
Bouyssou, S. Bowen, P. Brailey, M Brindamour, H Broggi, M. Brown, E. Bròwn, E. Brown, M
Brown, W Brown, W Bunch, J. Burke, C Burroughs, T. Caimano, H Cannon, J Capaldi, K.
Capwell, D. Card, T Carlos, M Carlow, D. Cash, D. Cellucci, T. Cetenich, H Charbonneau, L
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Charbonneau, R Charpentier, D. Chevalier, J. Cicione, T Clark, J. Clarke, K. Clauson, A
Coelho, D Coelho, P.
Cole, R Colvin, M
Combs, S.
Comstock, A.

Connelly, P Copice, T Corrente, R

Cortes, A Cox, R Coyle, D

Craig, J Crockford, W. Cudworth, D.

Curran, J. Dalton, J. Danusis, M.

Deary, T. Deciantis, L. Defalco, D.

Dellinger, S Dennison, M Desantis, M Desmond, P Desrosiers, J. Desrosiers, R Dexter, I Dibiasio, R

Dion, K Ditusa, L. Dixon, A Dixon, B. Dockray, J. Downes, J
Drury, D Dumas, D

Dumas, K Dupre, A Dupre, J Duquette, D Eastman, J Eckardt, T Egan, K Egan, K





Connelly - Gustafson


A Close-up On Your



Freshman Year



Hagerty - Marçhessault

Marcotte, D Markman, L Marks, K

Marrocco, L Marron, K Marsden, A.

Matheny, T
Mathews, M . Mathews, S

May, M. McCarthy, E McCrae, B.

McDermott, E. McHale, J. McNamara, C

McNulty, J. Mehta, P Mello, A. Michaud, B Miller, A. Moone, M. Moore, C. Moran, M.

Morein, M. Morris, S. Morton, M. Moulton, B. Moyen, R. Murphy, J Murphy, M Nardella, T.

Nassaney, R. Nassar, J. Neary, K Nelson, C. Nester, D Nester, H. Newman, P .




Marcotte - Ramsdell

Rathbun, C Rathbun, J Rathbun, L

Rawson, R.
Reali, D.
Reed, M.

Reposa, D Repoza, A Reynolds, S.

Riggs, C. Riley, C. Robichaud, T

Robinson, S Rollins, R. Romanoff, W.

Ross, S. Roy, C. Rush, T. Saccoccia, M Sadowski, M. San Antonio, D. Sargent, J. Sauco, M.

Savoie, C. Schmid, P. Sebastianelli, J. Seelenbrandt, G. Selter, K. Seltsam, T. Senerchia, A. Senerchia, C.

Shappy, R. Sheridan, S . Silva, D. Simas, H. Skurka, G. Smedberg, H . Smith, B. Smith, B.



Rathbun - Viens

Vincent, T
Vivier, R.
Volk, N.

Vosburg, T Waleryszak, L Wardle, J.

Watson, S.
Webb, L
Webb, L.

White, S.
White, T. Williams, K.

Williamson, C.
Wilson, D.
Wilson, D.

Windrow, B .
Wood, K.
Worthington, Wynn, L. Yates, M. Yehle, L. Young, W. Zelenak, B.


## FRESHMEN



Vincent - Zelenak

## ABMINISTRATITEN



Dear Oaker Class of '86
It does not seem possible that yet another Coventry High School graduation is upon us. I am sure that to you the four year high school career has been a lengthy one, but over the years as you re-read this message and turn the pages of the ' 86 Knotty Oak you will find that the high school experience truly flew by.

We hope that you were able to take advantage of a fine academic course of study, and we hope, too, that you afforded yourselves the time to become involved in the extensive range of extra-curricular activities Coventry High School offers. If you were successful in meeting and achieving the academic standards with-in the several planned co-curricular school activities, then indeed you were able to extract from Coventry High School the best that it has to offer.

In today's world it will be necessary to think about further education, whether it be directly after graduation of later on. The modern world of technology and the social challenges it will present no doubt will require you to commit yourselves to a life time of learning. My hope is that Coventry High School has prepared you for this lifelong experience called education.

Finally on a personal level, I want to thank you for your cooperation and friendship. It has indeed been an honor for me to have been your principal at Coventry High during your four year career.

Please accept my best wishes for a life of health and happiness - and I pray that the Lord will continue to hold you in the palm of His hand as you conclude one phase of your life and commence another.

