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Knowledge ... 

These are indestructible that have brought us to school and to the thres durable foundation upon
Wisdom . . . Responsibility . . .

building blocks of life, guiding principles

the completion of our journey through high

hold of a new beginning. They have become the

which we will build our future.
While we were here, we gave of ourselves, shared our sorrows, joys, and victories, encouraged and helped others. As a result, we acquired a better understanding of the world around us.
In the course of a year, an unselfish desire was transformed into a reality. A need was recognized, a challenge was met, and an overwhelming victory was won.
Laying a Foundation

Construction

A step from completion
Unfinished classrooms and the clamor of workmen could not hinder the advancement of education.

We developed our skills, despite the obstacles which confronted us.
Doorways to professions in the field of industry

Practicing to perfect architectural skills

Chemistry in industry
Minds working with hands…
We expanded our creativity and expressed our ideas through many varied media.
As we embarked upon a study of the arts,
we strove to perfect our individual talents.
Techniques through training

Proficiency in domestic arts
The values we attained here will remain with us throughout our lives. The principles we developed, the attitudes we formulated will be the basis for our future.
Exercising our voting privilege

Practicing to perfect a talent

Appreciating the qualities of a pure science
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The Success of Our School Depended

Members of Coventry's School Committee are dynamic and progressive. They possess an intense understanding of the complex system which functions under their direction. Under the guidance of Henry Cooper, superintendent of Coventry schools, they undertake important projects and improvements in our town's educational system. Among innovations the committee has made are the town's free library program and the opening of the high school's library to the public on Wednesday evenings.

In cooperation with the school committee, the administration works out a philosophy of education and tries to implement it. The administration supervises the personnel who staff the school and coordinates their efforts to insure the best possible education of each student. To carry out these aims, the administration places emphasis upon assistance to teachers and improvement of the curriculum.
Upon Efforts of School Committee and Administration.

FRANCIS K. SEARLE
Vice-Principal

LOUIS J. MARSHALL
Vice-Principal

JOHN H. BALL
Vocational School Administrator
We Were Encouraged to Prepare for Prom

The primary concern of the Business Department faculty is to prepare the student for his entrance into the business world. This goal is achieved by enlarging the student’s knowledge, by directing his thoughts toward a career in the business field, and by developing those skills and accomplishments employed in the process of problem solving. The teachers instill in the students the attitudes necessary to make the best effort.

Helping young men and women to become well-rounded citizens who will aspire to greater undertakings, the teachers, in specific terms, sought to develop the skills and knowledge cultivated here in high school so that students can live successfully in a constantly changing, complex world. To achieve this success, students learned the importance of foresight and resourcefulness.

The business curriculum strives to stay abreast of the times by continually updating the equipment, subject matter, and course selections. With the completion of Coventry’s Vocational Technical School, the Data Processing course that was incorporated into the curriculum last year was expanded to include laboratory work.

Beatrice Andrews
Joyce Dyer

Susan Howe
Dorcas Lapointe

Arthur Montanaro
Department Head

Lending a Helping Hand.
ising Careers in the Commercial World.

Repairing data processing equipment.

DENISE PIERSON

RAYMOND SZEFILINSKI

JOANNE WIMMER
Learning to read with discernment, to write with clarity, and to discuss issues intelligently is both desirable and necessary for anyone living in our rapidly developing society. By emphasizing individual aspects of its program, the English Department strove to produce students possessing these abilities.

This year freshmen and sophomores were introduced to literature and to the fundamentals of composition and grammar. Juniors studied American literature in more detail, and Seniors received a background in English literature. Teachers not only encouraged class participation in discussions of literature and grammar, but they also provided opportunities for students to express themselves creatively in compositions.

To supplement the required English curriculum, some seniors took advantage of an elective course in Dramatics and Public Speaking. This course was included so that students could learn how to express themselves more clearly in front of others. This ability was gradually developed through participation in panel discussions, debates, plays, and individual speeches. Students who took Dramatics and Public Speaking obtained poise and facility in addressing a group.

Project Discovery, in its third year of operation, offered the students an opportunity to witness living theater. This year's performances for the high school included Red Roses for Me, Macbeth, and Billy Budd. In addition, groups of seniors participated in a series of poetry readings sponsored by the Rhode Island Council on the Arts.
Our Natural Talents
Were Cultivated by Fine Arts.

The Music Department endeavored to develop in students a better sense of tone, rhythm, and melody. The chorus, orchestra, and band provided entertainment at student assemblies and at holiday, pop, and exchange concerts. The band's music generated the school spirit essential to the success of pep rallies and saluted our football team at the games. The orchestra furnished entertainment at the Senior Play, and a string-quartet was always available for extra-curricular functions.

The students enrolled in the art program developed new techniques with pastels, ceramics, paper maché, and many other artistic media available in the Art Department. Talented artists had the opportunity to express themselves on canvas with oils. Student work was exhibited in display cases throughout the school.

In the spring, samples of the students' work were arrayed in the courtyards. This outdoor exhibit climaxed this year's art program at Coventry High.

Contemplating their next masterpiece.
Assisting students in their search for maturity, the Guidance counselors have attempted to make students aware of their capabilities and guide them toward a worthwhile goal. In addition, they have aided students in making intelligent decisions regarding themselves and their future. Lastly, they have made students aware of themselves and their attitudes, values, and motivations in order to enable them to satisfactorily adjust to their environment.

Through the operation of this three-fold program, students have gained a better understanding of themselves and their problems. They have learned to face and solve their problems so that they can live a satisfactory life in all respects.
Math Students Struggled with Equations.

The Mathematics Department acquainted students with new concepts and theories. Modern math programs, which are gradually supplanting the traditional math programs, have provided both teachers and students with a richer and fuller understanding of ancient and modern mathematical concepts.

This year witnessed an increase in the number of students electing math courses and in the number of math department faculty members. Because of new discoveries in the field of mathematics, this year, as in past years, teachers of the department were compelled to take refresher courses in order to keep up to date with all the newest material.

By offering certain necessary courses, among them Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and Modern Introductory Analysis, the Mathematics Department prepared students to meet the requirements set by colleges. However, the noncollege students were not neglected. The department offered Shop Math and General Math courses for the enrichment of their mathematical background.

A new dimension was added to the Math Department's program this year. Coventry High School became one of eight schools participating in a Mathematical League where students had the opportunity to utilize their mathematical knowledge in competition.
Brains in gear.

JOHN MACDONALD
RAYMOND MAG
FRANCIS SHORT
ROBERT SMITH
THOMAS SMITH, JR.
GERALD TEBROW
We Were Brought to Understand People and Languages.

We pursued our study of the language arts. The knowledge of a foreign language contributes to bridging the gap between men of different countries, for communication is a unifying factor.

The Language Department instructed not only in grammar and conversation, but also in the understanding of a people. Topics such as fashion and the arts were discussed in the classroom. Instructors generated the atmosphere of France, Spain, or Rome within their respective classrooms. As a result, students realized just how similar each man's interests were whether he lived oceans away or centuries ago.

