Guidance News Brief - Fall 1995

Diman's high school enrollment in September reached 1139-801 boys and 338 girls. Our highest enrollment ever.

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) designed Primarily for college bound Juniors will be given here at Diman on Tuesday, October 24, 1995 to an estimated 75 students.

In January, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test Battery (ASVAB) will be given at Diman on a voluntary basis to interested Juniors and Seniors.

On November 15th approximately 20-25 colleges and technical schools will be set up in the cafeteria to give out information to Seniors and interested Juniors.

On Tuesday, September 26,1995 Diman held its annual parent night in the school auditorium for parents of new Diman students.

In late September and early October all grade 9 students took the SAGE assessment test. The results will be used to help freshmen in their shop selections at the conclusion of the exploratory program.

A college financial aid workshop will be held at Diman on Tuesday, January 9,1996 for college-bound Seniors and during the evening of Wednesdays, January 10,1996 for interested parents. Mrs. Cheryl Ricard, Assistant Finical Aid Director of Bristol Community College will be on hand.

Congratulations to Jessica Lincoln, Class of 1996, Machine Shop. In June, she was rewarded the Christian Herter Scholarship which will pay half of her future college expenses.

This past June, John Aguiar, Class of 1996, Auto Body represented Diman at the annual American Legion Boy's State Program held at Bentley College and Christine Correia, Class of 1997, Health Careers, represented Diman at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Seminar held at Emanuel College.

The guidance Department welcomes Deborah Silveira as the new guidance secretary. Ms. Silveira began her new position on September 5,1995 and has proven to be an outstanding asset to the Department.

On October 13,1995 the 5 members of Diman's Women in Technology group visited Bristol Community College to attend workshops on the Internet, Fiber Optics and Auto Cad. The members are Jessica Lincoln, Machine Shop, Kylie Nitsche and Sandy Ponte, Electronics, Melissa Falcon, Electricity, and Ann Oliveria, Drafting.

Women in Technology are Tech Prep students planning study Engineering.

Students interested in further education are encouraged to pick up a free copy of the Guide To Academic and Career Training 1996 available in the Guidance Office or Library.

Seniors must bring all college applications to their counselors. A transcripts grades will be mailed with the applications. A reminder that SAT's will be given in November. December and January and students should be aware of deadline dates for these tests.

Also, Seniors should visit the guidance office for information on various colleges and scholarships available to them.

VICA

Kelly Viveiros '97

For those of you who have been hearing alot about VICA and don't know what it's all about, I'll tell you.

VICA stands for Vocational Industrial Club of America. VICA is the only organization designed exclusively for trade, technical, industrial, and health careers students. Students at Diman are all eligible and welcome to become active VICA members.

VICA began in the U.S. in 1965. VICA prepares students to be leaders in their occupations by helping them develop technical knowledge, technical skill, and positive work attitudes. Some of its purpose include creating enthusiasm for learning and fostering deep respect for the dignity of work.

This year a shop representative was chosen or elected by his/her shop. The person chosen is an active member who will serve as a liaison between shop students and their instructors.

Chosen this year were:

Seth Eli AB
Wendy Maia CA
Jeff Melia DR
Philip Medeiros EL
Andrew Mazzarella ET
Sandra DaSilva GA
Cindy Pedro HC
Scott Gervasio HMC
Diane Vieira HMC
Justin Orzeck HVAC
Melissa Pacheco MFW
Ivo Vieira MS
Vicki Alexander PD
Steve Dumont PL

GOOD LUCK to this year's representatives!

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THE TRADESMAN

DIMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

-- A NEWSPAPER by and for DIMAN STUDENTS --

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WHAT'S NEW IN SCHOOL

Nancy Charrette '96

I had some time to speak with Assistant-Superintendent of Diman, Mr.Ramos, this post September. I found out a few things that are happening at our school this year. The earliest thing that already happened is our **school book store.** The store opened up on Monday, October 2, and runs in the morning from 7:20 to 7:40 with just enough time for students to get into their classes. It will also be opened during all lunches. People from the basketball team and cross-country team will be helping out with the store in the cafeteria.

Items that will be sold at the store are pens, pencils and notebooks because sometimes a kid may forget his or her notebook or utensils at home. With supplies at school, the students may purchase what they need at a reasonable cost. Banners will also be sold there and groups will be able to d o their fundraising at the store. As to who came up with the idea, the credit goes to a mixture of the faculty and administration.

