leo Game Fever



by John Silva

come to another edition of Video fever.

l since the New Year is here, I think it fitting that I should show you the *Game Victors* of 1983, which were by Electronic Fun With Computers ames Magazine.

ories and Winners:

eo Games of the Year: Donkey Kong Coleco) for Colecovision and Pitfall ision) for Atari 2600.

st Original: Microsurgeon (Imagic) for sion tied with Keystone Kapers (Activision) 00.

t Climbing: Donkey Kong Jr. (Coleco) lecovision.

t Sports: 5200 Football (Atari).

t Driving: Turbo (Coleco) for Coleco-

t Shoot-Em Up: Centipede (Atari) for

t Arcade to Home Transition: Donkey Jr. (Coleco)

Graphics: Zaxxon (Coleco) for Coleco-

t Stratagy: Contermeasures (Atari) 00.

Adventure: Advanced Dungeons and ns (Mattel) for Intellivision.

Atari 2600: Joust,(Atari), *Mountain* CBS). *Enduro* (Activision), *Pitfall* (Act-), *Keystone Kapers* (Activision), *River* Act.), and *Battlezone* (Atari).

Colecovision: Donkey Kong Jr. (Co- *Slither* (Coleco), *Omega Race* (Co- *Zaxxon* (Coleco), Supper Action Con- rs with *Super Action Baseball* (Co- *Mr.Do* (Coleco), *Escape from Mind-* er (Starpath) *War Room* (Odyssey), rt, Time Pilot (Coleco) and *Miner 2049* o Fun).

Atari 5200: 5200 Football (Atari), *termeasures* (Atari), *Joust (Atari), Dig-* (Atari), *Moon Patrol* (Atari), *Mario* (Atari), *Mountain King* (CBS) an*Battle-* (Atari).

course, all these video games men- above are just recommendations. should try the games out before you em. Not all of us like the same games, e ones above are the best of the batch. EE YA LATER VIDEO GAMERS"

New Staff Appointed

New Business Manager



Mr. James Johnson

by Kathy Phenix

Behind the many daily transactions that our school makes in purchasing supplies which are used in the main office, academic classrooms, and the thirteen shops, there is an individual responsible for directing the business end of meeting a school's financial responsibilities. James Johnson of North Smithfield, Rhode Island was appointed this fall to fill that position of business manager.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a degree in accounting and business administration. He previously has been employed as a business manager by both the Lincoln and Woonsocket School Departments (Rhode Island). Mr. Johnson enjoys tennis, basketball, and fishing in his leisure time.

Attendance Clerk

by Chris Hayes

Students reporting late to school or bringing a note for a previous absence will be submitting this information to Mrs. Anna Sousa, the new attendance clerk. A Fall River resident, Mrs. Sousa was appointed to the job when Mrs. Lowe assumed the duties of the secretary for the post-secondary coordinator.

Mrs. Sousa attended Bristol Community College and received an Associate's degree in Business Administration. She previously worked as an office clerk, at B.C.C.

When interviewed, Mrs. Sousa said, "I like the job very much, and it's fun." She also said that Diman students were very polite and well-mannered.



Ms. Anna Sousa

Health Instructor Services



Mrs. Barbara Pelagio

by Kathy Phenix

"The health services students at Diman are very enthusiastic concerning academics and community projects," stated Ms. Barbara Pelagio in a recent interview. Ms. Pelagio began her teaching assignment in the fall at the Technical Institute. Her duties include teaching Administrative Medical Assisting, Administrative Dental Assisting, and Medical Transcription to the Medical and Dental Assistant students.

Ms. Pelagio is a 1979 graduate of Diman Regional Technical Institute and was previously employed at the Somerset-Swansea Medical Center. She has also served as the past president of the Greater Fall River Medical Assistants' Association.

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David Comeau

VFW Finalist

Dave Comeau, a senior in the Electronics department, captured first place in the city wide Voice of Democracy competition and advanced into the district final. This is the eighth consecutive year that a Diman student has won the local city-wide competition.

At Diman Comeau's entry finished first in a field of eighteen seniors who had written and taped a broadcasting speech on the theme of "My Role in Upholding Our Constitution." For his efforts he will be awarded a $100 savings bond, a trophy, and a certificate. The presentation will be made during the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Spring Banquet. The annual broadcasting contest is sponsored by Local Post 486.

A resident of Fall River, Dave has been a member of the newspaper staff and has participated in the Trades Fair. On a community - wide level, he was the vice president of the Youth Association for Retarded Citizens. He was also president of a Junior Achievement company which was sponsored by Aluminum Processing. He has also worked the lighting for the People's Theatre of Fall River. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and going to the movies. After graduation, he plans on majoring in Electrical Engineering at the Southeastern Massachusetts University.

