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SCHOOL COMMITTEE: JAMES WILSEY, ROGER HALL, S. KEITH WHITE, JAMES KILBANE, AND WILLIAM THOMAS.


JOHN BALL, Director West Bay Vo-Tech


It is with a great deal of pleasure that I take this opportunity to join with the Coventry High School Class of 1983 in dedicating this yearbook to the community of Coventry.

Recogniton of our efforts is always a rewarding feeling and in this case most deserving, when it is recognized that the community of Coventry thru its taxpaying public has financially supported the education of the Class of 1983 for the past thirteen years.
The educational opportunities provided the students of this class have been rich and varied and are attributed in base to the loving support of our community.

Congratulations to Coventry and the Class of 1983.
Sincerely,
Raymond E. Spear, Superintendent


ALLEN MOORES


RICHARD MAGARIAN


LOUIS MARSHALL

## Dear Class of '83:

Your high school years at C.H.S. have come to an end, but your new beginning presents you with great opportunities for personal growth through not only further education and immediate employment but through your potential and needed contributions to society as well.
The quality education you have been offered here has been made possible through the sacrifices of your town in an effort to provide you with the background and the means to become a participating citizen. Free public education is an essential ingredient of the American Way; however, such education is not "free", it is instead expensive and should be demanding. My hope is that each of you has enjoyed your career at Coventry High School and more importantly, that you have allowed your mental capacities to be strained and challenged by the academic program.

I extend to you my warmest regards for a future of health and spiritual happiness.

Sincerely,
James A. DiPrete
Principal


I asked myself what is a teacher? He's an educator and not a preacher. He teaches us things we need to know the ideas we lack he will show. His tiny classroom is his abode, he follows a strict and moral code. They only Demand their due respect and the right to improve our intellect They demand no fame for their just task. They put on no airs; they wear no mask. Teaching others is their pledge, their school books are their guiding light. It should be no great surprise, that every teacher deserves a Nobel Prize.


Abraham, Joseph. Chemistry.
Andrew, Kenneth. Work-Study Coordinator.
Annese, Pamela. Foreign Language. French Club
Arnold, Janice. Social Studies. PTSA.

Bailey, William. Industrial Arts. Balentine, Jane. English.
Berard, Alfred. Guidance Dept. Head.
Berger, William. Math.

Binegar, Dale. Phys. Ed. CrossCountry.
Bradley, Virginia. English.
Calise, Vito. Carpentry. VICA. Cannavo, Anthony. Machine Technology.

Casey, John. Math.
Champagne, Barbara. Art.
Chirnside, Carolyn. English
Dept. Head.
Ciesla, Thaddeus. Science.





Closterman, Donald. Math
Dept. Head. Colardo, Robert. Auto Body Repair. Coppa, Raymond. Science Dept. Head. Cotter, Donald. Math

Coyle, Eileen. Foreign Language. Cribari, Robert. Food Services. Crino, John. Industrial Arts. Crowley, Joseph. Coop. Ed.

Coordinator.

Cuppels, Lawrence. Biology. Cyr, Nancy. Social Studies Junior Class Advisor DelBonis, Gail. English. DelPozzo, Stephen. Natural Resources.

DePasquale, Joseph. Vocational. Desisto, John. Cabinetmaking. VICA. deWardner, Maxwell. Business DiMeo, Fredrick. English.


DiMicco, Ernest. Science
Student Council.
Doiron, Henry. Music. Pom-
Pom Girls.
Dyer, Joyce. Business
Egan, George. Guidance
Photography Club.

Fierro, Daniel. ROTC
Fournier, Joseph. Social Studies
Fusco, Diane. Math. Social
Studies.
Gallo, Paul. Spanish. Spanish Club.

Glawson, Nancy, English.
Sophomore Class.
Grady, Kenneth. English.
Gray, Mary. English. Entry
Advisor.
Greenleaf, Anne. French.
French Club.

Guy, Genevieve. School Nurse.
Haid, Robert. English.
Hargraves, Lucy. English
Harrigan, Charles. Science


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Hopkins, Mark. Phys. Ed. Letterman's Club. Hopper, Douglas. Phys. Ed. Athletic Director. Howell, Pamela. English Inman, Evelyn. English.

Jordan, Joan. Librarian. Keger, Joan. English. Social Studies. Kettell, Diane. Home Economics. Klingensmith, Claudia. WorkStudy.

Kreyssig, Robert. ROTC. LaBlanc, Donald. Math. Laferriere, Paul. Social Studies, (Dept. Head). LaPointe, Dorcas. Typing.

## Lepore, Claire. Home

 Economics Lepore, Louis. Math. Lindquist, Ruth. Guidance. Macdonald, John. Math.

Macomber, John. Business. DECA.
Manley, Barry. Science.
Mansfield, Roberta. Librarian. Marcure, Ernest. Industrial Arts.

Mason, William. Business. Girls Basketball Coach.
Mattiucci, Robert. Science. McGregor, Diane. Guidance Mclaughlin, Edward. Guidance.

Mello, Lawrence. Industrial
Arts.
Menard, Marcel. Social Studies.
Close-Up.
Montanaro, Arthur. Business
Dept. Head.
Moores, Marilyn. English.

Morgan, Bridget. English. Morin, Kenneth. Science. Murphy, Lance. Phys. Ed. O'Donnell, David. Science.




Osterman, Victor. Math. Chess Club. Peltier, Robert. Phys. Ed. Dept. Piascik, Richard Social Studies Yearbook Adv. Pike, Ernest. Social Studies.

Riley, Andrew. Printing. Rinaldi, Pasco. Industrial Arts.

Robertson, Joan. Guidance. Senior Class Advisor. Rotella, William. Auto Technology.

Rotenberg, Beverly. Work Study. Samson, Brian. Resource Science. JV Soccer. Schwab, Margaret. English. Searle, Vivian. Phys. Ed.

Short, Francis. Math. Soccer. Smith, Robert. Math. IV

Wrestling. Soscia, Clement. Phys. Ed. Spillane, Richard. English.


Sprague, Barbara. Business Sprague, Stephen. Science.

