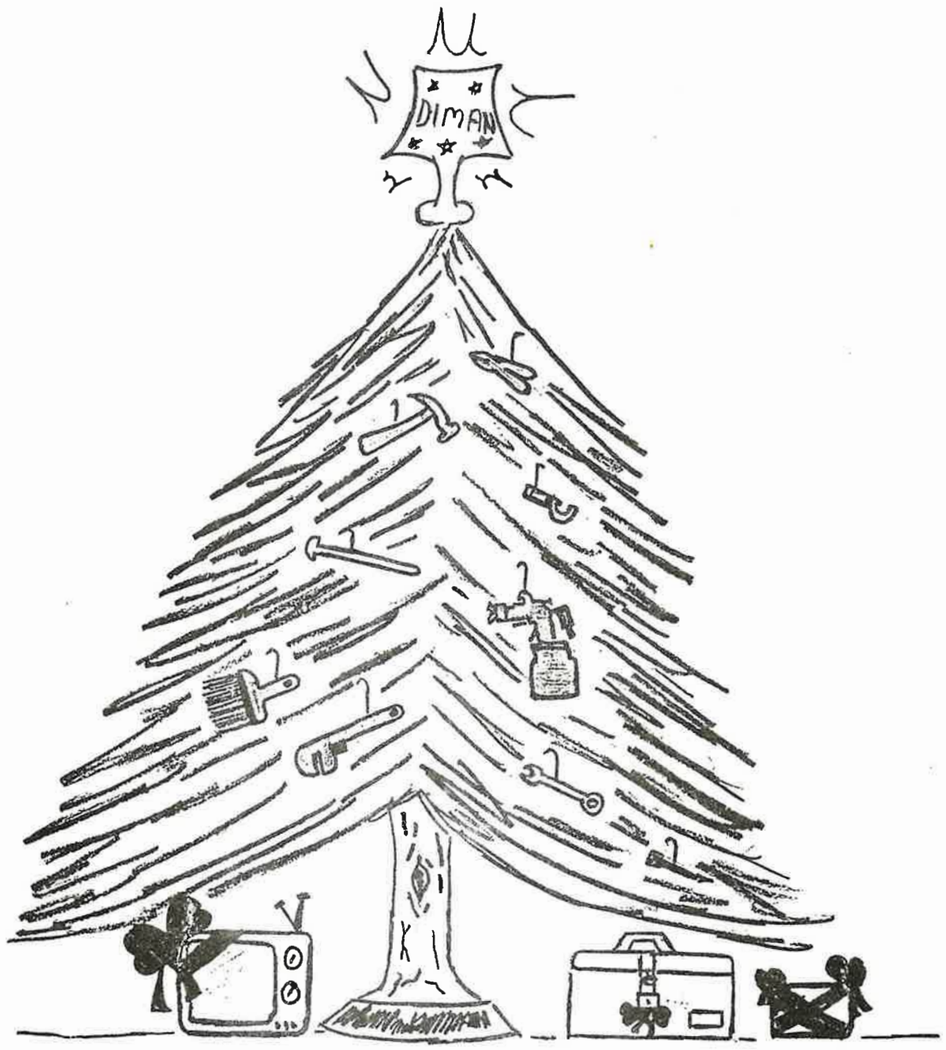


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Christine Martins

Diman Senior Wins Regional Contest

The JFK Library was the site of the awards ceremony on Sunday December 2 for the essay contest co-sponsored by the Boston Herald and the JFK Library.

From several thousand high school entries throughout New England, the essay written by Christine Martins(85K) of the Culinary Arts shop was selected as the first place winner in the female high school category. Boston school committeewoman, Jean Maquire, presented her with a bust of John F. Kennedy which had been designed by Felix de Welden.

In addition to her male counterpart,David McCarthy from Watertown High School, two middle school and two elementary school students were presented awards in their respective categories.

The essays titled, "What I Would Do If I Was President" were judged by former Governor King, Senator Paul Tsongas, and Boston school committeewoman Jean Maquire.

Twenty seven Diman students from both Mr. Brosnan's Senior English/Broadcasting class and Creative Writing class participated in the writing contest.



O Little Town of Bethlehem

On Christmas Eve, in 1865, Dr. Phillips Brooks, rector of Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, was visiting the Holy Land. He saw the little town of Bethlehem lying far below him in the starlight, with shepherds on the surrounding fields. This scene, which he never forgot, inspired him several years later to write the Christmas carol, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. The music was composed by the choir director and organist, Lewis H. Redner.

On Christmas morning, in 1868, the carol was first sung by the Sunday School children, for whom the carol had been written.

