w Instructor



by David Bessette

Edward A. Kerr, a resident of Nor- Mass. became the Food Trade re- eacher after being appointed in ber. He is a graduate of the Culi- nstitute of America and has had years' experience in the Food rea. Before coming here, Mr. Kerr chef at the Charles River Country Newton, and previously the super- chef at Seilen Canterem's Inc. in e. In addition to teaching, he plans ll in college courses this January.

nt Of Peace Mistletoe

hanging of mistletoe at Christmas nglish custom which goes back to uid beliefs. This plant was thought g good luck, and was so sacred enemies met beneath the mistletoe forest, they would lay down their exchange greetings, and keep a ntil the next day.

this custom grew the practice ging the "plant of peace" over a y at Christmas as a symbol of good ll comers. A kiss under the mistle- a declaration of love and a promise iage, and an engagement announc- is way was thought to bring happi- ood fortune and long life to lovers.

nswers to Word Scramble

Christmas	6. ornaments
Poinsettia	7. holly
wreath	8. partridge
mistletoe	9. candles
tinsel	10. sleigh

Book Review

by Ray Morrissette

In the light of recent controversy. marijuana has finally been branded as "harmful to your health." The government plans to release a full report soon on the subject. A California doctor has also stated that his studies support the government findings that "marijuana is definitely harmful to the long term and frequent user's health."

There is no doubt in my mind that in the months to follow, a flurry of reports, both pro and con, will be published in the form of magazine articles, paperbacks, and special reports. In reading these findings, one should be careful of extremist opinions on both sides of this controversy. For example, if the material that the government releases is anything like that which it published in the 30's, the issue could become very clouded for the uninformed.

In order to gain a solid basis before reading these above mentioned publications, I suggest reading a book that covers all facets of the pot controversy. Taking a definite "middle-of-the-road" approach to the subject of marijuana, this book leads the reader through chapters such as, "The History of the Weed," "The World of Marijuana," "The Literature of Cannabis Use," and "Is There a Rational Approach?." Other chapters discuss pleasant effects, known physical effects, and the major controversies: the cannabis-alchohol and the cannabis-tobacco comparisons and the relations of cannabis to crime and violence.

Its only shortcoming is the fact that it was published before these recent medical findings have appeared. However, it does help you to develop a basis for judgement on the reports to come. Also, it contains facts that would benefit both ally and enemy of the weed if ever engaged in debate.

Because of its price, most people would be content to borrow this book from Diman's library, as I did. But for a person who wants to add a truly factual book on Cannabis Sativa (these books are a rarity) to their home library, all that is required is $6.95 for this 430-page store of information. Marijuana-The Second Trip/by Edward R. Bloomquist, M.D./ Glencoe Press.

Necessary for Man

Peace and good will on earth will come, not because it is an ideal state of affairs for mankind, but rather because it is necessary if man is to endure.

He who talks constantly is bound to be right . . . occasionally.

News Capsule

Mr. Braga, director of the band here at Diman, recently released the results of the election for the '74-'75 band officers. Senior Ken Leger was elected assistant band manager for this academic year, while Marc Goulet, also a senior, was selected as the band librarian.

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On Tuesday, November 12, 1974 an election was held in junior classes to determine the school representative for the annual "Student Government Day."

Richard Cournoyer of Graphic Arts won the election with keen competition by Gary Cottrell of Basic Electronics and Ronald Bernier of Carpentry.

"Student Government Day" will be held on April 4, 1975 in Boston. On that day Rich, along with representatives from every high school in Massachusetts, will play a direct role in the workings of our state government.

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Charles Medeiros has been selected as the local finalist in the recent bicentennial essay contest sponsored by the Massachusetts Teachers Association. The essays by local finalists will now be submitted to a panel of M.T.A. judges to determine the three statewide winners. These finalists will have their essays published in the January issue of "The Massachusetts Teacher", in addition to receiving a $100 U.S. Savings bond.

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In the past, Diman's varsity club has presented dances that have always been met with success. Popular bands playing top 40 and familiar hits have always been a main attraction, second only to the boppers of the opposite sex who frequent these events.

Again, the varsity club has kept up its record with the presentation of a band called "Uncle Linda" on Dec. 14. The band, formerly under the name of "Page", made its return with the added attractions of a light show, refreshment, and female *charmante*.

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Season's Greetings

Student Advisory Members Elected



Student Advisory Members: (l. to r.) Mike O'Connor, John McLendon, Tony Velozo, and Henry Lopes. Freshman representative Paul Rousseau was not present.

Students Elected To Advisory Board

by Jim Souza

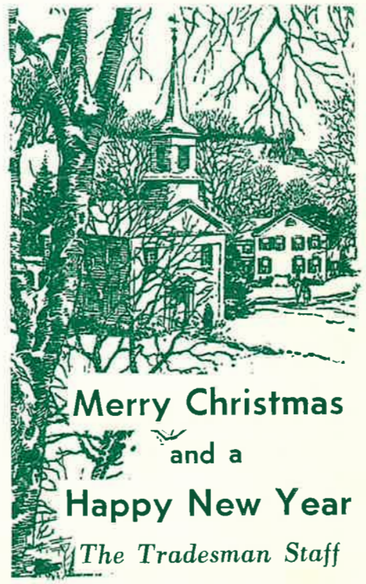
During the past student election, Diman voters selected four new advisory board members, in addition to one veteran to represent them. Re-elected for the second consecutive year to represent the class of 1976 was Tony Velozo.

