Air Jordan Grounded

by Nick Trahan

October 6, 1993, will be a day that most basketball fans will never forget. For on this day, Michael Jordan, #23 for the Chicago Bulls, arguably the greatest player of all time, suddenly called it quits. The Bulls' star said he'd been thinking of retirement for several years, but that he isn't ruling out the possibility of a comeback.

Jordan left the game with three World Championship rings (90-91, 91-92, 92-93), three NBA regular season MVP awards, and about every other award possible, including two Olympic Gold Medals (1984 and 1992).

The rumor of his sudden retirement started on the night of October 5, when Jordan was throwing out the first ball at the White Sox vs. Blue Jays play off game. The rumor was spread throughout the stadium. It was stated on many Chicago area news reports that the Bulls had called a press conference. The final blow came when it was reported on NBC's Dateline that Jordan would retire the following day.

This came as a surprise to many, although most linked the retirement to the murder of Jordan's father, James, last July. At the press conference, however, Michael insisted that before his father's death the two of them had discussed the possibly of retirement, and he had pretty much made up his mind by that point.

It was also speculated that Jordan's retirement was caused by his alleged gambling problem. Earlier this year, a former golfing partner of his, published a book alleging that Michael had owed him large sums of money from bets made on their golf games. An even bigger controversy started when Jordan went on a trip to Atlantic City, and reportedly spent a lot of money gambling. He admits to these allegations, but says he doesn't have a gambling problem.

Jordan has been an all around champion on and off the court. He has won championships in college, the Olympics and the NBA. But, more importantly, when the Chicago school department said they could no longer afford to fund school sports, Jordan stepped in and donated a large amount of money to continue school sports in that area.

Since Jordan entered the NBA with the Bulls in the mid 1980's, a court side seat at a Bulls game has tripled in price. It is estimated that he has made five times the amount of money through endorsements than he has playing basketball.

During his career, Jordan averaged 32.3 points per game, finishing his career with 21,541 points. Number 23 has also held the league scoring title for each of the past seven seasons. Five times in his career he scored over 60 points in a game, while scoring over 50 points an amazing 34 times. Michael also averaged 22.1 points in eight All-Star appearances.



A Spotlight on "SPOTLIGHT"

by Chris DeMello

Many people want to know just what Spotlight is. Actually, it's a Project for Higher Learning Potential or P.H.L.P. The Spotlight program is headed by Ray Purdy, a teacher at Tiverton High School, and Trace Holmes, also a local high school teacher. They devised the program as an opportunity for students of high ability to participate in a wide range of lectures and workshops which cover many topics of interest, such as racism, computer technology, and feminism. Discussions following lectures can get pretty heavy at times. For example, after the speaker's presentation of racism, misunderstandings and differing points of view led to very noisy exchange! You could say things almost turned into mini-riot! The speaker, however, skillfully brought things back to order. Although some speakers are more exciting than others, most students enjoy all the presentations. After each lecture, we break into small discussion groups and talk over, in a free and open atmosphere, the topic of that session. Mid-way into the program, we stop attending large group lectures to participate in mini-courses which last for our weeks. Some offerings we can choose from are drama, horror, sign language and mural-making.

Spotlight is held at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on Thursday afternoons from 4 to 5:30. We travel there and back by van, and have to leave schools by 1:30 so the driver can get back to school in time to do his bus route, and then return to pick us up at the end of the day. The program is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors (sorry, freshmen!). I suggest that you sign up, if you are interested for next year , or at least see one of our advisors, Mrs. Sayre or Mr. Medeiros, for more information. Look into it. You've got nothing to lose, and a lot to gain. You just might learn something, and meet some interesting new people while you're at it.

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THE CHAMPS

by Carrie Pochon

Can you imagine winning the Super Bowl or maybe even the World Series? Well that's how we felt on October 22, 1993, when we won the 1993 Cross Country Championships. Our feet were quick and our heads were high as we raced past Southeastern.