Merry Christmas

May you ever have enough health . . . understanding . . . humility . . . success . . . work . . . love . . . tears . . . fulfillment . . . respect . . . liberty . . . responsibility . . . long life with meaning . . . and with them will you find a very merry and a happy 1985.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



From The Editor's Desk

"... videos fabricate our images."

Rock Videos... are the images still ours?

Remember just a few years ago, before videos came along, how you would turn on the radio, or put on the latest record, and almost instantly be transported to another place or time.

I remember one song especially, "Cats in the Cradle". It was a song of how a father missed his son growing up. I didn't even have to close my eyes. The images would come to me every time; images of a father and son in scenes of their lives together, and in between them, images of cats, silver spoons, and the moon.

Even now many years later after the song is no longer played, except on rare occasions, just one phrase, a tune of the song, and it is like I'm hearing it for the first time again. The images grow once more-more alive than before. In a way the images are like a private video. Perhaps if someone else was to see it, they would not understand it. That's okay because it is my private video, my private images. That is one of the great things about music,to some people certain sounds have a very special feeling for them.

I feel in combining the way music touches our hearts and the way television touches our minds, some of the personal feelings are lost. Now don't get me wrong; I like some videos, and even love others, too. I talk about videos just as much as any average teenager does, raving over the special effects, or how a performer interprets a song.

It's just that every once in a while I feel that videos fabricate our images. We are given one thought or picture of how a person can visualize the scene depicted in a song, and we are almost forced into accepting it.

One good example comes to mind. I first heard Rockwell's "Someone's Watching Me" on the radio. At the time, I visualized what the video should include, at least for me. I kept this image for a week or two, until it was shown on MTV. It was totally different than what I imagined. I cannot even say what I imagined because I can't remember. After I saw the video, everytime I would hear it, the video would come back to my mind. I enjoy the video, but still I am forced into accepting it.

Can you think of any special song, one which means something only to you or to a small group of people? If so, think of how the songs make you feel-whether it's kind of a relaxing feeling where you know nothing can go wrong, or a kind of euphoric feeling which comes from down deep and explodes outward.

Now ask yourself if the song were set to a video, how would your image be molded? You might try to recapture that special feeling, but find your mind turning right back to the video, that Hollywood fabricated image.

This makes me wonder if having songs put to videos are causing us to lose our imaginative and emotional connection with our favorite songs.

White Christmas season cometh,
so be not poor prepared.
For money quickly goeth
lest ye be millionaired.

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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Christmastime All The Time (?)

A great deal of the excitement of Christmastime is the anticipation of things to come: parties, gifts, reunions with the family.

For the very young, the emphasis remains on the "What am I going to get?"

For the very wise, the emphasis remains on the "What can I give?"

But for most people, emphasis remains on that age-old hope that Christmas can be a way of living with goodness and kindness and happiness throughout the entire year.

Someday, maybe someday, every day will be Christmas.



VICA PROGRAM UNDERWAY

by Kristen Kirker

VICA should soon be starting here at Diman with the help of our shop teachers! For those of you that don't know what VICA is, it is Vocational Industrial clubs of America, and students that join are considered to be "America's New Professionals".

This organization started in 1965 and nearly all vocational schools in the nation are part of it. VICA offers may opportunities to achieve as an individual and as a group, because being part of a group is important in acquiring self-awareness , self-knowledge and self-confidence.

The purposes of VICA are to develop leadership abilities, to get respect for the dignity of work, to establish realistic vocational goals, to create enthusiasm for learning, to promote high standards in the trade, to create esteem, to develop patriotism, and to practice democracy

In 1983 President Reagan said, "America has no higher stake than in the quality of your education, the sharpness of your skills and your opportunity to use both well in paying jobs". He also added, "We must recognize that vocational classrooms are just as important as any other".



Last year's participants from Culinary Arts

While being a member of VICA you can work on your own and at your own pace. During the year you will receive a membership card, the national journal (called VICA), prestige, recognition and skill development. VICA has a motto which is preparing for leadership in the world of work, a creed and a symbol. The symbol is a shield which stands for patriotism, a torch for knowledge, orbital circle technology, gears for industrial socie hands that represent youth. Other s like New Bedford Vocational have a n tee shirts and many other things to VICA spirit.

It is a good organization and ev should be a member. If you would like talk to your shop teacher a Mr. Perfetto.