Sincerely,
James A. DiPrete
Principal


Allen Moores


Louis Marshall


Richard Magarian



Dale Binegar


John Casey


Karen Coffman


Eileen Coyle


Jeanne Bowden


Carolyn Chirnside


Raymond Coppa


John Crino


Virginia Bradley


Linn Clidence


Patricia Corso


Lawrence Cuppels


Sandra Brault


Donald Closterman


Nancy Cyr



Lucille Deblois


Stephen Delpozo


Frederick DiMeo


Annette Dunkleman


Gail Delbonis


Maxwell deWardener


Ernest DiMicco


Joyce Dyer


George Egan


Shirley Girard


Anne Greenleaf


Lucy Hargraves


Joseph Fargnoli


Nancy Glawson


Genevieve Guy


Charles Harrigan


Daniel Fierro


Kenneth Grady


Robert Haid


Mark Hopkins


Paul Gallo


Mary Gray


Gene Hall


Douglas Hopper



Pamela Howell


Joan Jordan


Claudia Klingensmith


Paul Laferriere


Evelyn Inman


Diane Kettell


Robert Kreyssig


Donald LeBlanc


Claire Lepore


John Macdonald


Ernest Marcure


Edward McLaughlin


Louis Lepore


John Macomber


William Mason


Arthur Montanaro


Ruth Lindquist


Barry Manley


Robert Mattiucci


Marilyn Moores


Edward Long


Roberta Mansfield


Diane McGregor



Bridget Morgan


Lance Murphy


David O'Donnell


Robert Peletier


Kenneth Morin


Mary J. Murphy


Victor Osterman


Richard Piascik


Ernest Pike


Brian Samson


Francis Short


Barbara Sprague


Pasco Rinaldi


Margaret Schwab


Robert Smith


Stephen Sprague


Joan Robertson


Vivian Searle


Clement Socia


Tamara Sutton


Beverly Rotenberg


Michael Senerchia


Richard Spillane


Raymond Szeflinski



Thaddeus Szymkowicz


David Thompson


Linda Tweedy


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Luther Whetstine


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Club


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Club

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Academic
Decathalon


Photography Club



Letterman's
Club


LETTERMAN'S CLUB OFFICER: Row One - Amy Bettez, Tom Leddy, Row Two - Rich Baich, Rob Howe



## ROTC





WEST BAY
The West Bay Chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Officers for this year were: Auto Body Repair: President-Tom Andrukiwics; Vice-Pres.-Chris Morel; Secretary-Paul Haynes; Treasurer-Todd Cote. Auto Mechanics: President-Scott St. Jean; Vice-Pres.-Mike Coutu. Cabinetmaking: President-Mike Baird; Vice-Pres.-Greg Huff; Secretary-Bryan Underwood; Treasurer-Karen Tracy. Carpentry: President-Steve Pelkey; Vice-Pres.-Jim Palmer; Secretary-Brian Daigneault; Treasurer-Kevin Card. Electronics: President-Wayne Clark; Vice-Pres.-Scott Yates; Secretary-Bob Hood; Treasurer-Richard Cottle; Parliamentarian-Ralph Andrade. Food Service: Vice Pres.-Tom Blanchette; Secretary-Joe Pelletier; Treasurer-Melissa Maher. Machine Tech: President-Randy Parrot; Vice-Pres.Don Keyes. Nursing Assistant: President-Michaele Boyd; Vice-Pres.-Jane Webber; Treasurer-Hollie Moore; Parliamentarian-Peggy Loranger. Welding: President-Sherry Flippo; Vice-Pres.-Eric Kelling; Secretary-Ray Haruban. Senior school officers are President-Michaele Boyd; Vice-Pres.-Scott Yates; Secretary-Melissa Maher; TreasurerHollie Moore; Parliamentarian-Peggy Loranger. West Bay is particularly proud that two of our students held the top elective offices in Rhode Island State V.I.C.A. Scott Yates is State President and Michaele Boy is the State VicePresident.


## 1985



Superbowl Summary
On Saturday evening December 7, 1985, Coventry's Football team competed in the schools first ever superbowl at Stebbins Field in Cranston. A record crowd of over two thousand Coventry fans attended the game. Coventry, the Class B-1 champion with an 81 league record squared off against Westerly the Class B champion. It was a well played football game in which defensive dominated. The margin of victory for Westerly was a 36 yard field goal. A Tom O'Connell to Kevin Busby touchdown pass provided Coventry's only touchdown. Steve Pelkey's conversion kick rounded out the scoring for C.H.S.


