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ROW 2: J. Clark, M. Canning, E. Conway, J. Cook, J. Brochu, M. Bulinda, S. Cafaro, C. Bulok
ROW 3: M. Chabot, K. Care­ley, K. Caimano, M. Casmario
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Oh! I'll never be able to climb that high.

Mr. Sampson — A helping hand.
I am a thinker.

On the field I am an athlete.

Sometimes a lover.

In the stands a spectator.
The Wisdom of Dreams

With the elderly there is wisdom, with youth there are dreams;

Aging brings only the wisdom to help in conquering the dreams of youth;

The older the wiser? The younger the more foolish?

Who is to say that the young are foolish?

If we had no dreams as youths, we would have no place to find our wisdom as elders;

It is with time, we realize the true wisdom locked deep inside;

Waiting for that certain moment, when all else is lost that we can bring ourselves to say;

I can show myself the way.

Beth Lomastro
To the Class of '81

My sincerest congratulations to each member of the Coventry High School Class of 1981 - the Class with Class. Indeed you have always distinguished yourselves in carrying out all your activities with a touch of distinction. I hope you have enjoyed your years at C.H.S. as much as we have enjoyed your company, efforts, accomplishments and friendship. You know how fond we are of using the phrase - the Coventry High School Community, we do so with the idea that this high school is a family, a family that experiences joys, burdens, disappointments and happiness. So it is then that all of us at C.H.S. wish the Class of '81 much happiness and joy in the coming years. We are saddened that you are about to leave us but are more than comforted not only by what you have done for yourselves and the school but what your talents and efforts will accomplish for society in the future which is yours.

Best Wishes and Many Blessings,

James A. DiPrete
Principal

ALLEN MORES

LOUIS MARSHALL

RICHARD MAGARIAN

RAYMOND A. SPEAR
Superintendent

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Supt. R.A. SPEAR; J. KILBANE; Chm. K. WHITE; W. THOMAS; S. DELLAY; D. MARAGIOGLIO.
Education is endless it seems
like the more I
learn the more I
realize how much more there is to know.

Fine Art

CLAYTON LEPORE
BARBARA CHAMPAGNE
HENRY DORION
DIANE KETTLE

CLAIRE LEPORE
HORACE MAGNAN
PASCO SANTANGELO
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SANDRA BREault
BRIAN SAMPSON
CLAUDIA KLINGENSMITH

SHARON BALDASARO

GENEVIeVE GUY
Nurse

STUDY HALL AIDES

OFFICE STAFF

CAFETERIA STAFF
IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT ROBERTSON

If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

An now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians 13

New International Version)
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- Proms & Balls
- Computer Club
- Student Council
- Spirit Week
- Dancing
- Art Club
- Cheering
- Newspaper
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Stephenson,
Sec.; L.
Blackmar,

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Madrigal Jazz Singers and Jazz Combo: C.
Hicks, J. Howard, N. Bell, L. Byrnes, A. Couto,
S. Dorosko, J. Leighton, L. Costa, L. Byrnes,
B. Carroll, S. Mockler, M. LeClaire.

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Flamand, X. B. Holland, D.
Ormsbee, P. Pace, P. Brunette.
CHORUS

D.E.C.A.

DRAMA CLUB

Junior Prom Queen - Jamie Iannitelli

DREAMS . . .
ARE FOR US
TO KEEP

Donna! He finally put his arm around me!

Better make that Kool-Aid a double.
SPANISH CLUB


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NATURAL RESOURCES

SKI CLUB

POM-POM GIRLS


The Coventry High football team of 1980-81 had the attitude and determination that made the difference in winning some games this year. If they can keep this attitude next season, the "Oakers" should surprise a few teams. We have the nucleus of a team coming back that could produce a fine record in league play.

Joe Malo, Russell Matthews, and Jay Quinn

Strategy

The Conspiracy

The Seniors — They gave us a lot of enjoyment!
The Coventry soccer team compiled an impressive 12-4-2 record in league play during the 1980 season. This was only their second year in the interscholastic league. This season's record was a vast improvement over last season's 2-13-1.