In other election results, Henry Lopes and Mike O'Connor were successful in their bids for senior class representatives. Among the underclassmen John McLendon beat out his opposition to take the sophomore contest, while Paul Roussell captured the freshman position.

In interviewing the student board members, the *Tradesman* asked them how they planned to obtain student opinion on different issues. Some interesting comments were received. For instance, Tony Velozo said, "I always make sure I've talked with enough students before I make my report on a certain issue."

Mike O'Connor, who was elected chairman of the student group, stated, "I have found that the students respond better to someone who faces them with a question, rather than have them fill out a questionaire."

In general, all the representatives seemed interested in helping students to present their ideas before the administration and school committee. With this cooperative attitude between representatives and student, many excellent ideas can be proposed and possibly implemented here at Diman.



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From The Editor's Desk

Christmas Joy

The Christmas season should be one of the happiest times of the year for all of us. It is the season for enjoying family reunions and reminiscing past holiday celebrations. Christmas is a time usually characterized by brightly lite Xmas trees, colorful decorations, and beautifully wrapped gifts.

We should not, however, be carried away with the commercialization of Christmas. Remember the most precious gifts are not wrapped in ribboned packages. they are the gifts wrapped by thought, by glance, by word, and presented from one heart to another. These are the gifts of friendship and love, and they cost nothing.

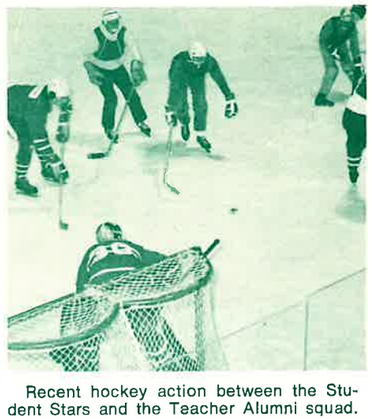
Give these gifts during the Christmas season and throughout the entire year. By doing this, you should have a pleasant holiday season and a happy new year in 1975.

Christmas Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters in the ten items below to form ten familiar Christmas terms.

1. strmihsac
2. aoitnipest
3. ehrawt
4. letitsmeo
5. ltenis
6. nastrenmo
7. loyhl
8. tardpgier
9. nseclad
10. geshil

[*answers on pg. 4*]



Recent hockey action between the Student Stars and the Teacher Alumni squad.

Terse Verse

Twas the day after Christmas
And all through my clothes,
I hunted for money
To pay what I owe$.

Not a dollar was stirring,
Not even two bits.
My money has left me;
My credit is quits.

Forward, turn forward
O time in thy flight.
And make it past Christmas
And my dollar plight.

Record Grooves

by Dave Gibbons

Breaking away from his last two extra-long albums [*Thick as a Brick* and *Passion Play*], Ian Anderson and Jethro Tull have set out to disarm the critics with *War Child.* Hauntingly, strange melodies and inane lyrics make this album one of those "it-has-to-grow-on-you" discs. Hardly any of the cuts off the album sound like anything from the days of *Aqualung* and *Benefit*, except for one or two acoustic pieces. It is not one of Tull's best works, but it is of some musical worth after one has heard it a few times.

Santana's latest exeursion, *Borbolletta* is a fine album, featuring a very talented percussion ensemble and, of course, Carlos' incredible Latin-rock guitar. Ever since his solo album with John McLaughlin, his style and his way of life has changed. This change can be seen in the new album as Santana is slowly coming closer to the spiritualness of the Mahavishnu Orchestra. This is definetly one disc for Santana fans to pick up this month.

Santa Claus Then and Now



He was the patron saint of European schoolboys during the Middle Ages, a saint who was thin, very tall, quite strict, and extremely serious.

Early Dutch settlers brought this saint to the New World, and American writers and artists changed him. Washington Irving wrote of him as the guardian of New York City in his *Knickerbocker's History of New York.* The saint was described as a jolly fellow with huge breeches and broad hat, and he was smoking a long pipe. Additionally, he rode a wagon over trees and houses and dropped gifts from his huge pockets down chimneys.

In 1822, Clement C. Moore pictured him in his famous *A Visit from St. Nicholas* as a rounded, jolly person with twinkling eyes, a red snub nose, and a white beard. The saint's long pipe was reduced in size, the wagon was changed to a sleigh and his Dutch clothing altered to a suit that was trimmed with fur. The sleigh, of course, came complete with reindeer, probably borrowed from the Scandinavian settlers in America. Oddly enough, the name Santa Claus was not mentioned.

Then, Thomas Nast, the cartoonist, changed the saint even more in his famous picture, "Santa Claus and His Works," which appeared in the Christmas, 1866 issue of *Harper's Weekly.* That picture is exactly what Santa Claus looks like today, together with sleigh, reindeer, toys, and stockings hung by the fireplace.

