Travel Topics

by Mike Needham

NEW BEDFORD
WHALING MUSEUM

There are some people that love to discover the mysteries of the seas. Whaling is one interesting area that people like to investigate in order to satisfy the curiosity of their own minds.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum lets you encounter the many tales and adventures of those sea voyages. Its greatest attraction is the square-rigged whaler Lagoda which is 89 feet in length. It is an accurate halfscale replica of the famous whaling ships of yester year.

Another interesting display includes many scrimshaw carvings which are ornamental items carved from the teeth of sperm whales. They were hand-carved by the whalers in their spare time at sea. Scrimshaw has been called the only original folk art.

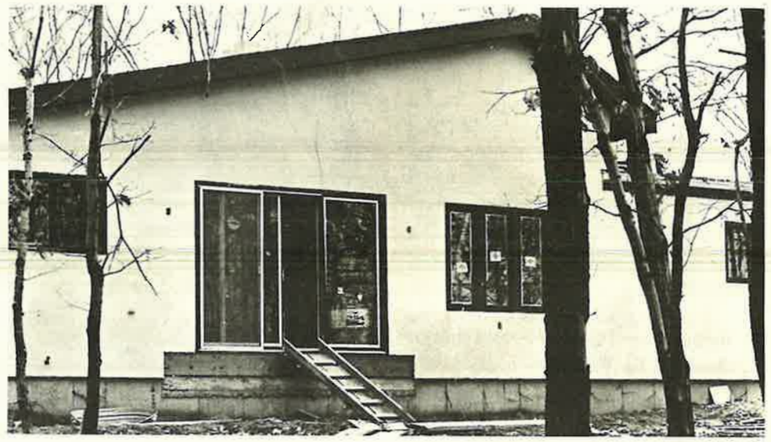
There is much more to see including paintings, carvings, navigational log books, chinaware, plus glass and instruments used aboard the ships. Bring a camera and widen your knowledge of the life of a whaler.

Take Route 195 to the downtown New Bedford exit. Bear right on Acushenet Avenue and then left on William Street to 18 Johnny Cake Hill.

LOST AND FOUND DEPT.

The tourist turned to his Indian guide and complained, "I still think we're lost."

The guide, equal to his task, replied, "We not lost. We here. Trail only lost."



New Home Constructed By The Artisians

Ecology Corner

In Geneva, a few weeks ago, at the sixth congress of the World Meteorological Organization, leading international scientists warned that increasing pollution of the air could change the world's climate.

Professor Kondratyev of the Soviet Union explained that air pollution reduces the amount of energy received from the sun. Another Soviet scientist said that a decrease of two percent in the heat influx from the sun could very well result in the complete glaciation of the planet earth. Dust and increased carbon dioxide could lead to this change.

Better to have bad breath than no breath.



Assembly Entertainment by Diman's Band

Your Personal Worth Demands Time, Effort

There is a price which has to be paid for everything one acquires in life. This seems like a universally accepted principle by all sensible people and yet there are instances where human beings except to get bargains - to pay very little or nothing for the things they get.

No person would object to being educated, to acquiring a knowledge of history, science, and other departments of learning. But not everyone is prepared to pay the price for it in hours of study, in the renunciation of pleasures which the acquisition of knowledge demands. There are, of course, those who try to become educated painlessly but what they get is proportionate to the effort they put into it and is worth as little.

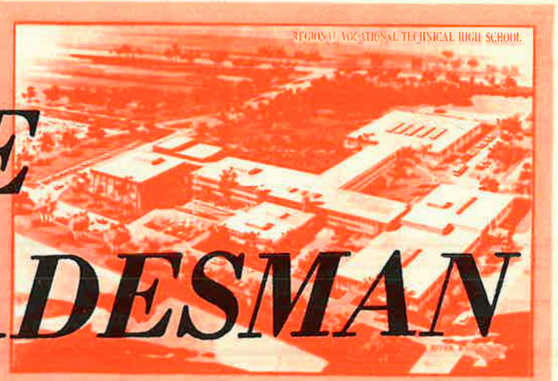
There is no doubt that every child, to say nothing of adults, ardenly desires to be able to play a musical instrument. Aside from the pleasure which it gives the player, it is his or her key to social acceptance. But the price demanded for such an accomplishment comes in the form of hours of laborious practice involving the sacrifice of other things which one is tempted to indulge oneself. This price many are not willing to pay.