Another event at Diman that's taking place on Friday, December 8, is a school dance. The Parent's Advisory Council is holding it in the cafeteria. The dance will have a professional deejay and refreshments will be sold. Tickets will go on sale in November at the school store and will not be sold at the door. Students may bring guests; however, the student is responsible for whoever they bring from other schools.

Also, good news for seniors. An **after-prom party** is in the making with a lot of talk about the idea. They are trying to plan it for the first time this year.

On behalf of the newspaper staff, I would like to thank the faculty and administration for planning out a fun-filled year.



May 18, 1980 to July 24, 1995

WE REMEMBER EFFIE MITSIS

Stephanie Correia '98

On July 24,1995, we all lost a dear friend, Effie Mitsis. Effie was born on May 18,1980. She was accidentally killed in an automobile accident involving a driver who had fallen asleep behind the wheel of his car.

Effie was loved and respected by those of us who knew her. She had many friends at both Morton Jr. High School and at Diman where she was a successful student in the Graphic Arts Shop.

Dealing with Effie's death has been very difficult for alot of people. She will always be remembered for her intelligence, warm smile and cheerful disposition.

Effie was one of those rare individuals who always had a positive outlook on any situation. She could do or say the dumbest thing and when someone would say something about it to her, she would just laugh it off. I guess that is what made her such an outstanding and special kind of person.

Effie was also a very bright girl. If you would ask her a question about a particular subject that we were going to be tested on, she gladly gave the correct answer as well as help, in a matter of seconds.

In the four years that I knew Effie, I don't think that I ever saw her angry. She had a beautiful way of looking at the world as well as the ability to accept people as they are.

Effie had everything. She was smart, she was kind, she had a warm heart, and she had a great personality that no one could ever try to explain or duplicate. Even if someone was mean to her, it never seemed to bother her because the sun always seemed to shine her way.

Sometimes when I'm alone, I often stop, think and ask myself questions like, "Why did she have to go?" Effie had a bright future, and so much to live for.

Effie Mitsis will surely be missed. She touched many people and gave much to our community. Although she is gone, her beautiful smile, warmth generosity, and caring ways will always be remembered and live in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved her.

Commentary . . .

Clean Slate

A letter to the freshmen:

For all you new freshmen who showed up here at Diman, good luck this year! We really hope you enjoy your stay for the next four years. In the meantime, we'd like to pass on a little advice to help make your experience a positive one.

First of all, why not participate in some of the activities at Diman? There are clubs to join, such as the Explorers Club, and the Weightlifting Club, and sports to play, like soccer, baseball, basketball, track , girls softball, and even golf! There are activities that need your help and participation - like the NEWSPAPER, for instance! There's so much you can do with yourself, rather than sitting at home flicking the remote or just hanging. Why not do something that will make you proud and others prove of you?

If you should find you sometimes need help along the way, such as dealing with harassment or difficult classes, or with problems outside of school, like at home or even on the bus, there are people to talk to - caring people. We have guidance counselors and a Peer Leadership group who are trained listeners, ready to meet with you when you feel the need to talk.

While we're on the subject of help and cooperation, why not give your teachers and administrators the respect that most of them deserve? You know the same respect you'd give to any adult who chooses to spend so much time with you. Good raport will take you far!

For the rest of you Diman students, the upper-classmen, let's show these freshmen what we're made of. We're talking about setting an example. (That's right, good old-fashioned example!)

So what are you waiting for? Join in, join up. Second semester's here already. Before long, you'll be a senior ready to go to college or out in to the world of work. Let's show ourselves and our community that Diman is #1, and so are you. It's your future - for the next four years and beyond.

Sports:
Golf
Winter Track
Varsity Basketball
Junior Varsity Basketball
Freshmen Basketball
Junior Varsity Soccer
Varsity Soccer
Spring Track
Tennis
Girls Softball
Girls Basketball
Varsity Hockey
Junior Varsity Hockey
Cross-Country

Clubs:
Peer Leadership
Explorers Club
School Newspaper
Weightlifting Club
Senior Prom Committee
Junior Prom Committee
VICA

ANGERED IN FALL RIVER

N.C.'96

I am angered and saddened about the verdict on the O.J. Simpson case. I strongly believed and still believe he's guilty. I have good reasons for my opinion.