Szeflinski, Raymond.
Business.
Szymkowicz, Thaddeus.
Social Studies, Basketball.

Tebrow, Gerald. Math.
Thompson, David. Social
Studies
Walker, Ann. Business
Winslow, Don. Industrial
Arts.

Zybrowski, Joseph.
Vocational
Baldasaro, Sharon. Work Study.
Beck, Robert. Social Studies Bowden, Jeanne. Phys. Ed.




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Brault, Sandra. Work Study Butzbach, Ted. Vocational.

Clidence, Lynn. Work Study Coffman, Karen. English.

Ferri, Doris. Vocational Guidance. Hall, Gene. English

Long, Edward. Social Studies Long, Frank. Vocational


Isabel Martin and Connie Smith


Muriel Mitchell


Barbara Cotnoir Dreams do the victory Dreans do not last forever ... they die.
S. Murray

Dreams do not last forever,
Attained in a fleeting moment of time they flourish in all their glory.

But the joy remains with the trying
defeat with the victory


Una Burns


Amy Rinaldi



CAFETERIA STAFF


CAFETERIA - LOUNGE AIDES

T. ROCHEFORT


CUSTODIAL STAFF: E. STANDISH, B. UCCI, J. SZYDLO, B. NORMAN, J. LYONS, J. REYNOLDS AND L. LEVESQUE.

## ATHLETICS



# Oakers In Review 

## WHAT IS AN ATHLETE?

What is an athlete? Simply put, an athlete is an unique person, not only in physical differences, such as usually being stronger, quicker, and possessing more stamina, but also in mental differences. An athlete is one who strives for excellence, not just in himself, but in their teammates as well.

However, athletes are not only distinguished by their skill alone. They must also exemplify good sportsmanship and fairness. They take their losses and work even harder to defeat their next opponent. They spend endless hours, in the gym or on the field, to constantly
improve their skill. They cannot achieve success alone, but only by working with other athletes may they rise to the top of their sport.

At Coventry High, our athletes are under constant pressure. If they are winning, there is no problem. However, when the inevitable loss comes, it is sometimes hard to even make it through a regular school day. The fine athletes which CHS has are perfect models of the people described above. Yes, in many ways, the athletes here at Coventry High are the best our school has to offer!



## Oaker Nine Posts First No-Hitter.

The Coventry Baseball team led by seniors Scott Lamont and Jim Abbott posted an overall record of six wins and eight losses. Though the team didn't make the playoffs, its season was filled with some exceptionally great accomplishments. Scott Lamont, with the aid of the entire team, pitched the first no-hit game in Coventry's history. The squad also went on to beat previosuly undefeated South Kingston by a score of 5 to 4 .

The team under the direction of Coach Ceisla, continued to show its power on the field even though it was one of the youngest teams in the league. With the return of veterans Steve Wiatrowski, Bob Ross, Pat Gribben, Neil Pagliarini, Jim Szymkowicz and pitcher Mike Carlini the team is sure to be a contender in 1983.



Row 1-S. Palaroy, A. McKitrick, S. Lamont, J. Abbott, P. Norman, J. Plummer. Row 2-T. Ceisla, P. Butler, N. Pagliarini, S. Wiatrowski, P. Flynn, K. Jodoin, J. Malo, B. Ross.


## Oakers Post Even Season

The Girl's Softball Team got off to a slow start, losing their first two games against Chariho and Narragansett. But then they pulled together to take five victories in a row. The team won two doubleheaders against Prout and North Kingstown, and a close extra inning game against Westerly.

However, the Girls luck soon ran out as they dropped the next four straight games against South Kingstown, Chariho, Narragansett and Westerly. In the final game of the season Coventry narrowly defeated South Kingstown by one run in an extra inning game. The team finished with a 6-6 record, and placed fourth in the Southern Division. Co-Captains, Kelly Bettez and Judy Howard were named to First Team All-Division and Second Team All-Division, respectively.

This years returning stars include Kris King, Stacy Bettez, Kerry Amaral, Second Team All-Divisioner Diane Robertson, Pitcher Lisa Medeiros, Heather Bird, and Katy Carley.



Row 1-J. McPeak, K. Jones, D. Maclachlan, L. Medeiros, J. Howard, K. Bettez, H. Bird, C. Sinnott, K. Amaral, Row 2-C. King, G. Brown, C. Holt, J. Osbrey, D. Bashaw, K. Carly, D. Robertson, R. Lombardy, L. Amaral, S. Bettez, D. Monk, Coach Soscia.


T. Foeller, N. Alberigo, K. Migliozzi, K. Alberigo, P. Padula.

## Golfers Win Division

Due to efforts sparked by Norm Alberigo, Ted Foeller, Kevin Migliozzi, and Kevin Alberigo The Coventry Golf Team won the Southwest Division. Covventry not only captured the Division but also set a new record with eleven wins and two losses. Both Norman Alberigo and Ted Foeller were undefeated in league play.

Although this is Coach Sprague's first year, it didn't stop him from advancing his team to the Semi-finals and later to the playoffs. The team was also rated one of the three best teams in the state. The only returning starter is Kevin Alberigo but Coach Sprague seems confident of another winning season. Congratulations and good luck next year.


| Coventry | TEAM RECORD |  |  |
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|  | 41/2 | North Kingston | 71/2 |
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| Coventry | 7 | Greenwich South |  |
| Coventry | 12 | Kingston | 0 |
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| Coventry | 8 | Greenwich | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 1 / 2 \end{aligned}$ |
| Coventry | 101/2 | North |  |
| Coventry | 8 | Kingston South |  |
| Coventry | 11 | Kingston |  |
|  |  | Westerly | $3^{1 / 2}$ |
| Coventry | $81 / 2$ | East |  |
| Coventry | $61 / 2$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Greenwich } \\ & \text { Westerly } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 51 / 2 \\ & 21 / 2 \end{aligned}$ |
| Coventry | 91/2 | North |  |
| Coventry | $2{ }^{1 / 2}$ | Kingston | 91 |
|  |  | South |  |
| Coventry | 12 | Kingston | 0 |



Row 1 - S. Sykes, M. Lavatt, L. Tatalo. Row 2 - B. Studley, L. Lefebrve, L. Beal, S. Jedson, C. Smith. Row 3 - M. Labreque, J. Belanger, O. Borryssou, K. Spuerkel, T. Sinay, M. Brown.


