ip O' the Hat to St. Pat on Mar. 17

gends grow, making heroes larger- life. Such a hero was St. Patrick, who me the patron saint of Ireland. Legend often tells how he charmed the snakes e seashore, then into the water where drowned, thus ridding Ireland of a pest. nother legend has it that St. Patrick the shamrock to explain the Trinity ept to the Irish people. The sham- 's three leaves represented the y's three parts-Father, Son, and Holy - while the stem stood for the godhead.

ue or not, legends are interesting. No nteresting are the few known facts of Patrick's life, most gathered from his writings. These documents are also rtant as a source of information on Irish history.

Patrick was born about 389, and d adds an adventurous touch. At 16, as supposedly captured in Britain by pirates and taken to Ireland. There he orced to tend sheep as a slave for six when he escaped to the west of d.

ring this time, St. Patrick decided to te his life to religious work. He left d and spent nearly 20 years on the nent in preparation. Around 433, Pope stine apparently made him a bishop and him to do religious work in Ireland. He ted the rest of his days to founding over churches and baptizing over 120,000 e.

Patrick died on March 17, 461. Since ial times, it is on March 17 that ricans pay tribute to him by a wearin' o' reen. Irish men often adorn their hats els with shamrocks as well.

ou haven't got a shamrock, any green o to honor St. Patrick, hero and saint.



"You're right . . . this does taste better than what they serve in the cafeteria."

New Staff Appointed



Mr. Michael Muscarella

Special Needs Coordinator Appointed

by Scott Franco

Mr. Muscarella, a resident of Seekonk, has been selected as the new Special Needs Coordinator at Diman.

He obtained a master's degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling from the Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts and has a C.A.G.S. in Social and Rehabilitative Services, Supervision and Management from the same college. Mr. Muscarella also has a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies from Providence College.

Before being selected for this position, he was employed for six years at the Rehabilitation Commission in Fall River, as a Vocational Counselor. After leaving that job he became a School Adjustment Counselor for the Special Needs Department at Westport High School for the past six years.

So far, Mr. Muscarella has established a good working relationship with the administrative staff. He describes his job as an enjoyable dynamic situation. He is also looking forward to meeting many of the students as well as learning more about the shops at Diman.

In his spare time, Mr. Muscarella enjoys fishing as well as many other outdoor activities.

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Although the returning seniors were tired and "sore", they were truly excited about their trip. Marc Leduc was quoted as saying, "It was excellent and well worth the money." Another senior, Mike Berard, added, "I found it to be enjoyable and would love to go again." It seems that all who went on the trip found it to be an enjoyable experience.

Science Instructor Appointed

by Phil Platt

Mr. Roger Ramos, a resident of Freetown, has been appointed as the new freshman and senior science teacher. He joined the Diman faculty in January replacing Mr. Kertyzak.

Mr. Ramos attended Bridgewater State College where he received a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in science and education. He has also begun work on a master's degree at Southeastern Massachusetts University.

He formerly taught science at St. Anne's Middle and Henry Lord Middle Schools. In addition, Mr. Ramos taught chemistry and basic anatomy at Bishop Keough High School in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. In all, he has nine years of teaching experience.

In his spare time our new science instructor enjoys baseball, bassketball, softball, and reading.



Mr. Roger Ramos

Hump Honesty

by Scott Franco

How many times have you heard that camels can survive in the scorching desert with very little water because their humps store water?

This theory is a fallacy. Their humps do not store water, they store fat. When the fat is broken down, as the camel uses energy, hydrogen is released. Oxygen which is inhaled by the animal combines with the hydrogen to produce molecules of H2O (water).

So the next time someone tries to tell you the myth about camel survival, give them the hump honesty theory, for that person may just be *thirsting* for a greater knowledge about the Dromedaries of the Desert.

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Mr. Hurley Receives Award

by Mary Anne DeMello

On January 21st, ceremonies were held at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School in Taunton to present the annual Paul Couture Award for 1982 to Mr. Robert J. Hurley by the Massachusetts Guidance Directors Association.

