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A Shop and School United

By: ***Stephanie Pavao***
Tradesman Managing Editor

It is when a tragedy occurs that charity shines through.



I took time to interview Mr. Bentley about two tragic fires that happened this school year.

On October 27, 2005, an early Thursday morning at 7:15 the house of Diman student, Joshua Bonanca was tragically burned down, resulting in total loss of the family's belongings. Joshua is a sophomore student in the auto body shop.

A main concern that morning was that Joshua and his sister were not present in the house caught fire. By 8:00 a.m. both schools confirmed Joshua and his sister safe at school. By 8:30 they received news that nothing could be salvaged from the remains of the house.

As soon as Diman heard about this tragedy the administration tried its best to contact school organizations such as the National Honor Society and the Key Club to create a fundraiser for Joshua. Also, Joshua's shop, auto body, contributed to help raise money for this cause. The fundraiser ran from October 28, 2005 through November 4, 2005. On the first day at the Cross Roads, Diman rose over $475. By the end of the week they raised a total of $2,000. This was more than anyone expected. It was an excellent outcome. On Wednesday, November 9, 2005 the family was presented with a check of $2,000.

Not only did Diman contribute to this family but the community also helped. The family's Deacon at the church they attend offered them an apartment which he owned. On Monday November 7, 2005 the family was living in their new apartment. In 2 weeks with the help of a caring community, this family is back on track to a normal life.

The other tragedy that I interviewed Mr. Bentley about was the fire that occurred at the Atlantis Charter School's library. All this happened due to a vandal who entered the library. The flames destroyed reading materials of children from grades kindergarten to the fourth grade. Along with the reading materials, computers were also destroyed.

Diman's National Honor Society and the Key Club started a book-drive to raise books for these children. The books were targeted to children between the ages of 5 and 10. Their intentions were to collect a box of books from each shop. They collected 16 boxes, one from each shop. The book-drive ended on November 10, 2005 and Diman gathered 800 books within two weeks.

When Atlantis Charter receives the books, they will know that Diman students are thinking of them in their time of need.

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Diman is Expanding??

By: ***Hina Naveed***
Tradesman Staff

It seems as though everyone is talking about the school expanding. I recently had the chance to sit down and talk with Mr. Ramos, Superintendent/Director of Diman, about the school's plans.

Q: When and in what areas is Diman expanding?

A: All my plans are currently preliminary and not 100% certain, because they need approval from the school committee. But I am hoping for a new building for our LPN students; this building would be somewhere on Stonehaven Road, next to our student parking lot. I would like to set aside money, and have Diman students build the building. We would gain space inside the building, which would, in turn, lessen crowding in the school. I would like to see the Dental program become a four-year program, and move Mrs. Daley's freshmen Health Careers shop down to the LPN lab, and have Dental occupy her room, because they are a little cramped for space. And I would like all the teachers on the faculty to be assigned to a certain room, instead of having certain teachers move from classroom to classroom.

Q: How many students can we currently accommodate and will our expansion plans affect the number of students we can take in?

A: "We can currently accommodate 1,323 students, if and when we expand we won't be able to take any additional students in but it will ensure that the hallways are less congested."

Q: Do you plan on having universal air conditioning throughout the school? If yes how soon will the plans be underway?

A: Eventually, yes, I am hoping for air-conditioning in the whole school, but as to how long it will take, I am unsure. Hopefully by next summer we should get all of D wing done, the LPN office should be air conditioned, and all the area past the Electricity Shop."

So if you were one of the ones getting annoyed by the overcrowding in the hallways and not being able to turn around without bumping into somebody, just hang tight, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

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A Family Reacts to Diman's Generosity

By: ***Melanie de Sousa & Paul Rego***
Staff writers/Co-editors in chief



One can conclude that Diman truly is a family. Once life becomes rough for those within our community or outside of it, residents of Greater Fall River can count on a small, vocational school to come to the rescue. For so many years, Diman has served as much more than a school for students to learn a trade but a true "diamond" within the Spindle City.

And as Diman's population continues to grow, so does its good will. On November 9, a $2,000 check was donated to the Bonaca family in Auto Body due to a tragic fire that literally destroyed their home, leaving the Bonaca family homeless.