## Oakers Gain Experience

Congratulations is in order for the girl's Volleyball Team for their devoted practice and effort over the 1982 season. The team, which consisted of mostly freshmen and sophomores, won only one out of their fourteen games. However, it was a learning experience for both the girls and their new coach.
We will miss the three senior varsity players who will be leaving C.H.S. They are Troie Sinay, Lisa Lefebrve, and Kathy Smith. The team won't give up hope though; their determination and hard work is bound to pay off with a more successful season in the future.




Row 1 - D. Smith, J. Senerchia, M. Leighton, J. Moniz, R. Smith. Row 2 - Coach Macomber, M. Tovar, S. Cooke, K. Craig, T. Bianco, B. Menge, D. Jalbert, S. Ferrucci.

## Unbeaten Again

For the past two seasons, the Boy's Tennis Team has been unbeatable in their division. With the completion of the 1982 season, the team had won its twenty-eighth straight league match in Southern division competition. The 1982 team under Coach Macomber was led by Co-captains Kurt Craig and Tom Bianco, each of whom earned First Team All-division honors. Coach Macomber is very optimistic of the upcoming season. The 1983 edition of the Coventry High Tennis team is expected to be led by captain Jeff Moniz. Returning stars from the past season are Mike Leighton, a junior; Don Jalbert, a senior; Steve Ferrucci, a senior and Joe Senerchia, a junior.



Row 7 K. Carley, L. Lefebvre, S. Bettez, T. Condon, D. O'brien, C. Gavek. Row 2 Coach Zybrowski, M. Labreque, C. Perras, C. Reed, M. Wragg, A. Bettez, D. O'brien.

## Division Champions

The Coventry High Girl's Tennis Team completed the 1982 season with a 9-1 record. This superb record gave the Oakeretts the Class B South divisional championship. The girls reached the semi-finals of the Class B playoffs, where they were narrowly defeated. Stacey Bettez earned second team all-state and first team alldivision for her fine singles play. Katy Carley made second team all-division in singles. Doubles players Lisa Lefebvre, Melissa Wragg, Cathy Perras and Cindy Reed were all named to the first team all-division team. Congratulations for a fine season!



## Oakers Vault To Victory

Although the Track Team had its share of talent this year, they did not fair as well as they had hoped. Under the leadership of coach Bob Beaudry and team captains Raymond Scungio and Allen Hebert, the team brought home a hard fought 12 and 7 season. Team members who contributed outstanding performances to the Oaker effort were Rich Nardella, Jay Foster, Todd Santos, Jeff Simmons, Tom Krowlewski and Brett Hickox. With many experienced returning this season, the Oakers hope to better their record.



Row 1: B. Hickox, J. Simmons, G. McDonald, R. Jenkins, R. Nardela, R. Foster, B. Riley. Row 2: Coach D. Beaudry, Asst. Coach Brown, T. Santos D. O'Connell, R. Scungio, T. Krowleski, A. Hebert, D. Leramy, R. Rapoza


## A Year Of Records

Coventry Oakers had a successful season with a dual meet record of 6 wins, 2 losses. Several Freshmen joined the team displaying outstanding qualities. In the Freshmen Championships the Oakerettes finished second in the team standings with Mary Jo Krolewski and Joy Reo taking first, second or third in their races. Coach Mangasarian is proud to announce that six Oakerettes qualified for the State Championships. They are: Katy Carley, Cheryl Guillimette - Javilin; Sue Spinler - 400 meter; Joy Reo 1500 meter; Mary Jo Krolewski - 3000; Nancy Krolewski - 1500 and 3000 meter. Nancy placed first in both events with a state record in the 3000. Both Nancy and Mary Jo qualified for the New England Championships, where Nancy took third place in the 3000 .

The following accomplished seasonal awards. Sue Spinler - Second Team Western Division, 400 meters; Cheryl Guillemette - First Team Western Division, Javelin; Nancy Krolewski - First Team All-State and First Team Western Division, 3000 and 1500 meters.



Row 1 - M.J. Krolewski, N. Krolewski, G. Henneman, J. Reo, C. Simpkins. Row 2 - C Spearman, D. Diehl, S. Spinler, L. Black, T. Thibedeau. Row 3- C. Guillemette, M. Perras, L. Marshall, K. Carley, E. Horton, A. Bennette, T. Menders, L. Butler, M. Mangasarian.





Row T-M. Krolewski, J. Reo, D. Diehl, N. Krolewski, J. Panerrello. Row 2-M. Perras, K. Fandetti, I. McConnel, T. Thibodeau, C. Rothfuss, L. Black, Coach Smith.


## Oakers Run Away With It

This year the Oakers began the season with a new coach, Mr. Smith. The Oakers finished with an outstanding dual meet record of seven wins and two losses. In the Class A. Championships, Coventry Runners finished in fifth place, thus qualifying for the State Championship Meet. In the State Championships, the Oakers finished in sixth place. Nancy Krolewski recaptured the State Individual Championship. Her sister Mary Jo finished sixth and Joy Reo finished in seventeenth place.
Nancy, Mary Jo, and Joy also qualified for the New England Championships. Both Nancy and Mary Jo Krolewski were selected on First Team All-State and Western Division. Joy Reo was selected on Second Team, Western Division.



Row 1-T. Blanchette, T. Noel, J. Spearman, R. Jenkins. Row 2-M. Leclair, G. Pacino, R. Repoza, G. MacDonald, Coach D. Binegar.


## A Learning Year

The Boys Cross-country season could best be described as a year of rebuilding. Coach Binegar led his young team into matches against some of the finest runners in the state. Although no upsets were recorded, the team gained experience. Team Captain Gary MacDonald had a fine season, as did Freshman Tom Blanchette.

Other outstanding team members included Senior Reggie Rapoza and Freshman Jim Spearman; however, every team member deserves equal credit. CHS can be proud of their efforts.

