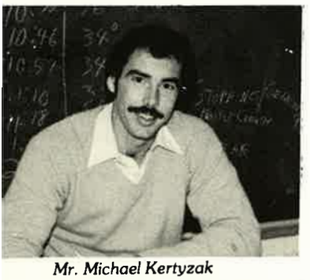
ysics Instructor Resigns



Mr. Michael Kertyzak

Michael Kertyzak, an instructor of ysical Science class, came to Diman after graduating from the New York te of Technology. Mr. Kertyzak has graduate courses at Bridgewater State e and Virginia Military Institute where ieved his B.S. Physics degree.

ore coming to Diman he was a ch assistant at the Woods Hole ographic Institute in Woods Hole, achusetts for two years, and a stry teacher at Falmouth High School e year.

Video Game Fever

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tel (maker of Intellivision, not to men- Atari's biggest competition) will be g out with a series of cartridges for the system called M Network. Included ternational Soccer, Astroblast (an exact replica of the Intellivision game smash), Super Challenge Baseball.

eco, another large company which ces their own video game system, is producing cartridges for the Atari n. Two of their cartridges are Donkey and Adventure.

ker Brothers, the famous board game , is also producing cartridges for the system. The two which they are pro- are The Empire Strikes Back and er (almost exactly the same as the version.)

vision, the makers of Kaboom, Star- and Chopper Command are also g out with two new cartridges, Mega- and Pitfall.

ge is a mew company which seems to ng well on the market with their two ges, Cosmic Ark and Demon Attack Imagic claims to be the 3rd best seller U.S.) Special note should be given to for the exeptional graphics on both e cartridges.

, that about wraps it up, for the first n, so until the next issue, keep playing video games!!

Mr. Kertyzak resigned on December 23, 1982 to take a professional advancement as a Systems Engineer in the Advanced Electro magnetic Systems group at the Mitre Corporation in Bedford. He will be working on radar and communications systems.

The Mitre Corporation has greater benefits which include: 100% prepaid tuition towards Mr. Kertyzak's Master's or Phd. degree, enrollment in the Mitre Institute (their own school) during company time, three weeks vacation, ten holidays, one month sick time, medical and dental coverage, diversity of projects, and an excellent salary.

He is changing career paths, not because he is unhappy at Diman, but because of the excellent opportunity offered to him at this time.

His seven-year stay was a very rewarding experience. He has made many friends with members of the faculty, administration, and students.

His philosophy while teaching at Diman was: "By giving my time and effort to the students, they will respond." Mr. Kertyzak wishes continued success to the students, faculty, and staff and says, "I will miss you!"

Note of Recognition

Note of Recognition: Special thanks to the Photography Club for providing the pictures which were used in the All-School Track Meet photo essay in the last issue.

Special Needs Coordinator Leaves Diman

by Chris Hayes

Mr. Stephen McIntosh, the Special Needs Coordinator, came to Diman in 1979. Mr. McIntosh graduated from Catholic Memorial High School in 1967. From there he attended Bridgewater State College as well as Boston State College. He came to Diman after holding jobs at Keefe Technical High School in Framingham, Massachusetts and United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Boston.

Mr. McIntosh left us on December 17, 1982 to take a position at Bristol-Plymouth Vocational Technical High School as Administrator of Special Education.

He says he misses being at Diman but his new job is a lot closer to his place of residency in South Weymouth, Massachusetts. The job also offers him a professional and financial advancement.

Record Flight

by Mike Duclos

Welcome back to Record Flight, your space shuttle to rock-n-roll. This is your new captain, M.D., with the latest hot tracks.

To start off with, we've got a new album from the first lady of rock herself, Pat Benetar. This one's called "Get Nervous" and features such songs as "Shadows of the Night" and "Strangers". This album is a first in rock because when you buy it, you won't get a counterfeit. The album contains a special card which you must send back to the record company. The company will then put the card under a laser and if the card is okay, they will then send you a certificate of authenticity.