Every year for the past three years, Southeastern has taken the title of Cross Country Champs; therefore, they assumed that this year the trophy was theirs' again. That's what made beating them even better. The most beautiful thing was seeing the look of defeat on their faces as they saw a Diman Dog running by. They looked shocked by the fact we are good.

The fact of the matter is we didn't get that way by sitting around and talking about being good. We did it by getting out to the track every day after school, on Sundays, and even during the summer. We gave everything we had, and now it's paying off. We dedicated ourselves to being the best. In return the best dedicated themselves to us . . . Mr. Blanchette and Mr. Aubin.

The truth is we owe it all to our coaches. Without them pushing us we would be nowhere. We would be settling for second best instead of striving for first. Mr. Blanchette and Mr. Aubin gave us something that we will never forget. They gave everyone on the team that one moment in time, when we were more than we thought we could be. When no one believed in us, there they were, cheering us on. Mr. Blanchette and Mr. Aubin worked together through the laughter and the pain. They worked together to open our hearts and train our minds to make us what we are today . . . The Champs!

Not Guilty?

by John Jordan

During the L.A. riots last year, all of America watched as truck driver Reginald Denny was dragged out of his truck at a South-Central intersection and nearly beaten to death. The two men most responsible for the attack, Damian Williams and Henry Watson, were acquitted of some serious charges. The charges included attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon. They were, however, convicted of some lesser charges. Watson was convicted of a single misdemeanor and was released without bail. Williams was convicted of a charge of mayhem on Denny, and for misdemeanor assault counts in attacks on others.

Mayhem has a maximum sentence of eight years. The misdemeanors carry maximum terms of six months.

Get Well Quick!

by Michael Rogers

The Diman newspaper staff would like to take this time to wish Mr. Edward Costa and Mr. Thomas Maiato a successful recovery and we hope that they will be returning 100% better.

"They fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean . . again to set their feet on the firm and stable earth, their proper element"

William Bradford
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Dear Readers

by J.F.

Dear Readers,

Welcome back from a safe and fun summer! We are well into the school year, where freshmen are adjusting to being small fish in a big pond and seniors are looking toward graduation. Diman Regional has not had a newspaper in circulation in two years. The new newspaper staff wishes to change that. We hope the resurrection of the old paper will be successful. This success can only be accomplished with help from our readers. Any comments or suggestions on how to improve the newspaper will be greatly appreciated and taken seriously.

If you are looking for excitement , this paper has it all, from Features to Editorials, from Arts & Entertainment to Current Events, and Sports to Fashion. Although we have a new staff, we are confident our efforts will pay off when you open the paper and see all it has to offer. Read on and enjoy!

Plain Stupidity

by J.J.

Violence has always been a big issue among teens, and now it seems things are worse than ever. Don't get me wrong. I've been in my share of fights, and everyone loves to watch a good fight, but fighting among teens is becoming much more serious than a good old school-yard brawl.

Maybe you remember seven or eight months ago when two teens walked into a high school classroom and stabbed a student in cold blood, or more recently, the boy who was jumped at a dance and was so badly beaten, he was sent to a Boston hospital to have his jaw wired. As if this incident itself wasn't senseless enough, the reason behind it is even more senseless. They thought the boy was black. If you don't remember these two incidents, I'm sure you remember the Cambodian boy who was beaten to death. Why? Because he was Cambodian.

It seems you can't even look at a person today without "having a problem" and getting hit for it. Yes, there are now fights at the drop of a hat(especially a real expensive one). I sometimes find myself saying, "I'm going to kill that kid," and for no good reason at all. I must be crazy! That's plain stupidity, and until everyone realizes how stupid and senseless violence is, things are only going to get worse. If that's possible. Is it?

Dear Students:

We encourage any student or teacher who has an opinion on a controversial subject to write a letter to the editors expressing those views. We look forward to printing some of your letters in subsequent editions of the paper. Just leave your letters in the Articles Submitted box in Mrs. Saqyre's room (C204). Remember, your thoughtful input is vital to a successful newspaper.



