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YEARBOOK DEDICATION CANDIDATES

By DREY ANDRADE

Each year members of the senior class vote to determine an individual who will be honored by the senior class by dedicating the yearbook, *The Artisan,* to that staff member. This year's nominees included these four individuals.



Mrs. Goretti Balch

Mrs. Goretti Balch has been an English instructor at Diman for approximately 12 years. She has taught many different senior electives including: creative writing, war story, mystery story, science-fiction, and New England literature. Mrs. Balch previously taught English and drama at Westport High School.

Dr. James Brosnan has been a member of the Diman staff for the past twenty-two years. He taught English at Diman for 17 years before he was promoted to the administrative position of Academic Cluster Supervisor. For the past five years, he has held this position. He is the advisor of many extra curricula activities such as: VICA Parlimentary Procedures, Student Government Day,- Spotlight, (a project for the gifted and talented) the National Honor Society, advisor



Dr. James Brosnan

and sole support of the University of-Wisconsin World Affairs Seminar, and advisor of the newspaper. Dr. Brosnan also holds other professional positions at Bristol Community College as Campus Coordinator and English Instructor as well as serving as a commissioner for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He earned his Ph.D. from Boston College.

Mr. John Connell is the new superintendent at Diman. He was appointed to this position in the spring of 1989, after Mr. Thomas McGarr announced his retirement. Mr. Connell was the coordinator of D.E.C.A. (Distributive Education Clubs of America) while he was a staff member in Fall River school system. Mr. Connell also served as an administrator and as a teacher of a number of subjects for many years at Durfee High School. Mr. Connell has guided the expansion of the physical plant here at Diman. The new wing houses several classes and two shop areas. He also established close ties with business and industry with his "Adopt a Shop" program.



Mr. John Connell



Mrs. Maureen Morin

Mrs. Maureen Morin, a former teacher at the Holy Name Academy Catholic school, has been employed by Diman for almost four years. During her time at Diman, she has taught every level of students (freshmen, sophmores, juniors, and seniors). She also formerly taught senior electives. She is a resident of Swansea, and an active staff member with the student body as well as a VICA advisor.

The publication of *The Artisan* in June will reveal the choice of the senior class of 1991.



From The Editor's Desk

Avoid Cancer-Causers

Ever wonder about the smelly stuff that is in mothproofing agents and air deodorizers? It is called paradichlorobenzene and it causes cancer.

Solution: Use natural repellants like cedar for mothproofing and open boxes of baking soda to absorb particles in the air and improve room ventilation.

Then there's perchlorethylene, a solvent used in the dry-cleaning industry. It has been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals. It remains on dry-cleaned clothes, especially if they are kept in their plastic bags.

Solution Air clothes outside on porch or balcony for a day and reduce this chemical residue by 20-30%.

Too much of that chloroform stuff and you are out like a light. It has also been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals. Sure, you do not go around sniffing the stuff, but did you know chloroform is also in chlorinated tap water, especially when it's hot?

Solution: Cut down your exposure by showering and bathing with the bathroom fan on or a window slightly open to keep the air circulating.

You Get What You Expect

The first day of school began on a bright note for a teacher who was glancing over her roll book.

"Look at those IQ's," she thought to herself. After each student's name was a number, such as 138, 140, 145. *"I've got a terrific class."*

The elated teacher tried new methods. The students responded exceptionally well to her creative approach.

Only later did she find out that the figures after each student's name stood, not for IQ, but for thier locker numbers.

Most of the time, people will be as positive or negative as one expects them to be.

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Diman students inducted into honor society



National Honor Society Officers: John Camara, treasurer; Daphne Martins, secretary; Michelle Santos, vice-president; and Jennifer Santos, president.

FALL RIVER — Ten students were recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School.

The fourth annual candlelight induction ceremony was held at McGovern's Restaurant after a buffet.

The honor students were evaluated by members of the faculty selection committee on the criteria of scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

Installed as newly elected chapter officers were: Jennifer Santos, president; Michelle Santos, vice president; Daphne Martins, secretary; and John Camara, treasurer.

Also receiving certificates and membership cards were seniors, Adelaide Borges, and Crystal Smith, and juniors, Rebecca Banville, Michael Camara, Joshua Pochon, and Pedro Teixeira.

