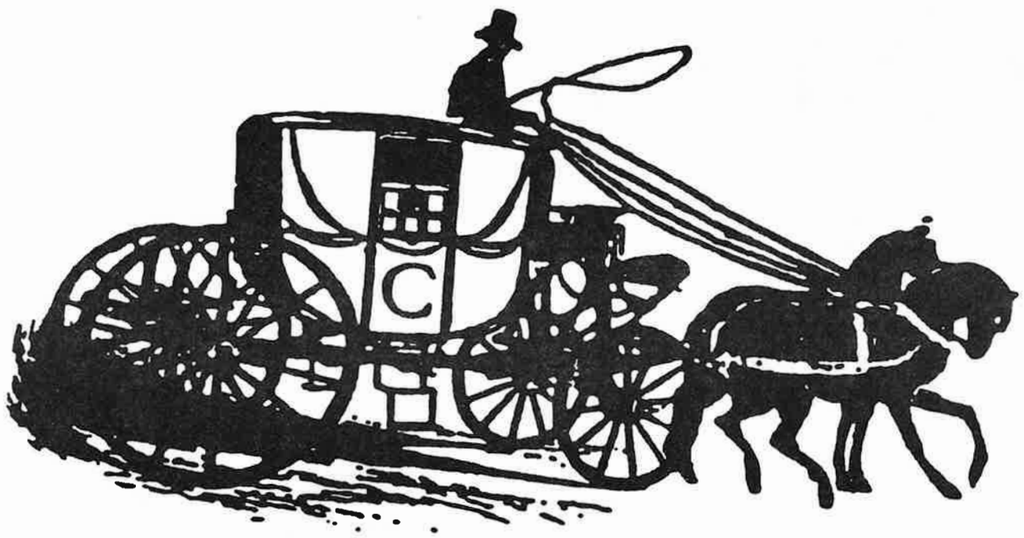
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N H S INDUCTS TWELVE



NHS Officers: Daphne Martins (v.p.), Michelle Santos (sec.), John Camara (pres.), and Pedro Teixeira (treas.)

The fifth annual induction ceremony of the Diman chapter of the National Honor Society was held on Wednesday evening, November 13, at White's Restaurant. Twelve students were inducted into the local chapter at a traditional candle ceremony.

Successfully evaluated by members of the faculty selection committee on the criteria of character, scholarship, leadership, and service, the following students received certificates and membership cards. They included the newly elected officers: John Camara, president; Daphne Martins, vice-president; Michelle Santos, secretary; and Pedro Teixeira, treasurer. Other members included: seniors-Rebecca Banville, Theresa Guinen, Jessica Hendry, Tammy Lafleur, Matthew Oglesbee, Kenneth Paiva, Cesar Pereira, and Joshua Pochon; and juniors-Eric Carreira, Shaun Cookinham, Melissa Cookson, Earl Medeiros, Scott Paiva, and Jason Steen.

Mr. John Connell, Diman's superintendent-director served as master of cermonies. He lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag and welcomed the parents and friends of the new inductees and congratulated the students on their academic accomplishments.

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During the candle lighting ceremony Dr. James G. Brosnan, National Honor Society advisor and Academic Cluster Supervisor, called upon four past officers of the Diman chapter to explain the qualities exemplified by honor society members. Jennifer Santos, (outgoing president 1990-1991) explained the meaning of scholarship while Edward Levesque (president 1989-1990) discussed service. Peter Hardro (vice-president 1989-1990) explained leadership, and William Nelson (1989-1990 member) concluded with a definition of character.

Jennifer then led the new inductees in reciting the society's oath. The new members were then presented with their certificates of membership by Mr. George Letendre academic /postsecondary coordinator, with Dr. Brosnan assisting.

The featured speaker for the evening was Mr. Christopher Civale, a certified financial planner with IDS (American Express),who congratulated the students on their academic accomplishments and called on them to continue to uphold the standards of the honor society. Mr. Civale told the inductees that they must have a positive vision for the future and not resist change in order to be successful.