Coventry's defense, which allowed only twelve goals in eighteen games, was the best in the division. Outstanding defensive players included Steve Cooke, Lorand Parenteau, Neal Pagliarini, Don Ellerhorpe, and Paul Malo. Joe Szymkowicz proved to be the margin of difference in many games as he turned in tremendous efforts as goaltender. Joe had 9 shutouts and allowed only 11 goals in the 17 games played during the regular season. The team will be losing 5 starters through graduation: Goalkeeper Joe Szymkowicz, Forwards Dennis Derocher and Ron Mattias, and Halfbacks Ray Page and Steve Senna.
The 1980 Cross Country team had a disappointing season with a 1 and 6 win-loss record in dual and triangular meets. They placed 6th in the Western Division and 8th in the Class A championships. The team was paced by Tom Krolewski, Glenn MacDonald, Scott Puopolo, Pat Buter and Rich Park. The harriers will have three of their top five runners returning next year and hope to have a successful 1981 season.

Pat Butler

Tom Krolewski

Scott Puopolo
This year's season for the Oaker Harriers looked promising, with Dawn Diehl, Colleen Spearman, Patti Hampson and Holly Cotnoir returning; along with the addition of freshmen Nancy Krolewski and newcomer Diana Salisbury. However, with the loss of Joann Hampson due to injuries and only one returning senior, the young and inexperienced Oakerettes were to experience a long and hard season. The team could manage only a 2-7 record, beating Ponagansett and West Warwick.

Nancy Krolewski finished the season undefeated as she captured the class A and the State Championship titles outright. Nancy also became the first Oaker and freshman to win a girls Cross-Country State Championship. Continuing her fine performances, Nancy went on to finish fourth in the New England Championship. The Oakerettes future looks promising with all but one member expected to return. Good Luck Oakerettes!
Holly Cotnoir

Kathy Leddy and Nancy Krolewski

So Close .... Yet so far

Coventry High's Varsity Tennis Team made themselves known around the state this year. The 1980 season proved to be the most successful since the team began in 1978. The final record was 7 wins and 5 losses, but the matches were extremely close. Coach Zybrowski has only four seniors leaving, All-Stater Jeanne Seltzer, doubles players Michele St. Pierre, Janet McElroy, and Julie Ferri. With such returning stars as the Bettez sisters, Kelly and Stacy; Tracy Condon, Michelle Latulippe, Cady Carley, Glenna Brown, Denise Keger and many more the tennis team should be in the spotlight next year.

Tracy Condon

Kelly Bettez

Glenna Brown
The 1980-81 Girls Basketball Team ended its season with a flurry winning four of their last five games. This evened their record at 6 wins and 6 losses and gave them a 4th place finish ahead of W. Warwick, Narragansett, and Charho. This duplicated their record of a year ago. Heading this year's team were Debbie and Donna Konuch, Jeannie Seltzer, Janet McElroy, and junior Kelley Betzez. Reserves M. Rendine, D. Monk, and J. Plummer made their contributions felt in this fine team effort. The junior varsity, also had a fine season, compiling a 9-3 record. Congratulations to all the girls on a fine season.
Where is it? Jump ball! Mickey Rendine

Janet McElroy

Kelley Bettez Hangs On!


Hockey captain - Donna Hoffman

Basketball Co-capts. — Kathy Harrigan and Jeanne Chretien.


Don't worry girls we'll score some points!

J.V. Basketball Cheerleaders


Wrestling Co-capts. — Nancy Walker and Donna Padula.
Minus the eight seniors who led them to a State Championship last year, the basketball team faced a rebuilding season. However, as we go to press, they have clinched a play-off spot and are looking forward to a bright future. Senior co-captains Joe Szymkowicz and Greg Anderson, along with Rocky Reynolds and Tom Fortin have supplied the leadership for this year's club. Other boys who have helped the "Oakers" are Jim Abbott, Pat Butler, Bret Hickox, Tom Mockler, and Mike Tousignant. The early season loss of both J. Szymkowicz and M. Tousignant hurt the team, but with 19 of 23 players back next year Coach Szymkowicz is already looking forward to the 1981-82 season.

The Junior Varsity — The Hope of the Future!

