Natural Born Killers - Natural Born Success

by : Christopher Soares

Oliver Stone delivers a great satire on violence in his story of two serial killers, Mickey (Woody Harrelson) and Malory (Juliette Lewis) Knox. The movie begins in a diner along route 666. Here, we see M&M start on a killing spree leaving 52 people dead. Throughout the movie, we see what created these killers.

Mickey, an abused child, watched his father blow his head off. His last words, "Do you believe in fate, boy?" are ever present throughout the film. Malory was molested by her father (Rodney Dangerfield). This is told in an " I Love Lucy" parody called " I Love Mallory"! As murdering adults, the couple go on to become media stars, thanks to the ratings hungry host of American Maniacs. Wayne Gale (Robert Downey, Jr.).

In the mid-point of the movie, M&M are in the middle of nowhere. They meet up with a Native American who takes them in and feeds them. Then, Mickey accidently kills him, because of a bad dream about his childhood. This is the only person they regret killing they're caught and sent to Botonga State Penitentiary. In that scene, Mickey receives a beating that makes the Rodney King beating look like a papercut. Wayne Gale convinces Warden McClusky (Tommy Lee Jones) to let him interview Mickey. Hoping to be part of the interview, McClusky gives the O.K. Not surprisingly, the interview incites a prison riot, during which the music makes you feel like you're in it.

The whole movie is practically a masterpiece. For starters, the soundtract (produced by Trent Reznor) fits the movie like the last piece of a puzzle. The combination of black and white, color, and animation together set a psychic mood. Woody Harrelson, Juliette Lewis, and Robert Downey, Jr. play their roles perfectly. Strangely, this movie was not conceived in response to the Menedez brothers, O.J. Simpson, or Tonia Harding. Actually, the filming started years ago. But the parallels are there. It makes you ask, "Does art imitate life?" In any case, this art should be seen.

Depression (di presh en)n.

A low place; hollow

by: Christopher Soares

This is one definition of depression. But I'm not going to talk about the dictionary. Instead, I'll talk about the feeling of depression. Feeling down. Not being able to smile unless told to. Everyone experiences depression. If it's over a pet dying or a lousy test, it's unavoidable unless you've been taking Prozac since you were a kid. When you start feeling depressed all the time, then it's a problem.

I began to feel depressed when I was about to become a sophomore. I always felt that I was acting childish being sad over nothing really big. It wasn't "nothing"; it stayed with me. I wondered what was wrong with me. I did have my good days; however, my bad days outnumbered them. I felt so alone that I couldn't talk to anyone. I told my mother I was going crazy, but she ignored me. That proved to me that I couldn't find help. I always wanted to sleep so I wouldn't feel the pain I was in.

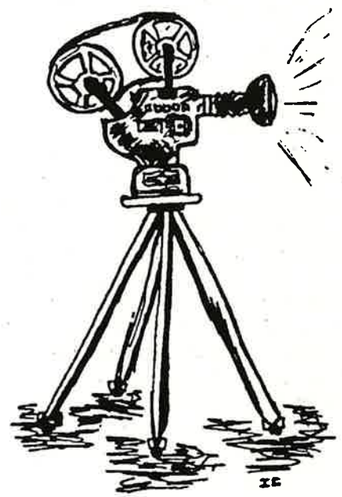
After a year and a half of being depressed, I started to fall apart, thinking of suicide. I knew if I told my parents, they would think I was ungrateful. I felt I was dying. I thought life couldn't be fun anymore. Then, something helped me be happy, only to disappear and leave me feeling worse. I was driven further into the ground. One Sunday afternoon, I attempted suicide.

Some of my friends knew I was suicidal. "Hey, don't think like that. You'll get over it." Only if it was that easy. Then in April Kurt Cobain committed suicide. Suddenly, I was hearing "He was a coward. He was an idiot", by my teachers. This made me feel even worse. A friend asked me "Are you going to kill yourself like Kurt Cobain?"

I felt horrible hearing that. I was asked a second time. I dislike them for doing that to me. People say things that really hurt people without even knowing it. If they knew how it felt to be really down, maybe they wouldn't be so quick to judge or name-call. Sometimes people commit suicide because they can't deal with the great pain of depression. It still hurts when I hear people make fun of those who are depressed.

This year is different. With the help of a couple of good friends, I now manage to cope with life. I don't think of suicide anymore, but the depression does come back sometimes. If it wasn't for good friends, I would be probably six feet underground. The important thing is I'm able to cope with those bad times better.

If anyone reading this is feeling depressed, talk to somebody you can trust. You'll feel better. And remember, above all, you are not alone.



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A SECOND CHANCE

by: Tom Cabral

A few monthes ago a message went over the Rhode Island State Police band, "Shots fired, Shots fired, Medical Assistance Needed." The son of Meredith Lemont, a teacher here at Diman, had been gravely wounded.

