# NHS Visits Salem



*NHS members: (left to right) Tony Correia (Vice President), Ed Levesque, Kim Seyez (President), Peter Hardro, Melanie Bigos (Secretary), Keith St. Pierre, Robert Resendes (Treasurer), and Claude Lavoie.*

*By: Peter Hardro*

On October 26 Diman's chapter of the National Honor Society went on a field trip to Salem, Massachusetts. This trip was funded through the joint effort of all its members. They sold pastry and coffee to the evening division students on Monday and Wednesday nights.

This is a quick highlight of the spots they visited. The House of the Seven Gables which had a guided tour of Nathaniel Hawthorne's birthplace, including six exhibition rooms, and a secret staircase. Next they ventured through the Custom House which showed where Hawthorne worked for three years as a surveyor for the Port of Salem. Next on the agenda was the Salem Witch Museum which uses wax figures to depict the witch trials of 1692.

After the Witch Museum the students gathered for lunch at a nearby restaurant. Totally bewitched they packed their bags and headed for home.

WE
JUST
WANTED
TO VOICE
SOME SIMPLE,
BEAUTIFUL WORDS:
HAVE FUN AND ENJOY
THE HOLIDAYS WITH ALL
YOUR FRIENDS & RELATIVES.
BUT TO LIVE AND LET LIVE IS
HARDLY GOOD ENOUGH. ONE SHOULD
LIVE AND HELP LIVE, TOO, FOR THAT
IS THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, 1988.
NOW, GATHER TOGETHER AND SING LOUDLY WITH
YULE-
TIDE
GLEE:
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**




# Smokeout Observed By Balloon Release

On November 17, Diman students released 1000 balloons to celebrate National Smokeout Day which is a yearly event sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The events of the day were organized to dramatize the hazards of smoking, and the need for a smoke-free environment. Anti-smoking pamphlets were distributed, posters were hung, breath analysis demonstrations were made, and a student produced videotape was shown during the lunch periods.

Donations were also accepted to pay for balloons with students' names written on them. Students from the health careers shop as well as the members of the National Honor Society participated in the activities.

Mr. Letendre, academic postsecondary coordinator, organized the activities with the assistance of the health career instructors: Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Ramos; and Mr. Brosnan, academic cluster supervisor.

Contributions from Tillotson Rubber, New Bedford Welding, Rhode Island Welding, Smith-Cochrane Insurance Agency, and William Surette Insurance Agency made the balloon release possible.




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# Eight Selected For Gifted Program



*1988 - 89 Participants include: top (left to right) Chris Lajoie, Mary-jo Gagne, Desiree Shephard, Susan Costa; bottom, Mike Martin, Jason Lebeau, Drey Andrade, Peter Hardro, and Mr. Brosnan, academic cluster supervisor.*

Eight students have been selected to represent Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Project Spotlight at S.M.U. this fall. The students are selected from honor roll sophomores and juniors. Their eligibility and the program commitment are explained by Mr. James Brosnan, Academic Cluster Supervisor, who coordinates the program at Diman. Prospective candidates are then interviewed and a rating system determines the final eight students who will attend.

The program is an after school activity where students are exposed to various speakers and programs which would not ordinarily be presented at individual schools. A collaborative of local school systems in Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island make this gifted and talented project possible. At this point, students have seen a professional mime show by Scot Cannon, listened to a lecture on the History of Fall River by Dr. Phil Silvia of Bridgewater State College, and witnessed a live demonstration by Professor Les Cory (S.M.U. Engineering Department) of how computers can assist the handicapped. Small group discussions led by area high school faculty and administrators follow the presentation.

The student participants are currently enrolled in one of the following minicourses: Rocketry Workshop, Drama Workshop, Conversational French, Sign Language, Horror, and An Examination of Presidential Politics.

Diman's student participants include: Susan Costa, Mary-Jo Gagne, Peter Hardro, Jason Lebeau, Michael Martin, Desiree Shepard, Drey Andrade, and Christopher Lajoie. Mr. Brosnan and Mr. Joseph Paquin, physics instructor, serve as Group Leaders in the program.

# Student Rep Elected

*By Peter Hardro*

Eric Carvalho was elected to be our new Student Government Representative. He was both happy and surprised when he heard of his victory.

He is a 16 year old wizard in electricity. When he is not planning his own electrical business, you can find him riding his bike, playing sports, or waiting for the ultimate catch in fishing. In his role as a student representative he will go to Boston and try to set a good example and bring respect to Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Alternate to this position is Edward Levesque also majoring in Electricity.



*Eric Carvalho*



*From The Editor's Desk*

*"Part of something you shared has left with them."*

# Friendship Is Sacred

Never let a friend go out of your life.

Every year as you go through the Christmas card and/or New Year's card lists, you realize that certain people are no longer a part of your life. Hopefully they were members of that parade of acquaintances who frequently come and go without lasting impression.

If they were more than acquaintances, a sadness fills you when you read their names. Memories jump to mind as if from yesterday. Part of something you shared has left with them.