In addition, David Croteau and Meredith Magill received membership cards for their second year in the society.

Joseph Martin, assistant superintendent-director, served as master of ceremonies. Superintendent-Director John G. Connell welcomed guests and congratulated the inductees. George H. Letendre, academic coordinator, presented the inductees with their certificates. He was assisted by Dr. James G. Brosnan, academic cluster supervisor and Honor Society advisor.

Outgoing president Edward Levesque, outgoing vice-president Peter Hardro, Kimberly Seyez, who served as president in 1988-89, and William Nelson explained the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Levesque led inductees in reciting the NHS pledge.

Dr. Armand Desmarais, education department chairman at Southeastern Massachusetts University, congratulated the students on their academic achievement and called on them to continue to uphold the qualities for which they were selected.

In attendance were parents, relatives, friends, faculty members, and faculty selection committee members Goretti Balch, Maureen Morin, and Roger Ramos. Paul Brodeur and James Morrissette also serve on the selection committee.

Friendship Is Sacred

"Part of something you shared has left with them."

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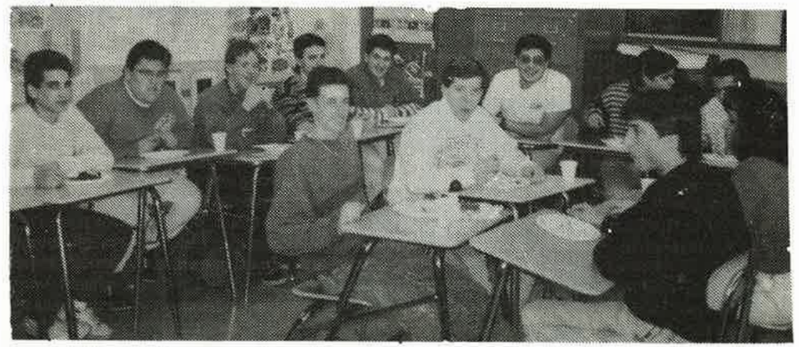
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NEW ARRIVALS DAILY



Mrs. Arruda's Human Relations Class



Culture Day "91"

INTRAMURAL HOCKEY

by Drey Andrade

Every Saturday morning students, who are interested in playing for a hockey team, participate in the intramural floor hockey league. This intramural Hockey League is advised by Mr. Cabral of the Auto Body Shop and by Mr. Pereira from the General Shop.

The students that are interested are grouped together as teams by shops. These students who are involved in the program show great dedication to the sport and the team showing up on Saturday mornings on their own time.

The shops compete against each other for their own interests and again show great dedication.



Mrs. Deborah Ramos, Health Careers instructor, recently accepted a position at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

JUNIOR PROM COMMITTEE PLANS FUNDRAISER

by Lisa Estrella

The junior prom committee has started their projects to supplement the cost of this year's prom. They will be holding several fundraisers throughout the year. Their first fundraiser was the basketball shootout. The shootout was held during the week of November 5th. The winner of each categorv (freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior) received a trophy.

Another fundraiser that was held was "Guess how many jelly beans are in the jar." The first prize winner received $15, the second place winner received $10, the third place winner received $5, and the fourth place winner, lunch in the cafeteria. The committee also held a car wash in November.

Mr. Hopkins and the Junior Prom committee hope to make enough money for the prom and for a class field day at the end of this year. The prom will be held in May; no exact date has been chosen. Help support the junior prom committee by participating in their fundraisers.



ALCOHOL: FACE FACTS

What is alcohol? And What are the effects of alcohol use, especially on young people?

Alcohol is a drug, a depressant that affects the central nervous system. It impairs judgement and coordination.

The mood-altering ingredient in wine, beer, and liquor, it is called a "gateway drug" because its use often precedes the use of other drugs and frequently leads to such use.

According to the National Clearinghouse on Alcohol and Drug Information,the single consequence of alcohol use by young people is that it seems to both produce and justify uninhibited behavior.

Alcohol use is associated with a false sense of confidence even invulnerability, and it often leads to disregard for the health, safety, and welfare of self and others.

Despite what you may have heard, alcohol is the leading killer of young people. Face these facts:

Some 10,000 people between the ages of 16 and 24 die each year in alcohol-related accidents of various kinds.

