uilding & Grounds upervisor Leaves Diman



by Catherine Richard

. Richard Lebeau, the Supervisor of ng and Grounds came to Diman in Mr. Lebeau graduated from Peterson eer School in Boston. He resides at Main Road, Tiverton, RI, where he s fishing and hunting.

Mr. Lebeau left us on February 8, 1985 to take a position at Rogers Williams College.

During his three years at Diman his constant service towards the school, the faculty, and the students was a blessing to us all.

Mr. Lebeau said he enjoyed working at Diman very much, and left us with this thought, "I will miss all of you!"

cational Contest (Cont. fr. p. 1)

ıality, content, and grammar. The win- essays would be published in local papers of the Fall River Area.

e poster contest was to demonstrate verall importance of vocational edu- n to our nation, state, region or to duals.

e posters were judged for both artistic y and appropriateness relative to the e emphasizing National Vocational Edu n Week. The theme was,"Voc- l Education: Real Learning."

e prizes for each of these contests as follows: 1st place — a Diman school t and a distinctive plaque, 2nd and 3rd — a congratulatory certificate and a n .

d now a special congratulations for all r winners. First place in the bumper er was awarded to Beverly Estacio — Painting and Decorating, second place. atherine Richard — 86C Painting and Decorating, and third place — Manuel Resendes — 85K Basic Electronics.

First place in the essay contest went to Robert Young — 85K Culinary Arts, second place — Christine Martins — 85K Culinary Arts, and third place — Beverly Estacio — 87J Painting and Decorating.

In the poster contest, first place went to Christina Miranda — 86D Graphic Arts, second place — Beverly Estacio — 87J Painting and Decorating, and third place — Nelson DeMello — 87B Culinary Arts.

A special thanks is offered to all of the students who entered the contest. Thanks also to our judges — Mr. Bently, Mr. Brosnan, Mr. Cranford, Mrs. Schwamb, and the representatives from the Student Advisory Committee — Dawn Lafferty and Catherine Richard. Most of all, a very special thanks is extended to Mr. Duval and the guidance staff for their time and effort put forth into setting up this contest.

Congratulations Winners!

AN'T HELP SMOKING

tudy by the Enviromental Protection cy estimates that 500 to 5,000 non- ers die annually of lung cancer caused ners' cigarettes. The study says passive tobacco smoke is the country's most dangerous airborne carcinogen, even using the conservative estimate of resulting deaths.

RECORD FLIGHT

by Robert Carpentier

Well it's been a few months since that last popular music column, so let's "get down" to business.

As you may or may not know, Duran Duran has recently released their new album. Its entitled *Arena,* and it's sort of a greatest hits L.P. The big difference in this greatest album is that it was recorded around the world, live when they were on their 1984 concert tour. It contains such material as,"Is There Something I Should-Know?", "Say a Prayer", and the only track that was recorded in the studio. This song was recently released as a single, called the "Wild Boys".

Foreigner is back with their new album called *Agent Provocateur.*This album contains such songs as "Reaction to Action", "That was Yesterday", and the recent smash single, "I Want to Know What Love Is". This album is hot, and is currently rising up the charts. Ladies & Gentlemen, Foreigner is back!

Deep Purple, the group that years ago brought us "Smoke on the Water", has a new album out as well. Its called *Perfect Strangers,* and has on their latest single, "It's Knocking at Your Door".

Other releases from the past few months are: Your Getting Even While I'm Getting Odd-by J. Geils, Big Bam Boom-by Hall & Oats, Make it Big-by Wham!, Valotte-by Jullian Lennon, and the Soundtrack to "Beverly Hills Cop".

That does it for this edition of Record Flight, We'll talk again.

P.S. Does Jethro Tull have a new album out or am I seeing things?

Those who would know love must practice both understanding and forgiveness.



"I didn't have this much homework when I was in school."