This award was established several years ago in memory of the late Paul Couture, Director of Pupil Personnel Services at Bristol-Plymouth. It is presented each year to a vocational technical high school counselor who recognizes the high standards and dedication to student services.

Mr. Hurley was nominated for the Paul Couture award by Mr. Dennis Duval. Mr. Hurley has been a guidance director here at Diman since 1975. He has been selected for his outstanding contributions as a counselor and his involvement as an advisor to the Student Advisory Committee and to the Student Senate.

Mr. Hurley who resides in Portsmouth, R.I. is a retired Commander of the, U.S. Navy Submarine Service and served two years here at Diman as a physical education teacher prior to joining the Guidance Department. He also served as the head football coach for three years.



THOMAS RODRIGUES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The faculty and students of the Culinary Arts Department have established the Tommy Rodrigues Memorial Scholarship. The fund has been established to honor Tommy who died on February 3, 1983.

We hope to present a scholarship yearly in his name. The scholarship will be presented annually to a senior continuing his or her education in the Culinary Arts field.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may send a check payable to the Tommy Rodrigues Memorial Scholarship to:

Edward R. Teixeiro, Jr.,
Assistant Director

or

Edward A. Kerr, Department Head
Culinary Arts Department
Diman Regional Vocational Technical

In Memory of



Tom Rodriques
(Culinary Arts)



From The Editor's Desk

Admission Standards

"...not everyone discovers their full potential at the high school level."

A proposal drafted by the Massachusetts Board of Regents for higher education, to implement minimum standards for student admission into state colleges and universities, has met much opposition from educators, colleges and universities throughout the Commonwealth.

If these standards are phased in after a four year period as recommended by the Regents, they would require students entering state public universities to have combined SAT scores of at least 800 and class rank in the upper 40th percentile. Students entering four year state colleges would be expected to have SAT scores of 750 and be in the upper 50th percentile.

The Regents staff members feel that the combination of SAT scores and class rank accurately indicate a student's potential for college.

However, according to many opponents of the proposal, not everyone discovers their full potential at the high school level. Attitudes, self motivation, and ambition are extremely important factors in how well a person may perform at the college level. These values, attitudes, motivation and ambition, do not always show up in oneself at an early age. Experience, maturity, and environment all contribute toward the develoepement of these qualities.

The states' two year community colleges which exercise open admissions would not be directly affected. These tougher admission standards could possibly increase the student enrollment in community colleges.

The four year colleges and universities would be expected to increase the number of seats for students transferring from the community colleges if the plan goes into effect.

College bound students would be required to have completed twenty college preparatory courses. The courses would include four years of English, three years of math and two years each of natural science, social science and foreign language. It is intended that these subjects will raise the percentage of the seniors who score above the minimum combined SAT level.

Each four year institution will be recommended to admit non-traditional and academically disadvantaged students who will be exempt from the minimum standard.

Although vocational high school graduates are at a disadvantage academically and should be exempt from the standards, a change in Diman's curriculum as well as in other vocational schools, could be made if the proposal is implemented.

Each year an increasing number of Diman graduates are attending four year colleges and universities by first entering special programs such as College Now and Upward Bound at SMU or as transfer students from Bristol Community College.

If these standards do go into effect and the vocational schools do not add to the academic curriculum, the college bound vocational school graduate may find him/-herself academically behind those who have graduated from a traditional high school even with the assistance in education they might have received from the college they transferred from or the program they might have attended to prepare them for that university.

Although the intent of a vocational school is to educate a student in his or her field of endeavor, they should also provide to those students who develop an interest in further education in that trade, the opportunity to enter a public four-year college or university.

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.

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READERS REACT

Paying for Bottles

by John F. Goyette

The Bottle Bill that was passed by the state has many negative sides to consider. For one, it will increase cost on the bottles when you purchase them. Who wants to pay for a bottle that might break?