Before I begin, let me say that I am not in any way a racist. I'm basing my decision on what I see as hard evidence against him. First, The DNA all pointed fingers to O.J. Simpson with some of Nicole's and Ron's blood on articles and at the murder scene. No one is stupid enough to plant blood or artifacts for that manner. Mark Fuhrman was only one bad cop out of the LAPD. Secondly, O.J. had a record of beating Nicole. Statistically, men who kill their wives beat them beforehand. Thirdly O.J. would not testify; he pleaded "the Fifth" when being asked any kind of question. If he was innocent, he shouldn't have had a problem answering questions, especially under oath.

Viewing the trial seeing pictures of O.J., I saw a guilty man; it was a all over his face. Furthermore, one juror had been a Black Panther back in the sixties. Two of Simpson's lawyers told Simpson to plead guilty to manslaughter; they believed he was guilty. Another juror believes he committed the murders, but acquitted him because of Mark Fuhrman. Johnnie Corchran wouldn't have the race issue to deal with if the defendant was white. In my opinion, the justice system let a man get away with murder.

TRAGEDY STRIKES FALL RIVER FLOODED WITH TEARS FROM DIMAN STUDENTS FEARING YET ANOTHER YEAR OF SCHOOL!

Christina Ferreira'97

Well, it's that time again. Another year has passed us, and another year is ahead of us. We blinked and summer flew by, and September 6th was here faster than we hoped for. The sounds of slamming lockers is not at all unfamiliar to us anymore. But now it's time to start cracking open those dusty books and start that wonderful thing called learning.

Oh, the joy of going home with backpacks filled with homework and three more books undér your arm. It's so heavy you can't even stand up straight. But, it's all worth it in the end. So stop whining, pack your books, go home, study and maybe this year you'll have fun, maybe you'll met new friends and keep the old ones. Maybe this year will be the year to remember - WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!!!

Another Tony Camponelli Mystery The X File

Louie Rebelo

"Mr. Camponelli?" a strange voice asked as I picked up the phone. "Yes. Who is this?" I asked as a chill run up my spine. "Never mind who this is ! Turn on your fax machine and don't even think about tracing the transmission!" the man demanded as he hung up.

Not knowing what to expect, I slowly hung up, walked to my fax machine and turned it on. Just as I did, it beeped loudly and began printing what looked like some F.B.I. "X Files" I had seen on a television show. Looking over what I had just received, I noticed the name of my native town, Fall River, scattered all over the files. This brought total seriousness over me as I once again found myself engulfed in the chills.

These files contained information about hundreds of, what appeared to be, U.F.O. sightings over the South Watuppa Pond area in Fall River. People had been seeing shimmers of different colored light hovering low to the water, at times moving back and forth for about one hundred yards and then disappearing.

I phoned a friend at an observation tower in nearby Dearborn and asked to borrow some radar units, some video equipment, and some photography equipment. He knew he could trust me. The next day I picked up the equipment and some addition supplies I thought I would need. Later, I ate a steak and cheese sandwich with some Fesca and took off for Fall River.

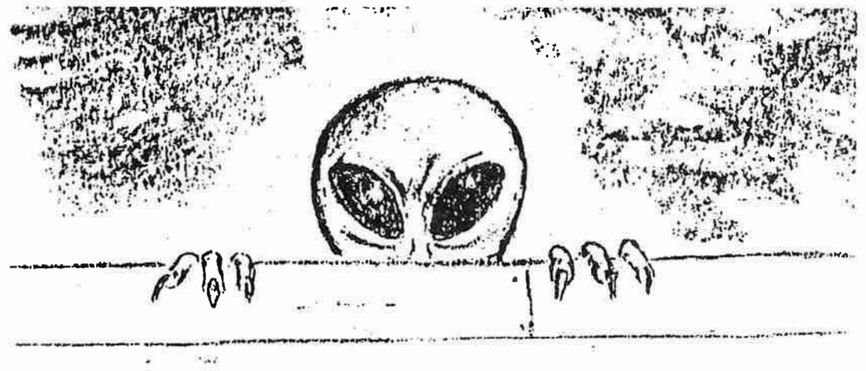
When I arrived the sun had already gone down, so I decided to stop by near the pond to see if anything strange was happening. With much disbelief, I saw it! A large blotch of a bluish purple light was moving back and forth over the pond. As quickly as I could, I reached for one of the cameras and started filming. After a minute or so the "craft" disappeared,but I continued filming. I noticed something; where the blueish purple glow had been now flashing small red and blue strobe light as some kind of registered aircraft would. I asked myself why a U.F.O. would have Department of Aviation required marker lights. It wouldn't. The U.F.O. was a fake. I grabbed some binoculars and started following the U.F.O. in my car. It slowed down when it descend on the far east side of the pond. I continued to drive toward the lights. When I came close enough to see what it was, my chin dropped in amazement.