Looking to the future, Coach Binegar has some promising prospects, whose experience should produce a better squad in the years ahead.


## Coach Looks Toward Future

The soccer team after losing eight seniors looked forward to a year of rebuilding. They started off the season on a promising note after they won their first three exhibition games. As the season progressed the Oakers found the competition was more difficult in Division A. Although the team suffered a few loses throughout the season, overall they had a very good year.

Led by Marc Hannon, Jim Ball, and Steve Peterson, the Oaker Co-Captains played major roles for the team. Other seniors were Jeff Moniz, Randy Robinson, Brian Hogan, Dave Laveigne, and Jim Gagon.
Looking to the future Coach Short sees that he has a well experienced team returning including Robb Smith, Bob Derocher, Dan Best, Jim Szymkowicz, Bill Rainone, and John Mockler. Congratulations are also in order for varsity freshmen Steve Rainone who played a key role as starting goalie.



Row 1-M. Bates, B. Hogan, R. Robinson, S. Peterson, M. Hannon, J. Ball, D. Laveigne, J. Gagnon, J. Moniz, Row 2-Coach F. Short, R. Smith, D. Gribbin, D. Smith, J. Mockler, S. Rainone, J. Swanson, P. Mattias, B. Rainone, D. Best, Derocher, J. Szymkowicz, Coach B. Samson.



## Winning Is Not Everything

The Football Team looked to the season with an optimistic outlook. Captains, Jim Gormley and Steve Wiatrowski led the team through a long rebuilding season. Other seniors who were assets to the team were Chris Beal, Pat Flynn, Bret Hicox, John Abendroth. Honors were given to Mike Edem - 1st Team All Division and Joe Malo - 2nd Team All Division.

Coach Myers looks to a strong returning squad of Vinney Florenzano, Craig Bagshaw, Al Charpentier, Mike Bonjamin, Joe Pascerelli, and Joe Plumber. All of these under classmen have had time in Varsity Games.

Although it was a rebuilding year the Oakers accumulated a one and eight record.



Row 1-Cpt. J. Malo, Cpt. J. Gormley, Cpt. S. Wiatrowski. Row 2-C. Silva, C. Bates, C. Beal, C. Washington, R. Cunia, P. Flynn, M. Edem, J. Hoff, R. Oakley, J. Abendroth, T. Wolffe. Row 3-J. Plummer, M. Baxter, V. Florenzano, M. Talbot, E. Michaelson, J. Passerelli, B. Hickox, S. Hayes, A. Busby, B. Kershaw, G. Eceleston, D. Cronin. Row 4-M. Benjamin, D. Hainse, R. Ceceri, A. Charpentier, C. Bagshaw, B. Anderson, D. Sroka, W. Parenteau. Row 5 - Coaches - G. Meyers, G. Boudoin, M. Hopkins.


## Oaker Five Finishes 3rd

The Boy's Basketball team had a successful season with nine seniors returning from last year's team, which also made the playoffs. Returning seniors were: Co-captains Tom Mockler and Pat Butler, along with Brett Hickox, Don Lebrun, Doug Lebrun, Neal Pagliarini, Chuck Washington, Bob Ross, and Steve Peterson, who all played major roles in the Oaker line-up. The Oakers faced stiff competition in Class B-2, as it was well balanced. The team started off the season slowly, but picked up momentum with a 1 point win over Johnston. After that win, the victories increased. The team captured a playoff berth with high aspirations for the Class B title. Congratulations should be given to all the graduating seniors and Coach Szymkowicz for their fine effort and a superb season.

J.V. Row 1-C. Bagshaw, J. Mockler, T. Silva, J. Cambra, B. Adams, D. Lawton, Coach Wilkinson, Row 2-Mgr. Boragene, D. St. Jean, C. Lewis, D. MacMillan, K. St. Jean, J. Tousignant, Row 3- J. Wilkicki, K. Allen, R. Freeman, B. Rainone, C. Champlin.


Varsity Row 1-Coach Szymkowicz, C. Washington, T. Mockler, P. Butler, D. Padula, I. Szymkowicz, Coach Wilkinson, Row 2-Mgr. Ferrucci, N. Pagliarini, D. LeBrun, S. Peterson, D. Best, B. Ross, C. Paul, Row 3- F. George, K. Ellerthorpe, D. LeBrun, B. Hickox, B. Rainone.





## Oakerettes Make Playoffs

The Coventry Girl's Basketball Team ended its 1982-1983 season with a record of 13 wins and 3 losses, in Class B South action. Overall, the girls posted a record of 18 wins and 5 losses. The spirited Oakerette cagers finished in second place in their division and qualified for the state playoffs. The pre-season goal had been the playoffs, since last year's team missed the final playoff spot in the few remaining seconds in a game with East Greenwich. The only senior on the team was captain Lisa Lefebvre, who had an outstanding year. Returning varsity players for next season will be Katy Carley, Cathy Perras, Michelle Perras, Diane O'Brien, Diane Robertson, Joy Belanger, Kim Fandetti, Lori Byrnes, Melissa Wragg, Judy Osti, Donna O'Brien and Cris Rothfuss. The Junior Varsity had another great year as they were undefeated in league action.



Row 1-K. Fandetti, L. Lefebvre, J. Osti, C. Rothfuss, Row 2-D. O'Brien, K. Carley, M. Perras, D. O'Brien, C. Reed, M. Wragg, Row 3-Coach Morin, J. Belanger, D. Robertson, K. Perras, L. Byrnes, Coach Mason.



## Skaters Gain Playoffs

The Hockey season started off on the right track with the return of Carl Swanson as head coach. After a weak start during which the team posted a 22 record, things began to turn around. The players had adjusted to their new coach and put together a seven game winning streak. The team finished in fourth place with an overall record of 10 wins and 4 losses. Perhaps the most exciting game came during the final week of the season, when with a minute to go, the Oakers tied the game and won in over-time over first place Ponaganset. Key players during the season were Brian Daigneault, Matt Sullivan, Kevin Dyer, Chris Anderson, and seniors Jeff Baris and Joe Malo. With Swanson back at the helm, the future of Coventry hockey looks bright and promising.