If you want to be worth something as an individual, you must be prepared to pay the price in time and effort.

A rock may either block your way or be used as a stepping stone.

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Home Constructed By Diman Students



Work Nears Completion

by Ken Potvin

Plans were announced at the beginning of this school year that Diman students from various shops would collaborate to construct a house. Students from Carpentry, Metal Fabrication, Painting and Decorating, and the Plumbing shops were now being given the opportunity to utilize the valuable skills which they had been taught in their shops and tech classrooms. The end result was an eight and one-half room Spanish Mediterranean styled house with such extra features as a dark room, family room, and an open breezeway. Completion of the home is expected to be in late April or early May.

With students doing the majority of the work, little outside assistance was needed. The original blueprints were, however, drawn up by Design Associates. J.D. Forms did the necesssary excavation and foundation work, and Dryvit Constrution was responsible for the house siding.

Mr. Robert Deschenes is the instructor heading up this unique classroom assignment. When asked about future plans, he stated that buildings in the years to follow would be constructed for charitable organizations.

Naval Band Visits Diman

by Gerard Vaillancourt

On January 13, the Newport Naval Band conducted two assemblies for the high school and post - secondary students here at Diman. The first assembly was attended by students in academics, while shop students were present for the afternoon performance.

This group of talented musicians was our guests in the Tea Room where they were served dinner by our Food Trades students. Many favorable comments have been heard from both our faculty and students about their fine performance. We are hopeful that they will visit again some time.

Artisans' work complemented

by Joe Moniz

At the beginning of this school year a group of Diman upperclassmen set out on a valuable learning experience. This new project was the construction of a house which is being built for Mr. & Mrs. George Howayack. This new undertaking has been a huge success and also a major accomplishment for Diman students in better serving the community.

Having had an interview with the Howayacks, I will now attempt to convey their sentiments. The following is a statement made by Mr. Howayack. " I think this is a great way of learning by actual experience. The boys have been great, and I have difficulty expressing it in words. Maybe my wife could better explain our feelings." I then spoke to Mrs. Howayack and here is what she had to say. "First, I thank Mr. Harrington, the faculty, and students at Diman for all of this. Anyone should be proud to go to your school. The students were very cooperative and extremely well mannered. They were easy to work with, and they enjoyed what they did. As for Diman students in general, everything I have to say about them is good."

I then thanked them for the interview and their fine comments about Diman and also wished them the best of luck with their new home from all of us.

CIVILIZATION — A LIE?

A student asked a philosopher this question: "What do you think of western civilization?"

His reply was brief: "I think it would be a good idea."

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WORK ACCIDENTS

Work - related accidents caused more casualties in the United States in 1970 than military casualties, an official of the U.S. Department of Labor says.

The offical, Donald E. MacKenzie, regional administrator of the department's Occupational and Health Administration, said in 1970 there were 14,200 work-related deaths and 2.2 million injuries.

1980 LABOR FORCE

By 1980, 101 million Americans are expected to be in the national labor force, one sixth more than the 86 million in 1970. At present 80 percent of our youth do not graduate from college and the unemployment rate among secondary school graduates with or without some college, is more than three times as high as that of vocational education graduates.



"I've called this family meeting to inform everyone that I'm putting a freeze on all allowances."



Looking Back To A Past Accomplishment Of The Key Club

DIMAN ENTERS STATE REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

by Gerard Vaillancourt

Approximately twenty Diman students have been working on science projects to qualify for entry into the State Regional Science Fair, held March 17 through the 19 at the Dwelly Street Armory in Fall River.

The contestants from Diman were selected by our Science Department. Eight out of the twenty students represented Diman. Four freshmen entered the Junior High School Division, while four upperclassmen participated in the Senior High School Division.

Students have been working on various projects in the areas of biology, physics, chemistry, and earth science.

Winners of the Senior High School Divisions may then enter the Massachusetts State Science Fair held at M.I.T. in Boston during the month of April.

