FIRST PLACE WINNERS
Opening & Closing Ceremonies
Team of- Nicole Parent
Andrea Correia
Suzanne DaCosta
Sandra DaSilva
Kimberly Marino
Cindy Pedro
Kylie Nitsche
Extemporaneous Speech -
Erica Medeiros
Collision Repair Technology -
Seth Elie
Job Skill Demonstration -
Michael DeMello
Stephanie Richard
Welding -
Bruno Fita
Sheet Metal -
Marc O'Connor
Metal Fabrication -
Brent Pereira
Health Occupations Knowledge Bowl -
Team of -Laura Beauregard
Kelly Carneiro
Louis Raposa
Jana Verbois

SECOND PLACE WINNERS
Precision Machining -
Kurt Chouinard
Job Skill Demonstration Non Tradional
Carmen Cabral
Chapter Business Procedures- Team of- Melissa Pacheco
Kelly Viveiros
Sandy Ponte
Scott Pacheco
Jamie Santos
Sandra Moreira
Diane Vieira
Justin Orzeck
Prepared Speech -
Wendy Maia
Technical Drafting -
Jeffrey Melia
Table Service -
Jay Mello

THIRD PLACE WINNERS
Action Skills -
Matthew Gagne
Table Service -
Christopher Pavao
Electronic Product Servicing -
Stephen Valolis
Sheet Metal -
Kelly Dumont



Left to Right : Bruno Fita, Mark O'Conner, Brent Pereira, Jay Hankins

Congratulations to the 1996 winners of the Outstanding Vocational Student Award. The 3 runners-up and the Outstanding Voc. Student will be announced at the Annual banquet held this year in the caf. on May 2 at 6:30.

Name	Shop
Melissa Raposa	Auto Body
Joseph Galvao	Auto Mech.
Robert Orrell	Building Mant.
Jaime Santos	Culinary Arts
Louis Vieira	Drafting
Jose Amaral	Electricity
Sandy Ponte	Electronics
Kerrie McAndrew	Graphic Arts
David Cabral	Air Cond.
Jason Chappell	Carpentry
Sandra Medeiros	Health Careers
Manual Resendes	Machine Shop
Bruno Fita	Metal Fab.
Victoria Alexander	P&D
John Sokolski	Plumbing
Eileen Roies	LPN

Newspaper: *Freshman Class Election Results*

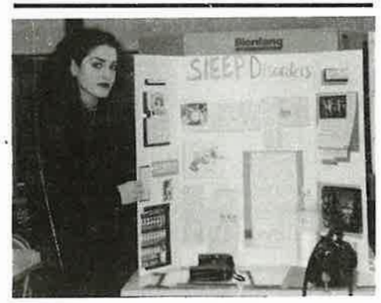
On Friday, February 16, elections were held for class officers. After a busy week of campaigning, ballots were cast. Excitement was in the air while students waited for ballots to be counted. Mrs. Jonsson was assisted by sophomores Missy Falcon and Carol Jeffries. Finally, eighth period Mr. Ramos gave the results. Students needed to be in good academic standing and required the endorsement of the administration, a guidance counselor and three teachers.

The results were as follows:

President: Rebecca Steen
97 votes
Vice President: Stephanie Luciano
98 votes
Treasurer: Anthony Fusaro
111 votes
Secretary: Lenny Dutra
75 votes

Responsibilities will include overseeing the April candy sale in the cafeteria, a Spring Dance and a possible car wash to raise money for the Freshmen Class of '99.

Congratulations!
Freshmen Class Advisor:
Mrs. Elizabeth Jonsson



Christian Ferreira 97 First place Science Fair

Commentary

On February 8th, 1996, I visited the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School science fair. I thought that the science fair was kind of dull because of the lack of experiments. I thought that a good school such as Diman would have some great presentations.

I did see many cardboard pictures with titles such as Apollo 13, Fire Fighters, Safe Sex, and Air Conditioning, but there were no experiments nor questions being asked.

I think that if the people who had made the cardboard pictures had put more time into their work and made it look interesting, the science fair would have been much better.

On a scale of one to ten I give the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School science fair a four.