When the family received the news about their house, they were extremely angry and upset. When our school found out, we decided to do something about it. The National Honor Society and Key club, along with Auto Body, decided to conduct a fundraiser. In one day they raised about $400. By the end of the week, it expanded to $2,000.

At the ceremony, the family was joined by A and B weeks students of Auto Body, Mr. Bentley, the teachers that take care of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and the teachers of Auto Body.

After the ceremony was over, we decided to talk to the family about what happened and how they felt about the situation. They said that they felt really upset and angry about what happened. They are fine now, but their lives will never be the same again. "We had to stay in a motel for 1 1/2 weeks before we found a place to live. The school and our family helped a lot. It's very unbelievable of how much they helped us out," Mrs. Bonaca said.

"No one has treated us differently after the fire has happened. It affected us a lot. Joshua and his sister wanted to go back to school quickly," Mrs. Bonaca said. They had lost 4 pets (1 puppy and 3 cats). The family will use the money for their home and anything else they need, and put the rest in the bank.

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Journalism Shop?

By: ***Daniel Medeiros***
Tradesman Staff

What do you think about Journalism as a shop here at Diman Regional? You could produce more issues of the Tradesman. Each A and B weeks would be able to try and complete the issue.

Journalism would make it easier to have Tradesman meetings and would allow Diman to produce more issues, allowing the public to receive even more evidence as to why so many people are choosing Diman Regional as an option for high school. It could also help further illustrate why Diman's programs are so effective. Mr. Wagner, "The Advisor" of the Tradesman, would be able to be the instructor and would save the school a whole bunch of money on hiring one.

Some students probably would want journalism as a shop, for a few reasons. They are either great writers, have great imaginations, or just would like to be involved with a newspaper.

Also, I think that having journalism would get students more interested in English. Freshmen Exploratory would consist of learning how to conduct interviews. The instructor could teach how to be a reporter, columnist, sports reporter, photographer, or a feature writer.

Freshmen and sophomores could write the movie reviews and small articles. The juniors and seniors could do the bigger pieces like sports, current events, and maybe even articles about the school or local government.

Even if Journalism does someday become a shop, I will be long gone from Diman Regional. Even if I will be out of Diman I think the future generations would enjoy it as much as I enjoyed writing this article.

Also, if Journalism would become a shop, it would help students do better on M.C.A.S. If not, then they will still have a bright future in English.

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New Diman Hall of Fame Recipients Announced

The following people were honored and inducted into the Diman Hall of Fame - James Ashley, James Pereira, Robert Ciosek, Leo Bernier, Joan Waring, Karl Hetzler, Thomas Branco and Manuel Arruda.

The New Faces of Graphic Arts

By: ***Rachel Berryman***
Tradesman Staff



There is another new teacher in our Graphic Communications department. His name is Thai Panayakul (Mr.P). Mr.P is the sophomore teacher and being in Mr. P's company has resulted in me learning what a keen teacher he is. He knows what it takes to make students learn the material he's trying to teach. Mr.P has an enjoyable personality, making students want to listen to him.

Get to know Mr.P and see for yourself the great teacher that he is.

Q: Why did you choose to work at Diman?

A: Diman has a lot to offer students. I would also like to make an impact on the students.

Q: How many years of experience have you had in the graphic arts field?

A: More than eighteen.

Q: How many years of experience have you had in teaching?

A: This is my first year.

Q: What got you interested in the graphic arts field?

A: The career opportunities.

Q: What's your favorite part of teaching?

A: The interaction with the students and seeing the progression.

Q: What's your opinion of Diman and its students?

A: Diman has a great program. The students have potential to grow and they have motivation.

Q: Did you have any hobbies in high school?

A: Yes, drawing, painting and physical fitness.

Q: What's something that no one else would know about you?

A: I had a pierced left ear and a ponytail in college.

There is another new teacher in our Graphic Communications department. Her name is Christine Cyr, who is the freshmen teacher. From my experience of being in Ms. Cyr's presences, she is a great teacher. She knows what she's doing and how to do it. She makes every day in Graphic Arts a worthwhile day for all of her students. Get to know Ms. Cyr and you'll like her too.

Q: Why did you choose to work at Diman?

A: I used to substitute here.