Next up is the madman himself, Ozzy Osbourne. He's let loose with a new, live, double album set called "Speak of the Devil". This one features mostly Black Sabbath material such as "Paranoid", "Children of the Grave", and "War Pigs". This one is perfect for all you maniacs out there.

Rush, who recently played at the Civic Center, has a new one out called "Signals". Special mention should be given to Geddy Lee's fine vocals on this one.

The new one out from the bad boys from Boston, Aerosmith, is called "Rock in a Hard Place" and it's hot! It features such songs as "When Lightning Strikes" and "Push Comes to Shove". I tell you, these guys really take the terms heavy metal and hard rock to the maximum.

Well this is your captain, signing off until next time. So long for now.

P.S. Styx, I'm waiting!!!

Mr. McIntosh said he has made many friendships and would like to praise Diman students for their cooperation and commitment to vocational education.

The faculty, student body, and administration wish Mr.McIntosh the best of luck in his new position.



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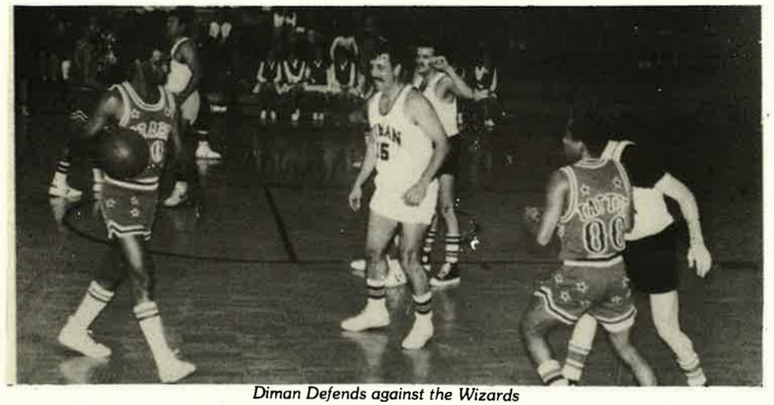


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Wizards Entertain Diman Crowd



Diman Defends against the Wizards

Event Raises $400

by John Resendes

On December 5, 1982 the Student Advisory Committee sponsored a basketball game featuring the Harlem Wizards, one of the premier touring teams in the world, vs. the Diman Faculty All-Stars in the gymnasium. The purpose of this game was to raise money for the Student Activities Fund.

Although more than the crowd of 500 were expected to appear, the event was still a success. Everybody that showed up had a lot of fun and enjoyed watching the Wizards perform their routines and handle the ball in a manner which is unparalleled. Their routines included choosing a champion ball-handler from the young children, the water-in-the-bucket routine, and many other crowd pleasers.

The Wizards, whose 1982-83 tour includes games in such places as Europe, South America, and the Middle East, helped raise $1,500, of which they kept $700 plus 50% of the money collected at the door.

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Riddensdale Captures First Place

by Mary Anne DeMello

Joe Riddensdale, a senior in the drafting department, captured first place in the 36th annual Voice of Democracy contest and has advanced into the district finals. This is the seventh consecutive year that a Diman student has won the local city-wide competition.





From The Editor's Desk

"The students are the reason for the school..."

Diman's Shrinking Budget

Last year the Diman School Committee, through a dictate from Fall River and the towns to cut the budget almost eliminated twelve shop tech instructors and other positions out of this year's but the people forced the committee to reverse its decision. That was not enough though - the new budget still had to be approved by three out of four of the communities which Diman serves - Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, and Westport.

Somerset, Swansea, and Westport approved the budget but Fall River didn't. As a matter of fact, the City of Fall River was so persistent that they even tried to find a legal way to get out of paying their full share of the budget - but, fortunately for us, they couldn't.

This year Fall River is on the rampage. The City has ordered the Diman School Committee to slash $250,000 from the 1983-84 budget. This cut would eliminate some teaching positions, some sport programs, and ALL extra-curricular activities, as well as cutting back the night school programs.

