ea Room Hostess Appointed



by Monique Richard

This fall Mrs. Nancy A. Mauretti, a Fall River resident, was appointed as the Tea Room hostess. She is responsible for the attractive appearance of the restaurant, as well as the effective management of the students who serve both breakfast and lunch to many patrons daily.

Mrs. Mauretti is a graduate of Northeastern University with an associate's degree in X-ray technology. She was previously employed as a medical secretary at the Hanover Building.

"Working at Diman has been a pleasureable experience. I enjoy working with the chef, faculty, and staff," stated Mrs. Mauretti in a recent interview.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, gardening, decorating, and baking.

Dental Assistants Win Two Awards

The annual five state student competition was held during the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston on January 17, 1986.

Diman Dental Assistant students captured first place and third place in the clinic competition.

Laurie Jones, Lori Labreche and Wendy Michael were the first place winners for the presentation of their clinic entitled "Brace Yourself for Perfect Alignment." Third Place was awarded to Elizabeth Anthony and Paula Chouinard for the presentation of their clinic entitled "Microbiology and The Oral Cavity."

cience Fair

annual Science Fair was held on 21, 22 and 23, students had an tunity to pursue their interest in science. provided encourgement and recognition dents who participate.

al fairs give students a chance to their ideas and discoveries in science assmates throughout the school. Addi- y they improve a student's communi- and presentation skills, which are im- nt in any future career.

Regional Fairs are held throughout achusets in early March and April. tudents have the opprtunity to appreciate other projects and exchange ideas with peers from other schools. These fairs present top exhibitors with awards, scholarships and prizes and serve as a preliminary for the State Science Fair.

To enter a project you must fill out a registration form which is distributed by the head of the Science Dept, Mr. Slekis, who also has Massachusetts State Science Fair information. Projects may concern almost any aspect of sceince in the fields of Astronomy, Behavioral Science, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Computers, Earth Science, Electronics, Engineering, Mathematics or Physics. Students should bear in mind that it is not the choice of topic that is important, but the manner in which the project is handled.

The Massachusetts State Science Fair projects must be entirely the work of the individual student. Also, all projects should not conflict in any way with the Science Fair Rules and Health & Safety Regulation.

Science Fair participants are usually as interested in each other's projects as they are in the progress they have achieved with their own work. For this reason, each participate is asked to submit an abstract, of his or her project. A written summary of a reseach project including its purpose, procedures, results (data), conclusions, and reflections or applications.

A great many awards, scholarship prizes and trips are presented to State Science Fair participants. In 1985, a total of $20,000 was distributed to the top exhibitors. Cash awards vary in amounts from $25 to $500. Prizes include such items as microscopes, scientific calculators and books. Scholarships range from $500 to $1,000.

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New Gym Instructor Appointed

by Tracy Ferreira & Barbara Pacheco



Mr Craig Pollock is the new physical education instructor who began his duties this September. He replaces Mr. Ray Pita who took a teaching position in his home town of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Mr. Pollock is a graduate of Barrington College and worked at the Christian School for three years prior to joining the Diman staff. In an interview, he indicated that he really likes his work here at Diman. Some of his interests include: golf, tennis, basketball, and soccer.

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VICA Members Capture Nine Medals



'/ICA members from Culinary Arts with Mr. Mc Garr and Mr. Viveiros, their shop advisor.

by Tracy Ferreira

The Vica District II competition was held on March 11, 1986. There were twenty three schools, and about 2,800 students in this competition. The Diman students who won in this competition were Marc Messier and Russell Ferreira of sheet metal, Jeffrey Medeiros and Edward Pires, of automotive mechanics, Nelson Brum and David Wood of cabinet making and millwork, Christopher Medeiros of carpentry, and Emile Chagnon and Gregg Botelho in commerical food trades. They proceeded to the state competition which was held on April 10, 11, and 12 at the Hubert H. Humphrey Resource Center in Boston.

The students had to wear required protective clothing. All contestants were required to attend a briefing session conducted by the event manager, this took place on a Thursday evening at 10:00 p.m.

The purpose of this session was to review the rules; give instuctions; answer any questions; and familiarize students with contest area. Some of the areas in this competition were: automotive machine shop, baking, accounting, childcare, cosmetology, data processing, metal fab, painting and decorating, shorthand, typing word processing, marine industries, and marine mechanics. They have done very well and we should all be very proud of them.