Condom Availability in High Schools

by D.R.

I am opposed to having condom machines in the restrooms because they can easily become vandalized. Imagine walking down the hall and seeing a condom, out of its package, on the floor, or washing your hands after using the restroom and seeing a condom in the sink. One way to prevent these indignities would be to have the condoms available in the nurse's office. The school nurse would be able to make sure that the recipient knows how to use a condom correctly. She could also hand out pamphlets on AIDS and other STD's to anyone who requests them. I believe that this way there is no competition between sexes and no pressure to have sex. This program hopefully will cut down the number of pregnancies and STD's.

VICA

by Steve Miranda

VICA is alive and kicking here at Diman. Always a successful activity, we're looking for more of the same this year. With local, district, state, and national competition coming up, Diman students aren't just looking to compete; they're looking to win!

Recently Diman held its election for chapter officers. The results were as follows:

President	Carrie Pochon
Vice President	Matt Bell
Secretary	John Barreira
Treasurer	Peter Ferreira
Reporter	Elizabeth Carvalho
Parliamentarian	Matt Santana

Also, beginning soon is the major VICA fundraiser, BUS coupon sales. Each book cost $5.00 and there are incentives for members who sell the most books. The VICA membership drive is also continuing. For more information and/or a sign up application see Mr. Marciszyn in the Carpentry Related class or Mr. Ciosek in the Carpentry shop.

Read the Diman newspaper to keep posted on upcoming VICA events.

Dear Lisa,

by Lisa Lemieux

Well, hello out there to all of you newspaper readers! For those of you who don't know me yet my name is Lisa Lemieux and I'm a senior in the Health Careers shop. For the rest of the year I'll be writing the "Dear Lisa" column in the Tradesman. Yes, I'll be here to advise you on all of your most heart stomping, gut wrenching and terribly emotional problems. (O.K. I'd appreciate a couple of easy ones.)

As you can see, this is just my introduction, but by the next issue I'll be ready to answer all of your wonderfully exciting letters. (And there will be tons of them, right?) There will be a drop-off box located in the library and, of course, the letters will be kept completely anonymous, so there's no excuse for not writing to me. I will be looking forward to hearing from all of you. Ta Ta, Lisa

Dear Lisa

Do you have a problem? Personal, problems in school, anything that's bothering you? Here's a section of the paper where you can ask advice from Lisa . .

Ask about any problems you want answers for and Lisa will do her best to answer. Questions. Comments. Complaints & Answers. Here is where you can ask general questions about things you want to know about the school, staff, teachers, almost anything. You have a complaint? Send that in too. Graffiti Wall! You have a picture, comic, or just want to write a line about something. Send it to Graffiti Wall.

Please send all entries to room C204. Try to keep them short as possible and to the point. You do not have to give your name. You can give a nickname or no name at all. Please print or type your entry. If we can't read it, we don't publish it. Thank You!

WEIGHT ROOM



by Steve Miranda

Every year Diman hosts a Bench Press competition for the serious lifters around the school. This year, in addition to this competition, Diman is starting a weight lifting club. Through the efforts of the Machine Shop's Mr. Blanchette and Mr. Aubin, of the Social Studies department, the newly equipped Diman weight room will be open to all students.

Every Tuesday and Thursday after school from 2:30 to 4:30 this supervised program will be open to all students, male or female with all levels of training experience. Instruction will be available for any student who needs it.

Sign up sheets can be obtained in Student Services or from Mr. Blanchette in the Machine Shop. Do it for yourself. Make the fitness commitment.



Counselor Tom Caduto

by Michael Pinheiro

Last spring, Mr. Maiato unfortunately became ill. Taking his place for the final four weeks of school was Thomas Caduto, who had been serving as a substitute teacher. In September, however, Mr. Caduto was asked to take on a position as a Guidance Counselor. He accepted, and it's in his new office at the end of the C wing that I found him and asked him some questions concerning some of his views. Here is part of the interview I had with 28 year old Mr. Caduto. I went away thinking he's a pretty cool guy who I hope will stay a long time here at Diman.