When you go to return them, it would be just an additional bother. Some people won't return them, and that will be a waste of money. The stores that will collect the bottles will need an additional storage area, and that will be a hassle.

If we have a water problem now, wait until they have to be washed. It will take a large amount of water to clean them. Do you think that the ignorant people who dirty your environment will stop because of this law? If this law is so good, why did it take several years to pass?

Bottle Bill

by Gary Priest

The Bottle Bill was just put into effect this month, and I can see that there will be a few problems with it. For instance, all the retailers in Massachusetts will now have to provide some sort of storage space for the returned bottles and cans.

They will also have to put up with the hassle of paying out the five and 10 cents deposits to consumers. But, all these problems will be minimized after the Bottle Bill has been in effect long enough and it becomes habitual.

There will be a definite change in the countryside as fewer and fewer bottles and cans are just thrown out into the streets. This same bill has been in effect in Michigan for some time now and there has been a dramatic change for the better in that state.

The countryside looks a lot cleaner and the people take pride in the way it looks. If the Bottle Bill can work successfully in Michigan, then there is no reason why the bill cannot work in Massachusetts.

I think that the Bottle Bill is a good idea.

Vocational Education

by Scott Franco

Vocational high schools offer a promising future for young men and women who are interested in learning and working in a particular field endeavor.

There are many myths about students who attend vocational high schools. Some of these myths support the idea that students attend vocational high schools because they are not academically oriented enough to succeed in a comprehensive high school.

This idea is certainly a misconception. There are many reasons why students choose to receive a vocational education. Most students attend vocational schools so they can specialize in a certain trade to carry on their family business or because their relatives or friends have proven to be successful in a particular trade.

Also, many people think that students who graduate from vocational high schools do not have the proper academic background for attending college.

This belief is not true. An increasing number of vocational school graduates are attending college to increase their knowledge of the technical aspects of their trade.

Some of these colleges are Southeastern Massachusetts University, Worcester Polytech Institute of Technology, University of Massachusetts, Roger Williams College, Bristol Community College and Northeastern University.

A substantial number of vocational school graduates easily find jobs because of our area's demand for skilled tradesmen, and others are a source of trained personnel for the various branches of the service.

I have thoroughly enjoyed and profited from four years of Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and feel that middle school graduates should give serious consideration to choosing a vocational education as a viable alternative to a traditional high school education.



SPORTS SIDELINES



Sports Writers
Mike Duclos

Winter Track

by Mike Duclos

The 1983 Winter Track Team is off to a slow start this season. Their record so far is indicative of this. They are 1 win and 2 losses in Divisional competition and 1 win and 3 losses overall. They are competing in Division I of S.E.M.C. Winter Track.

Losses came against New Bedford Voke (53-34), Seekonk (67-19), and Attleboro who hasn't lost a meet since 1957 (67-19). Their one win came against Bishop Feehan with a score of 56-30.

Coach Cantwell attributes his record to lack of depth. "The major problem of this team is that if somebody is injured and doesn't show up for a meet, we have nobody to replace them. We really need more people to fill up that gap"stated Cantwell. The coach's comments are indicative of the number of people on the squad. So far there are only 17 people on the team.

"The people we do have on the squad, excel in their respective events, however," stated Coach Cantwell in a recent interview. The squad's better events are the high jump (where they have Ken Blais, a stylish high jumper in his own right, and Steve Dias, who recently tied Glen Jones' record of 5'-10", set in 1980) with the jump of 6', the 300, and the hurdles.

Seniors Hit The Slopes

by Dawn Duhancik

On February 8, eighty-two seniors departed from the school parking lot at 6 A.M. for a day of skiing at Pat's Peak near Henniker, N.H. Dressed in ski parkas and carrying the necessary equipment, the seniors boarded two buses under the supervision of Mr. Mullaly, Mr. Pita, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Hurley.