Dr. Brosnan then returned to the podium to congratulate the new officers and members, to thank the graduating members for their dedication to chapter activities, and to recognize the faculty members who were in attendance. Mr. Roger Ramos, science lead teacher, represented the faculty selection committee.A special thanks was also extended to Edward Levesque and William Nelson for their assistance as technical advisors to the Chapter Business Procedures team which placed seventh in national VICA competition in June in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Giving Tree Project Starts with Enthusiasm

By Pedro Teixeira

On Wednesday December 11, members of the National Honor Society picked ornaments from a two foot Christmas tree, during their weekly meeting. On the back of these ornaments were the names of various gifts. Each member was required to pick an ornament and is responsible to purchase the gift named by the next regular meeting. The gifts will then go to a local orphanage as a symbol of the organization's devotion to its code of service.

This project was brought up and voted on by the membership at the previous meeting. All agreed that it was a positive effort to help support a worthy cause.

The tree was decorated by several hand made ornaments personally designed by Vice President Daphne Martins and her sister, and Secretary Michelle Santos. The Organization purchased a tree along with lights and ribbons. On the Monday before the ornaments were picked, the tree was decorated by the National Honor Society officers. On Wednesday, it was brought into the regular meeting room where the members awaited the President's OK to begin the event. When it became the item of business, the members present rushed towards the tree and eagerly picked ornaments. Once the area in front of the tree was accessible the officers followed suit. Everyone was clearly excited about the project, it was talked about for the remainder of the meeting.

If each member responds with a gift, the Giving Tree will start a new yearly program. The organization then plans to include the entire student body's participation in the up coming years. December the eighteenth will decide the project's fate. With a little luck the National Honor Society will once again make Christmas that much better for the less fortunate next year.

Daley said, " I enjoy the challenge that teaching presents on a daily basis." Her hobbies include skiing, aerobics, scuba diving, and sailing.

Ms. Ilowitz is the new Chapter One teacher. This is a new program funded by the Federal Government which helps students who have slight to severe reading difficulties improve their skills.



Ms. Ilowitz

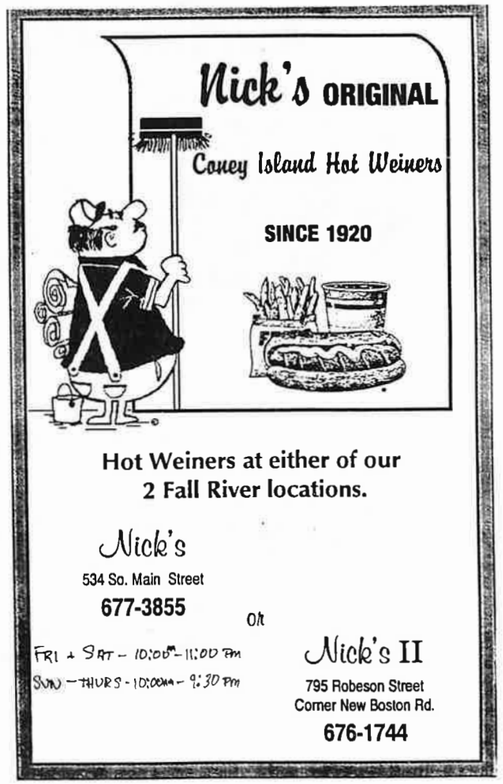
She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Multidisciplinary Studies (English/Education/Reading) from the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth. Her previous jobs include twelve years of teaching experience. She is one of the few people to have taught every grade from kindergarten to grade twelve. Her most recent position was a seventh grade reading teacher at the G.R. Austin Middle School in Freetown, MA. She replied, " I feel my new position is a challenge." She is a semi-professional photographer who specializes in sports photography. Besides this hobby, she also enjoys reading, movies, and growing house plants.