Office Manager Appointed



by Kristen Kirker

Mr. Richard Dupuis, a resident of South Dartmouth, Ma. has been appointed as the office manager, treasurer and data processing manager. He has been at Diman since Mr. Jim Johnson left in June. Before coming here, Mr. Dupuis worked at Tellyvard Chemical Inc. for five years. He graduated from New Bedford High School, then attended Southern State College and S.M.U. He has a B.S. degree in Business Administration.

In a comment about Diman he said "The students seem well mannered and professional in their work".

Lunch Lady Hired

by Karl Ferreira

Some of you may have noticed a new face amongst the lunch ladies. Her name is Mrs. Eileen Souza and she's been here since September. She works part time during lunch from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Mrs. Souza graduated from Durfee. Before coming to Diman she worked at Morton Middle School for 7 years.

She enjoys her job, the other lunch ladies, and the students. "The kids are good", said Mrs. Souza, "they are very cooperative".



Cross Country Tea Goes 5 - 5

The Diman cross country team pretty much expected 5 - 5 this seasc team won three out of the five home with victories over Stang (22-35), We (15-45), and Durfee (26-30). The two were to Dartmouth (31-24) and Feehan (50-15). Tom Butler lead the t points with 68 overall this season. Bolger and Pete Arruda followed w and 56 points respectively. Mike must also be noted for falling not far with 41 points.

Other team members were Ray M Norm Thibeault, Joe Reis, Steve Minh Phuong, and John Texeira. peting in away meets, Diman won Rochester (20-39) and at Wareha 29).Diman suffered losses on the ca 20), NBVT (35-24), and at Dight hoboth (40-19).

The course record for Diman is 12: by Coogan from Feehan in 1982. Th time run by a Diman student is 13 Kevin Rheaume in 1979. This year time was 12:28 by Guillette from F For the Diman team, the best time th was 13:38 run by Tom Butler in th against Durfee.

New Physics Instructors Appointed



Mr. Joseph Paquin
by
Chris Hayes

Mr Joseph Paquin, a resident of Narragansett, Rhode Island has been appointed as the new junior/senior Physics instructor. He joined the Diman faculty in September, replacing Mr. Tanson

Mr. Paquin attended the University of Rhode Island where he received a Bachelor's of Science in Zoology. He is also certified to teach physics, biology and science.

In his spare time Mr.Paquin enjoys listening to music, and watching football besides having an interest in philosphy.

When asked if he had any comments about Diman he said "Diman provides a valuable service to the area as far as educating people for actual jobs in services. Many schools do not prepare students to immediately enter the job market. People graduating from Diman should have an advantage when competing for jobs".

REGISTER

Men, if you're within one month of your 18th birthday, it's time to register with Selective Service. It's simple. Just go down to your local post office, fill out a card and hand it to a postal clerk.

No, this is not a draft. No one has been drafted in over 10 years. You're just adding your name to a list in case there's a national emergency. So register now.

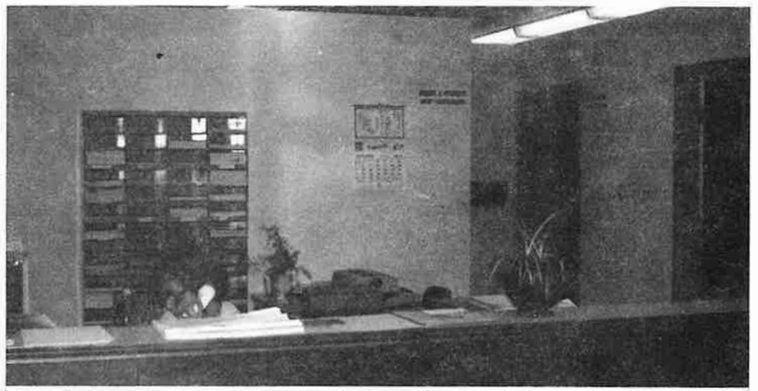
Register.
It's Quick. It's Easy.
And it's the Law.

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New Offices Constructed

by Don Aubin

"What happened to the offices?" was a frequently asked question this fall. The original office at Diman has now been converted into the business office. In this office all the business-related activities of the school such as billing, ordering, payroll, and requisitioning are carried on. The school's outside telephone switchboard is also located here. This is also where you get job request forms, job order cards, and pay for material.