Seventy-five members of the student group were required to take first-time lessons, while the remaining seven had previously been skiing. A total of twelve slopes were open to the students with six lifts carrying people to the top.



Ken Blais breaks 5' 4"

The team also excels, as they have past years, in the long distance Seniors Reggie Arruda and Don (who returned from New Bedford Vo two of Diman's classier long distance r Other seniors are Joe Riddensdale, D Dion, and Jeff McCallister.

Other junior members (besides Bl Dias) include: George White (who d thing in the 300 yard sprint and 50 y hurdles), and Shawn Howard, distance runner.

Sophmores are Larry Machado (a runner in the 1000 yard event), Tom (a strong miler), Clifford Tessier, Berry, and Mike Dufour.

Freshmen members include: Kaszyk, Paul Martins, and Peter Arr

The team will also compete agains haven, Durfee, and Somerset as participating in the New Bedford Invitational.

Junior Varsi Shows Promi

by Gordon Palmer

In a recent interview with Mr. Br JV coach, he said that the team had s signs of a building year despite their r The coach said that many of the losse close games. A lack of court expe hindered the team since many of the had not been on the freshman squad. of the promising individuals who d have experience included: Dave Vieir Campos, Phil Laliberte, and Scott R

In conclusion, Mr. Brodeur state this year was a hopeful one because s this year's JV players should bolst varsity squad in the next couple of y

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Those who tell all they know little or no trouble.

Only those who tell more tha know are the troublemakers.

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Old New England Gravestones

by Scott Franco

The New England literature class constructed a display which depicts a typical graveyard setting from the nineteenth century. The subject of old New England gravestones was a topic in the study of the literature and lifestyles of early New England settlers.

Several students in the class visited various graveyard sites throughout this area and copied information from the gravestone inscriptions. Other class members took part in the actual construction of the graveyard model. Some of the names and locations of the cemeteries visited included: Fort Barton and Pocasset cemeteries in Tiverton, Rhode Island and St. Patrick's Cemetery in Fall River. Many of the older cemeteries in Swansea and Westport were private and were not identified by name.

The studying of these old burial grounds revealed marble slabs, sandstone, and carvings on weathered slate. Their symbolic images and inscriptions served literally as sermons on stone. Skulls and crossbones, the hourglass, and the Grim Reaper represented the Puritanical belief of Predestination which included the stern belief that life was only a preparation for death.

As the morbid concept of life gradually relaxed, less forbidding depictions and epitaphs were inscribed on the later stones. Angel's heads, fruit, and vines suggested a growing belief in a happier thereafter. Epitaphs sometimes gave the occupation of the deceased (bricklayer, for example), listed his good deeds or admirable qualities, or described the cause of his death. Those for influential men were often miniature biographies.





Students Judge Vica Competition

by Kristen Kirker

During the month of February, Diman students attended the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America competition at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. Students accompanied by their shop and shop tech instructors acted as judges at this local level. The top three winners from each grade will advance to the statewide competitions and then possibly to the national competitions.

Shops participating in the judging from Diman included: Basic Electronics, Culinary Arts, House & Mill Carpentry, Metal Fabrication & Welding, and Plumbing.

Senior Enters National Haiku Contest

by Mike Duclos

Paul Cabral, (83A, Auto Mechanics) is representing Diman this year in the National Haiku Poetry Contest.

The objectives of this natiowide contest were: to improve American students' ability to communicate their own insights through the appreciation of another culture's means of expression; to promote intercultural understanding; to develop student knowledge about Japan; and to examine Japanese imagination, thought, and spiritual experience.

Haiku, a form of Japanese poetry, is usually written about a season, or moment of the year. It will convey an emotion usually evoked by that season or moment. It consists of three lines-of five, seven, and five syllables respectively, for a total of seventeen syllables. A haiku is so short that writers have to convey-through tone and word choice-more than they actually state.



Haiku in English is usually unrhymed and does not have to consist of grammatically complete sentences.

State finalists in this competition will receive certificates of commendation attesting to their individual superior efforts and talents.