Q: How many years of experience have you had in the graphic arts field?

A: A lot

Q: How many years of experience have you had in teaching?

A: Nine

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A Man of the People: Mr. Howayeck

By: ***Melanie de Sousa & Paul Rego***
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Advisor's note: Students around Diman recall Mr. Howayeck's calm demeanor and his polite, friendly ways. His pleasant attitude put many students at ease. Now, Mr. Howayeck has taken his warm personality and calm attitude to his new position as the director of Pupil Personnel Services. Instead of helping students daily, he will now assist both students and guidance counselors daily. He has taken over for retired PPS Director Mr. Michael Muscarella.

Q: How does it feel to have this new position?

A: Because of being a guidance counselor for 25 years, It's quite different from what I'm use to doing. So being Director of PPS is a very big change. Now I deal with more of the adults, but I still deal with the students at times.

Q: Why did you want to start being the director of PPS?

A: The job became available because Mr. Muscarella retired. I wasn't quite sure I was up for it. I've been quite comfortable with being a guidance counselor. I'm looking forward to doing this job. It's a step up and a big change.

Q: How do you get along with the guidance counselors?

A: Well, I get along with all of them very well. I'm very fortunate to have an excellent guidance staff. They all have their own personalities that work well with the school.

Q: How do you feel the school is getting by now?

A: This year has been very smooth, even though we have more students. There can be some who think it has been hectic though.

National Honor Society - 2005-2006 Members

Submitted by Mrs. Klamkin

Please offer your congratulations to the 21 newly selected members of the NHS who were chosen by the 5-member Faculty Council. They join the 9 other students who are beginning their second year as members of the Diman Chapter. We are looking forward to a busy and productive year. At times, individual members may be asked to conduct NHS business during the school day (with the permission of their academic and/or shop instructor). New members will be inducted into the chapter (upon completion of their membership requirements) in May. All members must maintain a certain scholastic average and complete community service hours and other requirements to retain membership.

2nd YEAR MEMBERS	I.D #	SHOP	YOG
1. Marques, Rebecca - PRESIDENT	2705	HC	2007
2. Mauricio, Stephanie - VICE PRES.	6388	HC	2006
3. Raymond, Amanda - SECRETARY	2796	HC	2007
4. Sinkevich, Alexander - TREASURER	3536	DR	2007
5. Diogo, Amanda	6386	HC	2006
6. Medeiros, Connie	6375	HC	2006
7. Pereira, Amanda	6208	CA	2006
8. Cadavid, Michele	6245	MS	2006
9. Roussel, Michael	1407	DR	2007
Newly Selected Provisional Members	**I.D #**	**SHOP**	**YOG**
1. Ashton, Kelly	6451	DR	2006
2. Couture, Stephanie	6338	HC	2006
3. Feinberg, Jacob	6223	HMC	2006
4. Novo, Kayla	6459	HC	2006
5. Andrew, Ian	3642	MS	2007
6. Carreiro, Matthew	2667	DR	2007
7. DeNault, Cory	1666	CA	2007
8. Dumont, Matthew	2552	BT	2007
9. Frometa, Darianna	2693	OT	2007
10. Martins, Nikole	2678	HC	2007
11. Medeiros, Alicia	2709	HC	2007
12. Pacheco, Ryan	2959	MS	2007
13. Proulx, David	5891	BT	2007
14. Schmidt, Shaina	2799	HC	2007

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Searching for SADD Teacher

By: ***Kaitlin Cahill***
Tradesman Staff

This year at Diman I would like to start a SADD chapter. A few years ago we had one and I would like to bring it back. The philosophy of SADD is that young people empowered to help each other are the most effective force in prevention. SADD, formerly known as Students Against Drunk Driving, changed its name in 1997 to Students Against Destructive Decisions, expanding its mission to include drug use, abuse, STD's and AIDS, teenage pregnancy, and suicide, as well as underage drinking and drunk driving.

