ree Teachers Join nstructional Staff

by Dave Silvia

h September brings new faces to 's teaching staff. This year is no ex- n as two high school instructors as s a postgraduate nursing instructor been added to the faculty.



Mr. Ronald Duclos

Ronald Duclos, a Fall River resi- as been appointed to teach in the body shop. Mr. Duclos replaces Mr. Garrity who resigned last June eaching thirteen years at Diman. Duclos is a certified Auto Body in- or as well as a special needs voca- education teacher. He brings to six years of teaching experience Bay Path Vocational High School in on, Massachusetts. In addition, Mr. has eighteen years of trade experi- body shops in both Fall River and nk, and is now attending Fitchburg College.



Mr. Robert Rebello

Mr. Robert Rebello, a Westport resident, is Diman's new building coordinator. Mr. Rebello replaces Mr. Robert Deschenes who resigned last year. Mr. Deschenes initiated and oversaw Diman's housing construction program since 1971.

Mr Rebello has substituted the past three years at Diman, in addition to teaching evening classes at Bristol Plymouth in Taunton. Mr. Rebello has a teaching certificate in his shop area as well as sixteen years of trade experience. His former employers were A.H.Leeming and Sons and Walter Furman Company. Mr. Rebello has attended Fitchburg State College and Bristol Community College.



Mrs. Maureen Cain

On the post graduate level Mrs. Maureen Cain has been appointed as an instructor in the LPN nursing program. A Swansea resident, Mrs. Cain has 14 years of nursing experience. She is now attending Fitchburg State College. Mrs. Cain is a graduate of St. Anne's Hospital School of Nursing and has a B.S. in Nursing from Salve Regina College. She has also taken additional courses at S.M.U. and the University of Rhode Island.

Student Senate

by Scott Franco

On Dec. 11, 1980 the Diman School Committee approved the proposal for the establishment of the Student Senate.

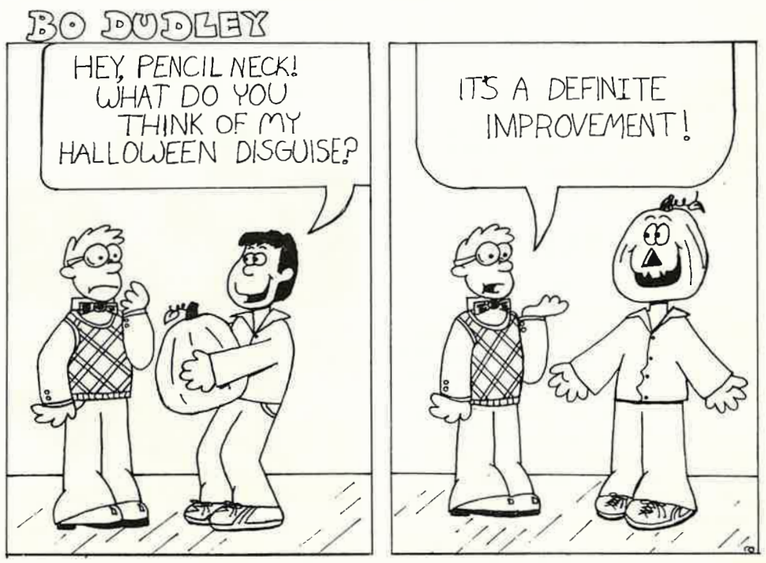
The Student Senate is comprised of twenty-five members. There are two representatives from each shop; one in each shop week and one representative for general shop.

The main function of the Student Senate is to provide a meaningful communication link between the student body and the Student Advisory Committee. The Student Senate presents to the Student Advisory Committee the attitudes, interests, and concerns of the students. It also presents proposals on behalf of the student body to the Student Advisory Committee. Then the proposals can be introduced to the Superintendent-Director or the School Committee for approval.

The elections of the Student Senate will take place during the month of October. Each representative will serve a one-year term.

I.D. CARDS [*cont. from page 3*]

Included on the I.D. cards is the school logo and year of graduation. Other uses such as: student parking, bus passes, and reduced lunches will be included if necessary. This will minimize the cost of printing these items.



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Freshmen: A Class Profile

Class of '85 Close Up

by Joe Riddensdale

As the summer vacation drew to a close and school reopened, Diman welcomed a total of 251 freshmen who will be designated as the class of '85. The 184 students from Fall River come from a variety of middle schools including Morton, Kuss, Talbot, and Henry Lord as well as area parochial schools. Somerset's representation of 26 students come from both Somerset South Middle and North Middle, while Swansea's 23 students are entering from Case Junior High School. Westport's 18 incoming freshmen have come from Westport Middle.