Row 1-Coach Peltier, M. Sullivan, J. Malo, M. Berois, M. Benjamin, R. Giampietro, J. Baris, B. Daigneault, Coach Swanson, Row 2-F. Machlaughlin, K. Dyer, P. DiPadua, J. Swanson, M. Crowther, D. Pare, C. Anderson, Row 3-G. Vedder, S. Vadnaise, B. Barron, L. Lafleur, M. Pare, R. McMullin, I. Dionne.



## Coventry Pins Division

The Coventry High Wrestling Team continued to dominate the league as it went undefeated in defense of their New England Championship for the second consecutive year. The "Red and White Wrestling Express" amassed an unbelievable record of 19 wins and no losses. The team, led by brothers Robb and Dave Smith, captured the Metropolitan Championship for the third year in a row. Seniors Jim Gormley, Tony Zulla, Bill Derocher, Jim Ball, Kevin Silvia, and Wayne Griffin added greatly to the team's success. Next year's team looks promising with returning wrestlers Mark Masiello, Mike O'Connell, Bob Derocher, Lee Karvonen, and Vinny Florenzano. The J. V. team continued Coventry's wrestling tradition as they also finished the season undefeated.



Row 1-Coach Magarian, Coach Smith, R. Smith, W. Griffin, K. Silvia, B. Derocher, J. Gormley, J. Ball, B. Derocher, D. Smith, V. Florenzano. Row 2-L. Cotnoir, L. Egan, J. Passarelli, C. Silva, J. Moniz, M. O'Connell, M. Marciello, G. Gessner, L. Karvonen, D. Cayouette, Row 3- J. Reynolds, D. Lavigne, N. Nye, B. Pizzi, B. Leddy, B. Anderson, K. Carlson, B. Thomas, R. Beash, P. Mattias, Row 4-T. Parrish, B. Gaffney, L. Hall, T. O'Connell, J. Whitaker, D. Lavigne, S. Matczak, 1. Gormley, Row 5-C. Burnham, T. Leddy, D. Chretien, D. Boudon, J. Parguette.





Row 1-P. Woodward, S. Ceceri, Row 2- J. Thomas, L. Fratus, T. Principe, S. Greisler, C. Dupre.


## Gymnasts Finish With Grace.

Even though they finished in last place, the girl's gymnastics team should be commended for their "never say die" attitude. Under the careful eye of new coach Tom Robertson and the many hours of time put in by his wife, Fran, the girls consistently bettered their overall score each time they competed. Coming to their aid this year were Seniors Sandy Ceceri, Pam Woodward, and Lynn Holm. Hard work was also put forward by Julie Thomas, Chris Dupre, Lisa Johanson, Lenore Fratus, and Sue Greisler. Thanks should also be given to Florence George, who kept stats and worked with the team.



Basketball Varsity-Row 1- C. Champlin, D. Fry, Row 2-M. Mattias, J. Belanger, N. Lawton, N. Gollotto, C. Singhass, Row 3- T. Menders, C. Simpkins, K. Amaral, K. Leddy, M. Gilleeney, R. Kosiver.


Basketball Co-Captains- K. Amaral, K. Leddy.


Freshman Basketball: D. Cote, J. Reynolds, J. Webber, L. Parente, W. Donnelly, D. Brenize, M. Rose, K. Babcock, G. Ritarossi, L. Difilippo.



Co-Captains: T. Talbot - C. Spearman.


WRESTLING: D. Kelley, P. Woodward, J. Iuliano, C. Spearman, T. Talbot, K. Hague, A. Ginsberg, D. Griesler, D. DeChantis, S. Denman, K. Spurkel.


SOCCER: Row 1: T. Menders, C. Gilleeney, P. Hampson, C. Spearman, F. Tellier, C. Singhass. Row 2: S. Champlin, C. Phillips, L. Hutchins, S. Griesler.


Co-Captains: P. Hampson - C. Spearman.


Football: C. Simpkins, T. Talbot, K. Leddy, J. Belanger, C. Gaudette, S. Trafford, K. Amaral, C. Champlin, S. Denman.


## From The Desk Of:

The 1982-83 season had its ups and downs. Some teams posted winning seasons; while others did not. On the whole, however, our athletes exemplified what is good about sports. Whether glowing in the flush of victory or languishing in the agony of defeat, they displayed good sportsmanship and pride. Gloating or quitting is not part of the CHS sports tradition.

For many teams this was a year of rebuilding. New players and coaches were tested for the first time in the heat of competition. Valuable experience was gained by all.

This was also a year for winners. The most spectacular were the wrestlers, who rolled over all opposition on their way to a perfect season and a second straight State Championship. The Oaker wrestlers did not let last year's championship go to their heads. They remained a hard-working squad who viewed each match as a challenge. This is true dedication and sportsmanship. New additions to the squad assure that Coventry wrestling will remain a force in the State for years to come.

The Girls Basketball team had an excellent season. For many years, girl's athletics did not have the same status as the boy's. Thanks to Title IX and the fine girls that we have, this has changed. Girls are finally receiving the proper respect due them. The Oakerettes make the playoffs and were defeated in the Quarterfinals. With players of the caliber of Kate Carley returning, next year could mean a championship.

The Boys Basketball team had many bitter disappointments. Close games lost and injuries prevented them from repeating last year's performance. However, Coach Szymkowicz led his team into the playoffs.

Hockey has a new look with the return of Coach Sawanson. The pucksters made the playoffs. Hockey appears to be a team of the future.

Football did not fair as well as expected. The great defense of " 82 " was not enough for " 83 ". Changes can be expected next year, as the team will have a new head coach following the resignation of Coach Myers.

Cheerleaders are an intregal part of any sports program. Thanks to Mrs. Glawson, squads are provided for each major sport. Our thanks to these girls for the spirit they add to each contest.

When we think back to 1983, we will think of two runners, Nancy and Mary-Jo Krolewski, who paced the Oaker runners to victory in many meets. Both will be returning next year.