I am seeking a teacher who would like to be an advisor of this chapter. This chapter hopes to collaborate with Bishop Connolly High School's new chapter. If you are interested in helping me, please contact me Kaitlin Cahill, 10th grade Health Careers B weeks at DimanSADD@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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SkillsUSA Chapter Officers

By: ***Kaitlin Cahill***
Tradesman Staff

Mr. David Viveros & Mr. Michael Oliveira have announced SkillsUSA Chapter officers for the 2005-2006 school year. They are:

Ian Andrews	MS	Rebecca Marques	HC
Steven Rioux	ET	David Proulx	BT
Alyssa Bouchard	MF	Amanda Silva	CA
Shane Cardoso	DR	Alyssa Riley	DA
Erica Dube	MF	Jessica Torres	CA
Darianna Frometa	OT		

Tips for How to Handle Adolescent Suicide

Submitted by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Sundby

The teen years are marked by a roller-coaster ride of emotions-difficult for teens, their parents, and educators. It is easy to misread depression as normal adolescent turmoil; however, depression (among the most common of mental illnesses) appears to be occurring at a much earlier age, and the past decade has seen teen suicide rates double.

To proactively address this issue, our school is offering a depression screening and suicide prevention training. One part of the training involves impressing upon teens that they can help themselves or a friend by taking the simple step of talking to a responsible adult about their concerns.

The following is a guide for you on what to do if a student approaches you asking for help. We will begin our program at the 9th grade level, presenting this week to the health classes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us! Thank you for your assistance.

What To Do When Approached by Students Asking for Help

Once a student has disclosed the need for help (whether directly, or indirectly through someone else or even in a writing assignment) **DO NOT LEAVE THE STUDENT ALONE!**

Listen to what the student has to say, observe his or her demeanor and avoid making the student feel guilty or that they have no reason to feel this way.

Offer words of encouragement but DO NOT PROMISE CONFIDENTIALITY. * Acting to prevent a potential suicide always overrides the need to honor confidentiality between that individual and the student.

Advise the student that you are going with him/her to Pupil Personnel Services or you may contact PPS at ext. 1500 and request that a counselor come to your room. The student's guidance counselor will know what needs to be done to make sure that the student will get the professional help they need to deal with these feelings safely.**

The guidance counselor will immediately contact the student's parents or guardian and work with them to make whatever treatment referral is necessary.

* Oddone, Angela, M. "Saving Kids from Suicide: Contributing to Students' Mental Health Resiliency." NEA Today, April 2000

** STAR Center at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, "Intervening with the Adolescent and Deliberate Self -Harm," 1999.

SIGNS (SYMPTOMS) OF DEPRESSION

- " Depressed mood (can be sad, down, grouchy or irritable)
- " Changes in sleeping patterns (too much, too little or disturbed)
- " Change in weight or appetite (decreased or increased)
- " Speaking and/or moving with unusual speed or slowness
- " Loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities
- " Withdrawal from family and friends
- " Feelings of worthlessness, self-reproach or guilt
- " Diminished ability to think or concentrate, slowed thinking or indecisiveness
- " Thoughts of death, suicide, or wishes to be dead

Other Indications of Depression

- " Extreme anxiety, agitation or enraged behavior
- " Excessive drug and/or alcohol use or abuse
- " Neglect of physical health
- " Feelings of hopelessness or desperation

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The Future of Diman: The Class of '09

By: ***Meagan Parsons***
Tradesman Staff

Each year, Diman welcomes a new group of freshmen to their always growing family. Again and again we watch as the new freshmen find their way around school and as they become more mature adults. The upper classmen remember when they were the fresh faces at Diman. Soon the Class of 2009 will look back at their exhilarating freshmen year.

I myself am a freshman. I can already see a big difference in high school than middle school. So I decided to interview fellow freshmen, and see how they are making the adjustment to life in high school.

I first spoke with Amanda Carvallio. She feels that high school is very different from middle school. Amanda feels she has more responsibilities. There are also tougher decisions for her to make. Amanda enjoys the alternating two week cycle. It gives her a chance to explore her career opportunities and meet new people. Amanda says it's hard to choose a permanent shop because there are so many trades that are interesting to her. "It's difficult to find my place." Hopefully Amanda finds her place and has great luck in the remainder of her freshmen year.

So as you may know the freshmen have their work cut out for them. Hopefully students like Amanda and the other freshmen have a great freshmen year and great remainder of high school.