Bret Hickox

Pat Butler

Coach Szymkowicz talks with his team.
Our wrestling team had another successful season finishing with a 12-1 dual meet record. The varsity was led by senior Dennis Derocher, freshman Robb Smith, and sophomore Jeff Moniz who all were undefeated in dual meets and were selected as R.I. All-Stars. Seniors Bruce O'Keefe (7-4) and Chris Barnett (11-2) helped lead the "Oaker Grapplers" into the state tournament. The future of Coventry wrestling is very promising as the J.V. Team led by R. Park, J. Simmons, T. Zulla, and C. Silva finished second in the State J.V. Tournament. The freshmen squad captured second place in their State Meet as Mike O'Connell won the 98 lb. State Championship. Next season should be very interesting for Coventry's wrestling fans.
The fortunes of the hockey team changed dramatically this year with the team moving into the Suburban Division. Initially it seemed that the team was going to encounter a losing season; however, there was a dramatic change and the team started on its winning streak. In succession, it took in tow the top teams in the Division and earned a spot in the play-offs. Much of the team's success can be credited to the outstanding goaltending of Sophomore Mike Benjamin and a number of key goals scored by team captain Carl Andersen.
Goalie M. Benjamin protects the Oaker Territory.

B. Morse scores a goal.

The pass-off.

Carl Anderson

After capturing the division title in the 1979-80 season, this year's team faced many new obstacles. The team was moved up two divisions to Class A Large; this meant that a much stiffer type of competition had to be met. Then two of the team's top competitors, Dana Tognetti and Cheryl Gauvin, suffered injuries and were unable to compete. This situation severely handicapped the team's ability to score points. However, under the leadership of seniors Michele St. Pierre, Kathy Harrigan, Robin Waldeck, and Tina LaCross, the girls were able to battle all the teams they faced.

Debbie Weeden
Michele St. Pierre
Tina LaCross
The Oaker baseball team finished the 1980 season with a disappointing 3-13 record. While losing seniors, Guy Dussault, Rich Mattias, and Leon Finneran, the 1981 team hopes for better success with returning veterans Tom Fortin, Ron Mattias, Jim Abbott, Scott Lamont, and Joe Dion. One highlight of the 1980 season was the Oaker’s first victory on the Walter L. Clarke baseball field. Good luck next season!
The Oakerette's volleyball team, led by Liz Hoover, ended the 1980 season with a successful 13-9 record. Adjusting to a new coach, Cathy Fulford, head coach at Brown University, was not as difficult as was expected. The team proved its ability to endure the rigorous training that Cathy required which resulted in better teamwork and an overall satisfying season. Liz Hoover proved to be the most valuable player; also deserving recognition were seniors Sue Cabral, Joann Passarelli, and Laura Tatalo. The returning varsity team will include Debbie and Donna Konuch, Lisa Lafeebvre, Judy Spuerkel, and Louisa Szarek.

Tracy Hoover

Donna Konuch

Louisa Szarek
With two state champions and many experienced athletes returning, the girl's track team was looking forward to a prosperous and successful year in 1980. Improving steadily, as the season wore on, the Oakerettes entered several girls in the State Championships. They met with a great deal of success; Liz Hoover in the shot put, the mile relay team, and Laura Colborn running in the 800 meters all placed. And Jeanne Seltzer, Coventry's darkhorse candidate in the javelin, emerged victorious with a new school record!

Other contributors to the team's fine season were Sherri Bestwick, Sue Lavoie, Denise Ricciotte, and Donna Konuch.

Congratulations and Good Luck in the upcoming year!
The Conventry High School golf team completed a very successful season, capping it with a crushing victory over the division champion Westerly Coventry. Coventry finished in second place with a 7-3 record. It was a tight race through most of the season with Coventry and East Greenwich putting pressure on Westerly all the way. In individual play, Kevin Cloutier and Norman Alberigo shared top honors both firing 80 and qualifying for the State Championships. Alberigo finished 10th in the state, just missing the All-State Team. Cloutier, however, ran into a little hard luck. We wish the golf team much luck in seeking the division title next season.

Coach P. Cuppels, N. Alberigo, K. Cloutier, R. Casinro, T. Kany, M. Hopkins

Norman Alberigo

FORE!
1980 marked the first year Coventry entered a boys' tennis team in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League. The team finished the season achieving a record of 6 wins and 7 loses. Coventry placed third in the Suburban North Division close behind Mt. St. Charles and Lincoln. The team showed its inexperience in the early season losing four matches, but the coach is very optimistic that next year's squad will use the valuable experience gained in 1980 and win the close matches.