A strange-looking helicopter landed on a large dolly and then the propeller slowed its rotation. When it came to a complete stop, the pilot and another man, who had just run there from a distant house, pushed the helicopter into a lage barn. They closed the large doors and ran out a small door on the side of the barn, back to the house. When they were out of sight, I got out of my car and cautiously entered the barn.

What I saw amazed me! It was a helicopter covered almost entirely in mirrors. It had some large speakers in various locations that would create the complete opposite sound of the engines to cancel it out, making it silent. In front of the chopper there was a staircase which led to an upper deck outside. When I reached the upper deck I saw what appeared to be a large laser. This must be what they used to transmit condensed, invisible light to the helicopter, where the mirrors would split the light into different colors. "That's how they did it!" I thought to myself as I ran down the stairs toward the house.

I knocked on the door. When someone answered, I told them that I was lost and I needed to use the phone. He let me in. As soon he closed the door I turned around, kicked his legs out from underneath him and handcuffed him to a radiator. I heard the other man running down the stairs. I hid on the other side of the stairs, tripped and handcuffed him to the other man. I informed the two of why I was arresting them as I pushed them out the door. Just as we stepped out of the door, a wide, cold beam of blinding light started to lift us off our feet. One of the men shouted to the other, "I told you they were seeing it up there, man!" Within a few seconds we were inside the craft, where dozens of strange creatures stared at us.

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part 1 of ?





Jerry Garcia is pictured in this 1991 publicity photo. He was the master guitarist whose band the Grateful Dead symbolized the 1960's counter culture and remained a top concert draw three decades later.

Greatful to "the Dead"

Taylor Martin '97

As if you don't know, on August 9, 1995, Jerry Garcia, lead singer of the Grateful Dead, passed on. With the distinction of having performed for three decades, Garcia won over fans consisting of not only the well known counterculture Deadheads but also politicians, including Vice-President Al Gore and our Bill Weld, scientists and physicians. The Grateful Dead were the most creative and artistic band to leave their imprint on the world of contemporary music with their ability to combine rhythm and blues, traditional folk country, improvisational jazz, and ragtime.

It is quite possible that the Grateful Dead played live in front of more people than any other band in history. Grateful Dead concerts were known for the band's ability to go with the energy of the audience and not follow a planned sequential order. It was this quality that Joseph Cambell was referring to when he described a Grateful Dead concert as "the audience to the nuclear age".

Some of the qualities that I admire about Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead are their harmonistic values. Through the Rex Foundation the Grateful Dead donated money to numerous social causes. During concerts the Dead provided special taping areas where fans could record live music. To benefit their fans, the Dead offered mail-ordered concert tickets that undercut the other ticket agencies prices. There were the well-known family of Deadheads that support themselves by selling wears to the community of fans that surrounded each Grateful Dead show. With the sudden reality of Jerry Garcias death, the deity of the Deadheads, many thousands of people will have to think their lives over.

Since the beginning of Jerry's career, he had experimented with illegal narcotics. He battled an addiction to heroin for years until his death at age 53. His drug addiction most likely contributed to his premature death maybe bringing an end to one of the best shows on the planet Earth.

NIGHTMARES AND DREAMSCAPES

Nancy Charrettee'96

I'm one of the lucky people who enjoys being caught up in a story. When I read, in my mind I can picture the events happening. My favorite book is by my favorite author Stephen King called Nightmares and Dreamscapes. It has twenty-three stories to entertain his readers. The book has received eight positive reviews, including one from Publishers Weekly.

My favorite short story from the book is called "The House on Maple Street". The story is about a step-father who doesn't treat his family the right way. The kids find out the house is slowly growing metal inside the walls. In the basement one of the kids finds out the house is going to blow up and shoot into space. They start to plan how to get the step-father into the house and everyone else out. They think of a plan, and the step-father takes off with the house into the sky.

There are other stories that will appeal to the reader's fancy. One about chattery teeth that kill people, Sherlock Homes and Watson, a story about a baseball game, and one about an old teacher who ends up killing her student because she thinks he's an alien. There are also stories about an actor in his cadillac, two vampires, a toad storm, and famous dead rock stars who are alive in some ghost town.

As a fan of all his books, I think this is one of his best. It's a very large book, but the stories aren't very long. King's stories give all his readers a scare, and keep them in suspense at all times. It keeps you reading, just to find out how it's going to end. I personally give this collection four stars.