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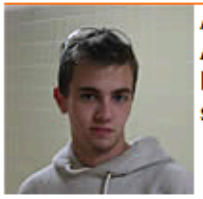
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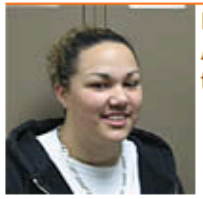
Lyjill Horton, Sophomore
A. Food, presents and seeing friends and family.



Chelsie Cavanaugh, Junior
A. I like being with my family and friends.



Aaron Rock, Senior
A. I like seeing my family and being together. We never get to see family - we're always working.



Mercedes Moffett, Sophomore
A. I'd have to say the presents, the money, and the yummy food.

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Fashion Column

By: ***Dan Cote***
Fashion Columnist



As we look around we see new trends -- here today gone tomorrow, but the one trend that seems to have stuck around is the preppy yet surfer look, which is marketed to us by stores such as Abercrombie and Fitch, Hollister, and Aeropostale.

The one store I'll be focusing on today is Abercrombie and Fitch. Though very expensive, most of their fashion seems to change every 20 minutes yet seems to stay the same. When you walk in to the store you find you are bombarded with the scent of cologne that could tranquilize a horse. Still it remains to be one of the top selling cloth stores in America with its low-rise denims to its short-cut high water jeans. But the fashion statement of the season seems to be whether or not you shop here. Well let's look at why it seems that their trendy yet expensive look is very popular.

The clothing that is sold there makes you look like you have money and every one knows that money is a good thing. The question: Are they the most fashionable anymore? We see that trends are changing day to day, yet, it seems to be focusing around the same look given to us by Abercrombie and Fitch. Meanwhile, its boot cut, low rise jeans with its pain stains and light blue wash with holes here and there seem to be one of the top sellers. Also popular are its short-cut short sleeve shirts with moronic logos. The sayings on them tend to be what you see most guys who shop there wearing.

Then we have the ladies. Ah, a solid color tank top in pink or green with a pair of darker blue wash to them and holes in the knees seem to be what the ladies who shop there get. Still who can forget the very colorful and extraordinarily bright flip flops that every guy and girl that shops there are wearing around 24/7. Basically I'm saying that if you're that type of person then that's the store for you.

In closing I would say that if I had that kind of money and it was for me, I'd be there. For those that already shop there -- I guess you know what I am talking about

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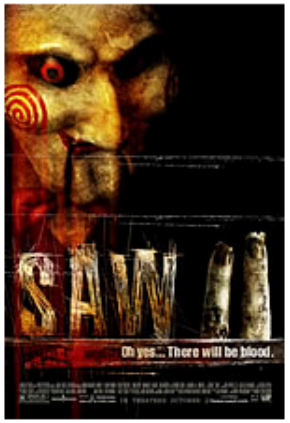
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Movie Review - Four Stars for Saw 2



By: ***Chris Gendreau***
Tradesman Staff

Are you in the mood for a movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat the whole time? If so, then Saw 2 is the movie for you. Saw 2 is a sequel to a hit, which came out of nowhere and generated a huge following.

In the movie, Jigsaw, a psycho who terrorizes people that take advantage of life, is back with a whole new group of victims. This time, there are eight people with something in common - they are trapped in a house full of surprises. This movie has plenty of surprises. This movie has plenty of suspense and horror so it's definitely not meant for young audiences. This movie ends in a way, which leaves room for a possible third film. So if you are in the mood to see a horror film unlike anything you've ever seen, this is the movie for you.

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Music Review - Mariah Carey: The Emancipation of Mimi

By: ***Stephanie Pavao***
Tradesman Managing Editor



Released this year, it shows Mariah's old style of music combined with today's new modern Hip-hop beats. This album features Hip-hop greats such as Snoop Dogg, Jermaine Dupri, Nelly and Twista. This album applies to more than one music genre. It shows Mariah's soft side, which is exhibited in the hit "We belong Together". Co-written by her this ballad reminds old fans of her chart topping hits.

The first song she released from the album was "It's like that". This song won the liking of Hip-hop listeners and featured Jermaine Dupri. The most recently released song is "Shake it off", a mixture of Hip-hop and pop.

Overall, I believe this album to be one of her best. It exhibits where she is, has been and where she will go in her music career.