Paul Cabral, a Fall River resident also holds a co-op job at Saccucci Lincoln Mercury. His outside interests include playing on the International Softball League for Shelburene Shirt and Diman's baseball team.



Diman finalist Paul Cabral

Elegant, clear clouds float in the air like a swift sway of a balloon.



Diman Establishes Microcomputer Lab

by Mike Duclos

Through the joint efforts of Mr. Slekis, Mr. MacIntosh, and Mr. Ferreira, a microcomputer lab has been set up next to the library. The lab consists of TRS-80 computers, cassette recorders, and printers purchased from Radio Shack. The money for the lab came from a funding called a Title IV B grant. This money is awarded to the school based on student population.



The microcomputer lab is utilized by the Computer Science course seniors, Basic Electronics juniors, and special needs students in math and reading.

In a recent interview Mr. Slekis stated, "We'd really like to get as many students and instructors to use the microcomputer lab as possible. We would also like to offer a computer literacy course to all students. The purpose of this course would primarily be to help the student in getting to know basically what a computer can and cannot do."

The school hopes to purchase more computers and possibly a network which would hookup all the computers to one central terminal.



Record Flight

by Mike Duclos

Welcome to another edition of Record Flight, your musical stairway to rock. We've got some really fine discs to preview this month, a rumor or two to pass along, and we may even come across some interesting facts.

To start off with, we've got *Coda* from, you guessed it, Led Zepplin. Some fine tunes off this album are "Poor Tom" and "Darlene". This one is a collection of old Zepplin tunes that were recorded, but never released on album. Too bad Led Zepplin broke up because there won't be anyone like them ever again.

Next, for all you acid rockers, there's Def Leppard with their new album *Pyromania*. One tune from this album is called "Photo graph".

Next, we have Toto IV for all of you mellow rockers. This one features "Roseanna", a number 1 single not too long ago. It also features "Africa", another mellow tune climbing up the charts.

Also out is a brand new album from Styx, called *Kilroy was Here*. This one came out in late January. This particular album is going to be a theme album whereas all of the songs center around one subject. For example, their last album *Paradise Theater* centers around a large theater in Chicago (Styx's home town) that burned down. Also in every song on the album the word "Paradise" is found. After this album is released we can expect a tour!

Journey has also released a new album called *Frontiers*. Singles off this album include "Seperate Ways" and "After the Fall". After the one comes out you can expect a tour soon.

Last but definitely not least, is Foreigner with their new greatest hits album called *Records*. This one has such tunes as "Cold as Ice", "Hot Blooded" (Live Version), and "Dirty White Boy". It also has cuts from their last album 4, such as "Juke Box Hero", "Urgent", and "Waiting for a Girl Like You".

Well, I guess that's all for this month's edition of Record Flight. See Ya!!

Video Game Fever

by Robert Charette

This is our second Video Game Fever column. In this column will be listed just a few of the newest cartridges for the Atari video computer system.

First, on the list of cartridges is Atari's new sports cartridges: football and baseball. Only the people who have played Atari's first sports cartridges can appreciate the great improvement in the newer series.

Coleco has also introduced two new cartridges called Carnival and Mousetrap. Mousetrap has similar game play as Atari's Pac Man; the object of Mousetrap is to keep your mouse safe from cats and this is done by moving around in a maze. While moving in the maze, the mouse eats cheese for points while trying to avoid cats. The mouse also eats dog biscuits that enable it to turn into a vicious dog that can destroy the cats. Carnival which gives the effect of a shooting gallery is played like the arcade game.

Imagic has just come out with a new cartridge called Dragon Fire. In this cartridge you are back in medieval times. You start out on a drawbridge avoiding fireballs. After you cross the drawbridge, you enter into a room inside of a castle. In this room are jewels, gold, and all types of valuable objects. When you enter the room you must take all the valuables before a dragon kills you with his fiery breath.

This concludes our VGF features for this month, see you in the next issue.