New Coordinator

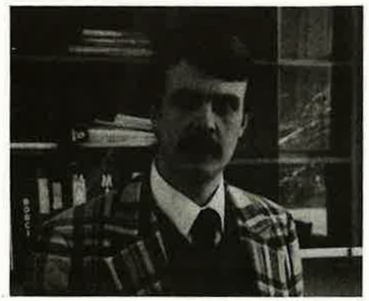
by Karl Ferreira

Mr. Herbert C. Hamilton has been hired as the new Post Secondary/Academic Coodinator replacing Mr. Ferreira. Mr. Hamilton started in the middle of this school year and was pleased by how well the staff and faculty have assisted him in his new role at Diman.

In Mr. Hamilton's job, he deals with the post graduates and their programs. He generates interest in Diman's fine post graduate courses by placing ads in local newspapers, radio stations and on local cable T.V. His job also includes helping post graduates with financial aid and even interviewing and recommending new instructors.

He is working on strengthening the post graduate programs and making them more appealing. He is also responsible for the high school curriculum. Because of Mr. Hamilton's former job at Bristol Plymouth Technical High School, as an English teacher and department head, he is quite familiar with high school classrooms. He told me the one thing he misses is dealing directly with the students.

Mr. Hamilton a Berkley resident,is married and has 5 children . He is a graduate of Bridgewater State with an M.A.T. in English. He also teaches at Fisher Junior College.





From The Editor's Desk

"...The Souls of the Seven Astronauts... will be finally laid to rest."

by Catherine A. Richard

Is it just me or does it seem to you also that every time our country suffers a great ordeal of some kind, our faith in the government is shattered. Take, for example, the Space Shuttle Challenger. Granted, it was the worst space disaster in American history. Seven brave crew members took a chance at exploring our horizons and sadly lost their lives within one big instant. Those seven will never be forgotten for their bravery, and pride in their country. They will always have a special place in our hearts.

The phenomenal explosion, however, stirred up an immediate attack against NASA officials and even the White House. Many people believe the launch was rushed. Others feel that after so many aborted planned liftoffs, it should have never gone up. We all needed someone to blame.

We Americans seem to think nowadays that we all live in some sort of Utopia where everything is always picture perfect. Then when a mistake or an oversight occurs somewhere along the line, our world crumbles into piles of hypocrisy, deceit, and suspicion. We suddenly turn on those same people who have shown us advancement in technology, and kept our country number one in the space program since the start. Our engineers, technicians and even our own president are turned into criminals and and dissected piece by piece with the diminishing hope of labeling some item with solid concrete answers.

Whatever the cause, and whoever's fault it may have been, it's now just a matter of time before all of our questions are answered.

This incident has and will cause more anxieties in the minds of Americans during the next few shuttle missions. I just hope that one day soon the souls of the seven astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger will be finally laid to rest. And until that day I wish that we, as true Americans, would put all of our faith back into our leaders who have guided us so well out of every disaster which crosses our paths.

The Shuttle Disaster



Recently the senior class of 86E conducted a public opinion poll on the recent space shuttle disaster. The poll, a project undertaken by Mr. Brosnan's class, was made up of a series of questions concerning the space shuttle Challenger. A total of 61 people in the community participated in answering the questions.

The first question found that some 65% of those polled had actually followed the progress of the space shuttle prior to the disaster. Next, we asked whether the shuttle program should definitely continue, 85% were positive about the program.

The third question asked if you would be willing to be a crew member on the next shuttle mission. You can almost guess the results on this one! A total of 65% said no.

When asked if future shuttle missions should be manned, only 24% favored an unmanned program. Closely connected to the previous question was whether people felt that NASA should continue sending civilians on space missions. Only 35% of the respondents were against civilian participation.

The next question asked if the space budget should be increased. Only 46% of the respondents were in favor of increases. However, 74% of the individuals answering the survey had a positive attitude toward the space program, while the remaining 26% evenly represented the negative and indifferent attitudes. In addition, 85% of the people polled have not changed their attitudes toward the program even after the disaster.

The results of the final question indicate that 69% of the respondents felt that NASA neglected shuttle maintenance. Interesting, because the survey was conducted before most of the revelations of neglect.