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In District Competition

LANGLOIS PLACES THIRD



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER

by Karl Ferreira

Chris Langlois, a senior in the Drafting department, captured first place in the city-wide Voice of Democracy competition and advanced into the district finals where she placed third. This is the ninth consecutive year that a Diman student has won the local city competition, and the second time that a senior has placed in the district finals.

At Diman, Langlois' entry finished first in a field of fourteen seniors who had written and taped a broadcasting speech on the theme, "My Pledge to America". For her efforts, she will be awarded a $100.00 savings bond, a trophy, and a certificate. The presentation will be made during the Veterans of Foriegn Wars' Spring Banquet in Fall River. In addition, she will also recieve $25.00, a trophy, and a certificate at a district banquet.

A resident of Fall River , Chris enjoys music by Van Halen, Journey, and Bruce Springstein. Some of her other interests include ice skating and camping. She is also on the yearbook staff and the Prom Committee. After graduation, she plans to major in Architectural Drafting and Interior Design.

Other Diman finalists were: Robert Young (85K Culinary Arts) and Brian Quintal (85K Basic Electronics) who were first and second runner-ups respectively.

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



"National Vocational Education Week"

Vocational Contest

by Catherine Richard

A few moments of suspense hung in the air amidst the students who tried their best in the Vocational Contest here at Diman. Winners were about to be announced at a school assembly on Thursday, Feb.14, 1985.

The entire contest consisted of three smaller contests: a bumper design contest, an essay contest, and a poster contest.

The bumper sticker contest was an attempt to design a sticker to publicize the contribution vocational education is making to the region. The final bumper stickers were judged for both originality and for how effectively it promoted vocational education at Diman. The winning design would be made into actual bumper stickers and distributed to students and teachers.

The essay contest was to explain how vocational education has helped that individual to develop job skills and to develop as a person. The essays were judged on

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From The Editor's Desk



"I know politicians bend the truth..."

College Funds Run Dry

During the month of January the Providence Journal ran an article on Mr. Reagan's educational policy. It stated "families that have an income (the amount a family makes after taxes) of more than $32,500 a year would be ineligible for federal subsidized student loans beginning in 1986. Families with incomes of more than $25,000 would be dropped from federal grant program, known as Pell grants."

"No student, no matter how financially strapped, would be allowed more than $4,000 total from federal grants, loans, and work study programs."

Upon reading this, I found myself deeply disturbed. I always thought straight out lying politicians were just a television image. I know politicians bend the truth once in a while, but to come and straight out lie, just to get votes,is another thing.

I don't know about you, but I get the impression that while he's patting us on the back with one hand for going on to higher education, he's pulling our finances from under us with the other. In the past election year, Mr. Reagan was sounding pretty good to me, at least on the educational issues. Once again, though, I get the feeling that even before his hand was off the Bible at the inauguration, he was planning ways to cut our finances for school.

Once thing is for sure, he achieved probably his only real objective, getting re-elected.

Every now and then, one thought keeps coming to mind. I wonder if all those nuclear weapons he's been piling up need any educated people pressing the buttons. This is even a more depressing thought.



"Let's all correct our test papers with the honest end of the pencil."