Other facets of interest while studying a foreign language included the related activities. French 2 and 3 classes visited the French Gallery and Period Rooms of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Students in French 3 classes displayed their annual research projects in the language laboratory, and they constructed a model French restaurant there. Latin students participated in a slave sale by donating their services for the benefit of their Junior Classical League. The study of a foreign language became a truly exciting experience.

Parlez-vous français?
The Physical Education Department was concerned with all aspects of the high school student's growth and maturity. Coventry's athletic program succeeded in building the best possible individual through the development of his athletic capabilities. The department worked with building up endurance, speed, agility, balance and co-ordination. These aims are unchangeable, for their balance in education encourages adjusted individuals physically, socially, mentally, and emotionally.

Participation in gymnastic and sporting events produced energetic and enthusiastic students. Even the cheering fans in the bleachers displayed unlimited energy. Such individuals created the good sportsmanship and the school spirit so necessary in the high school student.
Throughout the past years the curriculum of the Home Economics Department has been revised in order to keep up with the needs of the changing social and technological worlds. Instruction was given in domestic arts to prepare students for future responsibilities. The courses offered included the following: food and nutrition, clothing, personal and family relationships, child care, and home furnishings. In order to practice the knowledge they had obtained throughout the year, home economic students prepared refreshments for and hosted various student functions.

Farming and marketing produce is an important part of our world. Agriculture courses provided students with skills for a thorough and efficient management of these fields. These courses stressed conservation and preservation of natural resources. Both college preparatory and business students chose agricultural electives. The major electives offered were Floriculture, Horticulture, and Forestry.

Today, industry poses many problems. An ability to convert industry to profit is a basic essential. Trainees must inspect and improve their specialized skills. Girls, as well as boys, were encouraged to include industrial art courses in their curriculum. Among these courses were Mechanical Drawing, Woodworking, Electricity, Electronics, and Metal Shop.

Students prepared full-course meals in Homemaking.
into Profit in Practical Arts.

Designing their own clothes.

CLAIREDORNE

PAULDUTRA

MARIONHENRY

ERNESTMARCURE

Agriculture is among the courses offered by the Practical Arts Department.

Gaining a knowledge of metal shop techniques.

Learning how to operate a drillpress.
Science is a search for truth and understanding. No longer do teachers adhere to the medieval idea of science as an accumulation of facts. Rather, stress is placed upon an awareness of chemical and physical changes.

Visual aid techniques were utilized extensively by the Science Department. Overhead projectors as well as filmstrips and movies were used to full advantage. Students were able to select courses in biology, physiology, earth sciences, chemistry, or physics. Under the direction of Mr. James K. Montague, many of these subjects were divided into specialized branches at elementary and intermediate levels.

Students were offered the opportunity to participate in various extracurricular science activities. A number of interested, qualified students were selected to attend Science Seminars at the University of Rhode Island. Courses in the program at the University included Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Laboratory Applications of Biological Sciences, Oceanography, and Physics. The program encompassed eleven weeks of classes totaling 30 hours. Coventry High students also took advantage of seminars offered at the Boston Museum of Science. To supplement their classroom sessions, students went on field trips sponsored by the school's Science Club. This organization also visited universities which had medical as well as scientific concentrations.

Through classroom discussion, individual study, and extracurricular offerings, the Science Department strives to teach students to reason by considering evident facts, interpreting circumstances, and forming logical conclusions.
Instilled in Us the Ability to Reason.

Laboratory work advances our understanding of science.

A glimpse of Geology.
We Were Aided in Appreciating Our Democratic

Social Studies classes considered the contemporary problems confronting local, state, national, and world government. By concentrating upon past and present histories, among them, Ancient History, Civics, American Government, and United States History, students were made aware of solutions to these problems.

Illustrative materials helped to acquaint students with the subject matter studied during the past year. Seniors enrolled in American Government classes received subscriptions to *Time* magazine, and underclassmen were given a weekly current events paper, *Everyweek*. Filmstrips and recordings also helped to furnish students with additional information in their respective subjects. Guest speakers were invited to supplement the program with their own ideas. Among these were representatives from the State Department. Mr. Salom Rizk, (author of *Syrian Yankee*, a book concerning United States citizenship,) was another guest speaker.

American Government students formed a Charter Committee to study the newly proposed charter for the town of Coventry. Upon the conclusion of their study, these students held an assembly where they reported their findings. Local officials were invited to address the student body. Government students also conducted a mock election.

Students were given the opportunity to enlarge upon their class studies by participating in field trips. Ancient History classes visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Juniors taking United States History were exposed to a view of colonial life when they went to Sturbridge Village. A trip to the United Nations climaxed a detailed study of that organization by American Government students.
Way of Life.

Displaying patriotism

Discussing historical concepts

PAUL LAFERRIERE

JAMES LAURENT

MARVIN MORAN

ERNEST PIKE

THADDEUS SZYMKOWICZ
With the completion of the new vocational-technical facility, a new dimension was added to the educational offerings at Coventry High. In addition to their regular school program, students were able to take courses in vocational-technical education which led to a skill in an occupation of their choice.

For convenience and ease of understanding, the program was divided into two sections, vocational and technical. The guidance counselor, with the co-operation of the parents and the students, set up a program based on the needs and interests of each student.

A student graduating with classes in vocational-technical education not only acquires the skill of his present course, but also keeps abreast of new techniques as they develop. Therefore, adult classes have been planned so that a person may return to further his training or to direct it in other ways. At the same time he may work at an occupation which will pay him well.
the Industrial World.

JOSEPH DE PASQUALE

ROGER HORAN

Applying studies in Horticulture.

Tube tester.

Modern equipment.

Industrial Chemistry Program.

DON WINSLOW

JOSEPH ZYBROWSKI
Students Sought Knowledge in Our Library.

Through individual effort, research provides the industrious student with a number of valuable answers. Library facilities at Coventry High are made available in the hope that students will develop understanding in subject areas interesting to them. At present, under the direction of Mrs. Anne Gibson, the library circulates 8000 volumes. The librarians subscribe to magazines for leisurely reading, and these are filed for reference. Course cards for periodicals as well as novels are kept up to date. Encyclopedias and books in specialized fields are placed on reserve shelves for general use.

Supplementary uses of the library have been developed this year. During free periods students have access to a stereo system. The library is also open to the public on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. to enable students to use facilities during the after-school hours. Such developments and improvements will further aid students in their search for knowledge.

Special Education Catered to Individual Needs.

The Special Education Class, under the direction of Mr. Edgar Thompson, was responsible for the principal instruction of those high school students having particular problems in reading, communication, and mathematics. Such students received individual or small-group class work appropriate to their special needs. All, however, participated whenever possible in the regular high school classes. Mr. Thompson also searched out hidden talents and aptitudes in these students and tried to develop them to their maximum ability.
Many People Made Our School a Better Place to Learn.