Other Diman finalists were: Michael Duclos (84K Drafting) and Alan Bolger (84K Graphic Arts) who were first and second runner-ups respectively.

The three Diman finalist were selected by a trio of English/Social Studies instructors including: Mr. Ruane, Mr. Mullaly, and Mr. Szynal.



1984 Merit Program

Diman Reg. Voc. Tech. High School has been notified that one of its students has been designated a Commended Student in the 1984 National Merit Scholarship Program. Thomas J. McGarr, Superintendent/Director, announced today that Joao V. Resendes placed in the top five percent of over one million participants in the twenty - ninth annual Merit Program. Although Commended Students will not receive further consideration for Merit Scholarships, each has demonstrated unusual academic promise and will be honored with a Letter of Commendation.



Joao Resendes



From The Editor's Desk

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An Apple for the Teacher-Almost

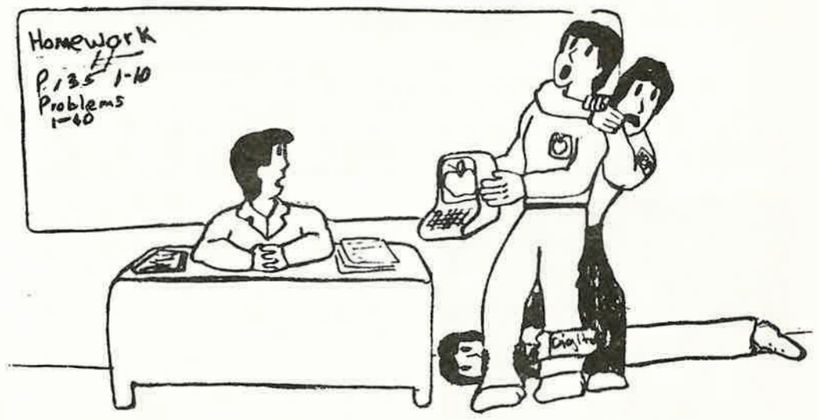
In a modification of the 1928 Republican National Committee advertisement that promised Americans "a chicken in every pot" a bipartisan legislation introduced in 1982 was designed to help place a computer in every school. It offered corporate federal tax reductions in exchange for donations of computer equipment to the nation's primary and secondary schools.

The bill cleared the House with little trouble and passed the Senate Finance Committee, but was stopped in the Senate when Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) blocked the bill from coming to the floor during last year's "lame duck" session.

It was in formally known as the "Apple Bill" because it was originally pushed by Apple Computer co-founder, Steven Jobs. Critics portrayed the bill as a marketing device, tailored to Apple's specifications that would simultaneously promote the company's image and help it to unload obsolete inventory.

Few of Apple's competitors endorsed the bill. Other companies thought of it as a threat to their market share. Some thought it was a very expensive public relations program.

According to Washington Post columnist Jack Anderson, who blasted the bill: "The long range benefits to Apple could dwarf even the immediate tax break. Not only would the company get paid for spare parts, improvements, and maintenance for the computers, but its 'donation' would effectively freeze competitors out of the market. And in addition to the obvious publicity advantages, the training of thousands of young people on Apple computers presumably would predispose them to that brand name when they could buy their own."



Apparently Mr. Anderson does not realize the values of computers in education. Sure, this bill is going to give Apple some advantages, but this bill *also* applies to other corporations as well as Apple. And besides competition is the name of the game and in today's fierce market for computers, companies are dropping like flies. So a company must find alternate methods of selling their computers or even exposing them to the public. This bill would also give students an opportunity to be exposed to a computer whereas they would not be able to otherwise. The computers could also be very beneficial in educating young people in the basic skills.

Whether the Computer Equipment Contribution Act will pass is anyone's guess. But, regardless of the outcome, efforts to increase the number of computers in schools will continue. For example, due to a Block Grant, Diman has received many TRS-80 computers as well as Apple IIe computers and TI 99A computers, along with some valuable soft ware.

Few can argue with the value of computers as the potential "fourth R" in educating the young, but finding ways to finance it will continue to be a big political issue.

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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Three Staffers Attend Seminar

by Chris Hayes

Members of the school newspaper staff are constantly sharpening their journalistic skills. Michael Duclos, Paul Moniz and Chris Hayes recently attended an all-day Journalism Seminar. This event was co-sponsored by the New Bedford Standard Times editorial staff and the Southeast Regional Education Student Service Center.