ATTENTION ALL THEATER FREAKS!

Danielle DeCosta '98

For those of you interested in Diman having our very own theater company, I would encourage you to make your interest known.

All of you, students and teachers, know that Diman has always been recognized for our athletics, like cross-country, baseball, basketball.But what about those of us who don't enjoy sports and want to do something fun and interesting for our school? I believe Drama would be the perfect activity. It would give us students a chance to meet new people and to Express Ourselves!!!

So for thosé of you who feel you have the desire for Drama, a petition will be starting sometime in October (date be announced). For those of you who don't know me, my name is Danielle DeCosta I will be in the library every morning from 7:25 - 7:40 with a petition awaiting YOUR signature.

To our Readers

We welcome letters to the editor. Each should be signed with the person's class ('98,'97' etc.) included next to the name. Please type and double-space your letter. If that's not possible, write in ink, clearly, on every other line.

Books Sold Separately

Christina Ferreia '97

On October 2,1995, Diman's first school bookstore had its Grand Opening. No, the Mayor of Fall River was not there to cut the ribbon in front of the door, because there is no door. In fact there is no store; it's just a table. A table. A bookstore. A bookstore. A table? No, I still don't get it. I must have been absent the day Mrs. Hopkins went over synonyms.

What I'd like to know is, who's the Wizard of Oz behind the curtain on this one? Well maybe they have more in common with the Scarecrow than we think. I thought it would actually be a real store. I mean, real walls, real registers, and, here's a thought, real books! What we seem to have is a table in the corner of the lunchroom displaying ten pencils, a box of Twizzlers, and a box of Snickers bars. Is this a joke? Here's an idea. Why don't we put these supplies for sale in the A la Carte line. I can picture it now. "I'll have a chicken sandwich, a brownie, a milk, and what the hell, throw in a pencil with a good eraser on it". But, please take this idea as serious as I take the school store.

All things considered, it was not a bad idea to start a school bookstore, but Rome was not built in a day, and anything worth while takes time. So, with time, I would like to someday see this ides become an actual success...

1995-96 - the Year of the Paper!

S.Sayre

Once again, a small but faithful group of students has gathered together with the shared vision of producing 4 issues of The Tradesman this school year. May I take this opportunity to welcome all you readers to this, the first. There will be 3 more following, one for each term. This may seem like a rather modest goal to some of you who have never been involved in such an endeavor as producing a student-written and edited paper. But the time and effort required to publish just one such manuscript is, understatedly, demanding. This is especially true when the meeting time is limited to 2 in-school sessions per month. I don' t need to tell anyone how difficult it is to motivate kids to stay after school for ANY purpose, let alone to RESEARCH, WRITE, REVISE, and THINK, of all things (which is what producing a newspaper takes!)

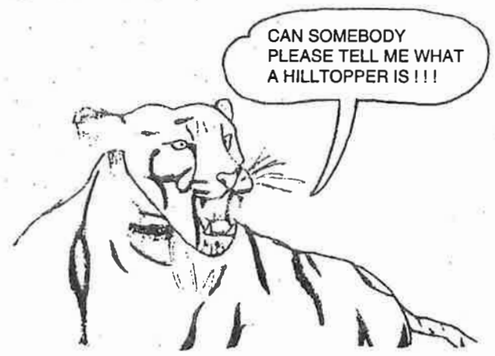
Anyway, we're off to a good start, thanks to those dedicated kids and their teachers who allow them to leave class for those 2 periods a month, and who give extra credit in English class to the students who have had articles published. Your encouragement and support are welcome and necessary if our paper is to grow into what I think it can become - a true voice of the students here at Diman.

I would also like to extend an invitation to ALL members of our school community (teachers and administrators as well as students), to contribute to our paper with letters to the editor, news and feature articles, photographs, cartoons, poetry, stories, drawings....anything that you would like to see published in The Tradesman. If a school paper is to be an open forum, as we would like ours to be, let all voices be heard. The editorial staff welcomes all contributions from which we can then make choices for each issue - choices based on quality, interest, fairness, truth and good taste. Drop by my room, C204, and drop off your stuff!

There are, as of this writing, particular areas where our staff could use immediate help. We need SPORTS WRITERS desperately, and PHOTOGRAPHERS! Come on, you sports fans, let your school know what's happening with our teams and our athletes who excel. Anyone willing to take on one sport each term, for instance, come to see me and let me know what you have in mind. Or, perhaps you are good with a camera. Use that talent around campus. Take some pictures for the paper. We have a camera and film. What we need is YOU!