Mark Rackley [*A.B.*]

Enrollment figures for this class break down to 277 boys and 44 girls. This now brings the total female population within the high school to 116. Girls are now enrolled in eight of the thirteen shop areas offered at the school

Members of the Tradesman staff recently interviewed six freshmen, representing a cross-section of the regional district, to get their first impressions of Diman. Bill Niewola (C.A.) and Karen Franco (P & D), both of Fall River, like the school. It's no wonder that Karen is happy; after all her brother Scott (a junior) must have convinced her. Lee Stout, (G.A.) of Somerset who thought at first that he might not like Diman, has adopted a totally different



Karen Franco [*P & D*]

attitude. Andrew Desrosiers (MFW) of Fall River said he didn't know what to expect, while Amy Donnelly (P & D) of Swansea and Mark Rackley (AB), a former resident of Key West, Florida who now resides in Westport, both admitted that they were a little nervous starting their high school education in a new environment.

The six freshmen came to Diman to learn a trade so that they could secure a good paying job upon graduation. Five of the six students received their first shop choice. They all said that they liked their instructors and had no complaints. When we asked if they were happy that they had decided to come to Diman, all six freshmen quickly replied, "Yes". We certainly hope this survey is representative of the attitudes of the rest of the freshmen class.



Bill Niewola [*C.A.*]

Computer Course Offered to Seniors

By Dave Comeau

Beginning this fall seniors have been offered a computer course here at Diman. The objective of the computer science

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In Memory of



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From The Editor's Desk

Education: Does Anyone Care?

by Dave Comeau

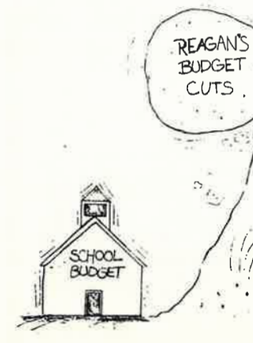
Just as the Democrats suspected, not everyone will benefit from President Ronald Reagan's proposed and accepted budget cuts for 1982. The budget has trimmed such areas as food stamps, transportation, (such as mass transit and Amtrak) CETA, aid to families with dependent children, and minimum social security benefits.

The budget has also cut an astounding 4.5 billion dollars in the school lunch program; 4.2 billion in student benefits; and 2.7 billion dollars in student loans. As all of this seems enough, yet also proposed to be cut, and most abrupt of all is the "Department of Education."

Reagan promised to abolish this year old cabinet position during his campaign. In August, Terrell Bell, who heads the Department of Education, suggested that the deed be done by transferring the programs to a new government organization similar to the National Science Foundation. Bell prefers this approach over the option of returning the Education Department to the "Department of Health and Human Services" (the old H.E.W.).

This brings us to how you the students will be affected. With the elimination of the department, student loans for college will not be as easy to obtain as before. Reagan's forces succeeded in setting up a strict "need test" before a college student can qualify for a government guaranteed loan. Among other things, a person will have to demonstrate that his or her family is making a "contribution" to paying the cost of the education.

Where will the next blow to education come? First, Massachusetts voters passed Proposition 2½ which has severely affected education thoughout the state. Now Reagan has cut other educational-related programs.





Mrs. Pauline Mello

Supt - Director's Secretary Resigns

by Scott Franco

After six years of working as the secretary for the Superintendent-Director at Diman, Mrs. Pauline Mello resigned on Friday, September 18, 1981. Mrs. Mello also served as the secretary for the Greater Fall River Regional School Committee.

While working at Diman she established a good relationship with the administrative and teaching staffs. Mrs. Mello had previously been hired under Mr. John Harrington, former Superintendent-Director. Mrs. Mello recently accepted a secretarial position for Borden and Remington in Fall River.

Besides her secretarial career, Mrs. Mello enjoys many hobbies in her spare time which include bingo and doing exercises at Gloria Stevens.

The Tradesman Staff, as well as the student body, faculty, support staff and administration, wishes Mrs. Mello the best of luck in her new position.

COMPUTERS [cont. from page 1]

course is to give seniors an introduction to computer programming.

The course was developed because of the great impact that computers are having upon our society. Also a number of Diman graduates have returned to the school and indicated how valuable it would be if a programming course were offered on the high school level.