## Super Bowl



S. Maragiolio, K. Buzby, T. O'Connell, B. Koch

This year, the Knotty Oaker gridders enjoyed their best season ever. Our team won it's first ever divisional title and also won the Pawtuxet Valley Championship by beating West Warwick for the first time in ten years. The team also yielded an amazing record breaking 13 players to various post season all-star teams including All Staters Scott Maragioglio and Steve Pelkey. Robert Koch and Tom O'Connell were also recognized by winning the coveted Thom McCan Award. The Oakers also reached the state championship before being edged by the Westerly Bulldogs, 9-7. This really was a Great year for our football team.
Football

Won-Lost Record
11-2

| 14 | Westerly (R.R.) | 0 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 19 | Smithfield | 14 |
| 6 | Pilgrim | 28 |
| 13 | East Greenich | 12 |
| 21 | Central | 0 |
| 43 | Narragansett | 19 |
| 33 | Bristol | 6 |
| 23 | Warwick | 0 |
| 23 | Shea | 0 |
| 23 | Tolmon | 12 |
| 21 | Lincoln * | 14 |
| 5 | West Warwick* | 0 |
| 7 | Westerly ** | 9 |

* Indicates Non-league games
** Indicates Superbowl Game





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## Soccer





1st row, Coach Zebrowski, C. Charest, S. Ruzanski, S. Houle, D. Rowles, K. Dyson, M. Langlois, D. Eccleston. 2nd row, M. Bridge D. O'Brien, A. Bettez, S. Cancier, S. Inman, S. Hazen, J. Vosnick

The Coventry Knotty Oakers girl tennis team was led by cocaptains Amy Bettez and Donna O'Brien. The team did suprisingly well with the loss of six seniors from last year. The young 1985 Knotty Oaker Team just missed the play-offs with a close loss to North Kingston. Coach Zebrowski will return with a strong team in 1986.
D. O'Brien, A. Bettez

Girl's Tennis



Left to Right: K. Glear, R. Parente, C. Hayes, T. Blanchette, J. Spearman, Coach Benigar. Front Row: D. Brennan, J. Gilleeney, K. Proux, T. Swanson, T. Magnalte. Not Pictured: R. Kiper, S. Fearns, R. Johnson.


| Coventry | 16 | East Greenwich | 39 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Coventry | 39 | South Kingstown | 17 |
| Coventry | 28 | Chariho | 27 |
| Coventry | 35 | North Kingstown | 24 |
| Coventry | 16 | West Warwick | 47 |
| Coventry | 18 | Narragansett | 41 |

League Record wins-3, losses-3

## Boy's Cross Country

CHS Cross-Country, last year's division champs, was still strong this year. Plagued by numerous injuries, the team finished the season a still impressing 3-3 record, including 1 meet in which Coventry lost by only 1 second. The team is looking forward to another great season next year.



Girl's Cross Country
9 wins-1 loss

| Cov. | 18 | Narr. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cov. | 15 | Prout |
| Cov. | 21 | Warwick |
| Cov. | 26 | N.K. |
| Cov. | 24 | S.K. |
| Cov. | 19 | Chariho |
| Cov. | 19 | Pilgrim |
| Cov. | 19 | W.W. |
| E.G. | 26 | Cov. |

## Girl's Cross Country

Led by captains Cris Rothfuss and Karen Krolewski, Coventry had a successful season inishing second in the Western Division with nine wins and one loss. In the Class A Championships, Coventry Runners finishing in fourth place, thus qualifying for the State Championship meet. Led by Karen Krolewski's 18th place finish, Coventry finished in eventh place. Karen also qualified for the New England Championship.
Karen was also selected for Western Division 1st team and All Division 2nd team. Lea erri, a sophomore, was also selected for Honorable Mention.