Q: Do you believe that condoms should be made available in schools?

A: No, because that would be promoting sexual activities.

Q: What programs would you like to see added to this school?

A: A study period, a homeroom, and a football team.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Football. (He said without hesitating.)

Q: What is your favorite hobby?

A: Writing. (And he saw no problem in liking football and writing!)

Q: How do you feel about the student body?

A: A bunch of great kids; a bunch of normal students like you would find at some other schools.

Thanks for the chat, Mr. Caduto.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

by S.H.

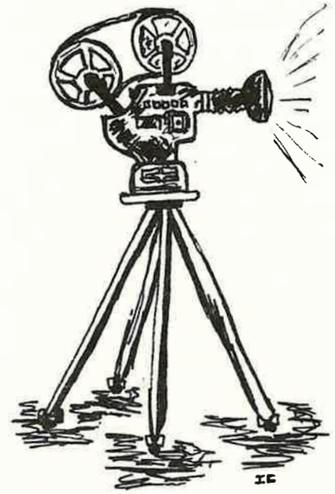
This article is to introduce our Arts & Entertainment column. We will feature TV, movie, and music reviews, original poetry and artwork and cartoons. A student who would like to submit any of the above to be printed in the paper, can drop his or her work in Mrs. Sayres' room(C204). We hope to hear from many of you who are interested in producing a fun and interesting school paper.



October was Grungetober in '93

by Jeff Decarmo

When Pearl Jam released their debut album "Ten" in November of 1991, they became an instant success. Pearl Jam sold over three million copies of "Ten" in just 1992 alone. "Ten" included the hit songs "Evenflow," "Alive," 'Jeremy," and "Black." Then it came time for Pearl Jam to release their follow up to "Ten." "Five Against One" was released in mid October. Pearl Jam gave their fans their first taste of the new album by performing the new song "Animal" at the MTV music awards. Pearl Jam faced off against fellow Seattle grungeheads, Nirvana, whose new album "In Utero" went through the roof in only its first week topping the billboard charts! It sounds funny, but no one knew how far this so-called "grunge" could go. The music is a success and has increased interest in this music with record sales increasing. It will probably be a success for a long time.



FASHION and STYLE

by Holly Hippy

The look of the seventies is back. This year ladies should be wearing bell-bottoms, ruffled shirts, crocheted vests and those crazy looking boots. Your hair should be short, straight, and parted down the middle. The make-up tones should be the natural looks of tan, brown, topaz, and peach.

Guys should be in jeans with plain T-shirts and vests. Your hair should be styled in a mushroom top, which is shaved close on the sides, and left longer on the top. Plus, a cute little goatee that is not too long is also in this year(on the boys, of course).

Nirvana "In Utero"

by Paul Rodrigues

Well, the boys of Nirvana are back with a new LP entitled "In Utero" which in some ways is different from the "Never Mind" sound. But if you liked "Never Mind" and "Bleach," this album will definitely not let you down as some groups have after success.

Nirvana has eleven tracks on their new LP, three of which are popular already. Two of the tracks are "Heart-shaped Box" and "Pennyroyal Tea." The third is controversial because of the name and lyrics. The song is entitled "Rape Me." If you want my honest opinion, I think the song is awesome! The problem is anything you do nowadays is offensive. The only thing I have to say to these people is to get a life. If you get offended because of a simple song, then don't listen to it. Change the station. Well now that it's out there, I'll explain how I rate these albums.

