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An Open House of Talent

*Reports by **Hina Naveed, Linda Batista, Douglas Thibault and Chris Gendreau***
Tradesman Staff Writers

At the Annual Open House Trade Fair in March, Diman Shops and Academics Showcased an array of displays and projects.

Culinary Arts had an unusual number of Elmo cakes. There was also a McDonald's cake which was very finely done, and had a great look. There were Disney character cakes such as Dora, Precious Moments, Tweety, Care Bears, and even Lilo and Stitch. With all the beautiful cakes, it was very hard to pick a favorite, but a very popular cake was a cake made to represent the twin towers, with a United States flag under it.



Better than your average cake - This Yogi Bear cake made quite an impression

Auto Mechanics had a wide assortment of Trade's Fair projects ranging from complicated items such as suspension systems to more basic stuff like poster boards informing the public why a tire needs to be balanced and how a steering wheel works. There was a lot of effort put into the projects and the overall effect was great.

Auto Collision and Repair had on display refinished and repaired cars and motorcycles that looked that looked as though they had just been made. The Harley Davidson motorcycles and the Dartmouth police cars were so finely done that many parents were awed and surprised that the job was so professionally done. The freshmen in Auto Body had to do license plates for their trade's fair. There were many good ones, but the most ingenious one had to be of the one that had ICP written on it and two clowns drawn on it, this particular license won third place.



Sophomore Rachel Cassidy, of Dental Assisting, displays some important oral hygiene information

The Facilities Management Program had an interesting array of different projects on display. Most interesting was the solar powered heated cat house that was being built in the memory of the mayor's late wife.

Electronics Technology had an assortment of different projects on display including a replica of the Mars Lander. Mr. Beaudoin attracted quite a crowd as he was steering the new underwater robot that the Electronics Shop and the Machine Shop teamed up to construct. The robot earlier this year garnered an award.

Office Technology's projects were very in-depth and it was amazing how much work the students put into them. A couple of examples are one in which they had to design a website and one where a PowerPoint presentation in which they had to promote a vacation. It also offered a sneak preview of next year's agenda.

Dental Assisting conducted an overall concept of teeth, and conducted a historical overview of the different diseases. Students of the shop displayed large multi-dimensional poster boards that offered advice on how to prevent cavities, gingivitis and other oral problems.

Health Careers freshmen conducted a history of health care. Sophomores conducted growth and development displays. Meanwhile, junior and seniors showcased the anatomy of the body. These students also showcased eye-catching displays.

Drafting proved that every major project needs a design phase. Freshmen drew items such as motor switch levers, belt-tightening frames, and gear-shift brackets. Sophomores designed rods support, link and connector and chuck saws. The juniors made blue prints of houses such as electrical blue prints.

Graphic Arts showcased compact disc covers, business cards, Wine bottle labels, ads, and menus. It was amazing that all this was made by high school students.

Metal Fabrication and Welding was surrounded with projects done by their students. Some of the projects were heating ducts and many different types of welding examples. They were so good that one of their projects was actually awarded a special award.

Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning had many examples of soldered pipes, many running machines which were put together by students, and complex items that cannot even be named by the average citizens. Also they were passing out snow cones and popcorn, which was an obvious hit.

General Shop displayed a chest/booth and tool boxes. It also designed metal stars and a wooden clock and a welding test. They also displayed metal trays, which are good storage bins. Shop Instructor Mr. Pereira, who has experience in many different trades, was all smiles are parents walking in and out of the shop.

House and Mill Carpentry displayed a kitchen from the Diman House, a VHS tape cabinet and two corner cabinets for Mr. Ciosek. The shop also displayed a Power Point presentation of the corner cabinets. Visitors of the shop also hear stories of a proud undertaking of the shop every year - construction of a home.

Electricity students displayed its intricate Fall River Celebrate America simulated ball drop. Making the entire city proud and teaming up with Graphic Arts, the shop displayed this computer-generated masterpiece in which the ball was sequenced to drop, flash lights and flash a "2006." Mr. Arruda said many students worked well together for the Open House projects and showed how competent they were with independently designing projects.

