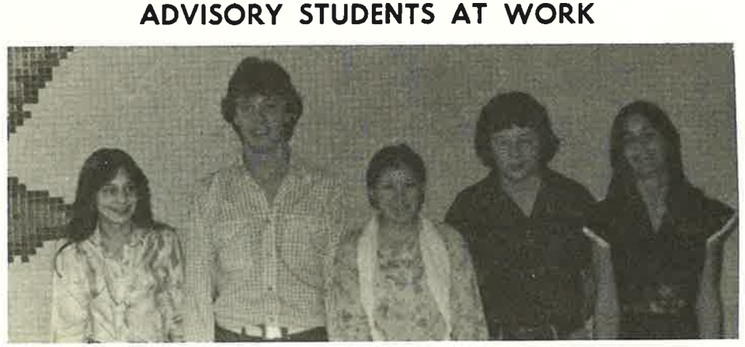


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ADVISORY STUDENTS AT WORK



Members of this year's Student Advisory Committee

Students Propose Shorter Schedule

by Sue Hurley

Members of the Student Advisory Committee have proposed an earlier dismissal time for Diman students, after numerous requests from the student body. The major problem with the 3 o'clock dismissal is the competition for part-time jobs. Because other area schools close earlier, it is believed that those students will be hired first.

The student group has presented information indicating that seven out of eight regional vocational schools in Southeastern Massachusetts are dismissed at 2:30 p.m. or earlier. Also six out of the eight have eight academic periods per day. Out of these six, two schools have one English class during each academic day and one English class during each shop day. The other two schools have nine academic periods per day. Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational has a twenty-minute break during the academic day, and Southeastern Vocational Technical has a ten-minute break.

The Student Advisory Committee presented a schedule which demonstrated how the school day could end at 2:29 p.m. All periods, except the fifth period, would be reduced to 41 minutes. Lunch periods would be reduced from 26 to 25 minutes, reducing the fifth period to 53 minutes.

The School Committee and the Student advisory Committee are still negotiating, and a conclusion has not been reached yet.

This year's members working on the proposal include: Bill McHenry (Electricity);Alan Charette (Machine Shop); Terrie Rose (Culinary Arts); Sue Hurley (Basic Electronics); and Lorianne Correira (Painting & Decorating.)

Annual Open House

Plans for the annual open house and trade exhibit are being finalized. This year's projects can be seen on Sunday, March 16. From 1 to 3:30 pm, students and parents will have an opportunity to visit all the various shops and consult with the teachers, both shop and academic.

Co-op Program In Progress

Mr. Henry Gillet, the job pla coordinator at Diman, was recently viewed to find out how many senio on co-op this year. According to M let, the greatest number of student op from one shop was from the n shop. It was also noted that this largest shop in the school. Althou basic electronics shop is consi smaller in student enrollment, it h of its eligible seniors on co-op.

An estimated twenty-five senio various shops are still attempting co-op positions at this time. Al there are about the same num seniors out on co-op as there we year, jobs are becoming more diff find. As a result, it will probably b difficult to secure full-time empl for the seniors in May.

Because of a decline in constr the building trades have reduce demand for electricians, carpente plumbers. The higher cost of g combined with other inflationary c resulting in people not spending m cars. Both auto body and auto m shops are feeling the decline in b and this, requires less help.

Thus, the employment picture i brighter in some of the other trad at Diman. The machine, electroni culinary arts fields are still pr many excellent opportunities fo co-op jobs and future full-time e ment. The outlook for co-op jobs drafting area looks good; howeve chine drafting opportunities are numerous than architectural. The arts field has a good future outlook the opportunities vary in the paint decorating trade.

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From The Editor's Desk

ety Spells Sense

yourselfers have fun, but they eware!

most home workshop projects in- e use of flammable materials, ex- are should be taken when using ing them. Gasoline for your power saws, garden tools, outboard and other devices should be kept quantities only and always stored cans.

, wax finishes, thinners, stains, shellacs, varnishes, and plastic used by the furniture builder e properly stored.

rags saturated with flammable s in covered metal cans, and keep nables away from sources of heat, water heaters and furnaces. Dis- wood shavings and sawdust .

repairs and remodeling frequent- e the use of flammable glues and ics. These should not be exposed flame or to sources of excessive so remember to provide for ade- ntilation.

work and jewelry-making are lly hazardous, since they involve of open flames supplied by liquid m gas or acetylene torch.

pen flame, the importance of cor- toring pressure tanks, and the of permitting uninformed persons ll children to handle them are all o take into consideration.

ever your project, read the in- ns on your materials thoroughly ot proceed until all steps are clear

ise extreme caution in the hand- , and storage of flammables. yourself, but do it carefully!

Stamps

NEW ISSUES

Several stamps have already been issued since the beginning of this year. On January 29, a stamp honoring W. C. Fields, comedian and actor, was issued in the Performing Arts and Artists series. This date is the centennial of Fields' birth.

On February 1, the U.S. Postal Service issued a se-tenant block of four 15c stamps for the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, N.Y. A speed skater, slalom skier, ski jumper, and hockey goaltender are depicted on these commemoratives.

On February 7, the Postal Service announced the introduction of a new $3.00 stamp booklet. The new booklet will contain two panes of ten 15c stamps. The stamps will depict five historic American windmills. The five windmills include: The Robertson Windmill at Williamsburg, Virginia, circa 1720; The Old Windmill at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, built in 1790; The Cape Cod Windmill at Eastham, Massachusetts, circa 1793; The Dutch Mill at Fabyan Park Forest Preserve, near Batavia, Illinois, circa 1860; and a Southwestern windmill, built in the 1890's.