Coventry High was serviced by a competent retinue of cooks, cleaning ladies, janitors and busdrivers. Our cafeteria staff prepared excellent meals under the federal hot lunch program. They cheerfully served lunch to hundreds of hungry high school students daily. Few people realize the great amount of maintenance work necessary to keep a school of our size running smoothly. The responsibility of performing the innumerable custodial jobs rests with our janitors and cleaning ladies. They spent their time and energy making our school a clean, safe, and comfortable place to learn. Without the prompt service of our busdrivers, we would have had a difficult time reaching school every day. No matter what the weather, we never failed to see that big yellow bus pull up at our bus-stop. Busdrivers worked overtime, providing transportation to sports events for athletes, band, and student spectators.


OUR BUSDRIVERS: Everett Kingsbough, Kenneth Brown, Marge Coderre, Marquette LaMontagne, James Carpenter, Frederick Pelletier, Audrey McKanna, Reginald Centracchio, George Amend, Albert Pelletier.

Representing our cleaning ladies: Myrtle Capron, Eveline Vanasse, Blanche Ucci.

JOHN MALIKOWSKI

NOEL RUEST
Our Efficient Crew of Secretaries, Cashiers,

By conducting health examinations and conferences with guidance counselors and teachers, the school health department helped to provide a healthy adult population for future years.

The oft-forgotten secretaries behind the office counters played a vital role in the smooth execution of high school business. Aiding Mr. Sheldon and the vice-principals, they could always be found at work typing, answering the telephone, or assisting students. Secretaries of the guidance office and library contributed in their respective fields to the school’s smooth operation.

Greeting the students at the end of the lunch line were the cashiers of the cafeteria staff. They efficiently performed their jobs so that students were able to proceed through the lunch line with a minimum of confusion.

And lastly, are matrons who contributed their time and energy to the upkeep of the school. These people helped to maintain the neat appearance of the school which confronted students and teachers every day.
Nurses, and Matrons Was Always Helpful.

JOYCE OLSON  
Secretary to the Department Heads

BARBARA LAMPREY  
Secretary to the Vice- Principals

EVELYN WALKER  
Matron

MARY KENNEY  
Vocational Technical Secretary

MURIEL MITCHELL  
Library Clerk

MILDRED PERRETTA  
Cashier

ISABEL MARTIN  
Office Clerk

MARY PERRY  
Cashier
ACTIVITIES
Once upon a dream, as starry-eyed juniors, we became visions of loveliness as we stepped into a world of satin, lace, and "Stardust". The setting of our fairy-tale scene was Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet and the occasion, our Junior Prom.

The evening began as hearts filled with dreams that were about to come true. A stony, green-trimmed walk and stairway led to the ballroom shimmering in the light of a crystal chandelier. We passed through the receiving line and began forming the promenade for our Grand March. This was followed by the event we had all been anticipating, the coronation of our prom queen. Petite Miss Brenda Sylvia, Queen of 1968, crowned her pretty successor, Leslie Whitman, who was surrounded by Dawn Deming, Ann Matteson, Debbie Lyons, and Mary Lou Newkirk, the members of her court.

After this ceremony, a royal dance was led by Queen Leslie and her escort, who were soon joined by members of her court. The orchestra played the favorite tune of each court member while everyone joined in the dancing.

The constant hum of excited chatter, bright smiles, and sparkling eyes prevailed throughout the night. All too soon the clock struck 11:30; the Prom was over, but its memory had just begun.
An Evening of "Stardust" Climaxed Our Junior Year.

We could have danced all night!

Juniors assembling for their Grand March.

The Class of 1969 passed through the final stage of the Grand March.
The Senior Harvest Dance Announced

Interested "onlookers."

Partaking of the bounty of the harvest.

Enjoying the evening.
Fall’s Arrival at Coventry High.

Autumn’s arrival at Coventry High was highlighted by the annual Senior Harvest Dance, the first social event of the school year. The senior class proudly held its dance on October 24 amid a setting of pumpkins, haystacks, scarecrows, and goblins which helped to promote a Halloween atmosphere.

Couples danced to the light music of the Four G’s and during a brief intermission enjoyed apple cider and pastries. A gift was presented to Mrs. Joan Robertson, our class advisor, on behalf of the senior class in appreciation for the time and effort she contributed to insure the success of the dance. Dancing commenced after the intermission and ended all too soon. We were left with fond memories of our last informal dance at Coventry High.
On January 17th and 18th a unique type of drama was presented by the Senior Class of Coventry High School. The senior play was unusual in that the twelve jurors who were to decide the verdict of the murder trial were chosen at random from the members of the audience who had signed up for jury duty before the performance.

As the judge arrived at his bench and the jury met for the first time, the suspense mounted. Our competent attorneys Janice Reed and Danny Emery questioned and cross-examined witness after witness. Both actor and actress displayed fine talent and were primarily responsible for the success of the play. Gwendolyn Kelton, a boisterous old woman portrayed by Pat Menard highlighted the play when she rose from the audience to take the stand. A truly superb, detailed account of the murder ensued.

A performance cannot be successful without a good supporting cast. An excellent job was done in this capacity by Paula Cote, Peter Lane, Norman Beaudoin, Diane Sauvageau, Patricia Sassi, John Horlbogan, Tommy Walsh, Robert Theroux, Robin Clary, Elaine Gaetano, Debbie Green, and Bill Cudworth.

The trial progressed and the atmosphere grew tense. The time for a decision arrived. At both performances the defendant was tried and identical verdicts were reached—not guilty.

The Senior Class of 1969 is indebted to Miss Carolyn Chirnside, the director, for the long and patient hours which she devoted to the success of the play. Appreciation also goes to Bill Bliven, student director, and Paula Harris and Daphne LaPointe, the prompters.
"The Prosecution requests a brief recess, Your Honor."

THE CAST
Allan Woodward... DANIEL EMERY
Edith Scott...... JANICE REED
Barbara Scott... PAULA COTE
Judge Findlay... PETER LANE
Gwendolyn Kelton.. PATRICIA MENARD
Sheila Vincent... DEBORAH GREEN
Robert McPherson.. ROBERT THEROUX
Clerk of Court... WILLIAM CUDWORTH
Bailiff........... JOHN HORLBOGAN
Janice Scott...... ROBIN CLARY
Jimmy Perry...... NORMAN BEAUDOIN
Lewis Rennie..... THOMAS WALSH
Mrs. Lake........ DIANE SAUVAUGEAU
Miss Carver........ ELAINE GAETANO
Court Stenographer PATRICIA SASSI
Student Director PAULA HARRIS
Prompters........ PAULA HARRIS,
                DAPHNE LAPOINTE

The Defense Attorney's Case Resulted in the

And for the Defense, two points!

William Bliven, student director, surveys the production.

"Do you solemnly swear . . ."

"I lied to protect my younger sister!"
Acquittal of her Sister.