By the way, if all goes according to plan, I'll be taking 8 students on a 2-night, 3-day East Coast High School Journalism conference in Boston the first weekend in December, paid for by our school. We' ll be learning a lot by attending workshops and listening to well-known journalists, but it won't be all work since we will be staying in the heart of Boston's downtown shopping and museum district.

Well, here's to a good year - the Year of the Paper!



REMEMBERING A CLASSMATE

In Memory Of....

Kim Marchand '98
Rheana Bedanrik '98

On July 24,1995, we all lost a close friend. A friend who was always there to help a friend. This friend was Efstathia Mitsis, mostly known as "Effie". Effie was outgoing, very courageous, helpful, and intelligent. Most of all she was always smiling and possessed a zest for life. Full of energy, Effie put a new meaning to life. She thought life was a "bowl of cherries", with no worries.

People who didn't know Effie personally will remember her as someone who was always bouncing off the hall walls with her funky hair-do. Effie left a lasting impression on everyone with her million dollar smile. We all miss her.

"You'll Always be remembered at Diman"

Pay My Respects

Lori-Beth Pacheco '97

As I pray
and say my respect,
I wonder how come,
how come;
so young?
You were only 15
with so much life;
it was not your fault,
and that I do spite.
He was stupid;
he was drunk;
I could not stop him;
My heart just sank on
That day of sorrow.
It was so mean.
How come it happened to you,
but why not me?
Someday I shall see you,
you comrade of mine.
Right now I can't see you,
but my heart can just try.
In memory of my friend Effie

MY FRIEND

There used to be a time when everything was alright. When my friend was still alive. I remember being with her and talking to her everyday at school. But I'll never get a chance to do it again.

She was a good friend. A friend that you expect to have forever. Sometime I dream of seeing my friend growing up and getting married in a beautiful wedding dress. But, eight weeks ago I did see my friend in a wedding dress, but she was not getting married. Instead, she was resting peacefully in her coffin.

That was the hardest time I ever had to go through in my whole life. Imagine being 15 and having to go to your friend's wake, funeral, and burial ceremonies. I never want to go through that again. I couldn't help but think "Why, why did this happen to you! How come your not moving; you should be alive! It's not fair!"

And then while crying, I talked to her. I told her that I was going to dedicate the rest of my softball season to her. Also all the other sports I'll play. My team has won every game since then.

It's not the same without her. School has started and she's not there. Twice a week I visit her at her grave. I am going to do this for the rest of my life, so I can remember her. I'll remember all the good times we had playing basketball for Diman. But most important, I'll remember the kind of person Effie was. The kind that people could only dream of having as a friend.

Effie Mitsis
May 18,1980-July 24,1995
"I'll Always Remember You"

Dedicated

Stephanie Pacheco

Day by day,
night by night,
I can't help but wonder,
Is she in sight?
I look at the sky
and wonder WHY,
Oh God.....
Why did she die?
I remember her face as she walked down the hall,
But now I find myself
staring at the wall.
I won't say bye, not now, not ever because she's in my heart forever and ever!
"Your in my heart always"

"EFFIE"

When I look at the sky,
I think of you,
How you were, so real, so true,
But there you went, on your own,
to the sky, your new home.
You left this earth,
in a blink of a eye,
I wish I had the chance to say good-bye.
I miss you a lot, as I will always, and ever,
But please don't forget,
we're friends forever.

