

Mr. Robert Gordon, architectural drafting instructor.

Architectural Instructor Retires

by Arty Parker

Mr. Robert T. Gordon, the architectural drafting instructor, announced his intention to retire after teaching here at Diman for the past six years.

Before coming to Diman, Mr. Gordon was a Chief Draftsman for the Architectural firm of Korslund, LeNormand, and Quann, the architectural designers of the Diman facility. He was a registered architect and draftsman for 28 years with this firm, and he is also a registered architect of the state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Gordon attended Wentworth Institute and also the Boston Architectural Center. After his retirement Mr. Gordon plans to travel around the world.



Mr. James Silvia, D. P. Manager

Data Processing Manager Hired

by Sue Labouliere

On January 1, 1980 Mr. James E. Silvia was hired as Data Processing Systems Manager. He enjoys working here and he feels that it is challenge. He has attended Roger Williams and received a B.S. in management. Mr. Silvia also attended SMU for advanced courses. He has been working with computers for the past 15 years and enjoys it. He lives in Swansea and enjoys hunting and fishing.



Diman's ninth home built in the house construction program.

Diman Completes Ninth House

by Dave Levesque

This is the ninth year that Diman students have put their talents together and have constructed a house of remarkable quality and design. Under the expert supervision of Mr. Robert Deschenes, this year's house has been built for Mr. Vincent Medeiros. The new home is located on the corner of Marigold and Philip Streets in Somerset. It consists of eight rooms which include three bedrooms, a dining room, living room, combination laundry room and family room, a study, along with three full baths. Other features include cathedral type ceilings in three rooms, open hallway, and an inside balcony.

Each shop pitched in, and with much effort and cooperation, helped to complete the house. The shops include carpentry, electricity, plumbing, and painting and decorating. The students involved should all be congratulated for a job well done. Along with hard work, the students gained experience which will be of great value in their future endeavors.



Mr. Robert Deschenes, building coordinator

Building Coordinator Heading Overseas

by Sue Labouliere

Mr. Robert S. Deschenes who has been teaching here at Diman for the past 9 years may not be back next September. He is applying overseas for a job as a construction supervisor in the teaching aspect of construction.

Mr. Deschenes has been in charge of the houses that Diman students have been building every year since 1971. Mr. Harrington and Mr. Deschenes started this program together in September of 1971.

Mr. Deschenes feels that because he has to work closely with the students, they are a very close group of people. He states that it gives him great satisfaction to see the graduates starting their own businesses, going on to higher education, or being supervisors in small shops or stores. He also receives satisfaction in knowing that he had a small part in shaping their characters. He hopes that in the 9 years that he has been teaching here, that he has instilled in his students the use of proper language (he feels that many jobs have been lost because of improper use of language) and the control of tempers (when a person has a short temper nothing seems to go right and the job becomes a "shambles"). We thank "Mr. D" for sharing his professional knowledge with us, and we wish him the best in his future plans.

Criminals Made, Not Born

Eighty-five percent of the convicts in Texas prisons are school dropouts, according to a report from that state's prison system.

Almost a fifth of them are illiterate, more than three-fifths came from broken homes, and almost half are under 25. More than a third weren't working when they broke the law.

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Diman Seniors Earn Recognitio



Diman's representation at V-E day commemorative exercises at the Battleship Massachusetts included winning essayists: Kneeling (L to R) Jim Silvia, Bob Francoeur, and Pete Michno. Standing with their English instructor, Mr. Brosnan: (L to R) Ross Landy, Tom Aubin, and Jeff Botelho.

Diman Captures Six Awards

On May 8, six Diman seniors received awards for their essays in the first commemorative essay contest sponsored by the U.S.S. Massachusetts Memorial Committe, Inc. and the Submarine Veterans — Bay State and Little Rhody Chapters.

Peter Michno's essay "Fall River's Contribution to the World War II Effort" captured the $100 first prize. Ross Landy was awarded the $75 second prize for his essay, "The Effects of World War II on Fall River Residents." An essay entitled, "Submarines in World War II" clinched the $50 third prize for James Silvia.

Honorable mention awards were given to Robert Francoeur, Thomas Aubin, and Jeffrey Botelho. The essay contest, open to students in 15 area high schools, was designed to stimulate research, thinking, and writing about the study of World War II. Research for these essays concentrated on Fall River's participation in the War on the "Home Front" and World War II submarine action.