"No question at all. She killed him!"

Miss Chirnside, Senior Play Director.

Enter the Prosecution's vital witness.

Congratulations from the Judge for a sound Defense.
Homecoming Climaxed a Successful Football Year.

Coventry's Championship Football Team defended its title against South Kingston in a shut-out game, 27-0. Our Homecoming Queen, Christine Petrocelli, was crowned by Richard Magarian.

Guidance Arranged College and Career Assemblies.

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Gomes answered students' questions concerning applications and admissions requirements to the University of Rhode Island.
Under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Wimmer, advanced shorthand students at Coventry High published a unique school newspaper, the *Shortie*. Written entirely in shorthand, the paper reported on school activities, fashions, and sports. It boasted a recipe corner, a gossip section, and a Dear Bobbi-Jo column. Even jokes and cartoons composed in shorthand were included in every edition. Circulated monthly to all shorthand students, the newspaper was read and transcribed during class. The editors, who wrote, edited, and published the newspaper, were elected in class. Every copy of the publication reflected the talent and ingenuity the girls used to produce the paper.

Students in Mrs. Wimmer's F period shorthand class.
Gifted Math Students Joined Interschool League.

Students had the opportunity to display their mathematical ability this year as Coventry High became a member of the Rhode Island Mathematics League. The team represented the school in matches with such schools as West Warwick, Chariho, Veterans Memorial, and Bishop Hendricken High School, to name only a few. These students answered questions in three of these five categories: Arithmetic; Algebra 1; Geometry; Algebra 2; simultaneous equations and Algebra 2; radicals and exponents. The questions were worth 1, 2, or 3 points depending upon their difficulty. The participants also answered a team question worth 15 points. As a reward for their efforts, the students were served refreshments after the matches. The addition of this new extracurricular activity has stimulated interest in the mathematical field of study.

Students Investigated Proposed Town Charter.

An eight member committee of American Government students was organized in October to make a detailed study of the proposed Coventry Town Charter that was submitted to Coventry voters as a referendum issue in the November 5th election. This student committee met with two of the Town Charter members and was briefed on the charter provisions. The commission obtained copies of the formal charter and prepared charts that illustrated the main topics. These students appeared before various classes and explained the charter.

The students, in conjunction with the members of the Coventry Charter Commission also sponsored an open forum meeting in the high school auditorium to which the public was invited. Mrs. Mary J. Murphy and Mr. Paul LaFerriere served as advisors to the group.

Solving mathematical equations are Math League participants Richard Richmond, Paulette Archambault, Alan Hall, Richard Picone, and Donna Hall.

Explaining the proposed Town Charter are Charter Commission members Paula Harris, Vincent DiCristofaro, Bonnie Sweet, Philip Mouradian, Robert Theroux, and Gail Bennett.
The Science Club was very active under the leadership of officers Robin Warrender, president; Daphne LaPointe, vice-president; Karlene Johnson, secretary; and William Bliven, program committee chairman. Under the supervision of Mr. Da Vinci De Luca, the club advisor, the club planned an evening meeting which featured Professor Robert Nichols from Tufts University as the guest speaker. Professor Nichols, world-famous geology specialist, showed slides and spoke on the topic, "Adventures in Antarctica". The meeting served a dual purpose: it was informative to those who attended it, and it honored Clifford Shaw, chairman of the Journal Bulletin Science Fair for many years. Both Mr. Shaw and Professor Nichols were presented with plaques and were made honorary members of the club. Members served refreshments to parents and guests at the end of the evening.

Shortly after this meeting, a group of students was invited to visit Tufts University where Professor Nichols conducted them around the campus and acquainted them with the history of the university.

Later in the year, members of the Science Club visited Harvard University, the University of Rhode Island, and Providence College. The annual Science Club picnic successfully concluded the year's activities.
Student Administrators were Marianne DeGregory, Vice-President; Barbara Giblin, Treasurer; Diane Thibeault, President; Gail Bennett, Secretary.

Student Council Supplies Committee realized profits. Members are JoAnn Lamprey, Kathy Master­son, Lori Colwell, Virginia Pysz, Kathi Burnham, and Eric Gustafson.

Busy planning varied and informative assemblies are the mem­bers of the Assembly Committee of the Student Council: (Standing) Patricia DiFranco, Gloria Senecal, William Shan­ley, Paul Heto, Dale DiMicco. (Sitting) Beth Nadeau, Judy Soprano, Karen Davey, Eric Gustafson. At the podium is Raymond Gauvin, chairman.
The Student Council Bridged the Gap Between the Administration and Student Body.

The most vital organ in student democracy is the Student Council. Through its many functions the Council tries to create a better understanding among the administration, faculty, and students.

Every Wednesday the Student Council held regular meetings at which members and students could air complaints and state opinions. When important matters arose, they were discussed and votes were taken in order to begin action.

The inauguration of officers and members was held on October 27, at the Colony Motor Inn. In November candy bars and sweat shirts were sold to bolster the Council’s treasury. During the Yule season a Christmas tree was set up in the library and gaily trimmed. Members patronized the annual Scholarship Drive by soliciting donations for the cause.

A new advisor, Mr. Alfred Berard, was appointed this year. He did not allow the Student Council to remain inactive at any time. Representatives were present at the State, Regional, National, and Brotherhood Conventions. Accomplishments ascertained by the Council are commendable and worthy of praise and recognition.

The Assembly Committee secured interesting speakers to address the student body. Among them were (top) Arthur T. Tienken and R. Eugene Klebnov from the State Department, and (bottom) author Salom Rizk, who wrote Syrian Yankee.

Charter Committee helped organize clubs: Members are Raymond Gauvin, Kathy Nadrowski, Shirley Holstrom, chairman, and Janice Healey.
Dedication and Hours of Toil Produced

Determination and willingness to work characterized the members of the Executive Board of the 1969 Knotty Oak. Under the direction of Mr. Paul LaFerrriere, business advisor, and Mr. Allen Moores, literary advisor, these senior students worked cooperatively and efficiently to produce a yearbook they would be proud of.

The Business Board handled all financial matters pertaining to the yearbook. They sold ads and boosters, arranged the business directory pages, and undertook the sale and distribution of yearbooks to teachers and students.

Literary Board members reported on the events undertaken by student organizations, the activities sponsored during the senior year, and the various achievements accomplished by faculty members in their respective departments. They also had the responsibility of writing the Class History and the opening section of the yearbook.

The Knotty Oak is a book of memories. Concentrating on the senior year, the Knotty Oak reviews all the events of the past year. Each page holds a special significance for us, each page represents to us a facet of the characters we have developed throughout our years at Coventry High.

Smiling in the rain are our Executive Board members: (back) Brian Campbell, Sports Editor; Leni-Lyne Davide, Business Board Co-chairman; Marjorie Long, Senior Editor; Sharon Sokolowski, Underclassmen Editor; Patricia Siembab, Business Board Co-chairman. (front) Daphne LaPointe, Editor-in-Chief; Mary Keskinen, Layout and Activities Editor.
Our Yearbook.