Precision Machining was well attended at the Open House. All shop teachers took on a major project with their students. Mr. Avilla and his students did an excellent job with a space industry airplane and robot. Mr. Oliveira and his students did a nice job with center punchers and a rail set. Mr. Bernat and his students did an excellent job with steam engines.

Plumbing constructed an array of projects ranging from basic to state-of-the art. Students were doing fire sprinkler demonstrations and juniors/seniors displayed residential water heaters.



Mr. Kertyzak shows some prospective students an electricity demonstration



Mr. Beaudoin showcases the Electronics/Machine Shop-built robot



Auto Body had many nice cars on display

The Licensed Practical Nursing program gave the public and informative health overview. The shop was quite a hit outside the auditorium where people were walking with a swagger and sometimes losing balance. Aided by two police officers, people were wearing glasses that simulate the walk of someone under the influence of alcohol. Members of the shop helped communicate an important message - do not drink and drive.

Honorable Mention: **The Science Department** in the first floor B-Wing wowed prospective Diman students, parents and everybody else with electricity displays. Physics teacher Mr. Kertyzak was often spotted spinning a wheel and giving students a lesson on electricity.



Walking the line - Outside the auditorium, the public wore some glasses to simulate impaired vision. The LPN Program coordinated the demonstration to warn of the effects of drunk driving.

Diman Takes a Stand against Misuse/Abuse of the Internet

Reports by Tradesman Staff Writers
Douglas Thibault, Stephanie Pavao, Daniel Medeiros and Chris Gendreau

Advisor's Note: In January, Officer Riley spoke with a group of parents about the dangers of the Internet and the misuse of it. He told parents about the legal ramifications of students posting information online that could expose them to online predators. He also warned about students using their personal web pages to glorify criminal behavior and to write/post false information about people connected to the Diman community. The Tradesman asked faculty members and administrators the following question: "What is your reaction to Diman Holding a meeting warning parents/students about the misuse of the Internet?" Here are some of the comments:

"We are more concerned about the sites because some personal information can be picked up by an unsavory individual. You should know to be careful about putting personal information on a Web site as there are some people out there who might take that information in a negative way. That has happened."

Mr. Ramos,
Superintendent/Director

"As principal, I have a legal obligation and a moral duty to make everyone at Diman feel safe and secure so that meaningful education can take place. For the most part, Internet blogs are a just method of communicating thoughts, ideas and philosophies. However, when a method of communication becomes decidedly hurtful to any student or faculty member, I have the duty and obligation to investigate and, if necessary, discipline. Statements blogged on the Internet for the whole world to read are no different than a teacher confiscating a note from a student with a statement that he or she is going to hurt someone after school. If you do not want anyone to read what you have written, then don't put it out there for the whole world to read."
Mr. Bentley,
Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal

"(I think) it is necessary, because it's for students' own protection. The things that students may post on the Internet may come back to haunt them later on in life. Not everything on the Internet can be proven to be true and may be offensive towards others."
~ Mr. Freeman,
Science Teacher

"Should a school be a societal compass to direct students to a path of acceptable behavior? When has that become controversial? If what is learned in school goes far beyond the classroom walls, why should what happens outside the school be relevant to what happens within it? In short, Diman did it right!"
~ Mr. Keough,
English Language Arts Teacher

"It is a good safety precaution. I hope students and all members of the community can be prudent when using the Internet."
~ Mr. Wagner,
English Language Arts Teacher

"It makes sense to inform parents."
~ Mr. Briggs,
Mathematics Teacher

"If it saves one student from being hurt then it is worthwhile. Some parents may not see what their child has posted on the internet."
~ Dr. Cain,
Health Careers Teacher

Keeping Diman in Line

Fall River Police and School Resource Officer Riley helps keep Diman students safe and educated

The law is a very important aspect of life that some teens do not respect these days. Between smoking, drinking, and illegal substances, these teens are causing a problem. I feel that if young adults knew the consequences of their actions, they would be less likely to commit these crimes.

So, I went to the man who knows all about the law, Officer Riley. "I think many high school teenagers do not get enough credit for what they achieve in school. Although he is impressed with the students' respect here at Diman, he feels that some of that respect is lost by teenagers who socialize in public areas such as parks or malls. "I often walk through North Park, and always hear bad language from the teens with no respect of my presence." Officer Riley told me; he thinks there are too many young children in the parks. Parks are meant for fun and entertainment, not inappropriate acts.