The last of our new staff members is Ms. Colette M. O'Haloran. She is a teacher's aide and assists Ms. Ilowitz with the Chapter 1 program. She is a graduate of B.M.C. Durfee High



Ms. Colette O'Haloran

School. Her previous jobs include managing several restaurants and Fashion Bug Stores. She has also trained many store employees. She too feels it will be a great experience working with the students at Diman and helping them improve their reading and study skills. Aside from her teaching career, she enjoys spending time with her two daughters, reading, watching movies, and participating in most outdoor activities.



Mr. James M. Cabucio, a resident of East Freetown, has replaced Mr. Eugene Botelho as a physics and science teacher. Mr. Cabucio attended the Massachusetts



Mr. James Cabucio

Maritime Academy and received his B.S. in Marine Engineering in 1982. He also attended Southeastern Massachusetts University and received his teaching certification in math and science. His previous job experience included working as an Offshore Drilling Engineer for six years and a mathematics teacher for two years. Mr. Cabucio feels being a new member of the Diman staff has been an enjoyable transition. His hobbies include coaching high school athletics such as football, basketball, and baseball.

Mr. Alvaro L. DePaco Jr., a resident from Acushnet, has replaced Mr. G. LaChance as the Electronics Shop Tech instructor. Mr. DePaco is a graduate of New



Mr. Alvaro DePaco

Bedford Vocational High School, has attended DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago, and received a diploma at Rhode Island Institute of Technology with honors where he was an Alpha Beta Kappa in the National Honor Society. His previous job experience includes: Broadcast Engineer, Recording Engineer, Q.C. Tech, in the United States Marine Corps, a Communications consultant, a textbook publishing consultant (math), and a college instructor at Rhode Island Institute of Technology, Johnson and Wales University, and Bristol Community College. When asked how he liked his new position he replied, " It is a distinct pleasure working with such talented colleagues. I hope my enthusiasm for teaching and electronics will motivate the students to pursue a career in electronics and also further their education." His hobbies include golf, reading, and crosswords.

Ms. Patricia Daley, a resident of Little Compton, R.I., has replaced Nancy Roussel as the Health Careers instructor. Ms. Daley received her diploma from



Ms. Patricia Daley

Union Hospital School of Nursing of Fall River and attended the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth for her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her previous job experiences include Clinical Director - Critical Care and Emergency Services at Charlton Memorial Hospital and as a Rehabilitation Consultant for Traveler's Insurance Company. Ms.

New Additions to the Diman Staff

by Daphne Martins & Michelle Santos

This September Diman has replaced five of its staff and added two new members. These new staff members include two secretaries and five instructors.

Miss Amy Arruda, a Swansea resident, has replaced Laurie Ayoub who was once the secretary for the



Ms. Amy Arruda

LPN program at Diman. Ms. Arruda graduated from Joseph Case High and then attended Katherine Gibbs to receive certification in the Administrative Secretarial field. Her previous job was working for the Law Firm of Cerilli, McGuirl, and Bicki in Providence, Rhode Island.

Mrs. Judith Avilla, a Fall River resident, has replaced Mrs. Santarpia as Mr. Martins' secretary. Mrs. Avilla is a graduate of B.M.C. Durfee High and has taken various computer courses at B.C.C. She is currently enrolled in accounting at B.C.C. She previously worked at Bristol Knitting Mills as a Supervisor in Data Entry/Payroll. She feels her new position is an educational experience. In her free time she enjoys camping and crafts.



Mrs. Judith Avilla

Miss Tara Ann Bernardo, a resident of Fall River, has replaced Jennifer Bichel as the receptionist/ switchboard operator. Ms. Bernardo graduated from B M C



Ms. Tara Bernardo

Durfee H. S. in 1990 and is currently attending Newbury College majoring in the legal secretary program. Miss Bernardo recently stated, "I like my position. I have met a lot of kind, generous, and friendly people that made me feel very comfortable and at ease at Diman". In her free time she enjoys shopping and aerobics.