Mr. Moores, our literary advisor, busily at work as usual.

Looking through old yearbooks are the Literary Board members of The Knotty Oak: Linda Pemberton, Donna Patenaude, chairman, Ann Gudeczauskas, Diane Thibault and Beth Nadeau.

Diving into the proceeds from yearbook sales are Business Board members Michele O’Neil, Linda Birch, Susanne Archambault, Janice Reed, JoAnn Lamprey, Daniel Emery, Ann Matteson, and Shirley Holstrom.

Mr. Laferriere, business advisor to The Knotty Oak, heads for home after a busy afternoon’s work.
Various Boards Helped to Accomplish the

Because the publication of a yearbook was an impossible task for the Executive Board to accomplish alone, several boards were organized to work on various phases of the *Knotty Oak*. Among these were the Photography, Art, and Typing Boards.

Since our memories come rushing back at the sight of a picture, the Photography Board of the 1969 *Knotty Oak* had a very important job. Members of this board had to schedule underclassmen and activities pictures and assist the photographer with the many difficulties of picture-taking. They also had to work closely with the senior pictures.

The Art Board designed the cover and the divider pages of the yearbook. They made posters publicizing the sale of yearbooks and signs to direct students to picture-taking locations. In addition, they constructed props for senior candid pictures and superlatives.

The Typing Board had one of the most exacting jobs of the yearbook staff. Board members had to accurately type all copy that was to be printed in the yearbook.

Junior Representatives also helped with the production of the yearbook. Since their main objectives was to gain useful experience for the 1970 *Knotty Oak*, they benefited from assisting the 1969 staff.

Tabulating returns obtained from Yearbook sales are JoAnn Lamprey and Leni-Lyne Davide.

"Miss Photogenic," Judy Soprano, chairman of the Photography Board, is being photographed by board mem-

Putting their imagination to work are Denise Gagnon, Susan Trunk, Karlene Johnson, chairman, and Norma Denning, Art Board members.
Immense Task of Publishing a Yearbook.

Stepping out to assume the responsibility of publishing the 1970 Knotty Oak are Junior Representatives Karen Murphy, Thomas Lamb, Paul Suorsa, Lynn Peltier, Gail Roderick, and Lynn Ridgewell.

Members of the Typing Board who typed up the copy for the yearbook are Lucille Pelletier, chairman, Janice Healey, Susan Marcotte, and Linda Lemieux.
A good skier must be immune to cold weather and possess plenty of spirit for skiing. Ski Club members exhibited these qualities every Tuesday afternoon when they participated in the afternoon and evening sessions at the Pinetop ski area. Under the direction of Mr. Raymond Coppa and Mrs. Susan Howe, members tried to introduce and promote enthusiasm in the sport of skiing. This year an orientation of skiing was sponsored by the club. At an assembly arranged by club members, a movie illustrating the skill of the sport and the enjoyment derived from it was shown. In addition, a fashion show was held during which models displayed the latest in ski equipment and fashionable ski attire. In order to insure the club's financial stability, cake sales were conducted at various times during the year.

Competition with other schools throughout the state was among the club's other activities. Advanced skiers in the club were able to race able skiers and, through their victories, procure honor for themselves and Coventry High. The highlight of events for Ski Club members was their weekend ski trip to Killington, Vermont in March. The Ski Club was truly one of the most active of school organizations.

With their temporarily disabled president, Dana Jacques, are Ski Club officers Donna McKinney, Donald Hall, Michael McShane, and Janice Clarke.

An atmosphere of concentration and determination was created by Chess Club members every Wednesday afternoon as they matched their wits in this game of skill. Under the direction of Mr. Donald Closterman, the organization stimulated an increased interest in the game of chess among the student body. The students challenged faculty members to display their knowledge and mastery of the game on several occasions. They competed against each other in tournaments, as well as interscholastically, bringing honor to Coventry High with every victory they achieved. In addition, club members at each of their weekly meetings improved their techniques of this complex game.

Contemplating their next move are Chess Club officers Thomas Lawson, Vincent DiCristofaro, Joseph Gauvin, and Richard Williams.
Future Nurses Helped with Community Projects.

The Future Nurses Club is an organization designed to benefit students as well as the community. Young adults with a desire to help people and alleviate suffering explore both opportunities and requirements in their specific fields of interest. Nursing offers many rewards to the individual. It is an exciting, diversified, and stimulating career.

Over the past year, the Future Nurses Club has invited guest speakers to their meetings and welcomed any opportunities for becoming better acquainted with their prospective futures. The organization provided literature to its members concerning nursing schools and hospital training programs. The field trips taken by the group enabled students to view nursing in action.

As a help to Mrs. Mary Green, the club advisor, the Future Nurses aided in the taking of chest X-rays of the entire Senior Class. Members were also on hand at preschool registration throughout the town. The annual Easter Seal Drive benefited significantly from the diligent efforts of these students. Perhaps the most vital function of the Future Nurses Club was "Candy-Striping." On their own time members donated their services to the community by working at hospitals without compensation. "Candy-Striping" has proven to be a valuable learning experience to anyone who has shown an interest in nursing.

Prospective Teachers Tried New Techniques.

One of the most active organizations of our school was the Future Teachers' Club, which kept on the move visiting a variety of colleges and school. The club sponsored trips to Brown, Pembroke, R.I.C., R.I.S.D., and U.R.I. Members wished to gain a better knowledge of college curriculums and campuses to aid them in their decision of future colleges. To become better acquainted with the methods involved in teaching the handicapped, members visited the Meeting Street School, Ladd School, and the Arthur Trudeau Center.

Searching to gain an insight into the teaching profession, the club members substituted for elementary teachers at Hopkins Hill, Knotty Oak, the Middle School, Oak Haven, and Washington Tiogue.

Under the advisorship of Mr. Zybrowski and the presidency of Betty Bates, the club had a successful year filled with lasting, rewarding experiences which will be useful in their future profession.
Students Recreated a Roman Slave Sale.

The Junior Classical League is an organization which promotes the study of Latin. The Junior Classical League functioned through the efforts of students on various committees, one of the most important being the debating committee. Members of this committee staged debates for Latin classes and challenged the debating club to debates before the student body.

The showcase committee had the responsibility of decorating and maintaining the club's display case. The Latinization committee constructed and displayed replicas of the Roman gods and recreated scenes from Roman life in the classroom.

The Junior Classical League worked closely in cooperation with the Future Farmers of America to stage the annual Floriculture show. Club members, dressed in Roman garb, served as guides to the spectators.

The J.C.L. also published the Latin newspaper, the *Excelsior*. Written in English, the paper featured spotlights of outstanding Latin students, opening speeches of debates, biographies of famous Romans, crossword puzzles, famous quotes, and news of events presently being undertaken or in planning stages by Latin classes. Mr. Eugene Gravel, advisor to the Junior Classical League, directed the publication of all issues.