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HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Miguel Andrade '96

Jimmy Carreiro, an 18 year old Diman Senior, has just been accepted to work for Gillette Corporation, a fortune 500 company located in Boston. Gillette is one of the biggest machine companies in the nation.

Jimmy is a student in the Diman Machine Shop. Not only is he a good machinist, but he also averages an A- in every class. Both these factors led to his being selected by Gillette.

It wasn't easy. There was stiff competition and only two high school students were accepted out of about 40 who applied from within a 50 mile radius of Boston. They had to take a test that consisted of 200 questions in two hours.

"I wasn't nervous", said Jimmy. "I had a good possibility I was going in with high hopes. I had a good chance, I thought".

As one of the two students excepted into the program, Jimmy was given a total scholarship/ work package that includes $2500 worth of tools, 4 years at Wentworth Institute of Technology and a raise every 6 months. His starting salary at Gillette will be $11.50 an hour.

When he graduates from Wentworth in 4 years going part time, he will have earned an associates degree in mechanical engineering. Gillette is hoping that their training will pay off for them as well as for Jimmy. However, Jimmy can quit his job right after he completes collage and go on to another if he wants, but Gillette is hoping he will stay.

Jimmy attributes this scholarship and career opportunity to his own hard work for the past 4 years. He is surprised, however, at the generosity of the offer. "I didn't expect as much...I kept up with attendance, did great in school, and, yes, I'm glad I got the job."



Jimmy Carreiro

STATES, HERE WE COME!

Kerrie McAndrew '96

"An all out stressful but exciting event!" is how one student described the State Skills USA Championships. This is what 81 people from Diman have to look forward to at the three day April Event.

This year Diman walked away with eighteen medallions (six gold, six silver, six bronze) at the West District Competition held at Tri-County held in March, a normal high for Diman. But not only medallion winners will be attending the State Skills USA Championships. This year we have seven qualifiers who will also be shining at States.

Locals were no different for the Job Skills and Action Skills competition. Those students walking away with first place medallions will be representing Diman at States.

There are more students and advisors who will be attending States. A special group of students who go straight to States (no local or district competition), will be competing in leadership events which concentrate on leadership building rather that the trade area.

Our Opening & Closing Ceremonies (OCC) Team have much to look forward to as members defend their first place State title and their fourth place National title. Newcomers to the Diman heat include, for the first year ever, A Chapter Business Procedure Team. They also have a great deal to look forward to as they prove that Diman reigns.

For the second year in a row, Diman's Prepared Speech competitor (and winner) Wendy Maia defends her first place State title. For the first year ever, Extemporaneous Speaking competitor Erica Medeiros and Job Interview competitor Mark Viveiros take the stage as two of Diman's best.

As everyone prepares for this intense event, the stress of upholding Diman's reputation falls upon each competitor.

(For results see pg. 8)

Good luck to all.

Commentary . . .

The Tradesman, A Paper? YES!

by Luis Rebelo 97CR

When I looked up the definition of the word newspaper, I found that Webster's New World Dictionary defined it as: a regular publication containing news, opinions, advertising, etc. Most people would agree is an accurate definition.

However, a school newspaper should be a little different, especially ours. Since The Tradesman is issued but once a term we have to redefine what "news" is. For example, what's news in January and February will not be in March, when the paper is finally published. So, we look in other areas for "news", relying heavily on feature stories and commentaries, where opinion is a part of the story.

Our last issue was, in my opinion, one of our best since I started writing for the newspaper last year. It was filled with students' opinions and had a wide variety of articles.

Some of Diman's faculty, however, do not agree. While many praised the issue, others disliked it or parts of it because of the opinion-oriented articles. We encourage those individuals to write down their opinions and submit them for publication in our next issue.

We want The Tradesman to be the voice of the students: an open forum where students exchange ideas on a wide variety of subjects. But, we want to experience our 1st Amendment rights in responsible and fair-minded ways. We think we have been faithful to this ideal. If we have not, as readers it is your responsibility to let us know through a letter to the editor.

Become involved. That's what a school paper is for.