Mr. Slekis checks John Bowker's program as Dave Gouveia looks on.

The main structure of the course is two-fold. First, the students will be learning how to write programs in the programming language of "basic"; and secondly, they will then have to apply that knowledge to solving problems in physics and algebra. Actually, the course is offered in lieu of the regular physics course that the majority of seniors are enrolled in. There are now approximately forty students enrolled in the course. They meet five class periods a week under the direction of Mr. Slekis, the math/science department chairman. Much additional time is being spent in running programs during lunch and after school.

Letters to the Editor

The Tradesman welcomes letters expressing personal opinion form 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.

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Mr. Joseph Morin

Electronics Instructor at New Level

by Dave Comeau

Mr. Joseph Morin, who has been previously teaching at the post-graduate level, has been transferred to the high school level teaching freshmen and sophomores. Mr. Morin started his teaching career here at Diman when the school opened in 1968. For the past 13 years he has taught graduates in the field of eletronic technology until this fall when the program was cut under the proposition 2 ½ ax. Mr. Morin felt as if the cut was a "blow" to education, in this area since the program had more than improved itself. He stated that all of last year's graduates had permanent jobs in the field by the time the course had ended in June. In simple terms Mr. Morin "filed" it (the termination of the program) as a "mistake".

When asked about his attitude toward teaching high-school pupils, instead of adults, he replied, "I like to treat my pupils as adults as often as possible, although there are a different set of problems at this level. The job is a definite challenge and I enjoy it very much." So far Mr. Morin is happy with his "new" job and hopes that the high school students are gaining from his instruction. He said, "I'm dedicated to the purpose of seeing that the students are educated in their trade."

ID Cards Issued

by Scott Franco

At the beginning of the school year, all Diman students had their pictures taken for their Student I.D. Any student who wished to purchase their pictures received several copies of different sizes.

With the profit the photography company made from the purchased pictures, a percentage of money will be returned to Diman. This money will be used to support organizations or activities taking place in the school.

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SPORTS SIDELINES



Sports Writers

Dave Comeau

Dave Silvia

Cross Country on the Run

by Dave Silvia

The cross-country squad, under the direction of Coach John Cantwell, has started off the season on the right foot. Thus far, they have recorded two wins and one loss for the season. The two victories came against Swansea's Case High School squad and the Coyle-Cassidy team. Their loss was to an old rival, Dighton-Rehoboth. Mr. Cantwell predicts a good season with this year's seasoned squad.

Returning seniors include: Chris Goncalo, Greg Goncalo, Stan Tappen, and Bruce Tavares. The team also has eight juniors on the squad including: Donald Araujo, Reggie Arruda, Mike Courchesne, Dwayne Dion, Bill Gajda, Greg Neveux, Steve Raposa, and Steve Robert.

Underclassmen on the squad are: sophomores, Ken Blais, Bob Blanchette, Mike Duclos, Dave Farias, Chris Ferreira, and Rick Mayette; and freshmen, Henry Bellavance, Roger Chouinard, Dan Goncalo, John Guertin, and Bill Moniz.



Co-captain Duarte Chicharro and captain Jose Costa pause before some soccer action.

Runners Collect Jimmy Fund

by Dave Comeau

On September 30, 1981, members Cross Country team visited sho classrooms asking for a twenty-fi donation to the 1981 Jimmy Fund

The theme of this year's fund was "Children Helping Children" Jimmy Fund scheduled Wednesda tember 30, 1981 as "National Day".

Students and faculty were very ous in this drive and raised over $ The Tradesman staff congratulate John Cantwell and all his runners f efforts toward this worthy cause.



Runners take a break with Coach Co

Optimistic Outlook for Soccer Season

by Dave Silvia

Coach Youngie Martin is once ag viding the coaching expertise to th soccer squad. Mr. Martin has se the varsity coach since the fall of 19 he is once again hoping for a season.

As of this writing, the team has of one win and one loss. The seaso victory came against Attleboro wi shutout. The squad has also suffere to Durfee.

Eighteen players are members year's soccer squad including: Kenneth Bouchard, Carlos Braga, Chicharro, Jose Costa, Sylveste Milesio Medeiros, Jose Silvia, and Souza; juniors, Roberto Cabral, P ta, Antonio Fernandes, and Philip and sophomores, Walter Dias, Pau Edmundo Moniz, Manuel Pimenta Plourde, and Carlos Resendes.