Interclub Meeting Held

by Frank Santos

Members from several area Key Clubs, including representatives from New Bedford High, New Bedford Voke, Dartmouth, and our own Alumni Association (those Diman graduates who are former Key Club members) joined our club for an Interclub Meeting on January 17 in the school's cafeteria. Chairman for the event was Vice-president, Jim Silva, who introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Whalen who is a member of the Fall River Kiwanis Club. Mr. Whalen's interesting talk on "Anonymous Telephone Calls" was the feature of the night.

BOOK REVIEW

by Ray Morrissette

Whenever you go on a bike trip, and stop for a rest and lunch, chances are you've taken your own food with you.

After a few outings you may get sick of lugging a couple of sandwiches, and maybe an apple or two to eat. And besides that they just don't have their old thrill any more. What can you do? You could bring along some camping equipment.

Lack of luggage space and the money necessary to properly outfit yourself prohibit this alternative. Or, you could bring along a tin can, some matches, and a good knife to seek out your food from land.

Fine - if you know how to do it and what to look for.

So, you may be interested in my last suggestion, but you don't have the know-how. Well the "Survival Handbook" tells you how to survive in Artic regions to roaming the small wooded areas like those found in this region.

It's an interesting paperback, edited by Ronald Bruce, and priced at only 95c. A real must, even if you are simply going ice fishing.

DIMAN'S BASKET-BALL SEASON

by Paul Tetuan

Mr. Goj's varsity team has been having a very disappointing basketball season, despite the spirit and the over-all effort that members of the team have been displaying. As of this writing Diman is in next to last place edging out Westport.

The biggest surprise for the Artisans has been the ball handling ability displayed by Neal Toulan, a freshman. He has shown great promise by averaging ten points a game. In Diman's victory over Blue Hills, Toulan scored twenty points to lead Diman to one of its few wins.

Other members of the varsity team have also been showing some real promise of talent and skill. The court performance by Pat McCarthy, a junior, has been impressive so far this season, McCarthy has been sharing the duties at center with junior Dave Cournoyer. Playing at the guard positions have been seniors Tom Franco and Ed Hill who are also the co-captains of the team. Forwards Carlos Couto and Jim Raposa have also contributed their best to the team effort.

The Tradesman staff wishes to compliment the members of the various basketball squads for the fine sportsmanship they displayed during the season. Hopefully the valuable experience they gain this year will better prepare them for more victorious records next year.



Varsity Squad Members

Freshmen Basketball

by Ron Picard

Approaching the season's midpoint, the freshman basketball team had a 2-5 record. Leading the frosh in scoring were Walter Urban and Warren Gosson with game averages of 15 and 10 points respectively. On the defensive side, team leaders were John Pimental and Tony Silva.

Lack of height is hurting the frosh since the front line averages about 5' 10". This height problem hinders the freshman against much taller teams like Seekonk, Connolly and Somerset. However, the team is rebounding well and looking forward to more success as members of next year's junior varsity team.

With the return of Jim Allen and Jeff Ferreira to the team, and the steady improvement of Dave Jusseaume, Tony Silva, and others, in addition to the long schedule which provided valuable game experience, it is no wonder that optimism has been the feeling on the freshman basketball team.



Tom Franco and Ed Hill, senior members of the varsity squad with their coach, Mr. Goj. Jim Raposa, the other senior member of the squad was absent.

SUPPORT IS LACKING

by Ron Picard

Maybe the poor athletic records at Diman have been one of the major reasons for the lack of student enthusiasm, spirit, and support. Our home basketball games have been made no exception to this display of indifference on the part of our students. Possibly only winning teams attract a sizable following. Whatever the reason is, I have found that most of our students have never watched their classmates participating in a Diman basketball game. I have also come to the conclusion that most students won't bother to attend any games until the team has a winning streak.

The lack of school spirit among the student body is a very serious matter and most likely it hinders the spirit of our teams. During the football season, I have attended a few games where the Diman sidelines were quiet because of the few supporters watching. On the opponent's side there were cheerleaders, a brass band, and so many spectators that some of them were forced to stand in order to watch the game. Perhaps it is a victorious season that the student body is awaiting, but records like that are better achieved with school spirit and support which only the student body can provide.