Holding their annual slave sale are Junior Classical League members Linda Vaughan, Gail Roderick, Christine Gravel, Linda Mouradian, Deborah Seal, and Stephen Dziedzic.

Language Laboratory facilities

Members of the *Excelsior* staff are (back) Carmen Sitko, Patricia Menard, Christine Gravel, Loretta Mercurio, Gail Roderick, Wendy Novak, Deborah Santulli, Ann Gudeczauskas, Lorraine Labelle, (front) Dennis Grady, Alan Hall, Earl Hawkins, Robert Riordan.

Mr. Eugene Gravel—J.C.L. Advisor
Entry Was Published by an Enthusiastic Staff.

The Entry staff was divided this year into five specialized staffs. These divisions included art, circulation, news, sports, and typing. Mr. Richard Spillane, advisor to The Entry, supervised the completion of six publications. Issues included news articles, sports spotlights, information on school events, and joke sections.

Members of the Entry staff were chosen by Mr. Spillane on the basis of seniority and ability. Under the direction of their capable Editor-in-Chief, Paulette Archambault, they provided for a successful year.

The Entry Executive Board consists of Leni-Lyne Davide, Features Editor; JoAnn Lamprey, Circulation Editor; Karen Davey, Assistant Editor; Karlene Johnson, Art Editor; Paulette Archambault, Editor-in-Chief; Michael Riordan, Sports Editor.

Features and Sports Writers wrote the articles for The Entry. Writers are Robert Riordan, Carol Trainer, Ray Gauvin, Paul Picone, Alan Hall, and Michael Riordan.

Typing Board members who typed the articles for The Entry are Kathleen Carroll, Claire Jeremiah, Denise Bouchard (at typewriter), and Wendy Mitchell.
Our chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its first major function, the Chapter Sweetheart Dance, on November 15th, where Wendy Novak was chosen as Chapter Sweetheart. The Chapter also supplied a needy family with a Thanksgiving food basket as the club does each holiday season. As Christmas approached, the Future Farmers held a fund-raising campaign in which Christmas candy and decorations were sold.

Members visited granges where they demonstrated new agricultural techniques, in return for which other granges visited our Chapter during the year. The 1969 state convention provided much competition for our future farmers. Once more, we were well-represented in all contests—especially in Parliamentary Procedure.

A well-planned banquet climaxed this year's Future Farmers activities. This annual affair included the announcement of the newly chosen officers for 1969-1970.
Staff Furnished and Ably Operated Audio-Visual Aids.

Incorporating additional material into their respective subjects, Coventry High School teachers were constantly in need of such audio-visual aids as movie, filmstrip, and overhead projectors, tape recorders, and record players. In order to meet the teachers' demands, the audio-visual student staff worked diligently transporting and setting up equipment wherever it was needed.

The boys, under the direction of Mr. John Crino, learned how to operate the equipment and make minor adjustments and repairs. They also had the responsibility of operating spotlights, microphones, and the complicated equipment in the auditorium. These students assisted at assemblies, the Senior Play, and the Coventry Players' productions.

Because interest was the only requirement, the boys in this club were indeed concerned with their work. Their only aim was to efficiently perform their jobs to ensure the satisfaction of all involved.

Library Aides Donated Their Time and Effort.

Library aides devoted their time and service in volunteer work for the school community. These girls, chosen to help the librarians, performed many valuable services. They replaced books in order on the shelves so that students would have no trouble finding them. The aides promoted library organization by processing books and making out filing and reference cards. Besides performing their routing jobs, the aides took the time to artistically prepare window display and library billboards.
Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Promoted Musical Appreciation.

Band, Orchestra, and Chorus can hardly be called simply courses offered at Coventry, because they include so much more than just an hour a day in class. Under the direction of Mr. Horace Magnan, Mr. Henry Doiron, and Mr. Douglas Anderson, these musical groups constitute a vital part of Coventry High's character.

Mr. Magnan's skill in conducting was evidenced this year by our improved band. They provided entertainment at half-time at football games, turned out in full force at the dedication of the Vocational Technical School, and performed at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter assemblies. The annual Pops Concert and Exchange Concert highlighted the year.

Under Mr. Doiron's direction, the chorus entertained the student body with its rendition of seasonal music at Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter concerts. Some outstanding chorus members auditioned for All-State Chorus.

Although the orchestra is the smallest division in the Music Department, it has achieved renown for its superb performances. Mr. Anderson was very helpful in providing a string quartet for extra-curricular functions. Orchestra members were compensated for their efforts at All-State Orchestra, where they were awarded many honors.

String quartet afforded entertainment at Coventry High's Science Club Night.

Glo-o-o-o-o-ria!

Mr. Doiron conducting the chorus.
Contributing to the success of the dedication exercises at the Vocational Technical School.

The woodwind section of the band.

Helping to generate enthusiasm at the football games.
Pep Club Rallied Support for School Sports.

School spirit played a vital role in the success of our teams at athletic events. The Pep Club members helped to generate this enthusiasm. Under the direction of Miss Kathleen Heagney, club members made posters announcing athletic events to keep students informed at all times. They worked with the cheerleading squads in planning and decorating the gymnasium for pep rallies. Another of the club's functions was the construction of a new head for "Peppy", the elephant, our school mascot. The good sportsmanship displayed by club members helped to instill in the student body pride and appreciation for our athletic activities.

Girls Exhibited Sportsmanship in Sports Competition.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Helen Greenwood, the Girls' Athletic Association tried to promote physical fitness and good sportsmanship. Members of the club participated and competed inter-scholastically in basketball and volleyball. Three committees were formed to help with the conduct of club affairs: project, refreshment, and equipment committees. The project committee devised plans, such as cake sales, in order to meet the club's financial needs. Refreshment committee members provided refreshments for home matches. Members of the equipment committee were responsible for the maintenance of the club's equipment.

In the spring the club sponsored a banquet at which major and minor letters were awarded. At this time a trophy for the outstanding girl athlete of the year was also presented to the most deserving member of the club.
Lettermen Received Awards for Outstanding Year.

The object of the Lettermen’s Club is to encourage greater school spirit and more good sportsmanship. Throughout the year the members of the club along with their advisor, Mr. Robert Beck, have worked to obtain these goals. In order to purchase sports awards for their annual spring banquet, members devised and sponsored various fund-raising activities such as selling Christmas cards to the student body. At the banquet, school jackets and major and minor letters were received by those athletes who met the club’s requirements. Also at this time the Outstanding Athlete Award was presented to the boy whose outstanding athletic merits deserved special recognition.

Twirling Squad Performed at Home Football Games.

This past year’s fine team of twirlers entertained football spectators at nearly every football game. They also represented our school well by participating in the annual V.J. Day parade.

They donated hours of their time to perfecting their drills and baton techniques. They performed not only at school sportive events, but also when called upon to march in holiday parades. They have unselfishly given of themselves and their energies during the past year by entertaining at concerts such as the one given at Ladd School.