In the 16 to 24 age group, more than 8,000 people a year are killed in alcohol-related automobile accidents. Drivers 16 to 24 represent only 20 percent of all drivers but are involved in 40 percent of accidents where alcohol is a factor.

One study of teenage suicides found that 46 percent of them had been drinking before taking their lives.

Alcohol is the drug of choice for the young. One study of 65,000 students found 75 percent of high school seniors drink beer.

Young people who drink are introduced to drinking around the age of 12, often by parents.

Four of 10 sixth-graders say they have been pressured by other students to use alcohol or some other drug.



"Toughest piece of pine I've ever been asked to cut."

They're Not Ready

Companies across the United States will face a large influx of illiterate and marginally literate workers in the 1990's, according to a Conference Board report.

The report reveals that up to one-third of today's workers will be unable to perform tomorrow's work tasks. Nearly one-quarter of the youngsters now entering high school will not earn diplomas, and those who do will be less literate than graduates were only a decade ago.

Called *Literacy in the Work Force,* the study is part of The Conference Board's ongoing program of examining major work force trends that will have a significant impact on business.

Illiteracy has become a barrier in both recruiting and promoting workers. Nearly one-fifth of the surveyed firms say they are having problems finding people who can read well enough to qualify for entry-level jobs. Almost half the surveyed firms say that between 15% and 35% of their current employees aren't capable of handling more complete tasks. About 10% say that up to half of their current workers do not have the skills needed for promotion.

SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AFFECTED BY STATE FUNDING!

by Rebecca Banville

During this spring semester, five Diman students will be attending S.M.U.'s Spotlight Program. This after school program for gifted and talented students affords participants the opportunity to experience educational activities not available in individual schools. Over 20 area high schools participate in the program.

Although funding was not available for the fall semester, the parents of four Diman students paid the fee of $145. Twenty-three Diman students were eligible to participate in the Spotlight Program at S.M.U. this past fall. Due to the recent state cutbacks, Superintendent-Director John Connell indicated that Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School was unable to sponsor eight students each semester.

Due to the generosity of LUZO FOOD-SERVICE and some school funding, five students will be able to attend the spring semester. These five students that participate in the program are: Rebecca Banville, Daphne Martins, Joshua Pochon, Michelle Santos, and Kim Thorpe.

Dr. James G. Brosnan, Academic Cluster Supervisor and coordinator of this program, feels that more students would have participated in Spotlight if more fees could have been covered. Mr. Charles T. Phillips, math instructor and group leader for Spotlight, agrees with Dr. Brosnan. Additional support came from Joshua Pochon who replied,"Two of my friends wanted to get involved with Spotlight, but they could not because of the money."



Spotlight participants: Joshua Pochon, Kimberly Thorpe, Rebecca Banville, Michelle Santos, and Daphne Martins.

The Spotlight Program provides stud ents with a college experience. It teaches them leadership and responsibility. Every student who went to S.M.U. this fall had something positive to say about the program.

"I like Spotlight because I get to meet new people," replied Dorian Audet.

"Everybody is so friendly and being with a big group of people is fun," said Kim Thorpe.

Josh Pochon says, "It simply looks good being on a resume."

Rebecca Banville feels that, "Spotlight is a fun program where everybody participates and furthers their education."

Every Thursday afternoon, these five students are dismissed from school at 2:00 p.m. to go to S.M.U. They are transported there and back by the school suburban. When the students get there, they have a large group presentation, then a small group discussion follows. Students are assigned to a group separated from their school friends, to enable them to meet new students from different schools. Some of the schools that are participating in the program are: Dighton Rehoboth, Somerset, Durfee, Old Rochester, Old Colony Vocational, and Attleboro. Most of these schools are paying for their students to be in Spotlight.

WHERE'S THE FIRE?

Work hard, but take it easy.

At first glance, the first phrase seems to contradict the second. But on further reflection, one sees that the phrases need not be in opposition.

We all know people who work hard and they look like they are working hard. They walk briskly, nervously; they appeared to be doing two things at once with hyperactive speed; they hardly have any time for a friendly greeting. Such people live under a storm of tense busyness produced by a mountain of individual problems and concerns.

Conversely other people we know work equally hard, but they appear to be calm, relaxed, unhurried. Though they carry similar burdens and have the same number of problems and worries and responsibilities, they still perform as well or better than their straining-at-the-leash counterparts.