How did you let them drift away?

Was it a misunderstanding you didn't set right? Was it inattention? Failing to observe those little amenities and kindnesses that bind? Taking offense at unimportant slights? Annoyance at discovering their faults?

Those you take into your life who become part of your life's personal network are as valuable as you. They're sacred. Cherish them.




"Merry Christmas and H-E-L-P!!"

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# If I Should Stumble

If I should stumble — as I have and will,
Oh, let me stumble going up the hill;
Let the stumbling be because my eyes
Are fixed upon some star high in the skies.
If I should fall — and I will have my share.
Let me fall going up the stair;
And let me not blame others for the pain,
But quietly arise and try again.
If I should stumble, let it be I seek
A precious foothold toward a mountain peak;
Or that I feel the challenge of the pace
Set by fleeter runners in life's race.
If I should stumble on my little mile,
Help me to make that stumbling worthwhile,
To recognize the blocks that fouled my way
And thus climb better on the coming day.




**"I am not an underachiever. My teacher is an over-expecter."**

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It costs no money to be more kind but the results pay off in many different ways.

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Instead of waiting for your ship to come in, grab two oars and row out to meet it.

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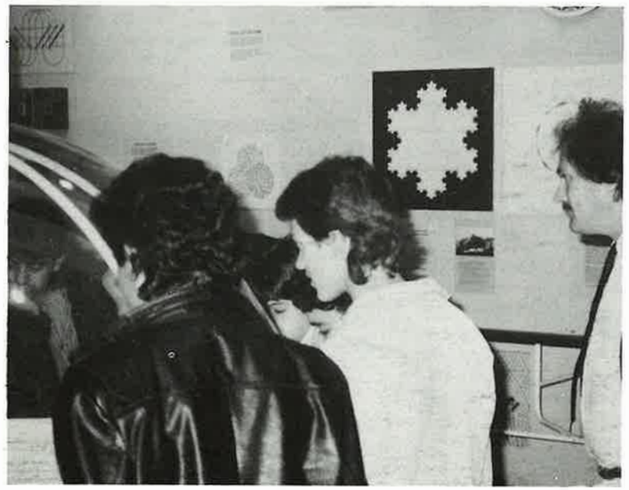
# Freshmen Field Trip



Once again the freshmen class traveled to the Museum of Science in Boston. Freshmen in Week II academics went to the museum in late October, while the Week I groups visited the museum in early November.

Under the direction of Mr. Ramos, lead teacher in science, freshmen visited many exhibits relating to their science curriculum including: the astronomy display, the Foncault pendulum, water and waves, heart and blood, energy exhibits, and the strobe light demonstration.

Students also attended a planetarium show entitled "How High the Moon", and a lighting demonstration in the Theatre of Electricity.



Teachers and staff attending included Mr. Bissinger, Ms. Cabral, Mr. Dugal, Mr. Goj, Mr. Maurer, Mr. Pacheco, Mr. Ramos, Mrs. Sayre, Mr. Sousa, and Mr. Szynal.

In addition, the following chaperones attended: Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Benevides, Mr. Bergeron, Mrs. Boardman, Mr. Boutin, Mr. Chace, Mrs. Da Mota, Mrs. Lefevre, Mrs. F. Oliveira, Mrs. M. Oliveira, Mr. Ouelette, Mrs. Primo, Mr. Sayre, Mr. Silvia, Mrs. A. Souza, Mrs. J. Souza, Mrs. Trotman, and Ms. Vinson.

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He looked forward to tomorrow as an escape from today.

Nothing could be more sad, for today was yesterday's tomorrow.

RETURN OF THE DINOSAURS

***The prehistoric pack is back!***

*Moving, roaring creatures from the misty, murky past come to the Boston Museum of Science in the most true-to-life exhibition of dinosaurs ever seen.*

**BOSTON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE**



addition he worked as an electrician's helper. He also has some training in the carpentry trade.

In his spare time, Mr.Levesque enjoys raising salt water tropical fish. He is also an avid fisherman.



*Mr. M. Lyden*

Mr. Michael Lyden is the new electronics shop instructor for the freshmen and sophomores. He has earned a M.S. from Northeastern University, a B.S. from City College of New York, and an associate's degree in applied science from Bronx Community College.

For the past eighteen years, Mr. Lyden has worked as an electronics consulting engineer in the Newport, R.I. area. In his spare hours he enjoys skiing (cross country and downhill) and windsurfing. Mr. Lyden also operates a Christmas tree farm.



*Mrs. Deborah Ramos*

Mrs. Deborah Ramos is the new health careers shop instructor. In this program she teaches basic entry-level skills for health careers: nursing, medical, dental, therapeutic services, and home care.

She has a B.A. in English from Bridgewater State College, a B.S. in nursing from Southeastern Massachusetts University, and an A.O. in nursing from Bristol Community College.

Mrs. Ramos is very happy here at Diman. She said in a recent interview that "everyone in the administration, faculty, ancillary personnel, and students have been friendly and helpful". In her free hours she enjoys aerobics and reading.