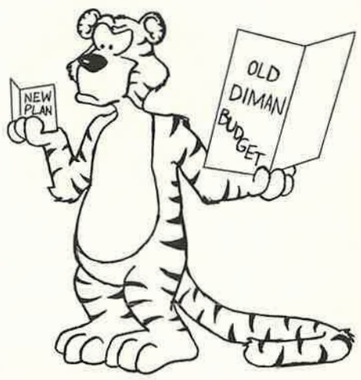
All this is after Diman returned $200,000 of unused money to Fall River this year. Now the City seems to be saying, "Hey! Since you returned it this year, we'll save you the hassle of doing it again next year -we'll give you less money to work with."

This money should be set aside towards the following year's budget and not spent on other city departments.

The Diman budget has no extras. This school operates with the lowest cost per pupil of all vocational schools in the state of Massachusetts.

The students are the reason for the schools. By cutting a little here and a little there (or in Diman's case, a lot here and even more there) you begin to deprive students of a first-class education. It seems that the City of Fall River is more concerned with saving money than giving Diman students the same type of quality education they receive in other schools.

If we let Fall River have its way every time they decided to cut the budget, in a few years Diman would be a one- room schoolhouse with one instructor and he would probably be working part-time.



The students, along with the parents, are the ones who should be telling the school committee how they feel. After all, who does it affect most? Us, the students — the future generation!

Sure, these cuts would affect instructors and other school personnel, but to them it's only the loss of a job. As difficult as it is in these economic times, it is much easier to find another job than to look for another future.

Letters to the Editor

The Tradesman welcomes letters expressing personal opinion from its readers. All letters must be signed and include shop and group for verification before printing. All letters are subject to condensation. Letters may be given to any staff member.

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Lack of School Spirit?

by John Resendes

"Can I get out of class this period?" is probably one of the most often asked questions by any student who participates in an activity in this school.

We are always hearing how much lack of school spirit exists among the students. How can somebody expect school spirit when the students don't have the time to show it?

At Diman there are no free periods. For anyone to be seriously involved in any school activity calls for a lot of hard work —many times requiring the student to make up work missed in class. The fact that no periods are allotted for activities within the school day often draws students, who would otherwise be involved with school activities, away from the participation on the various clubs, teams, etc.

Another major problem facing members of Diman's extra-curricular activities is the reluctance of instructors to allow students out of class at any time.

Those students involved with Diman's school activities should be highly commended, more so than students in other schools. Other schools, including some Vocational Technical schools, have periods set aside for activities.

Some of their solutions include a home room period, or an eighth period study hall (which may be used for participation in activities).

At the present time there is a strong implication that the evaluating team, which visited the school this past October, will make a recommendation that there be assigned periods for school activities. I support this one-hundred percent and hope that the administration and school committee not only consider but implement the recommended periods.



"Now that we know enough to teach our students how to operate one of these, let's play Pac-Man."

SPORTS SIDELINES



Sports Writers
Mike Duclos
Steven Garant

J.V. Soccer Wrap-Up

by Steven Garant

The Junior Varsity Soccer team had "a good season" according to Coach Pita. They won five games, lost six, and tied once.

Jose Baptista, Paul Pedro, and Henry Medeiros led the offense. The defensive leaders on the squad were Joe Torrez, Carlos Ramano, and Frank Machado.

Two of the most challenging teams the Diman squad faced, Pita said, were Bishop Connolly and New Bedford Voke. The season stats are as follows:

Bishop Connolly	3	8	Lost
Westport	4	1	Won
Durfee	0	1	Lost
New Bedford Voke	1	2	Lost
Old Rochester	2	0	Won
Bishop Connolly	0	2	Lost
Westport	2	1	Won
Bishop Stang	1	2	Lost
Durfee	1	0	Won
Bishop Stang	2	1	Won
New Bedford Voke	0	1	Lost
Old Rochester	2	2	Tie

Booter Season Successful

by Steven Garant

Manny Pimental and Paul Leite led the offense, while Oliver Borges, Dave Plourde, and Louie Mello led the defense to an eight win, six loss, and one tie second place season for the varsity soccer team. In Coach "Youngie" Martin's estimation, the Bengals has a good season.