Assistant Director Retiring

by Sue Labouliere

Again this year we have to say goodbye with our deepest regrets to another veteran administrator, Mr. Stanley J. Remiesiewicz. For the past 34 years, Mr. Remiesiewicz has been at Diman. He started his career in vocational education as an auto mechanics shop instructor in 1946. Then in November, 1956, Mr. siewicz was promoted to Vo Department Head in charge of aut anics, machine shop, and machin ing. In 1958, he received his Bac Education degree from Rhode Isla lege.

Six years later Mr. Remiesiew promoted to assistant director of Vocational High School. After ser an educational advisor to the plann construction committee of the new Regional, Mr. Remiesiewicz was a ed assistant director in Septembe During his years at Diman, he se an assistant baseball and football junior class moderator, and prom a

The Tradesman staff on behalf student body, faculty, staff, and istration wishes Mr. Remiesiew best of everything in his retiremen



Mr. Stanley J. Remiesiewic Assistant Director

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by Sue Hurley

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mise is that the school day will begin at 7:45 A.M. and end at 2:28 P.M. This decision was made at a school committee meeting held April 23. Parents were invited to attend this meeting and comment on the discussion.

The 4-2 vote was in favor of the student Advisory Committee. School committee members, Mr. Harmon (Fall River), Mr. Latham (Somerset), Mr. Schenker (Fall River), and Mr. Wheeler (Swansea) were in favor of the 2:28 dismissal. Mr. Gracia (Westport) and Mr. Macy (Fall River) opposed it. Beginning next September each period will be 43 minutes long, except the fifth period. The fifth period will be 53 minutes long, and lunch periods will last 25 minutes.

The 1979-80 SAC worked long and hard on the proposal. This committee consisted of Alan Charette (80J - M.S.), Terrie Rose (80C - C.A.), Lorianne Correira (81E -P & D), Sue Hurley (81B - B.E.), and Bill McHenry (81G - Elec.). They deserve a great deal of appreciation for their efforts.

In June of 1979, Bill McHenry and Lorianne Correira first submitted the proposal to the school committee informally. When school reopened in September 1979 the SAC again began their work on the proposal. A formal proposal was submitted to the school committee on Oct. 4, 1979.

The SAC worked hard gathering information from other regional schools. The administration conducted a survey on Dec. 19 entitled "Employment Profile Questionnaire." The committee found that out of 468 students that applied for part time jobs 36 percent had been refused the job because of the 3:00 P.M. dismissal time. The information from the other schools in the Southeastern Massachusetts area showed that Diman was the only vocational technical school dismissed as late as 3:00 P.M.

A special subcommittee was set up to discuss the proposal during three meetings held in March. This committee consisted of: Mr. Harmon and Mr. Schenker (School Committee); Mr. McGarr and Mr. Remiesiewicz (Administration); Mr. Hurley and Mr. Mullaly (Faculty); Bill McHenry, Alan Charette, and Lorianne Correira (SAC).

The "Tradesman" staff would like to congratulate the 1979-80 Student Advisory Committee for their success and wish the present SAC success in the coming year.

Diman Key Club Active

Members of the Diman Key Club recently took part in a convention of the New England District of Key Clubs held in Bedford, N.H. Thirteen Diman students participated in this event which represented an 81 percent attendance. This high attendance earned the club a second-place award. In addition, President Elaine St. Pierre presented a $200 check on behalf of the local club, for the Jimmy Fund research programs on cancer among children.



Mayor Viverios congratulates first prize winner, Peter Michno on his winning essay

Recent NHS Activities

Members of Diman's chapter of the National Honor Society recently participated in two civic programs. At the end of April, several members participated in a tag day which was a fund raising campaign for the Fall River Cancer Society.

In early May several students contributed their efforts during a day long city-wide clean-up project. This project was directed through the mayor's anti-litter committee. This year's theme was "Fall River Is Proud — No Litter Allowed."

Active members this year included: Bob Francoeur, Mike Goddu, Sue Hurley, Steve Krudys, Rich Labossiere, Rene Lafleur, Pete Michno, Ed Rheaume, Mike Rodriques, Kevin Thibault, Joe Varao, and Ed Woytaszek.

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J.V. Baseball

by Arty Parker

The Junior Varsity baseball team is under the coaching of Mr. Bernard Comeau, a graphic arts instructor. One of Mr. Comeau's coaching experiences was serving as a manager of the National Little League for nine years. He was also a coach for the Notre Dame CYO from 1965-1968. During this time the team won the City Championship 3 out of 4 years, and the Diocesan Championship 2 out of 4 years.