The New Student Services Office

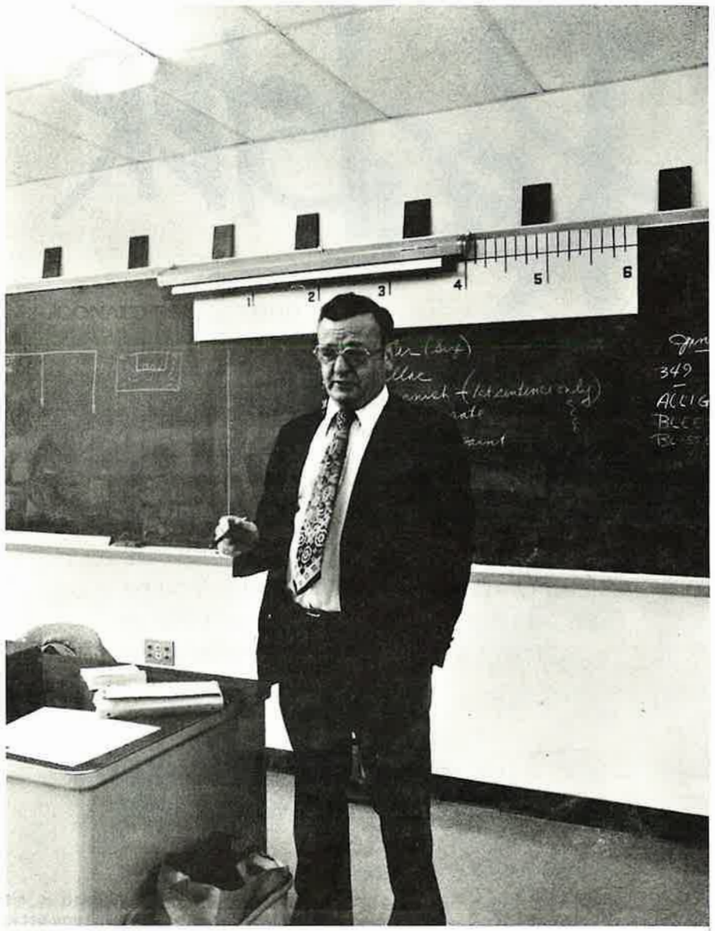
Down the corridor where some Graphics Arts students remember attending typing class is the new Student Services Office. Here the day-to-day operation of the student-oriented services are conducted. Attendance, tardiness, detention, and job placement are some of the services offered. Housed in the new offices in this area are members of the administrative staff including: Mr. Ferreira, academic/postsecondary coordinator; Mr. Hedrick, principal; Mr. Muscarella, special needs coordinator; and Mr. Perfetto, shop coordinator. In addition, Mr. Champagne, job placement coordinator also has an office here.

These changes have been made to streamline the management of the school and keep the student-related services separate from the business segment of the school.

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Only those who are ready for opportunity hear the knock.

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MR. DONALD FOLEY
Plumbing-Related Instructor
1971 - 1984

A Moment of Reflection

In this first issue of the new academic year, we take a moment to pay tribute to an instructor who unexpectedly passed away in late September. Mr. Donald Foley was the Plumbing Related instructor here at Diman since his appointment in 1971.

Mr. Foley's big Irish smile was familiar to more than that segment of our student population known as plumbers. Many others knew him from their contact with him during their lunch time in the cafeteria, when he substituted in their classrooms, or when they served him lunch in the Faculty Tea Room.

Mr.Foley was a true gentleman who was liked by all. His happiest moments seemed to be when he was visited by former students who had proved successful in the trade. He felt he had played a small role in their development; we know the role was much greater.

He was always eager to sit and chat over a cup of coffee with any member of the teaching staff. Mr Donald Foley was truly an educated man with many interests. Part of his educational foundation had been formed while he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Providence College. Further education had also been pursued at Fitchburg State College. In addition Mr. Foley had brought to Diman 35 years of trade experience.

Mr. Donald Foley was an instructor who will be truly missed by the students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni of Diman.

New Instructors Appointed



MR. LEO R. BOUTIN
Electrical Shop Instructor

"A good school where a student can learn a lot about his or her specific trade"was the new electrical shop instructor description's of Diman.

Mr. Leo R. Boutin is no stranger to Diman because he graduated from the school and also substituted here for the past two years.

A resident of Swansea, Mr. Boutin is a master electrician who has been self-employed for the past eleven years. He also graduated from the U.S. Army Defense School as a missile electronics technician.

His interests include hunting, fishing, camping, and archery. He is also active in the Boy Scouts of America.



MR. JOHN MIRANDA
Auto Mechanics Instructor

A resident of Fall River, Mr. John Miranda has been appointed as the new auto mechanics instructor. Mr. Miranda, a 1972 graduate of Diman, is certified by A.S.E. as a Master Technician.

. He worked for the past eight years at Poirier's Inc. His outside interests include woodworking and archery.

When interviewed Mr. Miranda stated,"I'm proud to be teaching at a school I graduated from."