Those individuals surveyed included students, teachers, secretaries, police officers, cooks, etc. Approximately two-thirds of the respondents were male, while 52% of those polled were married, 43% were single, and the remaining individuals were divorced or widowed.

Switchboard Has New Voice



by Debbie Mello

Mrs. Cheryl Gabbour is Diman's new switchboard operator. Her job is to answer incoming calls, place long distance calls for the administration, and type the daily menu for the Tea Room. In addition, she types short letters, and takes care of the shop order cards and the morning break orders. Mrs. Gabbour also makes photocopies for the administration and staff.

Mrs. Gabbour joined the support staff here at Diman in December. Before coming to Diman, she was employed at the Government Center for three years where she answered calls and made duplicate tax bills for individuals who lost them.

Mrs. Gabbour is a Fall River native, but now resides in Swansea. She attended B.M.C. Durfee and in college majored in business administration.

Diman Cheerleaders

by Catherine Richard

The Diman varsity cheerleaders started off the basketball season this year with a few major changes.

First off, this year we had a new advisor, Mrs. Jackie Vanasse. With her energy, pride in her squad, and a whole lot of patience, she's done great! Her quality of leadership must run in the family because her daughter Robin Vanasse 86H C.A. was co-captain for her second year in a row. Heidi Guinen 86J, C.A. was our other high spirited co-captain.

The 1985-86 Basketball Tea

by Paul Couto

The Varsity Basketball team started off the season with a very positive winning outlook. After the first three non-conference games, although the team had a 1-2 record, they were still very confident about having a very good league season. With the first four games coming out at 2-2, the season looked very good. Then starting with a tough loss at home against Bristol-Plymouth, the team suffered three losses in a row. As the season came to its mid-point with a win against Westport and a very disappointing loss to the undefeated Holbrook, the team was now with a divisional record of 3 wins and 6 losses. With five games left in the season, the team still believed that it could finish successfully. The varsity squad ended their season with 7 wins and 10 losses.

The following are our varsity team members:
Paul Baraby - 86D - Electricity
Mike Boule - 86C - House & Mill Capentry
Alan Bosse - 87B - Machine Shop
Victor Costa - 87A - Auto Mechanics
Paul Couto - 86K - Basic Electronics
Robert Lima - 86A - Culinary Arts
Keith Lyne - 87F - Machine Shop
Ray Prevost - 86H - House & Mill Carp
Lee Robinson - 87C - Basic Electroni
Louie Viveiros - 86B - Auto Body

The Jay - Vee team, comprising of talented sophomores, had a very good Coach Roger Ramos was pleased wi performance of the players and exp that together as a team they will pe even better in next year's season.

The team members are as follows:
Rick Alves - 88Y - Machine Shop
Neal Belliveau - 88F - Drafting
Mike Borges - 88B - Machine Shop
Paul Coimbera - 88C - House & Carpentry
Mike Costa - 88G - Basic Electronics
John Couto - 88G - Basic Electronics
Ray Leary - 88D - Electricity
Scott Mendoza - 88Y - House & Carpentry
Robert Oliveira - 88Y - Basic Electroni
Steve Stetkyewicz - 88B - Electricity



Bengals Ricardo Medeiros (left), Eric Darling (center), and John Aguiar (right), race to the finish line in the 50 yd. dash.

The rest of the squad included:
Sue Audet-86F-Culinary Arts
Flo Gaudreau-86J-Culinary Arts
Catherine Richard-86K-Painting & Decorating
Cheryl Bigos-87C-Basic Electronics
Colette Case-88X-Graphic Arts
Christi Moniz-88H Drafting
Melanie Bigos-89B-Drafting
Lisa Bouchard-89E-Graphic Arts
Kerry Lyne-89J-Graphic Arts

Another change was our new uniforms. Using the profits made from a car wash and by selling calendars we managed to improve the overall appearance of our uniforms.

The biggest change in Diman cheerlea history occurred this year when P Martins, 86K, a senior in Drafting sh up at tryouts. He proved to himself friends, and to his school that if girls handle it - so can a guy! Well, he made the squad and although he was with u just a short time, we are still very prou him!

I believe this was a great year fo Diman cheerleaders. By the w Mrs. Vanasse, this one's for you! "I know what you've been told, but Diman lots of soul! Hey you, Check it out!"