Officer Riley

When I asked Officer Riley about the disciplinary actions of today compared to his generation, this is what he had to say, "I feel that the disciplinary actions by parents can send a stronger message to the child, if enforced properly" Now that teens have access to MP3 players, laptops, cell phones, T.V, and cars, it makes parents have more obstacles to work with. "Take one of these luxuries away, and the world has ended for them," states Officer Riley.

When he was a child he had many chores to do and had a very strict curfew. "I remember back when I was teenager, I use to get the ruler on the knuckles when I fooled around in class." Seems like we teens have it a lot easier these days.

Some teens are tempted by drugs on a daily basis. If a minor is caught with illegal substances, here a just a few of the consequences:

If the suspect (not the parent or guardian) sold or gave a minor tobacco in any form, the penalty would be a $100.00 fine for the first offense. For the second offense the fine would bump up to $200.00. The third offense and following offenses, would be a $300.00 fine.

In school, if a student is caught with drugs, such as marijuana, the student could be:

- Expelled
- Arrested
- Placed in jail (if over 17)
- Taken to court

Seems like a big punishment for "the rush" of it all.

Now for you students with cars, watch out for Officer Riley out on the streets. He has full authority to issue verbal and written warnings; not to mention, he can give you a ticket and make arrests in some cases. To the new drivers, please take the terms of J.O.L into consideration. (For information on J.O.L, please see Officer Riley.)

Now, sometimes tempers are lost and a fight breaks out. If Officer Riley is a witness to either a verbal or physical fight, Officer Riley can arrest you. The students involved in the fight would be charged with disturbing a school assembly and could face assault and battery charges. They would also face a school suspension. There is a court appearance for each case.

I'm not sure if this article has any effect on you, but hopefully it will make you think before you act.

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Reading Across Diman

*With reports by Librarian **Mr. Rioux***

"NEA's Read Across America" was observed on Wednesday, March 2. The purpose of this event was to focus the country's attention on the importance of motivating children to read, to help them master basic skills and to celebrate the birth of Thedore Geisel (Dr. Seuss). We at Diman joined groups around the country who celebrated this observance.



House and Mill Carpentry sophomore Kevin Medeiros is one of the many Diman students who participated in the Read Across America Day

Stephen D. Krashen, in his book The Power of Reading: Insights from the Research, states that in-school free reading programs "provide some of the clearest evidence for the power of reading." In-school free reading positively impacts student reading comprehension, vocabulary development, grammar test performance, writing and oral language ability.

We observed "Read Across America" by holding a DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) session on March 2nd from 2:00-2:20 P.M. Everyone at Diman (students, faculty, administrators, clerical staff, maintenance staff, etc.) stopped what they were doing and read for 20 minutes (2:00-2:20 P.M.). Everyone selected something to read ahead of time and the choice of material was left to the individual (books, magazines, newspapers, etc.).

The library has a large selection of reading materials that students may borrow. The library is open daily from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The "Read Across America" program began as a celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday and it is our hope to make this an annual event to help promote Literacy and Reading for Fun!

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Tradesman Editors Say Farewell and Thank You

Final Farewell of Being Managing Editor
By Stephanie Pavao

As a senior I look back on my years at Diman. All the friends I made along the way will be everlasting. These bonds will never be forgotten. I didn't just learn academics and shop skills, I learned morals that I will take on my journey through life. Diman has made me a better person. Being part of The Tradesman staff is something I will never forget. I looked forward to every new article I wrote for the newspaper and I enjoyed knowing that what I wrote, people read. I will truly miss Diman and being a part of the newspaper staff, but I look forward to my future endeavors.

Final Farewell of Being Co-Editors in Chief,
By Melanie de Sousa and Paul Rego

Now that we are in the last couple of weeks before the entire senior class graduates, it is time for the final farewells. Since most people could not (or would not) work up some final farewells, it is up to us to see you all off.