Representing those who have excelled in sports are the officers of the Lettermen’s Club: Raymond Mann, secretary; Gary Hudson, president; Douglas Parenteau, vice-president.

Members of Coventry’s twirling squad are Christine Paul, captain; Irene Copice, Susan Gil, Jane Lupinsky, Zoe-Ann Trunzo, Karen Pajak, Joan Langevin, Claudia Bennet, Barbara Lawrence, Patricia Davis, co-captain.
The success of this year's football team is a tribute to the spirit at Coventry High School. When the seniors graduated two years ago, Coach Robert Peltier was left the task of rebuilding a football team; last year's team was a Class C co-champion. It was necessary for him to rebuild his team again this year; the result was that Coventry was guaranteed a share in the Class B West title before the last game was even played. The Oakers were undefeated in a long string of twenty-four games. This string was broken on Thanksgiving Day when Coventry met its first defeat at the hands of West Warwick in its last game of the season.

Although teamwork is essential in this game, Coventry had several outstanding players that deserve recognition. Gary Hudson and Steve Nelson, offensive backs, Dennis DiPrete, defensive lineman, and Bill Dunn, offensive end made the Class B West Team. Gary and Billy also made the All State Team at their respective positions.

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Johnston .......... 7
East Greenwich .......... 0
Cranston West .......... 7
Central .......... 0
North Providence .......... 0
South Kingston .......... 6
North Kingston .......... 6
Westerly .......... 0
Scituate .......... 13
West Warwick .......... 20

All State Gary Hudson 24, Bill Dunn 33.
Gridmen Enter Tie for "B" Western Crown

Quarterback George Radick calls the signals.

Coaches Peltier, Berard.

"Give me the backs and I'll build Coventry a team." . . . Coach Peltier.

29 M.U.O. on 4. Ready, Break!

Breaking a goal line stand.
Co-Captains Hudson and Nelson.

Mark Andoscia bulls into the endzone.

Dunn snare another pass, goes for six.

The start of the second half.

Nelson breaks away, showing his heels to all would-be defenders.
FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

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Smashing through the line, Hudson is faced with a wall of linebackers.

Co-captains Meyers and Hurlbut.
Going into the final meet of the 1968 season, Coventry’s Cross-Country team was undefeated. Only West Warwick remained alongside Coach Dale Binegar’s squad of fine runners.

Being undefeated is, perhaps, a little harder than most would be led to believe. The B Western Division Title was lost, a second place earned. John Freitas, one member of our harriers, however, remained undefeated. He placed first in all Coventry’s meets including the Kent County, Relay Carnival Sectional, and Class B races. He went on to the state meet and showed a fleet foot to all but three, gaining himself a spot on the All State Cross-Country Team.

Coach Binegar’s other mainstays for this year’s team were Roland Davide and Brian Campbell along with Paul Picone, Tom Lawson, and Ken Bolton. With Freitas and Davide back for another round next year, Coventry will undoubtedly retain its reputation as a school to be reckoned with in the sports of Cross-Country.

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Coventry 27 Cranston West. 28
Coventry 20 East Greenwich 41
Coventry 27 South Kingston 28
Coventry 27 North Kingston 29
Coventry 34 West Warwick 21
Kent County Championship 4th
Relay Carnival 4th
Class Championship 4th
State Championship 10th

Harriers Finish Second in Western Division

Struggling for the pole position.

Senior Brian Campbell is shown here along with Sophomore Roland Davide, who took over the second position of this year's team. Davide went on to take a position on the All Western Division Second Team.

"I'll take their fourth man, you take..."

Coach Binegar starts J.V. Harriers.

Riley and Messier battle for 1st position on the J.V. team.
After two years of retaining the Suburban League Title, Coventry reluctantly gave it up as graduation losses finally dug too deeply into the ranks of the Oak Harbormen. Going against older and larger teams, this year's spunky group, consisting largely of sophomores, went into every game with a desire to win that is reminiscent of the past years. Coach Carl Swanson was faced with the seemingly insurmountable task of rebuilding a respectable team, and, to the surprise of many, he did just that. With the leadership of defenseman Ed Bopp, a senior, the Red and White Skaters stopped many offensive attacks. And, when Bopp combined with junior goalie Steve LaPointe, who posted three season shutouts, the team brought the big guns to a halt and won decisively over several teams. Tim Dwyer will stay at defense next year, while the attack will be led by Anderson, Ridgewell, Bamford, and K. Bopp. Anderson and Bopp both compiled impressive scores this season. And, with Coach Lepore sending up more players from the J.V., the title, though still far off, should be closer to Coventry's grasp.

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*Cround Robin Title*


Ed Bopp, Hard-Checking Defenseman.
Sophomore Icemen Set Foundation.

Coaches Lepore, Swanson . . . anxiety.

Goalie Lapointe; last minute strategy.

Red and White defensemen repel an attack.

Clearly outsized, Oaker skaters persist.

Kevin Bopp outskates opponent.

A well earned rest.

Defenseman Tim Dwyer.
Team Spirit is something one would expect to find on a championship team; certainly not on a last place team. Yet it was this same spirit that lifted Coventry from the B West cellar in their story-book upset over second place North Providence. Teamwork finally proved itself in the realization of Coach Doug Hopper’s dream of beating one of the best teams. Steve Bache, Paul Lange, and Jeff Barber successfully held up the shooting end of the team while Ray Menard, at center, along with Mike Picozzi monopolized the rebounding. Lange was sidelined, however, late in the season with shin injuries, leaving a gap that was hard to fill. Menard had his best season this year, combining baskets, assists, and rebounds for the Oakers. Although the records seem to disprove the fact, Coventry had the best team this year as compared to previous teams. The league undoubtedly has been the strongest yet; Coventry’s potential has just not adjusted. With new talent coming up from Coach Symkowicz’s Junior Varsity the outlook is brighter for next year’s team.
Cagers Start Uphill Trek Toward Success.

Picozzi controls the tap.

Up; up on a rebound!

Driving in the lane.

Jumpshot from the baseline.
Ray Menard picks up charity points.

Johnson sets up a play.

Bache lays it up... and in!

Jeff picks up an easy two.

Coach Symkowicz; the Junior Varsity

Pierce pops.

Junior Varsity

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Sure points for Lamoreux.
After a year's absence from Coventry, Coach Dick Magarian returned, bringing the inspiration which sparked the wrestling team to its most successful season. Gary Hudson and Danny Beltrami provided examples for the rest of the team as both were consistent victors in their respective classes. Hudson, for his outstanding performance in three sports, was named by Rhode Island sports writers, Schoolboy Athlete of the Year. Practically competition-starved, he won both the Rhode Island and the New England Unlimited weight class. Joe Platt and Dennis DePrete were also important factors in the success of this year's team. Jim Mitchell also had a successful season. Juniors Bolton and Andosia were also mainstays on the Knotty Oak team which, on Hudson's victory, upset the seven time champion North Kingston. However, an underdog team, Bristol, returned the favor to Coventry and took away all chances for a title. With seven of twelve matmen returning next year, another fine season can be predicted.