Tim Hurley was the only starting senior so the 1981 team will have plenty of experienced players. Sophomores Tom Blanco and Kurt Craig led the team with Art Dubuc, a junior, giving the team many victories. Jeff Moniz and Steve Cooke were pleasant surprises along with Steve Mathis, Dave Meneelli, and Mike Tousignant, all promising players for next season.

The 1981 Tennis Team has been moved to the Southern Division in the Suburban League, where it can show its talent. Both, players and coach agree that Coventry's 1981 team will be a definite force to contend with.
HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN

Joe Dion and Donna Padula
Time - the cycle of events that measures our lives.
    Time means beginning.
    Time means growing.
Yet, at last, time means ending.
SPIRIT WEEK
HONORS NIGHT
We've
Got
Tonight
Graduation
HONORS NIGHT
We've Got Tonight
CLASS DAY
There is a word, of grief the sounding token;
There is a word bejeweled with bright tears,
The saddest word fond lips have ever spoken;
A little word that breaks the chain of years;
Its utterance must ever bring emotion,
The memories it crystals cannot die,
'Tis known in every land, on every ocean —
'Tis called "Good-bye."
Spirit Week

This week traditionally marks the beginning of spring and the end of the school year. This year was no different. Spirit Week '82 lived up to expectations. A lively rivalry took place between the four classes and the faculty. Special events to include hat day, red and white day and formal day were scheduled. The week concluded with an action packed Anything Goes Contest. This year's competition was won by the Crazy Crew of '82.

Sports

CHS posted a very successful athletic season. The highlight of the season was provided by the wrestling team which won both the State and New England championships. Coventry High school was the only public school to clinch a State Championship this year.

The basketball team finished its season with a tie for second place in its division. The team reached the State semifinals held at the Civic Center before being eliminated.

The tennis team posted 26 victories in a row, led by Steve Cooke's record of 10 wins and no losses.

The golf team, lead by an undefeated performance by Norman Alberigo, captured the Southern Division Championship.

The baseball and softball teams finished their respective seasons with even records of 6 wins and 6 losses each. Scott Lamont was the school's outstanding pitcher, throwing a no-hitter and two one-hitters.

The Letterman's Banquet, held at the West Valley Inn culminated the sports season. Trophies and letters were awarded to CHS's leading athletes. Kelly Bettez and Jim Abbott were named Outstanding Athletes of the year. They were presented trophies by Steven Cooke, Letterman Club president. Jim Abbott also received the second major sports award, The Babe Ruth Award. Robin Lombardi received the Babe Ruth Award for girls.

Varsity club jackets and major and minor letters were presented by athletic director, Mr. Hopper. Melissa Bough and Todd Santos received the President's Youth Physical Fitness Award for their scores on a competitive test.

The Milton Biros Award for boys went to Charles Gaffney, a wrestler, and Kelly Bettez received the girl's award.

In summation, sports at Coventry High School was a success and an aspect of the school for which the entire community should be proud. Sports still remains as one of the few ways in which young men and women receive and earn the respect and admiration of their peers and elders.

Varsity Review

Another tradition at CHS is the Varsity Review. During this three day and night event, the students and faculty display their talents on stage to the school and the general public. This is one of the few opportunities for the students and faculty to get together in an extra-curricular manner and have good clean fun. It is also one of the few ways in which the community can come and see the school in an non-academic manner.

In summation, sports at Coventry High School was a success and an aspect of the school for which the entire community should be proud. Sports still remains as one of the few ways in which young men and women receive and earn the respect and admiration of their peers and elders.
Just between you and me.
Baby, I know our love will be.
Just between you and me.
Always I know our love will be.
Just between you and me . . .
Just between you and me.

Coventry High School
SENIOR BALL
May 28
CLASS DAY:

June 10th was the beginning of the end for "The Crazy Crew of '82" at Coventry High School. This was to be our last day, officially, as students. We arrived that morning dressed in caps and gowns filled with apprehension and emotion. In a few short hours, we would no longer be students! We would be ready to graduate! Class day began with the traditional formal march into the school with the Junior girls acting as the honor guard. Highlights of Class Day included entertainment, reading of the Class Will and the traditional change of command ceremony, when the gavel of authority was turned over to the president of the Junior Class, our successors.