(Paul)- First, being a Diman student has been a great experience. From freshman year to senior graduation, I've had the best time of my life. When I started at Diman, I had no idea how things were set up and really did not want to be in school. Now that it is getting close to graduation, I don't want to leave. Being able to pick my own shop was one of the most life changing events I have had. Because of that choice, I've made great friends and now I have something to look forward to when I leave. Though I will leaving Diman as a student for good, I will always remember all the friends I have made and all the experiences I have gained over the years. If I could go back and change anything like going to Diman or another school, I wouldn't change a thing.

(Melanie) - For me, I am forever grateful for being at Diman with everyone, from my freshman to senior year. I had the most wonderful time of my life being a Diman student. At first, I thought I wasn't going to have great time, and I really didn't want show up to school at all. After a while of being here at Diman, I started to enjoy being here (especially after being placed in the Culinary Arts program). Now that I am a senior, I, in a way, don't want to leave. After being put into Culinary Arts, I have made wonderful friends throughout all my years here at Diman... I am proud of all the good choices that I made and wouldn't change any of them. When I graduate from here, I will remember all the good times I had here at Diman and all my good friends that I made along the way. It was great knowing all of you and being co-editor in chief of the school newspaper here at Diman.

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Ultraviolet

Chris Gendreau's *Movie Review*

2.5 out of 4 Stars

In this action packed movie, Milla Jovovich (Resident Evil & The Fifth Element) plays Violet, a vampire in the future who is caught in the middle of a war between her own kind and the humans who are trying to destroy them. Unlike Underword, and other vampire movies, in this movie, vampires exist because of a virus that was manipulated by scientists and used to create super soldiers. This movie changes gear halfway through and all of a sudden everything changes so the story is a little hard to understand. Also the special effects look like they are from a video game, which takes away from the realism of the movie. The movie is, however, full of action and has only one scene in which there isn't a fight. I'd recommend Ultraviolet because I liked it but it isn't the best action movie that I've ever seen.

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Dress Shopping

By Stephanie Pavao
Tradesman Managing Editor

I took some time to do what I do best and that is shopping! And may you ask what I went shopping for? I went shopping for a prom dress. My first stop was "Debs". This store is less expensive than going to a boutique that specializes in dresses for special occasions.

An average dress there is half the price of a dress at a boutique. When I was at Debs there were a few dresses that I had my eye on. Light colors are in! The dresses that caught my eye were yellow and off-white. Many dresses, I thought, would look better in different colors than I saw them in. Plain and simple is better than a dress that is too flashy.

Showing up to prom in elegancy is what you're trying to shoot for. When guys think of prom, they think tuxedo! But if they don't feel comfortable in a tuxedo, they can always just wear a suit blazer with matching pants and a colorful shirt. The moral behind all this is, wear what you like but try to save money while you're at it.

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Diman Hockey Takes Off

By Brandon Stukus
Tradeseman Staff Writer

Recently in the last article there was a lot of controversy on Diman's Varsity Ice Hockey's status as far as how the season would go. The team was still undecided on who the captains were going to be and how things were going to be set-up. There was actually word going around that Mr. J was going to take over the team and Mr. Lima was going to have to step out for personal reasons. This turned out to be untrue and Mr. Lima ended up the head coach of the team once again. Along his side is Mr..Nowell of the Carpentry Shop and Mr. St. Laurent, who has helped out the team for many years. As the season has ended, a lot of questions have been answered.

As of this year, the team had chosen their captains. The captain of the team is senior Craig LaChance of the Electricity Shop, and by his side as assistant captains are Senior Graham Powers of Machine Shop, Senior Jonathan Castro of the House and Mill Carpentry Shop, Junior Joshua Lacroix of the Electricity Shop, and Junior Brandon Stukus of the Electricity Shop. These captains have also received help and support by the other three upper-class men, Bryant Guillmette, Wayne Lewis, and Timothy Arruda.

Along with the seniors and juniors doing everything they can, the freshman class has been outstanding and has really turned out to be everything that they were expected to be. The "Red line", which was a line created by head coach Mr. Lima, has been absolutely lethal in the offensive zone this season. This line includes two freshmen who have done a great job in the offensive part of the game, Joshua and Jon Brunelle. These brothers have had a big impact on the team this year especially with the help of Joshua Lacroix setting good examples for them.