Isn't it interesting what American ingenuity can do to a solemn, middle-aged saint from Europe.

SPORTS SIDELINES



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Bengals End Grid Season

by Norm Yelle

Numerous injuries and lack of experience hindered the efforts of the varsity football team this season. The squad ended the season with a disappointing 0-8-0 (won-lost-tied) record.

Despite a lack of inexperienced members, the squad displayed fine team spirit and a willingness to continue fighting even after successive defeats. With more than half of the 29-man squad composed of sophomores, team members did gain valuable experience, an asset which should help the Bengals next season.

The football team will lose four senior members this year. Senior football players include: Captain Mike Tafe, last year's "Lineman of the Year"; Dennis Deveau; and Alan Camara. In addition, the team will also lose the services of Andre "Red" Gendreau, head manager of the football team. Next season Gendreau's duties will be performed by Norman Paul.

Freshman Basketball

by Jim Souza

The freshman basketball team will face a schedule consisting of twenty games this year, beginning with Apponoquet on December 26. Mr. Pawlak, the new frosh coach, is anticipating a good first season with his team of fifteen hustling ballplayers.

In strong contention for the starting slots are Vern Belliveau, John Moniz, Jim Marcoux, Bob Leandro, Mark Lavoie, Larry Freitas, Mike Archambault, Joe Shanum, and Mark Arruda. The remaining squad members, in addition to those mentioned above who are not on the final starting lineup, will provide Coach Pawlak with a good reserve bench.

Veteran Ball Handlers Return To Diman Court

by Norm Yelle

After having won the co-championship last season Mr. Goj's varsity basketball team looks like it could have another potential championship team with the return of 6 ft. 2 in. center Neal Toulan. Along with Toulan, a four-year varsity star, other seniors returning to the court include: Walt Urban, Don Gosselin, Dave Gagne, and Don Buckley. In addition, the varsity team will have the experience of Mike Estrella, Jay McCarthy, and Dave Toole to help the hoopsters hopefully overcome such rivals as Wareham and Norton.

This year's junior varsity squad, coached by Mr. Pacheco, is also anticipating a successful season. Veteran junior varsity members who are returning include: Val Rocha, Ed Hendrickson, Tony Velozo, and Manny Barreira. Experienced sophomores adding to the J-V strength are: Conrad Thibault, Mike Lynch, Jim Souza, Albino Noversa, Glen Boyer, Cliff Read, and Dave Alderman.

The Big Game

by Dave Bessette and Ray Morrissette

This year, for the first time, a Teacher Alumni vs. Student stars hockey game was held. The hockey game, whose purpose was to contribute funds towards the purchase of equipment for next year's intramural ice league, got off to a relatively enthusiastic start with an estimated 250 fans atternding the game. A ticket price of 75 cents was a mere pittance considering the enjoyment fans got from wat ching the desperate battle that was waged at the driscoll Rink. It was a fun game, ending with a score of 7-2, won by the students. However, the outcome was not important to many, but what seemed to be the attraction was the alternate intensity and hilarity of the players' performance.

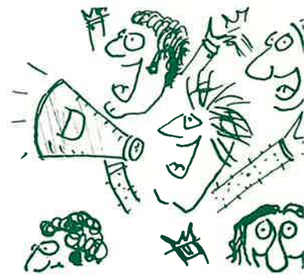
Teachers who displayed their skating talents were Mr. Mullaly, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Oliveira, Mr. Gunner, Mr. Salois, Mr. Abdow, and Mr. Casey. Alumni who participated included Dennis Cournoyer, Moe Dore, Al Rocha, Bob Albin, Dennis Sa, Russ Boulay, Steve Desrosiers, Pete Messier, Wayne Bell, and Paul Gaudreau. Goals on the teacher-alumni side were scored by Mr. Mullaly (1) and Moe Dore (1). The student stars, who had five lines going for them, were led by Brad Hern, Dave Mazzerella, Bob Ferriera, Mike Silvia, Jean Cyr, a Canuel. Leading scorer on that s Brad Hern (2 goals).

Ice Hockey

by Dave Bessette

The intramural ice hockey p at Diman has completed its second under the able direction of Mr. and Mr. Pickering. The league wa prised of four teams that played game schedule. When it was all o Flyers had won the championship, ing out the Blues by one point. Sta for the Flyers were Dan Pouliot Gomes, Bob Ferreira, and Mike Most of the students who played sa they had a good time participat the league.

Diman Bengals Varsi Basketball Schedule



Dec.	23	Apponequet
Dec.	26	Warren Christmas Tournament
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Dec.	30	Bristol Plymouth
Jan.	3	St. Anthony
Jan.	7	Westport
Jan.	10	Norton
Jan.	14	N. B. Voke
Jan.	17	Wareham
Jan.	21	Old Rochester
Jan.	24	St. Anthony
Jan.	28	Apponequet
Jan.	31	Westport
Feb.	4	Dighton Rehoboth
Feb.	7	Norton
Feb.	11	N. B. Voke
Feb.	14	Wareham
Feb.	18	Dighton Rehoboth
Feb.	21	Old Rochester

All Games Begin At 6:30 P.