Then it was the final moment of truth, we the Class of '82, having relinquished our positions as school leaders, rose and marched en masse from the auditorium amidst tears of joy and sadness. We headed for the cafeteria where a brunch was served. Emotions ran high as boy and girl friends embraced for the last time and fond farewells were given to favorite teachers. We had arrived! We left Coventry High School, leaving behind fond memories, looking forward to the future!
On June 12, "The Crazy Crew of 82" assembled for the last time as high school students. The place - the Warwick Musical Theatre; the time - 5:30 P.M.; the purpose - to graduate. We had finally arrived! After three years of hard work and pleasure, we were standing on the threshold of our future. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, "This was Our Finest Hour!" Ceremonies began at 6 P.M. with the entrance march, convocation and speeches. Finally, diplomas were awarded. Each student eagerly crossed the stage knowing full well that graduation marked the end of a life of security and opened the door to the uncertainties and challenges of the future.

THE END IS THE BEGINNING
When the graduation march is playing we'll realize the world is moving very fast and that we'll have to move with it. We'll all promise to keep in touch, but as reality will have it, many of us will never see each other again. Graduation is the end of a phase of our lives and now the search begins for new horizons. Sometimes, in the future, when we pause to look back, we'll realize these were the very best days of our lives.

Mary Rosenfield '82
Academic Awards

The purpose of any high school is to train and educate its students in those basic skills needed for success in later life. Coventry High School meets the needs of its student body by providing a wide and varied educational program ranging from Honors Courses, college prep subjects, business and general skills, as well as, ROTC, fine arts, industrial arts and vocational training.

Too often a school is measured by the successes and failures of its teams on the athletic field. Coventry High School, stresses education and recognizes academic achievements with a series of awards and honors nights at the end of the school year.

On May 12 the annual Honors Night Program was presented. Peter Zawadski was named valedictorian of the Class of 82 and Peter Gauvin was named the salutatorian. Peter Zawadski also received the Ciba-Geigy Award in chemistry. Outstanding science awards were presented to Peter Gauvin and Phillip McClure. The Outstanding Business award went to Cynthia Fisher. Lina Bettancourt and Karen Plante were named outstanding French students. Tracy Meadows took the Spanish award, and Karen Plante were named outstanding French students. Tracy Meadows took the Spanish award, and Karen Plante were named outstanding French students.

The West Bay Vocational Facility and the Coventry Citizens of the Class of 82 were invested into the National Honor Society and the Rhode Island Honor Society.

On June 4, the RI 81st AFJROTC Annual Awards Night was held. Ribbons and awards were presented for leadership abilities and performance. The most prestigious award went to Jane F. Bergin, who received a four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship to Texas A&M. Miss Bergin’s award was only the second time that a Coventry High School Student has captured a military scholarship.

Various other awards nights were held. Space does not permit each and every award and person to be mentioned. The West Bay Vocational Facility and the Coventry Teachers and Citizens held their respective awards presentations and honored many deserving CHS students.

As we have said, CHS stresses academics. Twenty-one of the Class of 82 will be attending out of state colleges and more than 100 will be attending local colleges and institutes of advanced learning.

Publishing a yearbook is a time consuming and often thankless task. It is impossible to include pictures and copy of each and every student and to record for posterity each individual accomplishments. Space and time, limits what a publication such as The Knotty Oak can do. The staff worked countless hours in order to give you a book that will be a treasured keepsake for your memories in future years. Each person put in more than 300 hours of their time after school, on weekends, and during vacations. Most staffs are humble and do not want public recognition for their work. However, please remember that you would not have this book, a pictorial and written account of your days at CHS, without the sacrifices that they made. Special thanks must be extended to Aleta Best and Carolyn Moss, the co-editors, because they designed and supervised your book. The art work and lettering was the product of the skills of Kim Losek, Jennifer Guay and Doreen Grasso. The Senior Section was produced almost entirely by Claire Roche, while Tom Krolewski designed a beautiful sports layout. Seniors often forget that a yearbook is not only their book, but it is an annual history of their school. For this reason special thanks must be given to Janet Sefton and Paula Hudon who represented the underclassmen. Linda Harmon must also receive thanks and praise for her work in designing the class will. We the Staff of the 1982 Knotty Oak hope that you appreciate YOUR book and will cherish it for years to come.