1. Packaging.
2. Catchy songs.
3. Lyrics & sound.
4. Final score.

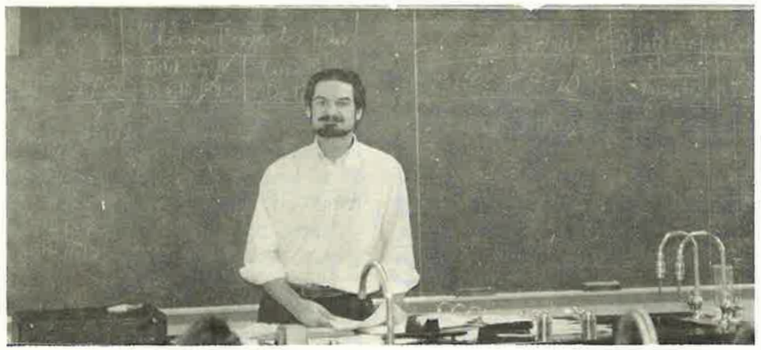
For Nirvana "In Utero" (1-10)

1. 7
2. Out of 11 songs, 7 are very catchy
3. 10
4. 9

The next album is the soundtrack from the movie "Judgment Night." The bands that appear in this album are: Cypress Hill, Sonic Youth, Onyx, Biohazard, House of Pain, Helmet, Run DMC, Living Colour, Ice-T, Slayer, Del the Funky Homosapien, De La Soul, Teenage Fan Club, Sir Mix-A-Lot, Booyaa,
T.R.I.B.E., Faith No More, and Pearl Jam.

I heard this album and it blew me away. It's awesome—just like the movie. It's worth the price. Well, here's what I think of it . (1-10)

1. 5
2. Out of 11 songs, 6 were catchy.
3. 8.5
4. 8



Biology has a new name and it's Mr. Kuthan

by Michael Rogers

A new course along with a new name has made its way into the curriculum here at Diman. This is the first year that biology is being taught at our school. Juniors and seniors in levels 1 and 2 are now able to explore an important branch in the field of science.

The new faculty member who's teaching this course is Mr. Kuthan who previously taught freshman biology at New Bedford Vocational High School. Mr. Kuthan feels that, "Biology is important for teens today because it's the study of life and helps them to understand themselves more as people." Because the course is brand new, so are the supplies and equipment to teach with. Such preparation along with Mr. Kuthan's enthusiasm should add up to a fine program.

Mr. Kuthan is a person of many interests. Besides biology, he teaches junior and senior physics and freshman physical science. However, he enjoys teaching biology the most, which was his major at University of Massachusetts where he received his degree. He would also like to start a science club and a girl's softball team here at Diman. His biggest project right now is trying to help the freshmen organize a school recycling program.

We wish Mr. Kuthan the best of luck in his teaching and his extracurricular interests, although it's not luck but hard work and dedication that will make things work. He certainly seems to have plenty of both. His success will be a benefit to us all.



Recycling Program

by Danielle L. Proulx
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Dear Readers,

Mr. Kuthan's science class is working together at Diman Reg. Voc. Tech. to start a recycling program at our school. We feel that by doing this, it will help out our environment. By helping out our environment we feel that it will make a better place for us to live. And in return, this will hopefully help our school in a positive way.

We decided to start this program because Mr. Kuthan thought it would be a great idea to help our school out. In response, some Freshmen students from 97G decided to get together and have a meeting to get our Recycling Program off the ground. At this meeting we decided that it would be a good idea if Mr. Kuthan could ask his other Freshmen class if they would be interested in helping out with our Recycling Program.

We'd like to start our program in the school's cafeteria by placing bins to separate the plastics from the paper. Eventually, we would like to ask all classes and shops to recycle their paper. Also, what we are trying to get under way is to call our Recycling Centers in the area. They will be able to take what we end up collecting. By doing this, we will learn what can be brought back to be recycled and where these areas are located in our cities and towns.

In order for this program to be successful, we need the support and help of everyone in the school, faculty, and students alike. So keep a watch out for signs posted about the school to inform you when this important program will start to take effect.

P.S. If anyone is interested in volunteering their help or donating anything helpful to our program, please feel free to contact either Mr. Kuthan in room C102 or one of the students listed above.