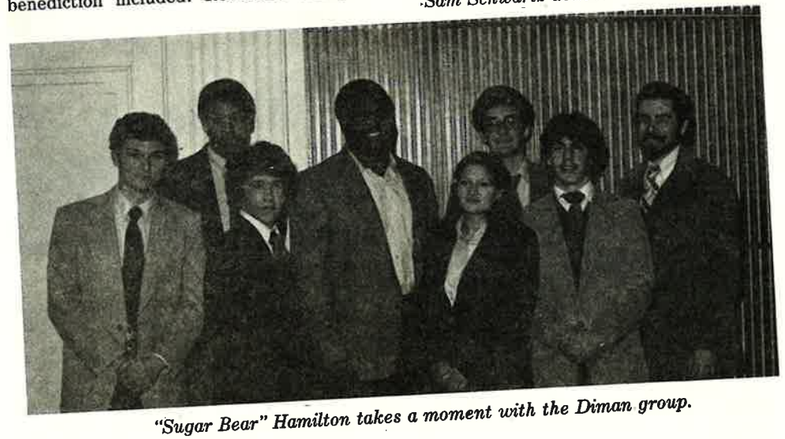


John Griffin reads his poem.

The program certainly proved to be a rewarding experience for those many people who attended this memorable observance.



Sam Schwartz delivers "Eternal Rest".



"Sugar Bear" Hamilton takes a moment with the Diman group.