Workshops in the following topic areas were offered: feature story writing (John Ackerman), news story writing (Brad Hathaway), editoral writing (Steve Urban), and sports writing (Bob Stern).

The highlight of the day was the great appearance of Bob Lobel, sports director at WBZ-TV, Channel 4. All of the editors of the high school newspapers also met with Lobel for an impromptu press conference.

Winter Track



Diman's Winter Track squad poses with Coach Cantwell.

by Mike Duclos

The 1983 Winter Track Team has had their difficulties so far this season. They are competing in Division One East of S.E.M.C. Winter Track. They have met with the such teams as New Bedford Voke, Bishop Feehan, Somerset, Seekonk, Attleboro, and Durfee.

"The season isn't going very well," coach Cantwell stated in a recent interview. "Again this year, the major problem of the team seems to be lack of depth."

"However of the people on the squad, all are either point - scorers or potential point -scorers." Coach Cantwell continued, "What is going to help us in the coming years is that a lot of potentially good freshmen have joined the team this year."

Senior members of the squad are: John Kilroy (a sprinter), George White (who broke records in the high hurdles last year), Steve Dias (Diman's #1 high jumper), and Rich Mayette (the team's lead distance runner).

Junior members of the team are Bob Costa (a fire shotputter) Dan Hayes (shot), T.J Butler (also a good long - distance runner), Ray Mitchell (mile), and Rob Costa (2 mile).

Sophomores are Peter Arruda (2 mile), Don Margarita (shotput), and Norm Thibeault (2 mile).

Freshman members of the team are Greg Head (300), Joe Reis (H.J) Paul Reis ("has a lot of potential" coach Cantwell states) Steve Oliveira (1 mile) Eric Darling (300), John Travassos (600), John Pacheco (sprint), Steve Duhancik (mile), Paul Ferzan (50&300), Dave Cyr (shot), Steve Bolger (2 mile), Len Starcher, Oliver Eddy, and Anibal Mendes.

Representative Elected

by Mike Duclos

In November, elections were held to select a representative for Student Government Day which will be held in April, 1984. The junior class here at Diman elected Dave Viera (85A,BE) as the winner and Manny Resendes (85E,BE) as runner - up.

In his spare time, Dave enjoys playing hockey and working on computers. Upon graduating, he plans on going to college to become a computer technician.

Manny, in his spare time, enjoys weight training and playing football. He plans on going to college to get a degree in electronic engineering.

Before attending the conference, Dave as well as Manny attended a workshop held on December 14 in Lakeville. The workshop was held to brief and train the students for the task ahead of them.

The purpose of the Student Government Day is to give young men and women an idea of what it is like to run for office.

Selection for individual offices is done by having an official pick a name of a representative out of a bowl. The representative picked then assumes the duties of that official for a day.

The Tradesma Receives National Recognition

The Tradesman has recently bee warded a second place certificate fro Columbia Scholastic Press Associatio the 1982 - 83 issues. The award was ma part of the 60th annual contest and cri for school newspapers this past fall.

Each publication entered was judge its own merits and also compared with journalistic efforts from schools of si size and type. The Tradesman was pared nationally with newspapers fro cational, trade, and technical schools enrollments of about 1000 students.

This was the newspaper's fourth ognition in a national competition. I past six years the paper has earned perior Achievement Certificates fro Boston University based New England lastic Press Association.



"Late again, Robert . . . What's your excuse this time?!"

Explorer Unit Busy

by Kristen Kirker

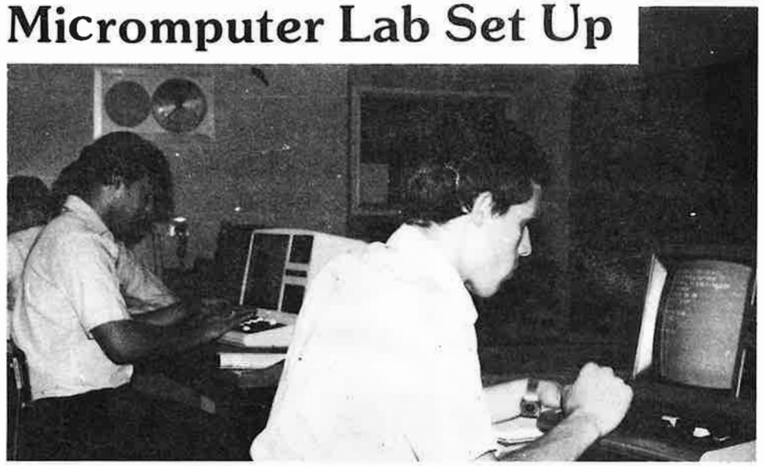
Diman's newest extracurricular activity is providing its members with a wide range of leisure oppurtunities. The explorer post has elected its officers and activity people for the academic year. The officers include: John Resendes, president; Kevin Goncalo, vice-president; Keith O'Brien, secretary; and Joe Pelissier, treasurer.