THE CAFETERIA STAFF SPEAKS OUT

by Matt Texeira '98

I'm writing in response to the article that was in the March issue of The Tradesman called "Cafeteria Food Review." When I read this I couldn't believe that a student wrote this. That day when I went to lunch the whole cafeteria staff was reading the article. They were angry and appalled that someone wrote this. The thing that really got them was that it was written by a culinary Arts student. I thought about interviewing them to get their point of view.

First I went to some of the students and most said the food isn't that bad, and others said it was worth the money. Then, I asked them what they thought about the idea that was written in the article about having school lunches catered. Many of the students said it wasn't a good idea. I think it's not because some kids don't bring a lot of money to school and others maybe can't afford it. If we had lunch catered, then it would cost a lot more than $1.35. Students would probably have to bring about $5 to $10 each day for food. That adds up, believe me.

I then decided to interview some of the ladies who worked in the cafeteria. Their responses to the article were clear. Mrs. Rachel Cabral, the Cafeteria Manager, said, "You, as students, are our customers and you matter to us. My concern is improving your breakfast and lunch selections to a well-balanced and nutritious meal. Menus are planned to meet the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program." She also expressed gratitude to all the students who support the Diman breakfast and lunch program.

Mrs. Arruda, another cafeteria worker, said, "We try very hard to make a good tasting meal. We even went to classes so we know all about fat content and food pyramid".

Mrs. Martel added," I hope it's not the opinion of the majority of students. We try very hard to serve appetizing and nutritious meals".

I think the food here at Diman is not that bad, and we ought to show a little gratitude towards the cafeteria staff and also the Culinary Arts shop instructors for the meals they prepare for us each and every day.

DEAR EDITORS:

In response to the "Date Rape" article that appeared in the last issue of the school newspaper, I would like to say to the author that the Diman guidance department is far from a "gossip column." Furthermore, be sure you (whoever made the statement) understands what you are saying before you say it. It is obvious that you are not aware what a gossip column is. A gossip column is a column printed in the newspaper that talks about people's lives, like Dear Abby.

I have attended Diman for four years and everytime I have gone to Mr. Howayeck he has always provided me with help. Never did I feel that what I said would be broadcasted. I knew that everything was said in confidence.

The guidance department also has sup port programs like the one Mrs. Bernard is in charge of. It is called Women In Technology. She encourages female students who are in non-traditional trades, like precision machining, drafting, and electronics to further their education in engineering. The group attends seminars where women engineers share how they were able to reach their goals.

The guidance department is where students receive help. If you're failing a class, having personal problems, applying to a college for a scholarship, the counselors will help you. You just need to ask.

Jessica Lincoln '96

Student to Student Tutoring

by Jeremy Buchanan '96

Some students get all A's with very little effort, while others study a lot and still don't seem to do well. Why is that? Perhaps these students need a different kind of help than what teachers are able to give them. I think student tutors could help some of the struggling students. Let's consider some of the reasons.

True, we have homework to do. But sometimes homework is tougher than class work and those who try to do it can't grasp the function of the assignment. Also, there 's not always someone at home who can help.

Secondly, there are teachers who only help those who get straight A's. Not all teachers, but some at this school. Also, teachers have an over abundance of students, one teacher said, and it's difficult to always give help where it's needed most.

Third, some students don't feel comfortable around adults and need one of their peers to assist them. With someone their own age, they'd communicate better. Our peers speak our language. If the student forgets a certain thing the teacher went over, the student would have the tutors number to call for help. I doubt many teachers would allow students to call them after hours for extra help.

Fourth, the student tutor would learner and have more time to be with the individual. Teachers have little time available after school, where as the student may have more time.

Finally, student tutoring should be volunteer only. A student should want to tutor because he/she want to, not because of money. This should take place at Diman before and /or after school, or at the tutors house if necessary. Tutoring could take place in the cafeteria or library at our school.

A student tutoring program would benefit both the tutor, the struggling student and over-burdened teacher. It's an idea whose time has come.

Cambodian New Year Celebration

by Saboeun Thim '99

Cambodian New Year is an important holiday in my country. Unlike the American New year, it is a religious holiday. It doesn't take place on January 1st like in the United States. It takes place on April 13. My people celebrate for 3 days. They celebrate our new year by going to the temple to give thanks to the monks. We pray to our parents and grandparents who passed away a long time ago.