The final and most important story of the sports year was the selection of two people as winners of the Words Unlimited Award. They were Nancy Krolewski, female athlete of the year, and Dick Magarian, coach of the year. This was the first time that one school had two winners in the same year from that organization. BRETT RILEY
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:
We, the staff of The Knotty Oak, hope that you will cherish and treasure your edition of the yearbook. We hope that it will remind you of the good times and friendships that the Class of 83 had at Coventry High School.

Even though publishing a yearbook is a difficult and time consuming task, we have greatly enjoyed working on your yearbook.
We tried to make the book the best ever and we feel that we have done a good job. We hope that you are as pleased with is as we were in making the 83 Knotty Oak unique from the cover to Focus 83.

JANET SEFTON
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The importance of the student activities program cannot be overemphasized. As a member of a club, students have an opportunity to "experience" the knowledge that they have gained in the classroom and put it to practical use.

One of the primary goals of the program is to improve school spirit. When students feel good about their school, they learn better. Whether it be a dance or "Almost Anything Goes", students have an opportunity to meet and work in a learning situation that is different from the classroom. Friendships made here help to make each of them feel part of the CHS community because each student has a chance to use their special talents for the good of all.

While we know that student activities build leadership and organizational skills, they do something else. They provide every student with an opportunity to participate regardless of athletic ability, intellectual capacity, or economic station. The more students participate, the greater CHS will become. More importantly, our students will carry this involvement into adult lives, enriching our community, our state, and our nation.

Mr. Ernest DiMicco


## Student Council



Officers : Judy Babak, Corr. Sec.; Chris Singleton, Vice-Pres.; Jim Bell, Tres; Eugene Heroux, Pres.; Stephanie Dorosko, Rec. Sec.


## Lettermans Club



OFFICERS: Colleen Spearman, Pres.; Patti Hampson, V.Pres.; Kerry Amaral, Sec.; Dawn Diehl, Treas.

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Chess Club


Scott Berry, Ron Johnson, Dave Zelenak, Don Goulart, Ken Kicia, Lenny Lawrence.

## Computer Club



ROW 1: Carl Burnham, Norm Chretien, Bob Thompon, Jim Bell, Brett Riley, Marc Masiello. ROW 2: Kevin St. Jean, David Johnson, Ken Kicia, Ron Johnson, Tim Holt, Lenny Lawrence.

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ROW 1: Ron Johnson, Ken Kicia, Lenny Lawrence, Lisa Denton. ROW 2: Katy Carley, Theresa Menders, Sandra Murray, Jenny McConnell, Kim Fandetti, Tim Holt.


Co-Presidents: Bob Thompson and Jim Bell


Science Club


ROW 1: Petra Jackl, V.--Pres.; Greg Alves, Pub. Rel. ROW 2: John Alves, Pres.; Phyllis McClure, Treas.


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One of Coventry High's most outstanding organizations is the RI 81st AFJROTC. There are close to 300 such units in the world. For the past two years, the unit at Coventry High School was rated as one of the top $5 \%$.

The $100+$ cadets in the unit stick out from the rest of the school population by the blue Air Force uniforms that they wear every Friday.

The unit is very active within the school. The color guards are constantly performing for the school's sports and cadets that read the morning announcements. Aside from school activities, they conduct their own parties, field trips and award ceremonies.

The ROTC is an important part of Coventry High, and whatever the school meets in the future, the ROTC will be there.


## Modern Dance




OFFICERS: Kathy Messier; Debbie Swanson; Tracy Demers; Debbie Plante, Pres.; Maria Pacheco

## Drama Club

## Coventry Dance Team



## Ski Club




OFFICERS: Jay Hoff; Mr. Cyr, Advisor; Todd Santos; Brett Riley.


OFFICERS: Jane Greenhalgh, Trish Major, Colleen Giles, Eileen Kosiba


## Band Chorus Pep Club




Linda Flanagan, Carmen Garcia, Nanette Fournier, Katy Carley, Cathy Gilleeney, Michelle Perras, Theresa Menders, Jackie Greenstein


OFFICERS: Jim Masterson, Janet Charpentier, Gia Perretta



## Pom Pom Girls



Amy Tarbox, V.-Pres.; Cheryl Murray, SC Rep and co-Capt.; Sandy Keenan, Sec. and co-Capt.; Renee Theroux, Pres.


## Model Legislature



Stephanie Dorosko, Rosalyn Romano, and Patty Perry
Photography Club


Row 1: Jim Bell, Cindy Ferri, Carl Bolton, Andy Hargreaves, Jose Alvarez. Row 2: Craig Wilkinson, Connie Hill.
V.I.C.A. (Vocational Technical Clubs of America) is a club for young men and women who are enrolled in secondary technical programs. It is the largest student organization in the state. At West Bay, we have over 200 members. We were the number one club in the state in 1982 because of our many activities. Our schedule included a fall-spring softball team which posted a record of $4-1$. We hosted a Halloween and Christmas party at the Laurel Home for Senior Citizens. West Bay members participated in the state ski weekend in January. In February, we held our annual bowling tournament. Voc-Tech Ed Week was observed by a vocational exhibit at Midland Mall. We participated in the state leadership and skill competition in March and April. The winners will attend the national competitions in June.


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## Focus ' 83 '

## WELCOME TO FOCUS 83!

We the staff of the Knotty Oak are proud to introduce a new section to the yearbook. FOCUS is a potpourri of stories and photos which cover those events which would not normally appear in a yearbook, because there is no place or section for them. These events, however, are important and should be remembered because they added flavor and excitement to the school year. We hope that you will enjoy this section and that it will become a standard feature in the future. We wish to thank Mrs. Gray, the Journalism Class, and the Entry for providing us with most of the copy for FOCUS 83.


## BAND TO GET NEW UNIFORMS

The CHS marching band has been using the same tired and worn uniforms for the past 20 years. At last, new RED uniforms will be provided at a cost of $\$ 20,000$. Band members have been fitted and the new look will be unveiled at the annual Memorial Day Parade. At long last, Mr. Dorion and the band members have something to strut about. The new uniforms will go a long way toward increasing school spirit!


## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

In keeping with the dedication of our book to the community, this story must be included.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 1982, the Coventry VFW Post 9404 dedicated a momument to the four men from Coventry who gave their lives in service to their nation during the Vietnam Conflict.