John Lemont, 28, a R.I. state trooper, was shot in the abdomen during a routine traffic stop. Edward D. Humpfrey, a 34 year old career criminal, was driving a truck without breaklights or an inspection sticker.



As Lemont approached the way he was trained, on an angle, Humpfrey opened fire. Although Humpfrey fired many times, Lemont was only struck once. The bullet passed through his kidney and out his back, three inches from his spine. Lemont shot back but was unsuccessful in stoping the truck.

Hope Valley rescue workers were nearby and responded quickly to the distress call. Lemont was then transported to Westerly Hospital for the many hours of surgery that he needed. After being at the hospital for a brief 5 minutes, Lemont's pulse was lost for the first time. Dr. Alan Leadbetter and Dr. Goodman performed the 9 hour of surgery and then prepared the press release. Lemont's spleen and one of his kidneys were removed due to severe damage. His intestines were repaired and his paraspinal muscle was pierced by a bullet. The surgeons placed a small balloon in the paraspinal muscle to stop the profuse bleeding. During the operation, 27 pints of blood were used. This greatly diminished the hospital's supply. Lemont's pulse was lost a second time, but luckily he survived.

At the hospital, the waiting room was crowded with friends, family, fellow state police officers, and Governor Bruce Sundlun and his wife. When 3:00 AM came, after the surgery ended, the parents of John Lemont went home to their house in East Providence. The Rhode Island State Police, the Conneticut State Police, and the East Providence Police as well as many other departments were represented at the Emergency Room that night and all waited for a response from the doctor.

John was placed in the Intensive Care Unit on a respirator for 5 days. After being removed from the respirator Lemont wrote on a small memo board, "Did I Get Him?" Unfortunately, the answer was no; however, Humpfrey was apprehended after another shoot-out. Humpfrey was cornered in a shopping center in Wyoming where he shot at another police officer but, this time he did not hit the officer. The officer did not hit Humpfrey, but he did make him run to a nearby Cost Plus where Humpfrey threw the gun on the roof. Humpfrey then tried to carjack a motorist, but was unsuccessful because the door was locked. Then Humpfrey fell on his knees and the police arrested him.

Days after the shooting, Lemont had a tracheotomy which has since been removed. Now, Officer John Lemont can talk and thanked all the people who gave him and his family support with flowers, cards, letters, gifts, and prayers. Also, he can thank the doctors for giving him another chance to be with his son, Samuel Lemont, born April 19, 1994, and his wife Stephanie Lemont. That family will be happy once again because doctors expect a complete recovery in 4 months. Although he will have several months of painful recovery, he continues to look foward to continuing his career as a Rhode Island State trooper.



This is the Get Well Banner produced by the Painting and Decorating Shop. This banner was sent to John on behalf of the school.

Welcome Back

by: Jason Pacheco/Susan Sayre

"The Tradesman" has now begun its second year as a paper written soley by Diman students. The staff is small, but strong and dedicated to publishing even better issues. However, without contributors we cannot achieve this goal. We need writers, photographers, artists, and cartoonist to help us produce a paper worthy of our school and reflective of the talent of our students.

All submitted work will be considered for publication. If you have an idea, don't just think about it. Hand it in to Mrs. Sayre in room C204, or give it directly to one of our staff. Better yet, come to a newspaper meeting and join in on discussion and planning.

Because of recently established administration policy, all extracurricular activities, such as newspaper, must schedule every other meeting after school at 2:28. We can meet this requirement by holding two after-school meetings and two in- school meetings per month. While it is important to attend some meetings, a contributor does not have to attend all meetings in order to write an article, or take some photographs, or draw a cartoon, or compose a poem. What is important is to find out what the deadline for each issue is and make every effort to meet it.

The first issue of the 1994 school year is, admittedly, small and late coming. But, as far as we're concerned, the year has just begun for the paper. Come and see us. Join in the challenge of making this a great newspaper year. As our masthead says: "The Tradesman -A newspaper by and for Diman students.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ONE AND ALL FROM THE NEWSPAPER STAFF

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Preparing for YOUR Future



by: Mike Rogers

Attention all seniors! Your future is just around the corner, so what are you going to do? Well, here are your choices:
A) Find a job
B) Join the Navy, Army, Air Force, etc.
C) Further your vocational or academic education.

If you plan on furthering your education, then you should start looking into colleges. Start off by taking your SAT's to determine how well you are likely to do in college. The next step is to consider a possible course of study. Some examples are Accounting, Astronomy, Psychology, Automotive, Electricity, etc. Once you decide on a possible career, you can start to focus on the colleges you wish to apply to which offer what you are looking for.

Finally, Seniors, make the guidance office your second home! The counselors will answer any questions you have about college or technical school. Collect as much information as you need on financial aid, such as scholarships, loans, and grants. Once you have gathered your information, start sending in those applications. But you'd better hurry! May is coming faster than you know it!