On April 12 my people clean their houses and help clean the village. They decorate their houses by putting pictures of Buddha in front of their door. They also make a small house out of clay and put it on top of a table in front of the house. Beside the clay house there are 2 cups with rice in them. One cup on the left beside the clay house has 5 candles in it. On the right there are 5 moonlight candles in it. There are 2 plates. On the left in front of the cup there is perfume, a mirror, and a comb. On the right side there are fruits such as grapes, oranges, bananas and apples.

On April 13th in the morning, when my people hear the sound of the drum playing from the temple, it tells all of us two things: one thing is that today is the first day of New Year and the other is that the Gods and Goddesses are coming down at night. At night my people light the candles and moonlight candles that they had put in the cups earlier beside the clay house. My people do this to tell the Gods and Goddesses that we all know that they are coming down.

The 2nd day my people bring food and money to their parents or grandparents. They dress up nicely. They give food and money to beggars and poor people. After that, some of the people go to the temple and pray. Some pray at home. My people pray about their relatives and friends who have passed away a long time ago.

The last day my people clean the statues of Gods and Goddesses in the temple. We do this to thank them for coming down last night, and ask them to give us rain for farming, gardening and drinking water.

During the three days of celebration, my people walk from one village to another village to say hello to each other. They also play a lot of games. Some of the games are splashing water with flowers and perfume at each other, tug-of-war, traditional dancing and jump rope.

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SPORTS *continued*

Who Says Baseball Isn't a Contact Sport?

by Adam Rodrigues '97

When I was seven years old, I wanted to play baseball in the worst way. I signed-up, tried out, and was picked by the Dodgers, which was basically the beginning of the end for my little league career. Throughout my first season I was beaned mercilessly. I was hit by a pitch at almost every plate appearance. In the head, shoulder, ankle, wrist, butt, back, everywhere. If it was a part of my anatomy, it got hit. It got to the point where I would step to the plate, recite a few Hail-Mary's, close my eyes, and swing the bat at everything the pitcher hurled in my direction. On a good day I would strike out before getting beaned and go home a pleasant, peachy, flesh color. But I didn't have many good days and usually went home black and blue with red stitch marks and "Rawlings" branded in my skin.

Even playing the field was hazardous to my health. The ball always found a way to hit me. If I wasn't hit by a line drive, it was a ground ball taking a bad hop. After being moved to the outfield I still managed to get hit.

One day, just before game time, I was hit in the mouth during outfield practice. My cousin had thrown the ball from right field over to me in center field, where I was staring directly into the sun. When the ball arrived, it let me know. My lips immediately burst and blood began to gush down my chin. The skin attaching my lips to my gums was torn on both my top and bottom lips. I had chimpanzee lips for about a week.

My second season was pretty much repetitious of the first, filled with bumps, bangs, and bruises. Despite having the lowest batting average in the league, due to my "take a strike, save a life" hitting philosophy, I'm willing to bet that I led the league in on base percent - ageduring my 2-yearlittle league stint.

Through my little league experience and all my battle scars, I have learned that baseball is a contact sport, and anyone that says otherwise should be tied to a batting cage and pummeled with no remorse.

The End Of A Boxing Career

by Rodney Medeiros '96

Before his retirement from the sport of boxing, Tommy Morrison was 45-3-1 for his career. He was one of the top ranked boxers in the sport. It's a shame to lose such a great fighter says Tony Holden, promoter of the 27 year old boxer.

Holden confirmed that his client tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS. Morrison has had an up-and-down career but many people say that he has reached his lowest point.

Tommy Morrison does not know how he contracted the virus, but he does admit to leading a very promiscuous lifestyle in the past. Tommy says that he never thought that he would come in contact with the disease and get infected with HIV. He also stated that he did not always protect himself when he engaged in sexual activities. The Oklahoma native who has 2 children from different women hopes that his children do not make the same mistake that their father made.