## Boy's Basketball

The boys basketball team after a series of heartbreaking losses came back to qualify for the prestigous R.I. State Playoffs. The Oakers lost 5 games in the last 10 seconds by 2 points or less. They also dropped 2 overtime games as well. Their record does not indicate the way they performed. Seniors who lead the oakers to the playoffs were Todd Blamires, leading scorer, Paul "Clutch" Haynes, Steve Rainone, Tim Holt, Jay Waldrop and Mike Ruazzo. Junior, Mike Kosiver, and soph. Flash Bradd Levett helped the oaker cause as well. They Now are preparing for Middletown in the first round of the State Playoffs. The Highlight of the season was beating West Warwick their arch-rivals twice during the season.
S. Rainone, T. Blamires, P. Haynes


Cov. 44 Cranston West 46
Cov. 58 East Greenwich 41
Cov. 48 Johnston 46
Cov. 67 North Kingston 69
Cov. 63 South Kingston 65
Cov. 57 West Warwick 50
Cov. 38 Cranston West 39
Cov. 38 North Providence
Cov. 56 Westerly
Cov. 42 East Greenwich 39
Cov. 67 Johnston 47
Cov. 51 North Kingston 58
Cov. 53 South Kingston 74
Cov. 50 West Warwick 47
Cov. 75 Chariho 80
Cov. 51 Westerly 54
Cov. 52 North Providence 62


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## Girl's Basketball

The 1985-1986 Coventry High School Lady Oaker Basketball team finished the regular season 19-4 overall and 15-3 in league play-good for a second place finish in the class A southern round of the play-offs and will play Classical in the quarter-finals at C.C.R.I. Co- captains Donna O'Brien and Cris Rothfuss along with Karen McNamara, three key players over the past three years, have experienced many "Glory Days" over this span of time, having compiled a $66-11$ record and captured two division championships.

The team started off slowly and struggled for most of the season. Following the Westery game, the offense began to click much better than the first two-thirds of the season. Going into the Play-offs, Coventry was riding the crest of an eight game winning streak-the second longest in history of Lady Oaker Basketball.

Individually, there have been many outstanding accomplishments. Senior Donna O'Brien made first team All-State as a Junior. O'Brien and Rothfuss made first and second team All-Division respectively as both juniors and seniors. Karen McNamara was also selected for third team All-Division as a junior.

Also, going into the playoffs, Donna O'Brien and Cris Rothfuss are the 2nd and 4th all-time leading scorers for the Lady Oakers. O'Brien reached the magical 1000th point plateau on Feb. 13th, only the 2nd player in Lady Oaker history to accomplish this feat.

Although winning wise this Lady Oaker team has the opportunity to become the most successful in team history. The 1983-1984 team advanced to the semi-finals at the Civic Center. This years team could go a step further.




## Hockey

Coventry Coventry Coventry Coventry
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2 Toll Gate
1 Burriville
5 Smithfield
4 O.L.P.
4 East Providence
1 Woonsocket
1 Warwick Vets
4 Pilgrim
7 Toll Gate
4 Smithfield
2 East Providence
4 Cumberland

1 Coventry
6 Coventry
3 Coventry
3 Coventry
5 Coventry
3 Coventry
2 Coventry
3 Coventry
3 *Coventry

* Injury fund game

3 League Record 8-wins, 12-losses

The 1985-86 hockey season was difficult due to the fact that the Knotty Oak team was a very young group of players with only four returning seniors. The lack of depth at all positions was a major contributing factor in the under .500 season ( 8 wins and 12 losses). The fact that many of the games were decided by one or two goal differences was very frustrating. Senior Brian Daigneault completed the season being the eighth leading scorer in the B-2 division.



## Wrestling 5 Time State Champs




## Host School For State Tournament



Two, Four, Six, Eight



Who Do We Appreciate


## The Oaker Cheerleaders





Girl's Softball




Boy's
Baseball

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Girl's
Volleyball



## Track

And Field






## Rhode Island And <br> National Honor Society Members

Amaral, Roxane C.
Babcock, Kathi A.
Bell, Wendy L.
Bestwick, Pamela J.
Bettez, Amy A.
Black, Victoria
Blanchette, Sue M.
Boyd, Tina M.
Chaignot, Michael J.
Charron, Susan
Coutu, David J.
DiBiasio, Gino M.
DiTusa, Lisa J.
Donnelly, Wendy F.
Engeles, Cheryl A.
Gasior, Keith A.
Hainse, Mark E.
Hale, Elizabeth A.
Holt, Timothy James
Hottenstein, Beth
Howe, Robert P.
Johnson, Ronald E.
Kelley, Paula J.
Kicia, Kenneth A.