Mr. Paul Viveiros is the new graphic arts shop instructor. He brings to Diman's graphic arts department twenty-five years in the printing trade. Mr. Viveiros is a specialist in typesetting, pasteup, and stripping.



*Mr. Paul Viveiros*

Mr. Viveiros is a B.M.C. Durfee graduate who furthered his education at Fitchburg State College. In a recent interview, he said that "Diman is an excellent stepping block which prepares students for the workplace".

Our new graphic arts instructor enjoys skiing, fishing, tennis, and theatre in his spare hours.

# REZENDES PLACES SECOND IN DISTRICT



by Drey Andrade

Robert Rezendes, a senior in the electronics shop, placed second in the district competition of this year's Voice of Democracy contest. Bob's tape was among twelve first place winners from surrounding communities. The judging, done by faculty members from Massasoit Community College, was conducted at the Dighton V.F.W. post on December 4.

In November, Robert captured the city championship which included the school winners from Connolly, Diman, and Durfee. This 3 to 5 minute speech entitled "Preparing for America's Future", was originally assigned as part of Mr. Keough's broadcasting class. Thinking about this year's topic, Bob decided to focus on four areas: economics, education, military, and natural resources.

This year's judges include: Mrs. Balch, Mrs. Sayre, and Mr. Szynal. These judges rated the contestants on their ability to speak and the content of their speech.

In April, Bob will attend the district banquet where he will be presented with $100 cash. In May, during the local post installation, he will be presented with the local first place trophy, a certificate, and $100 U.S. savings bond.



*Mrs. Lacroix, Mrs. Heywood, Mr. Abdow, (Occupational Coordinator), and Mrs. Conroy trim the office Christmas tree.*

# New H.S. Faculty



*Ms. Pamela Cabral*

Ms. Pamela Cabral has been appointed as a math/office procedures instructor. Her duties include teaching freshman math, office procedures tech, and a postgraduate office procedures course to Medical and Dental Assistants.

Ms. Cabral feels that "Diman has great people on staff, all of whom have been helpful". She is a graduate of Providence College with a major in marketing and management. Before entering the teaching profession, Ms. Cabral was a marketing assistant for a Taunton bank. Ms. Cabral also worked as a sales and display coordinator with a retail chain in the area.

In her spare time, Ms. Cabral enjoys dancing, camping, and jogging.



*Mrs. Maureen Cain*

Mrs. Maureen Cain is a new teacher to the high school assuming duties as an instructor in health careers. She formerly taught in the postsecondary practical nursing program from 1980 through 1988.

Mrs. Cain attended St. Anne's Hospital School of Nursing, and she is a former graduate of the B.S.N. program at Salva Regina College in Newport. She is currently enrolled in a master's program at S.M.U.

Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Cain enjoys refinishing furniture, oil painting, sewing, home crafts, and boating.

Mr. Edward Costa is the shop and shop related instructor for the new air conditioning and refrigeration shop. His job duties include teaching service and repair of all types of refrigeration, air conditioning, and heating equipment.



*Mr. Edward Costa*

Mr. Costa graduated from B.M.C. Durfee High School and also Northeast Institute of Industrial Technology where he majored in refrigeration and air conditioning. In an interview, Mr. Costa said that "Diman is a great place to learn and grow".

In his spare time, Mr. Costa enjoys antique and classic autos.



*Mr. Armand Larguinha*

Mr. Armand Larguinha is the electrical instructor in the building maintenance program. He is an 1982 Diman graduate from the electric shop. His work experience includes four years at I.P.D., Inc. as an industrial electrician, a position that began as a coop job; and two years at Pioneer Finishing as the head of the electrical department.

Mr. Larguinha feels that "Diman is great place to work". In a recent interview he further added that " he liked the atmosphere at Diman". In his spare time, Mr. Larguinha enjoys bowling.



*Mrs. Michelle Lentendre*

Mrs. Michelle Letendre is the new physical education instructor. She received her B.S. in biology at S.M.U., a mortuary science degree from New England Institute in Boston, and a M.Ed. in physical education and administration from Boston University.

Her previous experience includes work as a funeral director and embalmer, the athletic director at Bishop Connolly High School, and a tennis, volleyball, and basketball coach in Florida.

Mrs. Letendre is currently working as a volleyball and basketball official. When she has a free moment, she enjoys golf, tennis, swimming, and reading.

When she was asked about her observation of Diman, Mrs. Letendre responded that "many of the students seem genuinely interested in learning a trade and take their school work seriously". She further added that "there seems to be a great deal of school pride and spirit".



*Mr. Roland Levesque*

Mr. Roland Levesque is the latest addition to the auto mechanics department faculty. He feels that Diman is an asset to our community. Mr. Levesque further stated that "it is an honor to be part of the faculty which makes Diman the school it is today."

Mr. Levesque is a 1968 graduate of the automotive shop. Before accepting the teaching position at Diman he owned his own automotive buisness for eight years. In