The news of the virus infection has not sunk in the boxer's mind yet; he still can not believe it. He especially did not want to believe it when he received the news on the 13th of February, 4 days before his fight against Arthur Weathers, who was stunned by news of Tommy's infection. The event at Las Vegas was called off, and so was the fight that was scheduled later on this year against Mike Tyson.

By joining Magic Johnson, Morrison hopes to learn more about HIV and AIDS, and hopes he can spread the message to the younger generation of the world. He is really concerned about the children and says," AIDS does not discriminate". Anyone can be infected by this deadly disease.

Sox Chances in '96

by R.R. '96

By winning the AL East by 7 games over the Yankee's in '95, the Sox had their best year in a while, and expectations are even higher for the upcoming '96 season.

There is no doubt that the Sox will score runs this season. With the addition of catcher Mike Stanley, of Kevin Mitchell, and if Wil Corderieo to go along with a healthy Jose Canseco, AL MVP Mo Vaughn, fans are assured of their team scoring runs.

But the question is pitching and defense. So far the defense has committed 39 errors in 24 games. We will just have to wait and see about the defense.

The starting pitching looks pretty good with the ace Roger Clemens coming back for his 13th season. Last year he went 10-5 with a 4.18 e.r.a., but was slowed by an early season shoulder problem. The return of Aaron Sele will be very helpful. He was also plagued by injury in '95. He was 3-1, 3.16 e.r.a. in only a month of being healthy.

The addition of Tom Gordon from Kansas City will make up for losing Erik Hanson. Gordon has been a pitcher who has struggled at times but also has had to pitch for a K.C. team which does not score many runs.

After the first three pitchers, the rest remain a mystery. Tim Wakefield, the savior of the Sox in '95 had a great 1st half of the season going 14-1 with an e.r.a. under 2 but finished up 2-7. He still did manage to lead the club in wins and e.r.a.(16-8, 2.95). He is still a mystery this year. So far this spring, his "knuckleball" has been getting knocked all around the park. The 5th spot looks decent since the acquisition of Jamie Moyer. Moyer, a left-handed starter, is something the Sox desperately needed.

A lot of people are picking the Yankees and the Orioles in the AL East, but I believe that if the starting pitching and defense hold up, the Sox could repeat as AL East Champs in '96.

In Search of the TRUTH

by Mathieu Teixeira '98

A couple of weeks ago in the Culinary Arts shop all the students were told by the administrators to line up. The administrators took one person at a time and had them empty their pockets and then go into the locker room and empty their lockers. They checked everything possible.

After the search was over, many of the students were angry that their privacy had been invaded. The girls in the shop were most upset because they were searched by male officials, not female officials. One of the Culinary Arts shop students responded by saying, "I don't think they should search our shop. It doesn't matter. Students will still bring substances to school."

Apparently, this type of search happens fairly often in other shops as well. Mr. Bentley, Dean of Students, feels that the searches are necessary to try to curb illegal substances being brought into the school. "This year there has been an increase of substances coming into the building and it is my job and all the administrators' jobs to keep this school safe. We received confidential information that there could have been marijuana coming into the Culinary Arts shop and that's why we searched the students and their lockers."

The administrators believe people are "absolutely" hiding illegal substances, and that the increase of drugs in the nation is affecting. this school, too. "This generation of students has been on an increase of usage of substances," said Mr. Bentley, "whether drugs or alcohol, and not just high school students but also much younger children, too."

A major concern to our administration is the potential danger involved in using drugs in a shop. "It's especially dangerous for a person who is under the influence to come into a shop and use equipment," said Mr. Bentley. "It's not only dangerous for the person under the influence, but also for the other students in the shop."

Mr. Bentley stated that the administration is planning to continue these types of searches as many times as necessary. "It's our job to keep this school a learning environment and to keep it safe and we will search as many times as necessary to ensure the safety of each and every student here at Diman."

Response to *"What is Considered Bad Taste Around Here?"*

by Chris Soares '96

I love to read articles by fellow students, and as I skimmed through the March issue of the school newspaper, I noticed the article, "What is Considered Bad Taste Around Here?" The title got my attention, so I proceeded to read what turned out to make an indirect reference to me. So I did what only came natural; I laughed out loud in class.