Thus far this year, four individuals have been in charge of activities including: Lori Berube, Angela Teixeira, David Xavier, and Kevin Patridge. In November, a hike at the scout camp in Plymouth was enjoyed by several members, while December was f raising. The fundraisers included se pastry and coffee to the night sc students, along with candy cane Explorers also spent a day at Fort Ada Rhode Island exploring caves and tunn

January's plans include an evening a Durfee planetarium studying the s along with a fundraiser, namely se candy bars. February is the month w the unit has selected to go on a ski trip the photography club.

Want to join in on the fun? Meeting held Tuesday afternoons after school i Basic Electronics shop.

Micromputer Lab Set Up



by Mike Duclos

Last year, a microcomputer lab was set up next to the library. This year, that idea was broadened to include an entire network of TRS-80 microcomputers located in the Advanced Electronics Lab

"We wanted to introduce computer literacy to Diman students and the only logical way was to have all of the computers tied into each other via a network" stated Mr. Steven Slekis in a recent interview.

There are currently thirteen microcomputers in the lab including 12 TRS-80 Model III computers and 1 TRS-80 Model IV computer as well as the host. There are also two dual disk drive systems, one being for the host and another for a separate computer.

The lab is used by seniors in Computer Science, the freshmen science class for density, and freshmen in the new computer literacy course, which is 2 hours per week and introduces the student to some Basic programming, the origin, history, and application of computers. This, however, is not a programming course. The purpose is to familiarize the student with a computer and hopefully generate some kind of interest.

The microcomputer lab in the library now includes two Apple IIe computers (which are currently being used by students participating in an exploratory health program for the American Heart Association), a dual disk drive TRS-80 Model 4, and four TI- 99 microcomputers.

"Computers are being used in many parts of the school such as in Machine Shop, Culinary Arts, and Graphic Arts. What we'd like to do is have as many students get familiarized with a computer as possible," stated Mr. Slekis.

When questioned on the progress of the lab, Mr. David Ferreira remarked, "I am satisfied with the progress of the lab so far." It should be noted that there will be an aide who was hired January 30. The purpose of this aide is to help the students and staff, and to set up a time schedule for student use of the lab.

Want to be an Astronaut?

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has issued a call for persons interested in becoming astronauts for future space missions.

Unless you've taken enough math and science in school, however, you needn't bother to return the call. You see, among current basic requirements, whether you want to be a mission specialist or pilot, you must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in engineering, biological or physical science or mathematics.

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An officer of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which administers the program, stated that, "The outstanding test performance of each Commended Student in the highly competitive Merit Program is an attainment deserving of recognition. In a nation that places great value on the education of its young people, it is important to honor academically talented students and to acknowledge the part that schools play in the development of their abilities. We sincerely hope that their attainments thus far will encourage these young men and women to take advantage of their opportunities for higher education and to acquire the skills they will need to become productive adults and contributing citizens in a free society."

All participants in the current Merit Scholarship competition entered by taking the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall of 1982. Although the scores of the 35,000 Commended Students designated throughout the 50 states were very high, they were slightly below the level required for Semifinalist standing. Only the 15,00 Semifinalists who were announced by NMSC on September 14 will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 5,300 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.

Valentine's Dance

by Kristen Kirker

On February 10, 1984 Diman will hold its annual Valentine's Dance in the school cafeteria from 7 to 11 p.m. The student advisory committee advised by Mr. Hurley, will sponsor the dance. Armand Berube of AB Musik will be the D.J . Tickets will cost $2.50 and will be sold in the cafeteria during lunches or can be purchased from members of the Student Advisory Committee.

This dante should be special because 1984 is Leap Year and according to tradition girls are supposed to ask guys to the dance. Go for it girls!

Class Attends Stage Performance

Several weeks ago, a three-act theatre performance was staged by the Chamber Repertory Theatre at the John Hancock Building in Boston. Twenty-one members of the New England literature class witnessed this dramatic event.

The class had previously studied the short stories of Nathaniel Hawthorne including "The Minister's Black Veil" and "Dr. Heidegger's Experiment" which were performed by the acting company. An adaptation of Washington Irving's "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" was also staged by the professional touring group.

The class members found the three-act performance enjoyable and a variation from the original stories that they had read.



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Photo Essay

by Todd Rego