SPORTS SIDELINES



Winter Track

by Monique Richard

There were a lot of new faces this year on Diman's Winter Track team, including a new coach. Mr. John Pacheco, General Shop related and Physical Education instructer, gave a lot of help and encouragement as coach for two long hard months.

Coach Pacheco states that this year's Bengal team was a good example of the kind of athletic program you like to see. "They weren't just a bunch of kids running only so they could receive points, letters, and jackets," he said. "They were a group of friends who enjoyed being a part of such a competitive team. They were willing to sacrifice and do what was necessary to win."

Most teams have one particular event in which they excel. But the Bengals this year had strength in all of the events. There was constant improvement from Day 1.

The Bengals competed against some of the strongest teams of the Southcoast League. The toughest was Seekonk ("the consecutive state champions"). The final score was 21-65 (in favor of Seekonk). For a meet that was expected to be lost by a landslide, the team competed very strongly. Unfortunately, not quite as the dominating Seekonk team.

Other scores were: Diman-47 Old Rochester-39, Diman-36 Apponquet-50, Diman-49 New Bedford Voc.-37, Diman-35 Fairhaven-51, and Diman-48 Wareham-38.

Outstanding performances were achieved by Ricardo Medeiros and Paul Reis. Ricardo (50, 300, and high jump) scored a total of 44 points. Paul (600, relay, and high jump) scored 42 1/2 points for the Bengals.

Overall, the team had a good year. But there is still a lot of room for improvement. "Next year I'd like to see more participation," says Coach Pacheco. "We started the season with 52 and ended with 32. I'd especially like to see more girls on the team. A lot of them complain that there are no girls teams at Diman. Well this is something they can do and have fun doing it."

The Bengal team members included: Seniors- Philip Michaud, Ricardo Medeiros, Sigbjorn Roynestd; Juniors- Mike Morrell, Tony Texeira, Brian Fontes, Paul Reis, Dave Cyr, Mario Silva, Joe Reis, Robert Ledoux, Eric Darling; Sophomores- Dan Cordeiro, Monique Richard, Minh Phoung, Tom Lundstrum, Brent L'Heureux, Dave Gardikis, Vsco Cordeiro, Lorre- Jo Souza, John Aguiar, Armando Santo, Henry Farias; and Freshmen- James Chaves, Manuel Casimiro, Frank Thurston, Eric Thomas, Robert Bell, Ronald Plante, Roberto Borges, and Rene Gagnon.

Coach Pacheco and the team members would like to thank Mr. John Cantwell for all the help he gave us at the meets. He was like an assistant coach to us and we appreciate the time he spent.

The members of the team would also like to especially thank the coach, Mr. Pacheco. Some coaches say, "Oh, it's okay, don't worry about it," when you lose. Being a member of the team, I can tell you, Mr. Pacheco didn't. He pushed us and worked us harder when we lost. At the time, I hated it. We all did. But now that I look back at our record, I realize he knew what he was doing.

Despite all the complaining about extra practice and a few minor injuries, the team managed to pull through the season with a 3-3 record. In my opinion, all those pulled muscles were worth it.

Seniors Go Downhill

by Karl Ferreira

Again this year Diman Seniors went on their annual ski trip. About 115 students were wisked away on four Tremblay bus coaches for an hour and a half ride to Wachusett Mountain. It was a long ride, but well worth every minute of it. The Ski Trip took place on February 11th which was the fourth year that this annual event was held. The first year the ski trip was at Pats Peak.

The teachers who went on the ski trip were: Mr. Welch, Mr. Pacheco, Mr. Bentley, and last but not least Mr. Mullaly.

The ski trip was Mr. Mullaly's idea. When he first approached Mr. McGarr with his plans four years ago, the Superintendent was very enthusiastic about the idea. Mr. Mullaly thought it would be a good learning experience for the students, one that would lead to "an enjoyable lifetime activity." He also pointed out that it promotes a better feeling towards the school and increases school spirit.

On February 12, the Diman Alumni Ski Trip also took place at Wachusett Mountain. This function was organized by Mr. Mullaly and 80 former Diman students took part. It looks like we all have an alumni ski trip to look forward to.



Diman Bengals Winter Track team poses with Coach Pacheco

LOCAL VICA COMPETITION