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Restaurant Review - Terra Nostra Serves up Exquisite Portuguese Food

By: ***Nick Franco***
Special to the Tradesman

Hi my name is Nick Franco. I'm a junior in B weeks in the Drafting Shop. I am a first time writer for The Tradesman, who was assigned to critique local restaurants and then write about it in the newspaper.

For my first assignment I went to a very nice Portuguese restaurant called Terra Nostra. It is located on Rodman St. in the north end of Fall River. The outside of the building is like any ordinary restaurant, but the inside is very fancy. The building runs the whole length of the block, so even on a busy night you should be able to get a seat. The décor is of an authentic Portuguese house and was very clean. They have wine racks lining the walls and paintings of various scenes of nature.

The waitress was prompt and polite when seating us. We got a seat near the bar so we could watch the news while we waited. We ordered our drinks and in about a minute she came back with the drinks and a basket of soft Portuguese rolls. We then ordered our food. We all got the pork and little necks. It took about 15 minutes for the food to get served to us, but the wait was well worth it. The plate was a huge helping of pork, red peppers, potatoes, garlic, assorted spices, and topped with a thick red sauce. The plate cost a total of $10.30. All in all I would give the service and environment 9 out of 10 and the food a 10 out of 10.

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Smooth Skating For Diman Ice Hockey

By: ***Brandon Stukus***
Tradesman Staff

Ice hockey schedule and results

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School's varsity ice hockey team has been very successful over the years as well as very unsuccessful also; but all teams have a bad year here and there. However, the varsity team this year is looking very well according to what has been seen at the conditioning practices.

Last years Head Coach Mr. Lima of the Facilities Management Shop decided that the team should not announce captains and basically have anyone who wanted to step up as a leader do so. Yet, two years ago the team did have captains who were Daniel Barreria, Shaun Tavares, Derek Zmuda, and Derek Tavares, all of whom were seniors. This senior class led the team to the states where they were crushed 12-3 by the team(Bourne High School) who ended up winning the state tournament.

This years captains also haven't been announced yet but Craig Lachance, Jonathan Castro, and Graham Powers are four seniors who will be returning this year. Also of the Junior class returning are Kraig Pereira, Timmy Arruda, Wayne Lewis, Josh Lacroix, James Souza, Matthew Barreria, and Brandon Stukus.

Throughout the school year, many seem to be anxious about the hockey season. The Prenda Cup and the Jamboree are very big events in which a lot of students attend to watch their schools square off. These events take place at the Driscoll rink in Fall River and attendance seems to be larger every year. I really do urge Diman students to attend and support the team and watch a good show.

Furthermore , it seems as though Diman will have a great season this year with the welcoming of Taunton High School who has entered the Mayflower League this year. The Tradesman wishes the best of luck to the ice hockey team in addition to all of Diman's winter sports.

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Boys' Basketball

By: ***Jake Gibb***
Special to the Tradesman

Last year's Co-Captain of the Boys' Basketball team, Jake Gibb, had an opportunity to recover from a solid, first-year football year to talk with his coach, Mr. Blanchette, about the upcoming year.

Varsity boys' basketball schedule and results

Q. How many students will be on the varsity team?

A. About 15 students

Q. What are your expectations for this season?

A. My expectations are easy - that when Basketball is done, the young men that participated can function in society better.

Q. Who is Diman's biggest competition?

A. Everyone that steps on the court against us for the 32 minutes.

Q. Who will be your leader this year?

A. My seniors are the leaders and the role models for my team. I can only say so much. My seniors will show the underclassmen how it should be done and they will learn more from them.

Q. Do you think Diman's team has a good chance to make the post-season?

A. The post-season is very possible as long as we play together and as long as we have team work. We will be alright.

In the next issue of The Tradesman, catch updates about Girls Basketball

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Winter Track

By: ***Linda Batista***
Special to the Tradesman

Schedule and results for boys' winter track and girls' winter track

This season both Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Vick want to get a lot accomplished. Mr. Mahoney wants to run this season like he did his football season. But, in the long run, Mr. Vick wants to have fun and enjoy every single day of the season. Even though there is a young, mature running team this season it does not mean that this season will not be a good one. With a small girl's teams and a large boy's team, it will be a good season that those students will enjoy.