Furthermore, good offense also needs help from the defense. A team needs to be good at both ends of the ice. A team with amazing offense may score 1,000 goals and lose by one. Another freshman who has come up and progressed tremendously is Branden Ganem of the Plumbing and Heating Shop. This young kid has assisted in the progression of the team. He, like all the freshmen, have received a lot of motivational support by the upper-class men. Powers, Castro, and Stukus have done everything in their power for the best of his high school hockey career. He has a lot of potential as a future leader along with Sophomore Eric Couto.

In conclusion, the season has gone by very quickly and the team has done very well. The team currently finished its last game of the state tournament but was beat by 1st seeded Situate. Mr. Lima has said, "If you skate hard, skate like every shift is your last, play the way we've taught you, and you play like you want to win, we can definitely make states". Furthermore, everything he said was right and the team ended up finishing the season 8-8-4. It was a great year for the Bengals; let's hope this year will set the tone for the next.

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Born to Run ...
Coach Berube and the Track Team Are Running to Success

By Angela Durfee
Tradesman Staff

Wow, one of Diman's finest is moving up. Graduate Joshua Berube graduated from the Machine Shop in 2004. Josh is now a coach for the winter track team. I was able to sit down and talk with Coach Berube.

I asked him "what made him want to coach winter track?" He told me because they lost coach Arruda and he loves the sport. It was a rough beginning of the season, according to coach Berube. He thinks it is because the runners thought of him as more of a teammate than a coach. He works great with the runners and takes pride in what he is doing. He keeps the runners motivated and won't let them give up easily.

I also asked coach Berube, "If he ran track at Diman." He told me he ran for three years while here at Diman, and holds a couple of records.

There were 32 runners this season. Twenty-one of the runners were either on the principal's list or had high honors.

Don't fear -- Coach Berube will be back next season.



Coach Josh Berube tries to instill in students that running, like anything else, demands dedication

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The Empire Strikes Back

In our last issue, Diman Boston Red Sox fans Josh Ferreira and Casey Gamache, both freshmen, gave an overview of the Sox's upcoming season. In this issue, Diman Sophomore Dominic Freitas has struck back with an overview of another baseball team cherished by Diman students - the vaunted New York Yankees.

By Dominic Freitas
Tradesman Staff Writer

The New York Yankees made huge moves this year. One would be picking up one of the top five centerfielders. Who you might be wondering this is? It is the speedy ex-Boston Red Sox Johnny Damon. Another addition is Mike Myers, Carl Pavano and Jaret Wright are finally off the disabled list and ready to play. As of 3/19/06, Al Lieter retires after one last appearance.

The Yankees have a very good lineup this year. Johnny Damon, Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield, Jason Giambi, Robinson Cano, Jorge Posada, Bernie Williams, and Hideki Matsui will also play. Back to pitchers for a minute -- the Yankees, as many other clubs like the Red Sox, for example have interest in signing "The Rocket" Roger Clemens. As some Yankees fans remember, the Rocket spent a couple of years with the New York Yankees. He started his career with the Boston Red Sox then moved on to the Toronto Blue Jays where he spent a few seasons. Then he moved on to as many say Mr. Big Bucks and the Yankees: George Streinberner. There coaching staff is Joe Torre- Manager, Lee Mazzilli- Bench Coach, Tony Pena- First Base Coach, Larry Bowa- Third Base Coach, Don Mattingly- Hitting Coach, Ron Guidry- Pitching Coach, Joe Kerrigan Bullpen Coach, Rich Monteleone- Special Pitching Instructor, Rob Thomson, who is Special Assignment Instructor. As some older Red Sox fans would remember Tony Pena was a former Red Sox; he played catcher for the Sox. The Red Sox just like letting the Yankees take players from them. The Yankees lost John Flaherty to the Red Sox. Tino Martinez retired and ex-Yankees Alfonso Soriano went to the Washington Nationals from the Texas Rangers. The Yankees picked up Miguel Cairo, another speedy guy. They also signed veteran catcher Kelly Stinett. They also signed right handed pitcher Scott Erickson. This year the Yankees will pick up their 27th World Series title.