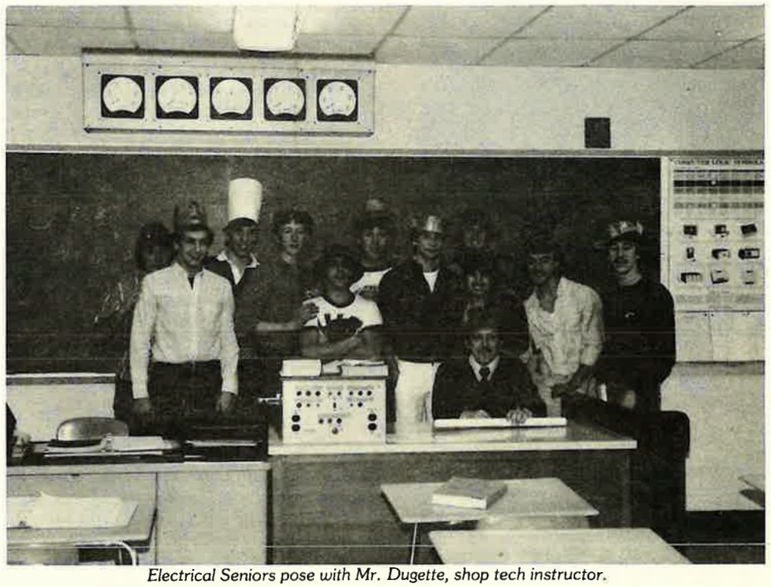
HAT DAY

by Kristen Kirker

On January 11 and the 25th the school held its first annual "Hat Days." Everyone with some spirit came to school with hats on and were allowed to wear them all day. Both days were very successful and a variety of many different hats were worn, from regular cowboy hats to 10 gallon hats, from rock and roll to chef hats. There were hats everywhere. Straw farmers hats, burger king crowns, hats decorated with real flowers and baseball hats. Teachers, and office personal alike also got into the spirit and the fun of "Hat Day."



"Can you direct me to the Science Fair?"



Electrical Seniors pose with Mr. Dugette, shop tech instructor.

Letters to the Editor

The Tradesman welcomes all 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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A blood donor at the annual Blood Drive.

PLEASE

Both our buildings and grounds a
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with their refuse.

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just careless. A little thought is all i
take to make him reform.

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you must discard something, use the
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Winning Essay

Vocational Education

Being involved in Vocational Education I'm given a chance to start a career early. This is a great advantage, considering most students make this decision while in college. The ordinary educational system allows you to decide on a career, but Vocational Education takes it further by exposing students to actual hands-on training. By doing things for myself, I'm able to retain much more. Being able to do projects repeatively, allows me to see how some things may go wrong, and in some cases correct them. This is vital because it teaches the most important lesson; how to think for yourself. This is the difference between a shopworker and a true tradesmen; a tradesmen uses both his hands and his head.

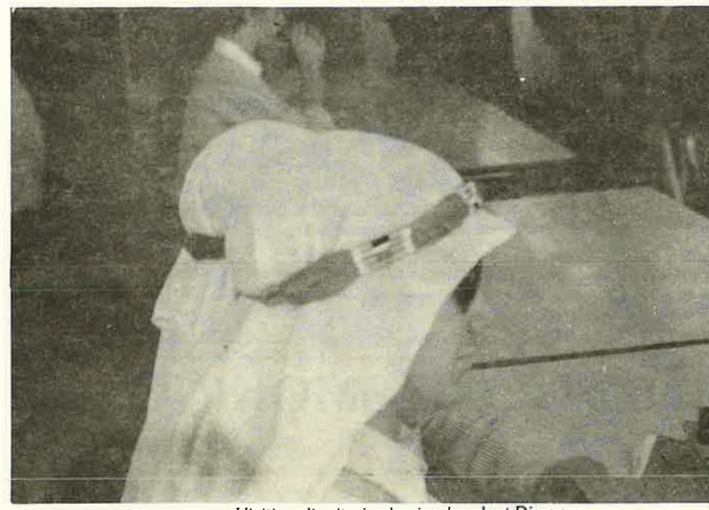
Entering into this educational form was a major decision, but as in life, there are many more decisions. Being in Culinary Arts allows me to experience the different areas in food service while still in school, and decide which area is good for me.

All and all, these factors encourage me to be more aggressive. I know what I can do and my potentials. When I go for something I'm more likely to get it. It also shows me the value of teamwork, by teaching me responsibility and building my self-esteem.

These values are important for a good career, but they do more; they help in all aspects of your life. For years to come, if ever I'm asked what form of education I have, I will not hesitate in proudly saying, "Vocational Education".