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Coventry 23 Bristol 21
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Coventry 45 Central 10
Coventry 22 North Kingston 21
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Coventry 31 Warren 22
Coventry 17 Cranston West 32
Coventry Grapplers Regain League Prominence.

Victory needs no explanation.

PIN!

Ken Bolton, Flyweight

Coaches Smith, Magarian look on as . . .

Hudson takes on the big one.
Last year was a championship year, and Coventry’s golf team helped make it so. Winning our division by going through the season undefeated, our golf team went on to place third in the state match. In fact, the closest any team came to beating our linksmen was a tie in the opening match with Scituate on a rainy, miserable day.

Undoubtedly, the top individual honors go to Joe Cote: number one with his consistently long drives and irons. Wayne Swanson, with his straight shots, took the second spot. The foursome was rounded out with Jeff Barber and John Morris with their fine match play.

With only Swanson graduating, this year’s team ought to regain their division title and, perhaps, even raise their status statewide. Having both the Coventry Pines and Washington golf courses as home sites for matches and practice, the Oaker golf team will prove to be a formidable threat to any opponent.

Coventry 6 Scituate ..... 6
Coventry 9 Ponagansett .. 3
Coventry 10½ S. Kingston .. 1½
Coventry 12 Westerly .. 0
Coventry 9 E. Greenwich .. 3
Coventry 11 Cranston West 2½
Coventry 9½ N. Kingston .. 2½
Coventry 10½ Scituate ..... 1½
Coventry 12 Ponagansett .. 0
Coventry 8 S. Kingston .. 4
Coventry 12 Westerly .. 0
Coventry 9 E. Greenwich .. 3
Coventry 7 Cranston West 5
Coventry 9 N. Kingston .. 3
3rd Place State Championship.
Oaker Golfers, Third in State, Dominate Links

Swanson's second shot.

Morris for a birdie.

Barber approaching the pin.

Putting for the money.

Allen, from the rough.
Although this year's track team was plagued with several losses due to lack of depth in each event, the Coventry team came to the winning column toward the end of the season. Gary Hudson and John Freitas set records in the Class C meet for shotput and the two mile run, respectively. Gary's heave of 56 feet 6½ inches is now the record along with the blistering mark of 10 minutes 3 seconds set by Freitas. Hudson went on to take a first in the discus and a third in the hundred yard dash. Michael Paul, following suit, went on to take first in the half mile run where he simply ran away from the pack. Brian Campbell wrapped up the scoring by finishing fourth in the mile.

These events earned Coventry the right to be represented in the State meet. Hudson, the only person to score from the team, won the State title in shotput. When the dust lifted, the tape was stretched out to the mark of 56 feet 9 inches, beating his nearest competition by 3 inches.

Many players will be back again next year; the outlook is bright for Coach Binegar in his quest for a title team.

Lack of Depth Hobbles Oaker Track Team

Out of the blocks in the 220.

Rest before each event.

110 yard high hurdles.

Gary Hudson, All State

Follow through!

Photo-finish in the 100.
Coventry High School's baseball team reversed history in their 1968 season. In the previous year the trend was winning six games and losing eight. Due to the fine coaching of Mr. Thaddeus Ciesla and outstanding effort of the players, the team established a record of eight wins and six losses.

Ray Hurlbut led a superb pitching staff. Underclassmen George Radick and Ray Mann did relief work for Ray and never let the pace slacken. An infield trio of Billy Chauvette, Billy Lyons, and Paul Fox managed to stop most of the stray hits that were given up. Johnny O'Brien took honors in batting averages and called the signals behind the plate.

Because the bulk of the team was seniors, Coach Ciesla will be faced with the job of reconstruction. Hopefully next year's team will rank equally as well in the standings as our last team has.
Winning Season in Baseball

Pregame warm-up.

Grounder to shortstop Chauvette.

O'Bie, calling the signals.

Knight's throw to third.

The put-out at first!

Foiled in an attempt to score.

George Radick, ace hurler.
An important factor in winning in all sports is the inspiration that is provided by the spectators, who, in turn, are lead by the cheerleaders. Under the direction of Mrs. Karen Aldrich and the leadership of co-captains Jane Gileau and Shirley LaPointe, this year’s cheering squad brought out the necessary school spirit for a most successful athletic year. The Varsity cheered on the championship Football team in the fall and, in the winter, split up to cheer at the Basketball and Hockey games. The Junior Varsity led by co-captains Wendy Burnham and Wendy Walker, cheered on the J.V. Football and Basketball teams and the Varsity Wrestling team. With games, matches, cake sales, football programs and pep rallies, the girls have had a busy season, and since most will be back next year, practice will continue through the spring. With Victory their cry and Success their reward, our cheerleaders offer the sparkle in our athletic program.
Cheerleaders Provide Enthusiasm, Sparkle.

First and ten; do it again!

If we can't do it, nobody can!

Even in the rain.

Let's go!

A moment of uncertainty.

Something cool to drink.

A light moment for our Hockey cheerleaders.
A Trip to New York City Climaxed the Year for Freshmen.

This year the doors of Coventry High opened to the largest Freshman class in the school's history. Besides adjusting to regular academic requirements, the Freshman were encouraged to engage in extra-curricular activities. Special Freshman football and baseball teams were formed, and all clubs welcomed the newcomers.

Freshmen slowly became better acquainted with upper-classmen and learned to conduct the organizations which they will one day head. Working under the guidance of Mr. Alan Kretchman, these students began to govern themselves by electing the following officers early in the semester: Geoffrey Hart, president; Jay Closterman, vice-president; Lori Caldwell, secretary; and Andrea Bache, treasurer. This executive board was responsible for planning activities and insuring their success. In addition, Kathi Burnham, as social committee chairman, conducted social functions with the aid of Cheryl Babcock, Carol Kenyon, Doug Kiddy, and Steve Holt, committee members.

Highlights of the freshman year included a dance and an annual trip to New York City. The Freshman Dance was held in early spring and was the first official social activity of the class. Ancient History classes, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Cyr, toured New York City and visited numerous historical landmarks which contributed to both cultural and educational experiences. Places of interest, which served as standard curriculum for the trip, included the Cloisters, Grants' Tomb, and a ride on the State Island Ferry.

As the year draws to a close, freshmen look back on it with a better understanding of Coventry High School and look forward to a bright and exciting sophomore year.

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS: Lori Colwell, Social Committee; Sheryl Babcock, Social Committee; Jay Closterman, Vice-President; Carol Kenyon, Social Committee; Douglas Kiddy, Social Committee; Andrea Bache, Treasurer; Kathi Burnham, Social Committee Chairman; Steven Holt, Social Committee. Missing when photo was taken is Geoffrey Hart, President.