One group is a slave to each day's performance; the other, its master.

We've all observed these two general types and we can probably categorize ourselves. But how does one transfer from that slave to master group?

It ain't easy.

Common sense dictates that proper diet, enough rest, and sufficient exercise help. Add to these a mental attitude that demands a cool, intelligent, thoughtful reaction to a problem rather than hyperactivity and mental strain, and it must follow that better work must result without working oneself to death.

Think! Will you dash off as if you were going to a fire or can you keep your cool?



"I am not an underachiever. My teacher is an over-expecter."

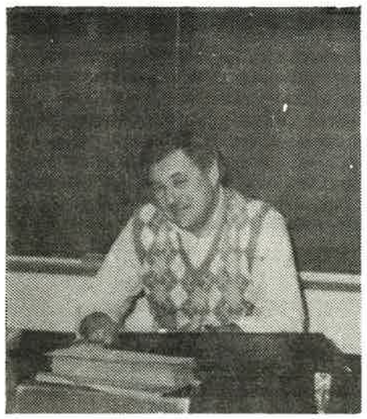
New H.S. Faculty



Mr. Eugene S. Botelho

Mr. Eugene Botelho has recently been appointed as Diman's new Junior Physics Instructor. After graduating from Fairhaven High School, he received his bachelor's degree at Southeastern Massachusetts University and later received his master's degree in Science at Eastern New Mexico University.

Mr. Botelho likes Diman and feels that students are down to earth, polite, and easy to get along with. Some of his hobbies include fishing, traveling, and bird watching.



Mr. Ronald R. Guay

Mr. Ronald Guay is the new freshman/sophomore electronics instructor. He is an S.M.U. graduate with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering Technology. Mr. Guay is an Air Force Veteran and previous worked for GTE and Transcom. He feels that, "The students are respectful and should be enjoyable and rewarding to teach."

In his spare time, Mr. Guay enjoys freshwater fishing, canoeing, and woodworking. He also worked in the auto mechanics trade before focusing on Electronics.



Mrs. Karen Oliveira

by Drey Andrade

Mrs. Karen Oliveira is the new sophmore and senior instructor in the Health Careers program. Mrs. Oliveira currently resides in Assonet, MA. She is graduate of Bishop Gerrard High School and currently holds a Bachelor's of Science in nursing from Southeastern Massachusetts University.

Before 1979 Mrs. Oliveira worked at a local hospital. In 1979, she came to Diman and was hired for the practical nursing program. She has been teaching at Diman in practical nursing for eleven years and this is her first year in the high school program.

Some of her hobbies include walking three miles a day and reading. Her comments about teaching at Diman are that it is an excellent school and that she enjoys the students, even when they are a challenge.



Mr. Kenneth C. Pacheco

Mr. Kenneth Pacheco is the new Plumbing shop instructor. Mr. Pacheco is a graduate of both the day and evening programs at Diman. He has owned and operated a Plumbing and Heating business for the past eight years.

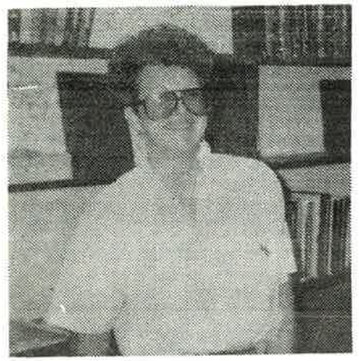
Being a former Diman student himself, he feels that coming back to teach here is like a dream come true. He feels that Diman students should be very proud of their school and of their faculty also. He finds his students to be very receptive to his style of teaching and he was really pleased with the help that his students gave him when the plumbing shop was moved into its new location.

He feels that the students show a great deal of pride when they refer to the room as "my shop." He says, "It shows that each student feels that it is part his/ hers, and indeed it is." In his spare time Mr. Pacheco likes to help coach hockey and read.



Mr. John N. Pimental

Mr. John Pimental is the new air conditioning and refrigeration instructor. After graduating from New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, he worked for a large company for six years and later opened his own business which has been in operation for the past four years. Mr. Pimental feels that Diman is a great school which has a lot to offer to its students (which he states are "the best.") In his free time, Mr. Pimental enjoys fishing and boating.