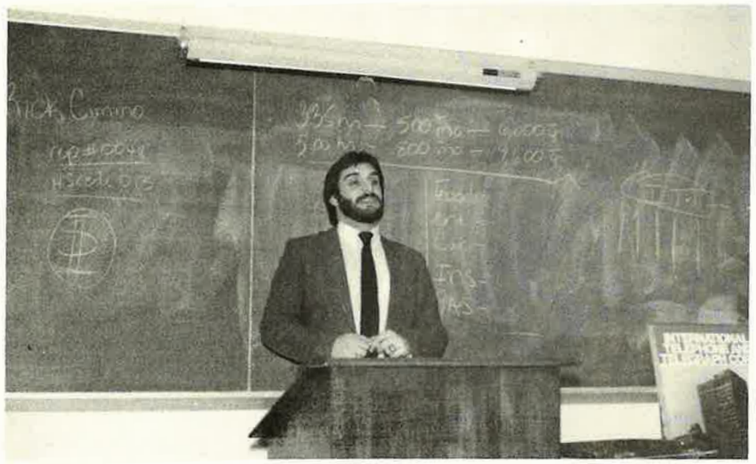


Hat Day



Visiting dignitaries having lunch at Diman

ITT REP. VISITS DIMAN



by Frank Fluet

Mr. Rick Cimino, a representative from International Telephone and Telegraph, visited the senior groups on Jan. 22 and 31. Mr. Cimino, who works in the education department of ITT, talked to the seniors about their futures. He discussed how much a person needs to make an hour to live, and the difference expenses of living on your own. He also instructed the seniors on how to fill out job resumes and applications.

TOXIC HAZARDS IN SCHOOLS

Toxic hazards in school buildings pose a serious health threat to both students and employees, notes a recent issue of *NEA Today*.

Asbestos, the current focus public of concern, is just the tip of the hidden toxic iceberg. Carcinogens and other dangerous materials are found in art rooms, science labs and vocational shops. Pesticides, cleaning solvents and menthanol fumes from duplicating machines pose additional dangers. No student or school employee is immune.

The NEA article points to a new set of toxic dangers in the many energy efficient, "air-tight" schools built over the past decade. Employees and students in these school report a wide range of health problems symptomatic of chemical poisoning.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act does not cover the nation's public schools, the article points out, leaving it to school employees and parents to ensure that their schools are safe.

Student Government Representatives

by Robert Young

On January 25 Catherine Richard and Dawn Lafferty attended the 38th annual Glass Bowl Drawing at the State House. This is all in accordance with the state's annual Student Government Day. On that day representatives from high schools throughout Massachusetts take the place of the state officials in both houses.

This specific day the highest of the officials, including Chief Justice, Treasurer, President of the Senate, Secretary, Attorney General, Speaker of the House, Auditor, Lt. General, and Governor were chosen.

Really what took place was what the name implies, names were actually pulled from a glass bowl. Each official pulled a name for his position. Before doing so each official gave a brief description of his position and the duties entailed.

Although Diman's representative not pulled from the bowl, Catherine will serve as the Representative in the 6th Bristol district for Albert Herren.

The next step now comes on April 12, when the students actually take over the State House. Although the bills passed on that day have no real weight in actual lawmaking, it will be interesting to see how the youth would run the state. Even though not all the participants take a large role in that day, all the representatives will come from it with a good experience.



Catherine Richard (Student Government Day Representative) and Dawn Lafferty (Alternate).

EXPLORERS UPDATE

by Kristen Kirker

The explorers went to Edaville Railroad in South Carver before Christmas, and spent a fun evening there. For a January event they went sledding on a "dull" Sunday afternoon at "Potato Hill" in Westport and for February they sold candy bars in order to raise money to go skiing.

The trip was planned for February 19th and to make it more enjoyable they combined with a Post from Acushenet. Soon both posts will be learning CPR and first aid.

VICA COMPETITION

House & Mill Carpentry