The J.V. team started its season on April 2nd with a victory over New Bedford Voke by the score of 4-3. The team's record is 4-5 (W-L) with victories over Dartmouth, a squeezer over Bishop Feehan in 8 innings, and a score of 3-2. The team has lost against New Bedford Voke, Dartmouth, Dighton-Rehoboth, Connolly, and Westport with 8 games remaining.

The team consists of juniors and sophomores. They are: John Reis, Art Parker, Bob Chasse, Steve Theroux, Don Bernier, Mike Neronha, Keith Partridge, Bob Shea, Bob Coelho, Ron Boyer, John Daguan, Kenny Bouchard, Greg Aubin, Mark Belanger, Joe Forand, and Roger Arsenault.

Athlete Of The Year

by Paul Casanova

The Tradesman sports staff has selected Paul Amaral of Auto Body as our 1980 athlete of the year.

Paul lettered in 3 varsity sports, Soccer, Baseball and Basketball. He was on the varsity soccer team four years, his junior year he was M.V.P. and selected to the division all-star team. This year he was again selected to the all-star team. He also led the team in scoring with 11 goals as well as being co-captain.

He was on the varsity baseball team for three years and on the varsity basketball team for two years. He is well respected by his teammates and coaches. In the four years at Diman, he showed great hustle and sportmanship.

Paul has been offered several scholarships to different colleges. "The Tradesman" staff would like to wish Paul Amaral continued future success in his athletic endeavors.



Coach Comeau Advises The J.V. Squad

The Tennis Outlook

by Jim Cox

The Diman tennis team members who have been sparked by Co-captains Keith Pereira and Ken Ayala have a 10-3 record as of May 13. The team has been inspired by Ayala who hasn't lost a match yet and Pereira who has lost only one match. Pereira has been ill with mono and has been fighting his way back.

Another asset to the team is junior Mike Poissant, who has been improving greatly as the season progresses and is doing well at the single's postition. Mark Legarde and Dennis Durrette are molding in well at the first doubles slot. Legarde, the only senior on the squad improved greatly in his four years at Diman. Durrette is the only sophomore, but he has great potential. He could be someone to watch in future seasons.

Second doubles is occupied by Barry Barboza with either Bob Grillo, Joe Moniz, or Tim Guerlin alternating in the other available slot. The team is eyeing closely a birth in the state tournament and the chances of getting in the playoffs looks good.

Other team members include Freshmen Ron Dare, Dave Cabral, and John Bruder.

Varsity Baseball

by Paul Casanova

Thus, far this season, the Diman varsity baseball team has a record of 3-7. The Bengals have lost some tough, heart-breaking games. Don Berube, pitched a no-hitter against New Bedford Voke and lost the game 3-0 on unearned runs. The team also lost 8-7 to Seekonk, and has lost two extra inning games.

Coach Pacheco is carrying 14 players, 10 of which are seniors. With most of the team back from last year, Coach Pacheco had expected the team to be doing well.

The team will lose the outfield trio of Paul Amaral, Walter Rego and Rory Couturier; infielders, John Vaillancourt, Roger Gaydou, Billy Berlo, Rick Berube and pitchers, Jeff Arruda, and Dan Cordeiro; and also catcher Ross Landy to graduation in June. Coming back next season will be pitchers, Don Berube, Ernie Bacon; infielder, Joe Collins; and catcher, Paul Berlo.

Spring Track

by Arty Parker

The spring track squad is competing in a tough Division One West with a record of 2-5 (W-L). The squad has beaten Case and New Bedford Voke, the losses came at the hands of the top division leader Taunton, and also Seekonk, Old Rochester, Dighton-Rehoboth, and Somerset.

The squad will lose eight seniors. They include: Bill Tillson, Dave Raposa, Eddie Rheaume, Bob Souza, Steve Wrightington, Ed McGlynn, Pedro Senra, and Ron Senechal.

Next year's outlook is good with the return of the following juniors: Bill McHenry, Ken Rheaume, Jim Buckley, Pete Kaszyk, Mike Gelinas, Jim Julius, and Glenn Jones.

The following members should also get recognition: Bob Ferreira, Chris Goncalo, Chris Silva, Eric Geary, Greg Steinhoff, Jeff Thibault, Gary Fernandes, Steve Yered, Mike Araujo, Steven Raposa, Steve Hebert, Charlie Peters, Rich Ziccardi, Greg Neveux, Reggie Arruda, Joe Arruda, Don Araujo, Joe Aguiar, Wayne Souza and Mike Ferry.