Mr. Richard Piascik, ADVISOR
Lawton leads Oaker romp to Suburban title

By PAUL KENYON
Journal-Bulletin Sports Writer

SMITHFIELD — Steve Lawton was too tall, and the entire Coventry High School team was too good for North Providence in the state Suburban Division championship basketball game last night.

The Kooski Oakers, led by a superb defensive effort from Lawton, their 6-5 center, and great defensive work from everyone who played, blitzed defending champion North Providence, 56-33, before 2,000 fans at Bryant College and gave Coventry its first-ever state basketball title.

It was the first time, in fact, in Coventry's 43 years in the R.I. Intercities League program that the team had even reached a basketball final. After getting that far, the Oakers were not about to let the title slip away.

Their full-court press gave North Providence fits from the start and helped the Oakers jump to a 10-1 lead after one period. With the lanky Lawton, called "Too Tall" by his teammates, taking care of matters on the offensive end, Coventry never let North Providence get in the game.

The Oakers' lead was 24-12 at the half and mounting. North Providence got within nine in the third period, 33-24, but the Cougars never drew any closer. The margin was 37-25 after three periods, and, when Lawton scored the first four points of the final quarter, making it 41-25, it was time for the Coventry people to start celebrating.

"The better team won tonight," said North Providence coach Dave Chevalier, with a shrug. "They are good; that's all there is to it."

The two teams had tied for the Western Division crown, each with a 14-2 record. But Coventry had won both meetings between the teams and, as happened in the first two meetings, the feared North Providence full-court press, which has destroyed so many teams, including Toll Gate in the semifinals, simply did not bother Coventry.

In fact, it was Coventry that put on the effective press, forcing the Cougars into numerous turnovers and never letting North Providence get set. In the first period alone, the Oakers, led by Jeff Clark, Doug Hopper, Peter Lambert and Kevin Cloutier on the front end of the press, came up with seven steals.

"We got the lead, so the game played our way all the way," Coventry coach Ted Szymkewicz pointed out. "I didn't think we had that good a night on offense. If we had made five free throws in a row that we missed early, and if we had made half our layups, we could have had an even bigger lead."

Szymkewicz was not exaggerating. His team held North Providence without a basket for the first 8:40. North Providence's first hoop came when Ken Kshesman scored on a layup, after two Coventry players had tipped a pass while trying to make another steal off the press.

When the Cougars did manage to get through the Oaker press, Coventry dropped back into a tight, 2-1-2 zone defense and thoroughly cut off the inside game. North Providence prefers to use Mark Gubans, who had 47 points in North Providence's first two playoff victories, managed just seven against the Oakers.

Once Coventry got the ball, Lawton made sure matters went right for the Oakers at the other end of the court.

THE COVENTRY center took control early, after helping draw three fouls on North Providence's center, Chuck Christianson, in the first six minutes. With Christianson, North Providence's only big man, on the bench, Lawton dominated both boards and used his height advantage beautifully as he poured in 24 points in one of his best games ever. Ten of his points came on free throws.

Cloutier, a hustling guard who was nearly knocked cold in the third period when he and a teammate collided while trying to make a steal on the press, added 13 points for the Oakers.

Lawton, Cloutier, Gubans and Fred McLean of Toll Gate and Charlie Flynn of Middletown were named to the all-tournament team.

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RISING TO THE OCCASION: Coventry's Steve Lawton (42) deflects ball on fall-away shot by North Providence's Don Shadoan (13) as teammate Leon Finneman eyes the loose ball.
Vo. Tech-Davisville

JOHN BALL - Director
ANDREW RILEY
FRANCIS TRIGO
FRANCIS LONG
EDMUND GIOVANNUCCI
JOHN DESISTO
ROBERT CRIBARI
ROBERT COLARDO

STEPHEN PROPATIER
JOSEPH CROWLEY

Costume Day

I'd like you to meet my cousin.
Super Student!
Letterman's Club Banquet

L. DICOSTANZO, S. LAVOIE, S. BESTWILL, R. NADEAU

MR. HOPPER AND L. COLBORN

W. BABCOCK AND MR. HOPPER

M. MCQUAID VISITS WITH J. LAMBERT

E. HOOVER OUTSTANDING FEMALE ATHLETE

COACH SYMKOWICZ AND STEVE "TOO TALL" LAWTON

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