The very idea of someone getting mad and writing about me was funny. But, after some thought, I realized that it is not only funny but in "bad taste" to write such comments without considering the targeted person's point of view, my point of view. A close friend who also read the article was outraged and wanted to resort to violence. I convinced him that violence would only add to the problem. I decided, instead, to write a response.

So, you were insulted? Well, now you have insulted me. Because of your ignorance as to who I am, you prejudge me with your own beliefs. I am a born-again atheist. I no longer believe in a god. When you state I have insulted a so called "god", you insult me. To say I am insulting the lord is ludicrous. The words on the back of my t-shirt express the way I feel. The lord is not my shepherd. Further, that t-shirt has never disrupted a class. I can prove that if challenged.

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Another Tony Camponelli Mystery

The X File

Louie Rebelo *Part III of IV*

As you may remember, our hero, Tony Camponelli, had just been transported to the 19th century where he immediately foiled a bank robbery in progress. . .

Since I didn't know where I was, I decided to do a little looking around and maybe find someone to help me get home. After nearly getting trampled by a horse outside of the bank, I thought it might be a good idea not to stand in the middle of the road. I started walking.

I noticed a place with a sign outside that said, "MacGraw's Saloon, Est. 1801" and thought that a light drink might be what I needed to relax. Either this was an exception or movie-makers really exaggerated the conditions in these saloons. This place was spotless, with two tables, which sat four people, on either side of the aisle which led to the bar. The bar itself sat six, and was only occupied by one person, other than myself. As I sat there waiting to be served, I noticed a framed coverpage from a newspaper, called the Austin Times, hanging on the wall behind the bar. The major portion of that page was taken up by a large black and white photograph. The photograph was of a young man standing outside of this saloon holding what appeared to be an ivory colored gun in his hand and wearing a smile on his face. The headline read, "Twenty Year-Old Keeps Grandfather's Saloon Alive After 50 Years of Service". Quickly, I squinted: June 23, 1851.

When the bartender finally came to me and asked what I wanted, I noticed he was the one in the picture. He didn't look much older than in the picture, maybe twenty-one. He was dressed in blue pants, a white shirt, a black vest, boots, and a snake-skin belt with a large snake buckle. A bit amazed, I asked, "If you don't mind my asking, how long ago was that?" pointing to the picture.

"That, there, is gonna be a year, tomorrow," he responded. He went on by saying "When my grandpa went last year he left this place to me in his will. I've opened and closed this place every single day for the past year. You from these parts?"

Believe it or not, I decided to tell him the truth. "I don't think you'll believe me but I'm from the year 1996. I live in a city called Detroit in the state of Michigan. I was transported back in time by some aliens who abducted me."

His face flushed and his expression changed from friendly to as if he had just seen a ghost. He responded, "Follow me and don't look up." He led me around the bar and into the back room. He closed the door behind me and went toward a large, pictureless frame on the wall. He pushed it to the left and the wall behind it opened to both sides of the frame. Walking in he signalled for me to follow. I walked in and there was a large glass cylinder in the corner of this dark and damp room, identical to the one I had been transported in.

Now, I was scared and astonished. "How did you get one of those? That's what brought me here! What are you going to do to me?"

"To answer your questions, my grandfather made it and I ain't going to do nothin' to ya, " he answered quickly.

"You say your grandfather made that machine?"

"Yep! He was always good with his hands. Always makin' stuff, you know?"

"Yeah, kinda'." I barked back.

"Well, anyway, like I said, he was always makin' stuff. One day, when I was 'bout twelve, I came back here, peeked through the door an' seen grandpa talkin' to this guy. A big fella, eatin' a donut. He was dressed in this white and gold getup, his upper lip was curled and he had a guitar with him. I think grandpa was callin' him Elvis. I guess I must have breathed some dust in, 'cause I started coughin'. Grandpa saw me, pushed the guy into the glass thing, poured some stuff into it, and the guy disappeared. I tried to ask him what was happening, but he kept insisting that I didn't see anything and for me not to mention it again. So I never did until now."

"Do you know what it was that he poured into the cylinder?" I asked after letting his story sink in.

"Ain't got no idea. But he was always writin' things down as he worked. It's probably written somewhere in here." he said as he handed me a dusty book.