Three players on the squad made the Southeastern Massachusetts Conference Division II All-Star team. They were Oliver Borges, a back; Paul Leite, a midfielder; and Manny Pimental, a forward.

Dave Plourde received Honorable Mention for his performance as a backfielder. Manny Pimental's 20 goals led the league this season.

Cross Country Team in Tough Division

by John Resendes

With a final 1-5 (w-l) record in the Southeastern Massachusetts Conference Division Two, Diman's Cross-Country team placed sixth out of seven. Overall, though, the Bengals record was more encouraging — they had six wins and five losses. The season's results are as follows:

Scores

Team-Division	Diman	Opponent	Result
Durfee-Two	36	21	Lost
Stang-Three	19	42	Won
Dighton-Rehoboth	42	19	Lost
Westport-Three	21	38	Won
Wareham-Two	35	22	Lost
Old Rochester-Three	26	31	Won
Connolly-Three	16	39	Won
New Bedford Voke-Two	39	19	Lost
Dartmouth-Two	26	31	Won
Case-Three	23	39	Won
Feehan-Two	40	18	Lost

All five of Diman's non-leaguers were against Division Three teams. Having won all of these meets, Coach Cantwell concludes, "We don't be long in Division Two because it's too tough for us, but we won all of our meets in Division Three. It seems that we should be somewhere in-between, but we probably belong in Division Three."

Towards the end of the season, Diman's squad seemed to have improved and showed more consistency. In the All-Conference meet at SMU the Bengals placed thirteenth out of a total of twenty-one teams and fourth out of seven in Division Two.

Two of the toughest oppositions to Diman were Bishop Connolly and Old Rochester.

Scores

Bishop Connolly	1	3	Lost
Westport	0	0	Tie
Bishop Stang	1	2	Lost
Dartmouth	3	0	Won
Holy Family	4	0	Won
New Bedford Voke	2	0	Won
Old Rochester	0	1	Lost
Bishop Connolly	0	2	Lost
Westport	1	3	Lost
Bishop Stang	3	0	Won
Dartmouth	3	1	Won
Holy Family	7	3	Won
New Bedford Voke	6	2	Won
Old Rochester	2	1	Won
Durfee	2	3	Lost

"We got better towards the end Cantwell explains, "During the regu son, the only league team we be Dartmouth. At the conference though, we defeated New Bedford and Wareham, along with Dartmout

This year's top contributor to th was Reggie Arruda, with 104 poin cording to Mr. Cantwell he'll make star team with no problem at all.

Arruda wasn't the only one wh duced for the Bengals, though. Ot cluded: Chris Ferreira, 62 points; Howard, 45 points; Larry Macha points; Tom Butler, 28 points; and Neveux, 22 points.

All Cross-Country team membe expected to run Winter-Track this They are also planning to return ne with the exception of Arruda and N who will be graduating in June.

Winter Track Te Faces Difficul Schedule

by John Resendes

The Winter Track schedule is goin a tough one this year. The Bengal r are participating in the Southeastern chusetts Conference Division I West

Diman will face squads such as Attl considered to be one of the best in the and Seekonk, "the best in the stat cording to Coach Cantwell. Other div meets include New Bedford Voke, F and Durfee.

"We're probably not going to do great since they put us in such a division," said Cantwell. The more petitive meets, he feels, will be Fairhaven and Somerset, both of wh non-divisional.

Team members include: R. Arru Araujo, D. Dion, M. Couto, P. Au Riddensdale, J. McAlister, K. Bla Ferreira, G. White, S. Dias, S. Howa Pimental, M. Pacheco, T. Butler, C. P. Whipp, R. Costa, C. Tessi Machado, J. Soares, J. Almeida, C. B W. Soares, P. Arruda, S. Simo Kaszyk, P. Martins, T. Luz, a Medeiros.