The third stamp in the Black Heritage U.S.A. series was issued on February 15. The 15c commemorative honors Benjamin Banneker, a pioneer American scientist and mathematician who in later years became both a noted astronomer and surveyor. Among his accomplishments was his role as a scientific assistant to help lay out the 10-mile square for the Federal Capital in the District of Columbia in 1791.

PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

A true philatelist or stamp collector is a person who does more than merely collect pieces of colorful paper. This individual usually researches the history behind the issuance of particular stamps. In addition, the serious stamp collector wants to be informed of the latest stamps to be issued in his area of specialized collecting. For these reasons, and many others too numerous to mention, the philatelist subscribes to at least one philatelic periodical. There are a number of stamp-related publications available today. Some publications are published as weekly newspapers including *Linn's Stamp News, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, and The Stamp Collector. Stamps* is a weekly magazine, while the *Scott's Stamp Journal* is published as a monthly magazine. Even specialized publications are available such as *The Canadian Stamp News*which is printed every other week. The cost of these periodicals ranges from about $5 to $15 a year, depending on the size of each issue and the frequency of publication. Some of these periodicals offer short trial subscriptions at a fraction of the yearly cost, or they will send a free sample copy if you request it.

One such inexpensive offer which I am sure that you will enjoy is a ten-week trial subscription to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.* Send $1 to Mekeel's, P.O. Box 1660-L, Portland, Maine 04104.

CO-OP PROGRAM cont. from pg. 1

The breakdown at the end of the second quarter of this year for co-op placement is as follows: auto mechanics, 10; carpentry, 13; culinary arts, 6; drafting, 6; electricity, 10; electronics, 14; graphic arts, 5; machine shop, 30; metal fabrication & welding, 16; and plumbing, 2.

Only The Shadow Knows



The Shadow

1. J.A. is known as "Glitch".
2. R.N. went to California during the summer.
3. Mr. M. is in charge of the yearbook again.
4. L.D. transferred into drafting.
5. D.S. is always out of school.
6. J.J. loves the Armed Forces.
7. P.M. is on co-op.

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Man: Creative Destructive

A visitor to the Severn Wildfowl Trust complex in England is confronted with a large mirror above which is written:

You are looking at a specimen of the most dangerous and destructive animal the world has ever known...

When the viewer has pondered this, together with his own image in the mirror, he can read this:

He is also the most imaginative and creative animal...and he has evolved a conscience...

Valentine Word Search

ARROW	FOURTEENTH
BOW	FRIENDSHIP
CANDY	HEART
CARDS	LOVE
CHOCOLATES	PINK
CUPID	RED
FEBRUARY	SWEET
FLOWERS	VALENTINES

Q	F	F	C	S	A	U	R	P	E	F	C
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Student Wins Logo Contest

Susan Harrison of the Painting and Decorating was the recent winner of a contest sponsored by the Swansea Community Band. Those students who entered the contest had to design a logo which the band could use on their banner. Members of the band unanimously selected Sue's design. She won a $10 prize which she promptly elected to donate to the Key Club's Christmas Basket drive.

The Swansea Music Teachers' Association has written to all the other participants thanking them for their efforts.

SPORTS SIDELINES



Sports Writers

Art Parker
Paul Casanova

Winter Track

by Arty Parker

The winter track team is competing in S.E.M. Division II conference. The team's record, thus far, is 2-3 (w-l) with two meets to go. One of the victories came in an exciting finish against Durfee in the last event, the one-mile relay. Diman won that meet 44-42. The other win was against Bishop Feehan.

Two records have been broken this year. Lance Tavares set the high jump record of 5'10", and Ken Rheaume broke the second record by running the indoor mile in 4:50.

This is the first year that girls have competed in winter track. The best among the girls is Liz Richard who has 18 points. Liz runs to 50 yd. dash in 6:09.

Seniors on this year's team include: Ed Rheaume, Bill Tillson, Ron Senechal, John Vaillancourt, Dave Raposa, Bob Sousa, Steve Wrightington, Tom Dzialo, Ed McGlynn, Lance Tavares, and Pedro Senra.



"Come back this instant, Sweetie, and finish your oatmeal! You need every bit of your strength for those students."

Varsity Basketball

by Paul Casanova

When the Basketball season opened, Coach Goj said that this would be a rebuilding year, and that he didn't know what to expect. So far this season the Bengals have a 4-7 record, having lost to division foes: Case, D-R, and Old Rochester.

Diman won the season opener in Seekonk behind the tremendous drive of Ernie Bacon. The 6'5" junior from the plumbing shop scored 24 points.

Diman also won two games in the Cape Cod Christmas Tournament, where they finished a strong third place, in a field of eight teams. Last year the Bengals won the tournament.



Bruce Hrenko (83J) of the electric shop scored 42 points in a Freshman Basketball game establishing a new record.

Freshman Basketball

The 1979-1980 freshman basketball team, coached by Mr. Bentley, has not had the most successful season, but the team has improved significantly since its opening game.

Suffering greatly from a lack of height, the team has had to rely mostly on its co-captain, Bruce Hrenko, for its scoring punch while being helped out defensively by the squad's scrappy forwards and guards. As of January 30th the team's record was 1-12, but Mr. Bentley feels that although the squad has not won many games, the team has improved enough to earn the respect of opposing teams and not be considered an easy victory on their schedule.

Members include: Brian Franco, Gary Bosse, Bob Grillo, Dave Cummings, Dennis Moreira, Don Prior, Frank Gervasio (co-captain), Wayne Wilkinson, Pete Brown, and Mike Courchesne.