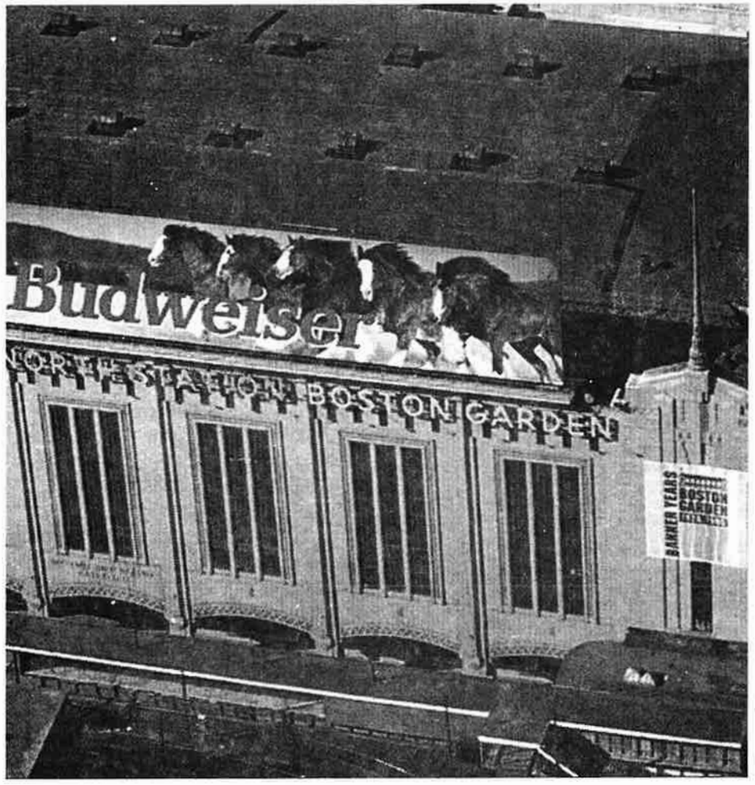
Sadly Missed

I miss you more than anyone knows.
As each day passes, the emotion grows.
I laugh, I cry, I play my part.
Beneath it lies a broken heart.
I hide my tears, when I speak your name.
The ache inside remains the same.
You can't come back, I know it's true
But one day, I'll come to you.
I love and miss you! I'll see you soon.
Love,
Kim



A Season Gained

DIMAN CROSS COUNTRY DOG PACK



An Arerial view of the Boston Garden, which served New England in glory of over one-half century.

Another Lost Season

Jeff Melia '97

Well, despite a new coach and strategy, the Red Sox could not produce a single win in a playoff series. It's been a great struggle over the last few seasons. But this year seemed different. They had the division lead up into double digits, but leave it to the Sox to blow it and barely win the American League East by only a few games.

During the season they lost important key players, such as Aaron Sele, Roger Clemens and, for several months, Jose Canseco. Clemens came back to prove he needed more time in re-hab as he was not the Clemens of old. After Jose's injury he also come back, but on a different note. He smashed over 25 home runs and over 60 RBI's. Sele's injury considerably hurt the pitching staff forcing the bullpen to insert a starter into the rotation. The acquisition of Tim Wakefield helped immensely.

The Red Sox losing in the opening series of the playoffs can only be explained as Cleveland just played better baseball. We'll just have to wait until next year for hopes of clinching a World Series berth.

GIRLS SPORTS AT DIMAN

Jessica Lincoln '96

I hear alot of talk at Diman that there are no girls sports. In order to have girls sports teams, you need participation. Girls at Diman care more about their boyfriends and how they look than practicing and making a commitment to a team.

At Diman there are 355 girls attending the school. I find it a little disappointing to go to a school with 355 girls, and have only seven girls on the cross-country team!

The girls cross country team lost the last three races by a total of 8 points. In the race against Sacred Heart, we took first, third, and fourth places, and still lost the meet by 1 point. More participation may mean more victories for us.

On October 9,1995, the boys and girls cross country teams met Durfee and Connolly at Diman. As usual, the boys varsity team pulled though and ran with determination to win. Again, Lucrecia Borges captured first place for Diman, setting a new girls' course time in 15:44. Unfortunately, one all-star isn't enough to have a winning team. Durfee took the win overall, but Diman hung on to gain a tie against the Connolly girls. Again, maybe if we had more participation in cross-country we could fill more positions.

Girls cross-country is just one of the sports here at Diman. Some girls fought for a basketball team, and almost every girl will try out, but after one week of practice and hard work we will see what's left.





FROM THE HEARTS OF TWO CAPTAINS

C.W.H '96
J.Dex '96

We came into Diman as freshmen with no intention of joining the cross country team. We didn't even know what C.C. was until we finally found out about it, and we joined.

You have never really been on a team until you've experienced what it's like on the Diman Cross Country team. We were amazed at how much a team could show so much discipline, heart, and winning spirit. During our freshmen, sophomore, and junior years we always had someone to lead us through those tough practices and races. Someone like Jeff Medeiros or Peter Hague pushing to be the best. Never did we think that people would be looking up to us and looking for the same leadership and push that others did in the past.

Cross Country may look easy to some people, but it takes alot of dedication, heart, and discipline. These are the keys to being successful. As captains, we can't thank Mr. Blandchette and Mr. Aubin enough for being the best coaches. Their techniques, style, and knowledge of coaching are the key for us being so successful. They pour just as much heart into coaching us on the sidelines as we do running the actual race. If it wasn't for them pulling us through the good and tough times, I don't think we would have made it where we are today.