Mrs. Joanie Souza

by Drey Andrade

Mrs. Joanie Souza is a resident of Mattapoisett, MA. She has been appointed as the new Painting ans Decorating shop instructor. She attended E1 Segundo High School in California. As for her further education she attended E1 Camino College in E1 Camino and Washington State. Prior to being hired by Diman, she was in business working for herself. She operated a painting and wallpapering establishment.

Mrs. Souza said that if she ever had to leave education, she would probably return to the same line of work. Some of her hobbies include skiing, boating, and some occasional golf. She indicated that she loves Diman. Mrs. Souza referred to her job as the best job that she ever had.

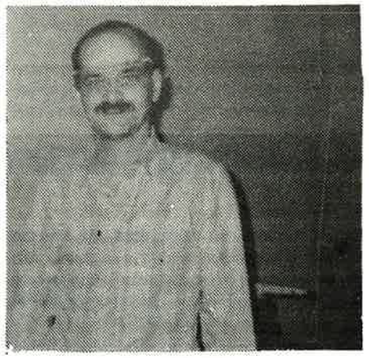


Mr. Richard L. Vickery

Mr. Richard Vickery is the new metal fabrication and welding tech instructor. Mr. Vickery graduated from Somerset High School and later received his sheet metal workers' apprenticeship here at Diman. He also graduated from Northeastern University.

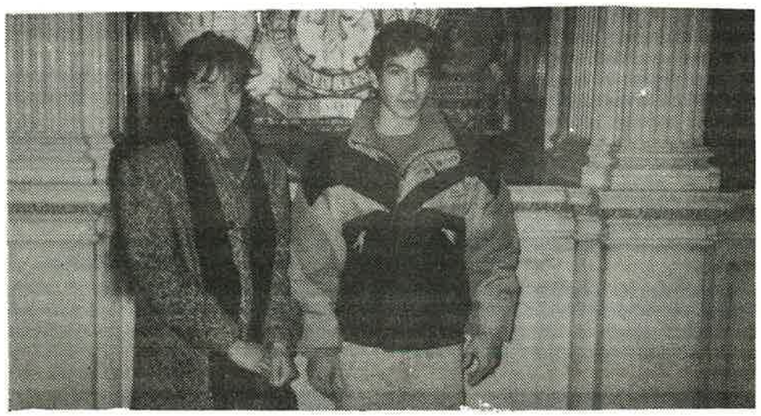
Some of Mr. Vickery's other experiences include playing football at high school, college, and two years in a semi-pro league. While serving his apprenticeship, he managed to save a little money to spend some time skiing in Europe. Since entering the trade, he also attended schools in Florida and Tennessee for computerization in the air conditioning and refrigeration industry.

Mr. Vickery has a good feeling knowing that he is a member of the faculty here at Diman. He feels that overall Diman students are great and he has been very impressed with their skills and with their willingness to learn. In his spare time, Mr. Vickery likes to spend time with his family on their boat. He also enjoys fishing, darts, football, and rock n' roll.



Mr. Doug Marsden

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY REP ELECTED



Michelle Santos and John Camara at the State House.

by Drey Andrade

In the early week of November, a general election was held for all juniors interested in participating in the Student Government Day program. Although this activity is indeed entitled "Student Government Day," it is a different branch of student goverment. The student that wish to be eligible must be in the top ten of their class. Students who were interested in this program were then placed on the ballot for a general election. Six students were placed on the ballot and voted upon by the students in the junior class.

The two students who received the most votes are the representatives for the school. The actual representative for the school is John Camara from the Drafting shop. The alternate is Michelle Santos from the Health Careers shop.

John and Michelle first traveled to Brockton, MA to Brockton High School where an orientation meeting was held. In January, John and Michelle were present at the State House for Glass Bowl Drawing. The drawing is to decide what particular office the students will hold on the actual Student Government Day. John will be a representative from his district.

When the students find out which legislative positions they will hold, they actually meet and use their representative or senator's chair in the chambers while they proceed with their day in government. The student members of the student government actually pass bills that become law for that day. Most of the laws that are made, concern student rights and are yet only laws for that day.

He looked forward to tomorrow as an escape from today.

Nothing could be more sad, for today was yesterday's tomorrow.