Teens of the Month

This year the Fall River Order of Elks has begun a recognition program in various High Schools, throughout the area, which will focus attention on an outstanding Senior boy and girl each month.

The students will be nominated by faculty and staff members. The selection of the Diman students nominated, will be made by the Student Advisory Committee.

The students that are chosen as teenagers of the month, will receive public recognition and will be presented a Certificate of Achievement.

Student nominations are based on achievement, citizenship, scholarship, or leadership.

The teenagers of the month of October were Rosemary Rezendes and Manuel Gervasio.

Rosemary is a senior in the Graphic Arts shop. She has participated in many school activities such as: the Yearbook Staff, Newspaper Staff, Student Government Day Representative, Youth Forum in addition to serving as a member of the Diman Student Advisory Committee.

Manuel Gervasio is also a senior in Graphic Arts. Manny has been involved in many sport related activities inside and outside of school. He also served as his shop week representative for the Student Advisory Council.



As for the month of November the teenagers selected were Denise Pysz and Scott Franco.

Denise Pysz is a senior in the Drafting shop. She has been involved in the Yearbook Staff and the Broadcasting Club.

Scott Franco is a senior in the Electricity shop. He has been active in many school activities such as: the Newspaper Staff, the Student Advisory Committee, the Yearbook Staff, the Science Fair, and he has served as the scorekeeper for the baseball and basketball games.



The teenagers for December were Reggie Arruda and Donna Botelho. Both Reggie and Donna have been involved in various school activities since their freshman year. Reggie has participated in cross-country, winter and spring track, the Student Advisory Committee, and the yearbook staff. Donna has been active in the Key Club, yearbook, cheerleading, Student Advisory Council, Student Senate, and the Prom Committee.



At The Sign Of The Golden Arches

by John Resendes

"Let's go to McDonald's for lunch," says a fellow student to you just before the lunch bell rings.

"Are you kidding?" you answer, "if we get caught we'll probably get 10 hours."

At Diman that's the law, but not so at Lexington's Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School. This is not because they have a different set of rules but because they a have a McDonald's restaurant right on campus.

Students at that school have a choice of lunches each day. They may opt to eat the regular school lunch for 75¢ or, as ¾ of them do, go to McDonald's and pay a little more for lunch.

This new system is a result of a program set up in September. Culinary Arts students who want to major in fast foods can take up the course which gives hands-on experience in a field with beginning salaries at about $10,000 a year.

The 20 instructors, donated by McDonald's to the program, work with rotating groups of eight students. These students learn more than making hamburgers and fries — those who do well in spending 150 hours in basics get intensive training in management for 500 hours (four semesters).



Not only the school benefits from this arrangement. McDonald's gets personnel trained in their own operational style, and uses the facility to test the popularity of new products like their latest-boneless barbecued ribs.

I, as a member of Diman's student body, am inviting McDonald's to build a facility like that over here. — Just talk to the man in the main office.

Video Game Fever

Welcome to our first VGF column. A new column will appear in each issue of The Tradesman. The purpose of this column is to explain and maybe even evaluate some of the new video game cartridges which are constantly coming up on the market. This column will deal mostly with the Atari 2600 video game unit because it seems to be the most popular on the market at present.

Competition is hot in the video game market with manufacturers coming out with more exciting games and more sophisticated graphics. Advanced technology is the key to this business. What this means to you, the consumer, is a longer (and better) line of cartridges to choose from.

But back to the original idea. First off, Atari, maker of the Atari 2600 game console and many, many, game cartridges including Asteroids, Pac-Man, Missle Command, Space Invaders, and Defender (all with only slight variations from the arcade versions) has come out with Berzerk. Atari also plans on putting out a series of sports cartridges which will feature much better graphics.

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Student Representative Elected



Juniors Elect Alan Bolger

by Bob Young

On November 2, 1982, the same day as Massachusetts state elections were taking place, high schools throughout the state were holding elections of their own. The purpose of these elections was to pick a representative for Student Government Day, which will be held on April 8, 1983. Here at Diman the junior class elected Alan Bolger.