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You don't know that I have two jobs; one on co-op, the other off. I don't drink, drug, or smoke. I look down upon promiscuous sex. I'm also a certified mediator who is going to college. To judge me without even speaking a word to me is cowardly and shows little intelligence.

My t-shirt is not "blasphemous". If it goes against religious beliefs, that's okay. Diman is a public school, and as such is separate from religion and should stay that way.

Thankfully there is a First Amendment. If there wasn't, you or I could be punished for our beliefs. In some countries, people are even killed for them. In this country, we have the right to agree or disagree with each othe If you believe I have bad taste fine. I believe I have a good character, even if I don't believe in a "god". You should start looking at people's characters and not their appearance. That's how prejudice stops.

It's a right of mine to express myself. I shall continue to exercise that right, no matter how many god-fearing papists such as yourself speak out against it.

Hallelujah!

SPORTS

Spring Means . . . SOFTBALL

by J.F. '98

Hey, girls! Spring has finally arrived and there is a new sport being offered to us. If you haven't heard, it's Softball! Last summer Diman put in the time, effort and money into building a brand new softball diamond for the 1996 softball team. Then, Mr.Kuthan tried to organize a girl's team and he succeeded. At the beginning of this year, Mr.Kuthan held a meeting for girls interested in playing softball. Over 40 girls showed up. At the next meeting only about 25-30 girls showed up. When tryouts came around, only about 20 girls attended. Although the number of girls wasn't as high as Mr.Kuthan would have liked, he now has a varsity softball team.

The new Diman Girl's Softball Team consists of 16 girls. We are all very dedicated and willing to represent our new team in a positive way. We are thankful for the beautiful field we practice on and for all the equipment and uniforms. We have many games lined up that we are looking forward to playing this season. Our season begins April 4.

Mr.Kuthan has been working us hard by having us practice everyday and on weekends. We really don't know what to expect because it's our first year, but we are trying our hardest to put together a wining team.

Thanks again, and please help support the 1996 Diman Girl's Softball Team!

1996 Diman Regional Girl's Softball Team:
1. Jessica Lincoln
2. Kylie Nitshie
3. Holly Santos
4. Stephanie Richard
5. Nicole Rego
6. Christine Wright
7. Natasha Sliwa
8. Danielle Proulx
9. Jessica Farias
10. Melissa Raposa
11. Amanda Santos
12. Sara Paulo
13. Kim Silvia
14. Jessica Velez

Coach: Mr. Kuthan
Scorer: Sherry Machado

Will This Be The Season ?

by Jason Dextrase '96

For many years I watched the Red Sox hoping that they would make it all the way. They had a lot of potential last year as they almost made it, but they came short of first and we had to settle for second.

This year is a different year. I have a lot of faith in them to make it and win the World Series. With a new line up the Red Sox are looking like a tough team to beat. With players like Jose Canseco, Mo Vaughn, and new to the Sox Kevin Mitchell, just a few to name, the other opponents' pitchers better watch out. The pitching looks good, which is nice because it's going to be a big part of their source.

The defense could use a little improving. I have faith in manager Kevin Kennedy to fix that problem. If the Red Sox don't have many injuries, this just might be the year for them to capture the World Series. The last World Series they won was in the 1800's.

I have my fingers crossed and my hopes up high that this year will be the year.

BACK FOR MORE

by Justin DeSouto '96

The 1995 Diman Varsity Baseball team went 16-4 with the help of seniors Eric Farias, Jason Correia, and Mark Soares. A first round loss in the playoffs ended their career in high school baseball without a championship. The team was young and tough at heart and played every game with determination.

Now in 1996, the young team has turned into experienced players with 8 returning seniors who all have 4 years of Diman baseball under their belts. Using their knowledge about the baseball program, they teach the underclassman what they have learned to carry on the Diman Baseball Tradition. With Coach John Pacheco leading the team, the 1996 Diman baseball team will win their games based on heart and mental toughness and not on just talent alone.

As coach Pacheco always says before every game to the huddled up players, " This is what memories are made of."



The Diman Bengals Varsity Baseball team getting ready for a big game against Tri-County