A Season To Remember

by: Jimmy Crivaro

What else can be said about a team that gives 110% every race, every practice, and which has won thirteen races in a row, including the city championship in which we defeated Durfee and Connolly for only the second time in 11 years?

Diman is driven by team leader and number #1 runner, Jeff Medeiros, who not only has won 12 out of 13 races, but who deserves more than that! He keeps us in line and focused on the upcoming race.

I think what separates us from a lot of teams is how much we back each other up. From our #1 runner to our last placer, we cheer and support our teammates to the end, through the good and the bad. We don't talk trash like a lot of others teams. We let our running do the talking.

I think if anyone deserves credit for our accomplishments it would be two people who haven't run a race, but whose presence is definitely felt. They are, of course, Mr. Blanchette and Mr. Aubin. I think they put in more energy yelling at us to catch the next guy than we do running. If it wasn't for them firing us up for every meet, I don't think we would be the team we are today.



Jeff Medeiros, Senior, Machine Shop, Team Captain.



Earth Service Corps: To Clean or not to Clean

by Shannon Charron

Earth Service Corps is an organization started at YMCA's all over the world. Diman is the first Massachusetts school to ever have an Earth Service Corps during school hours. Earth Service advisor Dani Lupien and Steve StPierre will attend Diman on October 28, 1994 to get a group together.

What does Earth Service Corps do? The Greater Fall River YMCA has a project in progress which is going to show over 100,000 people from all over the world what is really in the Taunton River. The Corps is setting up a 110 gallon tank in the Heritage Building at Heritage State Park. This tank is going to be filled with fish from the river and clean water. The fish will then be observed. The Corps is doing this to show people what lives under the green garbage with water surrounding it, which is how we can describe the contents of the Taunton River. It is hoped this will open the city's eyes and motivate the authorities to clean up the river.

Who runs Earth Service Corps? Earth Service Corps is run by a number of different people. Mr. Kuthan is the Diman advisor; Dani Lupien and Steve StPierre are the advisors from the YMCA of Greater Fall River. Besides the advisors, the students help run the program. As a matter of fact, all the projects that Earth Service Corps undertakes are chosen by students.

When and where are the meetings held? You can attend an Earth Service Corps meeting on Wednesdays after school from 2:30 to 3:30, or at the YMCA from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

How can you get Earth Service Corps information? You obtain information from Mr. Kuthan or by calling Dani or Steve at the YMCA. If you do not feel comfortable talking to an adult about the Corps, you can ask one of the following students: Kevin Andrade 96C Auto Body; Kevin Catabia 96C Machine Shop; Shannon Charron 97C Plumbing; Kelly Carrelas 98D. These students belong to both YMCA and Diman Earth Service Corps, so feel free to ask them questions. We have a group, but now it needs you!

Together we make a difference!



Green Day's Dookie Isn't Dookie At All

by Chris Soares

With their album Dookie, the Oakland, California based Green Day has hit the " Mainstream". (For those of you who don't know the meaning of "dookie" it rhymes with spit.) The first song "Burnout" bangs down the door with the punk rock style they've been playing for years. Billie Joe sings like he's British, but still he's a good front man. The bass intro to "Longview", played by Mike Dired, is good for a song about being bored at home while watching T.V.

The topics of their songs range from leaving home very young to being a prisoner of your girlfriend. Their drummer, Tre Cool (a drummer I respect) playes the drums to "Basket Case" at about 500 mph. All in all, the whole album is great. And if anybody likes Green Day just because everyone else does, they're full of dookie.

TAKE A RIDE ON THE HEALTH VAN

by: Jason Pacheco

On Friday, September 23, the Charlton Memorial Hospital's CHMS (Charlton Mobile Health Service) van visited Diman. The van's primary goal is to provide free education and screening to the under-insured and the uninsured. It also helps improve the health of young people, the elderly, and the medically underserved.

The Mobile Health Van provides blood pressure screening, cholesterol screening, vision examinations, diabetes screening, confidential pregnancy tests, along with STD information, nutritional information and education.

The vehicle is staffed by nurse practitioners, registered nurses and certified technicians, with the vehicle's driver doubling as a receptionist.

The van was made specially made for Charlton Memorial Hospital in Oregon and was driven to Fall River. It cost $225,000, weighs forty tons, and is eight feet wide and twelve feet high. The van has a cellular phone, a fax machine and intercom, in addition to the other medical equipment.

The van is also going to Somerset and Wesport High, and for the first time will be visiting Case High.

The CMHS services the following areas:
Assonet - Berkley - Dighton
Fall River - Freetown - Rehobeth
Somerset - Swansea - Seekonk
and Wesport.
The people who need this service the most, like seniors, teens and low income families, should take the advantage of this free service.