The monument was placed in front of the Coventry Police Station. No where else, except in America, could a monument to freedom be placed on police property. Please remember that in most countries the police oppress the people, in ours they safeguard our rights.

Coventry High School participated in this ceremony. Cadets from the CHS 81st AFJROTC unit provided an Honor Guard and the colors were presented by the unit's Ceremonial Colorguard. It was a stirring and emotional event! Our ROTC cadets were exemplary in their performance and appearance. It is only fitting that they receive public recognition for the many activities they perform, both within and outside of the school.

## 1983 DAR RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Stephanie Dorosko for receiving the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award for Coventry High School. Stephanie was nominated by her classmates because they felt she exemplified the qualities of patriotism, dependability, leadership, and service symbolized by this award. She certainly is an ideal choice for such an award.



## WE HAVE ARRIVED

On June 10, 1982 the Class of 83 finally arrived. This was Class Day. We arrived that morning as Juniors, eager and willing to assume the reigns of school leadership. When the gavel of authority was passed to us and we turned our rings around, we knew that our time had come. We were now the Senior Class!


## PIZZA CHAMP

The Distributive Education Class raised \$1,100 for the Cerebral Palsey Foundation during a Pizzathon. After two hours of eating, Chris Singleton was named Pizza-eating champ, having devoured 24 slices. Gia Perretta finished second with 23 slices.

## ELIZABETHAN FETE

Members of the Senior English Classes recreated a period of history, when they staged an Elizabethan dinner at CHS, just prior to vacation. Students dressed in costumes of the period and listened to music of the 16th, and 17th centuries, while gourging themselves on foods and beverages of that time. It was a day of court jesters, fools, wizards, kings, queens, and princesses. For a few hours, students discovered what it was like to live in the past.



## STUDENT COUNCIL IN REVIEW

1983 has been a busy and productive year for the CHS Student Council. Preparations officially began for hosting the National Convention to be held here in the summer of 1984. Eileen Moss and Cindi Lombary were selected as co-chairpersons to coordinate this event.

The Alton Jones program continued to be another popular and productive Student Council event. This annual leadership event attracts student council members from all over RI. CHS students directed groups in leadership and communication skills exercises as well as role-playing and problem solving activities. A good time was had by all!



CLUB ROUNDUP
CHS has many clubs and activities which provide students with a rich variety of experiences. Space does not permit including all of them. Here are a few to remember. The French and Spanish Clubs held an International Dinner and toured the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The Science Club visited the Boston Museum of Science. VICA members skied the slopes of Vermont. The Drama Club presented The Good Doctor. The Band performed a series of concerts. WCVY celebrated its 4th year on the air. Two groups of students experienced government first hand. The In-Sight group went to Providence; while the Close-Up group went to Washington, D.C.

## SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit Week marks the official beginning of spring. This weeklong event includes such activities as hat day, dress-up day and red and white day. The week concludes with a strange ritual called Almost Anything Goes! Classes compete for points. The class compiling the largest total is declared the Spirit Winner. The grand finale pits teachers and students in a series of wild and humorous events.



The Hugh O'Brien Award went to Joy Belanger. Runner up awards went to James Kuipers and Mary Ellen St. Pierre.


## YEAR END EVENTS

The Annual Varsity Review was held on the evenings of March 4,5, and 6 . The review was directed by Betty Black and featured 25 studentfaculty acts. This year's theme was THIS WAY TO STARDOM. The chairpersons for the review were Stephanie Dorosko and Carmine Garcia.

The Senior Play, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown was performed on the evening of March 13. The play was directed by Mrs. Howell.


## ACADEMIC LEADERS

The final class rankings named Stephanie Dorosko, valedictorian, and Bob Ross, salutorian. Congratulations to both of them. They worked hard in Honors Programs to achieve their respective distinctions. In addition to being academic leaders, Stephanie and Bob were active in many extra-curricular activities. Bob was also an athlete. Stephanie even found time to do most of the art work in this yearbook. These are two well-rounded young people who have left their mark upon CHS.


## SCHOLARSHIPS

Many Coventry students have and will receive scholarships to further their education this year. As we go to press, we would like to commend the following for their achievements.
Stephen Ferrucci was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point.
For the second year in a row a member of the CHS AFJROTC Unit won the Air Force ROTC scholarship. Congratulations to Judith Rendine.
Betty Black was awarded the Century III scholarship.

Our congratulations to those of you we do not know about at this time. We know that each award was well deserved.

## JOURNALISM AWARDS

Nine CHS students received the U.S. Achievement Awards in Journalism. They are Janet Sefton, Edi-tor-in-Chief of The Knotty Oak, and her associate editor, Gino Pucino, Janice McPeak, Editor-inChief of The Entry, and fellow staff members Linda Marshall, Wallace Greenalgh, James Farias, Joseph Reynolds, Daniel Hill, and Donna Jalbert were also honored. They will appear in this year's edition of Who's Who in Journalism. Thanks to Mrs. Gray for co-ordinating this.


AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS

Coventry High School has won many athletic awards. Last year, CHS had the distinction of being the only public school to win a State Championship. This year, the athletes went one better.The wrestlers powered their way to a second straight State Championship, while compiling a perfect record. However, the top story was the selection of Nancy Krolewski as female athlete of the year and Dick Magarian as the coach of the year. This was the first time in the 37 year history of Words Unlimit$e d$ that two people from the same school were honored in the same year.


## The Spirit In Us All

Spirit Week was held the week of March 21, and, as usual, the seniors showed the immence amount of school spirit which they possessed. We wore our hats, buttons, and ties when asked to. We dressed in our best suits, or gowns, when we were told. We reverted back to the 50's for a day, and wore our school colors, red \& white, when we had to. Heck, we even wore our clothes backwards when the day called for it. We were a spirited class indeed. We won the competition Almost Anything Goes, and came out in swarms to watch the movie American Graffiti. When they asked us to participate in the volleyball game, we went out there and won that too. And when Friday night came along, we all showed up at the School Spirit Week dance to find out who had won the competition. Gary O provided the music for the evening. The senior class also added to it's reputation of having the most spirit by donating over 60 pints of blood to the R.I. Blood Center. All in all, the senior class demonstrated why it came to be known as "The Best There'll Be!"