Thanks,
Mr. Blanchette
and
Mr. Aubin

"The Last Hurrah"

Roy Morin '96

Records fall and new ones are made, legends come and go, stars are born and die. But what would Boston be like without hockey? Boston Bruins hockey — the blood, sweat, smell, and the cheers of noisy fans, singing along to Queen's "We Will Rock You," and the sight of your favorite player(s) scoring on a slapshot through Patrick Roy's legs. All this excitement could only happen in one beautiful place: the Boston Garden.

For sixty-seven years she has been the home for Bruins stars like Bobby Orr, Mike Schimidt, Phil Esposito, and in the new era there is Ray Bourge, Cam Neely, and Adam Oates. Many people will also remember the Garden for its obstructed views, the rats running in between the benches, the players feeding them popcorn and playing with them with their hockey sticks. Somehow, all this just added to its character.

I went to the Garden about ten years ago with some friends from my church, unfortunately not to a Boston Bruins game. It was an event where she played host to the Ringling Brothers and Barnum Bailey Circus. Over the years the Garden has other events in her great space. It will be a sad but exciting time to see them take down the banners and rettired numbers from the rafters as they move to the new state-of-art, highly priced 1.6 million Fleet Center right behind the old cherished Garden.

A final note. The B's started off on the right foot into the fist week of the 95-96 season going 3-1-1. They are looking forward to making more memories for the fans all over New England.



ARE YOU DYING FOR A CIGARETTE?

Kim Raposo '97

The Great American Smoke-out. The all smokers holiday. Yes, guys and girls, it's the day to put those cancer sticks away. Every year Health Careers shop supports smokers by encouraging them to quit. This year's smoke out is in November and the theme is"THE DECISION IS YOURS. DON'T DIE FOR A CIGARETTE."

Make sure to check out the display at four corners. We'll also be having a raffle, so make sure to save that cigarette money and buy tickets to win great prizes like the Christmas bears or certificates. Your proceeds will benefit others by going to the American Lung Association.

Start preparing, and if you slip and smoke, just remember there's always next time.





POINT



COUNTER-POINT

Kelly Viveiros '97

Writing this point-counterpoint is very difficult because I myself don't smoke. But I will try to write how most students I spoke to felt about smoking on school property.

When I asked Mr. Bentley what the administrative arguments were toward not smoking on school grounds, I was given four of them to which I have responded.

1. Law: Yes, it is the law that you have to be at least 18 or older in order to purchase tobacco products. But when the stores still sell tobacco products to minors, they'll buy them. If you want to use the law as an excuse, make sure that the law is enforced.

2. Safety: There is the danger of getting hit by a car while smoking on the sidewalk on school grounds. GET REAL!!!! Isn't there just as great a chance of getting hit by a car walking to and from school as there is just standing on a sidewalk?

3. Health: Granted, smoking isn't the healthiest habit to get into. But it is a personal choice. A choice that every individual must make on his or her own.

4. School Policy: Should school policy just apply to students? What about administration? Should they be allowed to smoke on school property? I would like a response to this, Mr. Bentley.

Recycling the Trees

Shannon Charron '97

To the students:

If I know any of you students, you are probably ready to go on to the next article because "recycling is a boring subject". But, what you are wrong about is that recycling is not boring. In fact, recycling is very important to our lives, now and in the future.

Last year we tried a paper recycling program here at Diman, and it worked out pretty well. But, what I have noticed in some classes is that the teachers do not enforce the recycling program. All that we, the Earth Service Corps., ask is that the teachers as well as the students do try their hardest to recycle all of the paper thrown away in the classrooms.

Do you realize how many trees we lose each year to make paper? Thousands! If we, the students at Diman, do our part in recycling. I am sure that many, many trees will be saved.

So, as part of the Earth Service Corps., I am asking you to please recycle. All of these recycling boxes will be picked up at least once a week. And, if you have any questions please contact Mr. Kuthan in C-102.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Melissa Baron-Cyr,
Health Protection Coordinator

Hepatitis B vaccinations will be offered to all Diman students. The series of three vaccinations is free and will be administered in Nov., Dec. and Apr. Letters are being mailed home to parents encouraging them to allow their child to be immunized. I will be asking some of you to share information with your students so that a large percentage of students take advantage of this program.

The Charlton Mobile Health Van will be here every month beginning Oct. 25. Parental consent forms for students are available in my office. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call me at ext.175.

Peer mediation is alive and well. If you have students who might benefit from mediation, please send them to see me.