Alan is a junior in Graphic Arts. During his spare time, he enjoys various sports, of which his favorites are ice hockey and baseball.

Before attending the conference Alan had to go through a workshop which was held on December 15 in Lakeville. The workshop was held to brief and train the students for the task ahead of them.

The purpose of this program is for the young men and women of the state to gain knowledge and feel what an official goes through in order to run the state.

Selection of individual offices is done by having an official pick a name of a representative out of a bowl. Whoever is chosen assumes the duties of that official for the day.

Besides being rewarding to the young men and women as a whole, it has individual benefits for the representatives. Alan is planning on going into law upon his graduation.

Taking this into account, he has chosen a committee on law enforcement. Undoubtedly, this will be a big step in his career decision.

All in all, since this program has begun, many have benefited and learned from it. Some of this may sound like fun and games, but this is a very important function for some day we will be the ones who must make the decisions.

Cheerleaders Hold Pep-Rally



by Mary Anne DeMello

On Wednesday, November 24, the Diman Cheerleaders participated in the first pep-rally held in the gymnasium. The purpose of the pep-rally was to encourage the students here at Diman to raise their school spirit and to improve the attendance of our home basketball games.

As an introduction line thecheerleaders performed two well done cheers. Then followed on through with pyramids, side line cheers, a pom-pom routine, and an ending cheer.

The coach of the cheerleaders, Mrs. Lorraine Smith did a great job, as well as the cheerleaders: Donna Botelho, Cindy Beaulier, Kathleen Morse, Christine Gaboriau, Shelly Isabel, Paula Sullivan, Trudy Vallaincourt, Karen Franco, Joanne Hickey, Debbie Teixeira, Sherrie McDermott, and Katherine Richard.

Riddensdale

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At Diman, Riddensdale's entry finished first in a field of eighteen seniors who had participated in the script writing contest required of all students in the Broadcasting class on the theme of "Youth - America's Strength". *(For his efforts, he will be awarded a $100 savings bond, a trophy, and a certificate. The presentation will be made during the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Spring Banquet. The annual Broadcasting contest is sponsored by Local Post 486.)*

A resident of Swansea, Joe has participated on the track team. After graduation, he plans to major in Engineering at S.M.U.

The three Diman finalists were selected by a trio of English instructors: Mr. Paul Brodeur, Mr. Jim Killavey, and Mr. Edward Szynal. Paul Audet and Roland Daignault both of the Basic Electronics shop were placed as first and second runner-ups respectively.

Wizards

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This left approximately $400 for the Student Activities Fund, which now totals over $700. None of this money was budgeted but was collected from the game and previous events such as dances sponsored by the Student government.

This money will go towards student activities like the Newport Navy Jazz Band which cost $110 this year.

The Diman squad consisted of ten instructors from various departments within the school. They included: J. Ashley (Phys. Ed), center; B. Bentley (English), forward; M. Bernat (Machine Shop), guard; P. Brodeur (English), forward; E. Gillespie (Math), guard; R. Hurley (Guidance), guard; J. Pacheco (General Shop), forward; K. Peterson (English), center; R. Pita (Phys Ed), forward; and M. Welch (Social Studies) forward.

The high scorer for Diman was P. Brodeur who had a total of 14 points. Other scorers were: R. Pita, 8 points; M. Bernat, 6 points; K. Peterson, 6 points; M. Welch, 6 points; B. Bentley, 4 points; R. Hurley, 4 points; and E. Gillespie, 2 points.

The final score was 102-50 in favor of the Wizards. The point of this game was to have fun and to entertain the crowd — not to win, so the outcome wasn't really important. The scorekeeper obviously knew this because the scoreboard showed a 102-98 score (in favor of the wizards) at the end of the game.

Mr. Hurley says that he is optimistic about future events such as this game, the all-school track meet, pep-rallies, etc. He says that his optimism is largely based on the fact that "the students are showing their cooperation and behaving in a proper manner."