## Magic Night

The night of June 4 th was magical for seniors and their dates as they assembled at the Johnson \& Wales Hospitality Center for the Senior Ball. Graduates had looked forward to this evening for weeks, and they weren't disappointed. Senior boys had spent the past several weeks looking for just the right tuxedo, buying the flowers, and trying the remainder of the money for the tickets. Meanwhile, the girls has been to dozens of shops looking for the gown that was right for them, and spent the day of the 4th making themselves presentable for that evening. After arriving at the Center, the couple met the receiving line first, then had their picture taken. Dinner was served, then one could dance the rest of the night away, while Bob Robertson and "The Entertainer" played some of the students favorite songs. Who could forget the look on your date's face when the theme song, "Up Where We Belong," was played. By 11:00, several of the couples had started to leave, but not before recieving what was to be their only lasting memory of the evening, their favors. Whether you went to breakfast the next morning, or just spent the rest of the evening alone with your date, the night of the 4th was one that will never be forgotten.



## A Touch Of Class

June 8th brought the coming of Class Day as we all got dressed up in our cap and gowns and entered Coventry High School for one final time. The day began when Lynn Dyer addressed the class and wished everyone a long and happy life. Stacey Bettez then read the official class history, followed by Paul Cooke, who read the unofficial version. The Class Will came next and the presentation of superlatives were made to the respective graduates. Jose Alvarez, an exchange student from Spain, wished his classmates success and thanked them for making his stay so enjoyable. Juniors honored the Seniors in their own special manner and then the Class Prophecy was done in "Oaker Update" style, courtesy of Bob Thompson, Paul Cooke, Jim Bell, and Eugene Heroux. Finally, we all left the auditorium and marched to the cafeteria to say goodbye to our undergraduate friends, many of whom we'll never see again. Although we knew we would be together again on the 11 th for graduation ceremonies, many seniors said goodbye to their friends and teachers. Anticipation began to become a part of our life as we all looked eagerly towards Saturday night and the Warwick Musical Theater, where our long journey through 12 years of school would finally come to an abrupt halt.




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## We'll Remember Always

## "It seems so unfair that after being told for 12 years to make friends, suddenly in one night, we're told to tear those friendships apart and go our separate ways."

Eugene Heroux Student Council President
Those words were spoken the night of June 11, 1983. The occassion: the 49th Annual Commencement Exercises of Coventry High School - otherwise known as graduation! The word is eagerly looked forward to for the first 11 years of a person's schooling, and then, reality sets in. Graduation is the ultimate finale, the last act of a play which has run for over 12 years. And so it was for the Class of 1983 on that clear Saturday night. We all gathered at the Warwick Musical Theater for one last tribute to ourselves. We had made it, and we wanted everyone to know it! We lined up for the traditional entrance, which we performed flawlessly, while Pomp and Circumstances played in the background. After the Invocation, Principal James A. DiPrete addressed the class for a final time. He was followed by Superintendent Raymond E. Spear, who wished the Class of " 83 " luck and success. Lynn Dyer, our class president, then took to the podium and gave her wishes for prosperity. Robert Ross, the Class Salutatorian, came next followed by a perfect flute duet performed by Florence George and Sue Leighton. The Class Valedictorian, Stephanie Dorosko, recited an original inspirational poem and then the moment we had all waited for was upon us. It was time


## Graduation Day

for each of us to march across the stage as our name was called and receive our diploma. The Diploma - it is the one thing each student strives for during school, and, with the exception of your yearbook and this suppliment, is the student's only tie with his/her school days. As each of us paraded to recieve our diploma, a certain sense of completion overcame us. We had passed all the required classes, we had gotten all our credits, we had spent our day in rubber room. Yes, we had done all we needed to do before we could leave, except hold that diploma in our hand. Now we could do that! After singing the Alma-Mater, which was led by Student Council President Eugene Heroux, we filed out of the theater and into the parking lot. Suddenly, the lump we had begun to feel since Class Day became ten times bigger. In the lot, hundreds of promises to see each other in the future were made. Few will be kept! No matter how sincere the promises may have been, circumstances will prevent many of them from being fulfilled. Sadness filled the lot as special groups of friends go together for the last group picture. One can still remember the feeling to see a classmate come up to you with tears in their eyes and say l'm so glad I had you to talk to ... you made the sad times so much better ... when Ilook through the yearbook, your face will be the first thing that brings a smile to mine. Final goodbyes were exchanged, and one last thank you was given to teachers, parents, and our four year counselor and friend, Mr. DiPrete. Although it was our last time together as a class, it was by far our finest! Congratulations to the Class of " 83 " - YOU MADE IT!



To the Class of " 83 " best wishes and luck to you all in the future! I thank you for the many fond memories that you gave me!
I know that you have been waiting a long time for this suppliment. I am sorry that it took so long to produce, however production problems caused the delay.

Publishing a yearbook is a difficult task. How do you record in pictures, art and words the unique flavor of a class of approximately 400 individuals. It wasn't easy, and I hope that you have enjoyed your 49 th edition of the Knotty Oak and will continue to enjoy it was the years pass.
I hope that you will be proud to learn that your book was awarded the Highest Achievement Award by the New England Scholastic Press of Boston University. This is the highest award in Journalism and Editing that A CHS yearbook has ever won, to our knowledge, and the first time since 1963 that the Knotty Oak has won any award. I thank all of you for the help you gave my staff in making your book, an award winner. I especially thank Janet Sefton, your editor-in-chief for the hundreds of hours she worked in putting together your book; Stephanie Dorosko for all the original art work, and Paul Cooke, the Jack of All Trades for everything he did. I thank all the members of the staff for the more than 7000 hours they spent after school, on weekends, during vacations in putting together your book. A yearbook does not pop out of no where. It is the product of harding working students, who do not recieve the credit due them. As you look through your book over the years, remember, you would not have these memories in front of you if it we not for them. Sports, clubs and other activities done during your school years fade from memory. The only thing that reminds you of them is your Knotty Oak

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