King, Kerri J.
Kirkland, Daniel B.
Kubic, Jennifer M.
Lawrence, Leonard A.
Levett, Julie A.
Lipa, Melissa A.
Mastin, Lorena $\mathbf{A}$.
Miner, John F.
Noel, Lauren C.
Pegnam, Cheryl A.
Porvencal, Joan M.
Randall, Kristen A.
Ritarossi, Gina
Ross, David A.
Rothfuss, Cristin L.
Roy, Michelle J.
Schuttert, Shelley
Shine, Stacey C.
St. Pierre, Laurie A.
Sundstrom, James C.
Tkacs, Stephen R.
Wilmouth, Rodney
Young, Karen
Zammarelli, Nicholas

## Boosters

Friendship is everything to me. Michelle, Paula, and Ken, thank you for caring, your friend, Robbie

To my best friends: Lynda S. Mary-Ann B. and Sue F., thanks for being there! All my love to Jim W., Kev, Butch, and Joe, you're the wildest! Love always, Andrea Petrocelli

Good luck to the Best-the Class of ' 86 ! Thanks Colleen, Michelle, Laurie, Tina, Cheryl, Lauren, Beth, and Liz! Love ya all! (Friends Forever!) Thanks for everything, Mom and Dad! Love, Kathi

Joan, Janet - Robin Hood lives! look - EYES! Keep your dreams alive - Ricky! TRIUMPH, SCORPIONS RULE! Nick - Luv ya! Good Luck next year - Love 4-eva BARB

John, the time we spend together will be forever cherished. I love you very much and I always will. Love you always, Dee XOXO

Bri - Bri Pacheco you're my sweetheart! I love you with all my heart. Love Lisa
Elaine, I love you \& I always will !!! Me - n - you 4 - eva. I love you!!! Scoo
The last of the Shevlins leave CH. The school will never be the same. We're proud of you Kathy. Love, Mom \& Dad

To Kathy Shevlin, I give notice to the boys of Coventry High ------- your mine. Love ya, John Schneider. Sniz \& Shev
To Ray "Boogie Boogie" Aubin, without you our band might have gone on to be rich and famous. That's O.K. though because Earl and I love working at the gas stations. Sincerely Yours, Mike "The Snake" Shevlin, Earl "The Pearl" Feria

I wish the Class of " 87 " Good luck and many good times, and to a fun loving kid of the Class of " 88 " Mary-Ann Haibon

Cindy Greene, thanks for all the good times of horseback riding! Your Best Friend, Karen DesGranges

Harry Kitchen, thanks for all the good times of driving your truck down the dirt road. Love ya,

## Karen DesGranges

Sweetheart, Someday we will be together Until then, I hope you've had a great senior year! Remember, I'm in your heart. Always \& forever. Later love

To my friends of " 86 ", as graduation draws so close and high school years slip away, I thank you for allowing me these very special days. I hope we may retain good friends, though the future may find us distant. Friendship cannot have an end as you have shown me so much with your daring and innocence. Best Wishes Rick

Congradulations Steve Lavoie!! the most important thing in my life is you and our love! you mean the world to me and I'll always love you! you're the greatest! I love you forever! Love Renee

Love ya! Missy Chevalier, Linda Cronin, Judy Reynolds, Crystal Cabral, Sue Boudreau, Best Wishes Renee

Paul (Baby), you are the best thing that ever happened to me! I guess you could say "you're the inspiration" Love you always, Lynn-Ann

To some awesome people, good luck, Chris Rothfuss, Laurie St. Pierre, Heather Riley, Caitlin Riley, Melissa Snow, Sarah Tarbox and Angela Senerchia
Mike, by now you owe me about 50 packs of "Big Red". Good Luck! Love, Kelly
Stephen D, I will always love you, and I always have. Love, Catherine W.
Karen, I'm behind you in graduating, but right beside you in good and bad times. Lots of luck. Love, Steph
Thanks for everything Don. You made these last two years of high school the greatest for me. I love you. Deb, Lisa, Cathy you're the greatest
Kevin, I love you. Hope your sophomore year was great! Thanks for being you. Kevin and "Anissa -, forever. All my love, Anissa P.S. "Heaven"

Richard, I love you very much and the year

## Boosters

we've spent together was wonderful. I know our love will last forever. Love always, Kathy

Thanks Rick and Ginn for being such special people and friends. You made my years at CHS very memorable! I love you - Julie

Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together! Thanks alot Kim, Sue, Dave, Scott, Bob, Randy \& Vance for being my friends and for being there when I needed ya! Keep on smilin'. Love \& Peace Always. Woodstock. " 86 "

To all of my friends, thank you for making this an awesome year! Allen, I am going to really miss you after you graduate! Good luck in everything you do! Love, Amanda Baldasaro

To all senior Varsity Football Cheerleaders, Thank you for all the support this year and I hope my senior year will be as successful. Best Wishes, Flipper

Anissa, You're all that I want. Your all that I need. Love Always \& Forever, Kevin

Gary, thank for making the past two years great for me! I love you, Paula

Walshy, nothing will change what you mean to me! Through good times and bad, I'll always be there with you. "Our love will never die"! Yours Forever, Gretz

To Cindy S., Stacy S, Sue (Moo Moo) G, Jill (Buba) R, Debbie B, Darlene B, Lisa W, and especially Michael C, thanks for the good times! It was lots of fun and I wish you all the very best of Luck, Love you all. Susan Woodard (Sue)

Thank you for being there when I needed you Michelle G, Mary and H., Hollie M, Jennifer B, Love Christine Boudreau

Lisa, I will love you forever Love, Brian
Julie, You're my best friend and thanks for the great year! Love Ya, Jackie
Barbara, You are a great cousin. Thanks for always being there for me. Love Ya, Jackie

To Coventry High Students and Family KEEP ON SMILING! L.H.

Lenny, you're great. Good luck in college and I'll miss you after you graduate. Thanks for everything. Love, Marilyn

Steve, I wish you all the luck in the world, I'll love you forever. Julie

It's like a gray matter at the end of hall, It's a plastic horned devil. Lisa, Best of Luck in all you do, Love Mom \& Dad
To D.J., Scott, Joe, Shawn, Ginny, Viv, Mike, and Karen, Thanks for all the good times and memories. A special thanks to Gina, Rick, Vance, Julieanne, and Kevin for always being there to listen. Remember, always be happy and smile. Good Luck. Love, Kim Maine

To the greatest kids in C.H.S. Melinda, Cheryl, John, Lori, Jenny, Rick, Mike, Steve, Dawn, Paul, Renee, Chris, Liz, Jim, Anthony, Michelle, Rob, Brian, Kerry, Marichelle and of course, "JT" . . Smile!!! Love, Kara
To the greatest people in Coventry High: Lori V \& C, Melinda, John M \& T, Jenny, Cheryl, Paul, Chris, Kerry, Mark, Liz, Anthony, Rob \& Steve. Good Luck - Love, Kara

Laimness - Rainy tuesday, C.J. wonder boots, the broccolli joke, searching for lost parties

To Adam, Never Forget the Mad Plunger
KrisAnn - Best of Luck. Thank You, Jeff
Michelle: You made it, Follow your dream, Best of luck in everything you do. Love Ma
Michelle: Dreams are true while they last, and do we not live in dreams? Go out and get what you want out of life, because it's not going to come your way Remember time is your worst enemy. Good Luck Your sister Nancy \& Jason Rossi

Michelle: Good luck and lifes best Your brothers Joey \& John

Welcome to FOCUS, the magazine section of your yearbook. The 1986 Knotty Oak has many changes that we hope you like. For the first time Senior pictures and superlatives have been published in full color. We do not claim to be perfect. We do the best we can with the pictures and copy that are available to us. A yearbook is only as good as the you, the CHS community make it. If you are late in meeting deadlines or do not submit copy or material when we request it, there is nothing that we can do, except use what we have. If the underclassmen wish to make their yearbooks better in the future, they must join the staff and work, and work you will. It takes thousands of hours of planning, writing, re-writing, typing, photographing, drawing, and countless other jobs to make a yearbook. It does not just pop out of nowhere. If you are looking for a thankless job for the present, but a task that will be remembered for a lifetime, join the yearbook staff.
M. Roy, Editor-in-Chief


WRITING AWARD
The National Council of Teachers of English in their 28th Annual Achievement Awards in Writing recognized Cris Rothfuss for her excellence in writing. In order to win this contest, Cris had to demonstrate ability in two categories. She had to submit her best writing and a short essay, completed under supervision. Cris competed with more than 6,000 students, nationwide. Cris is not new to competition, as we all know. She was formally recognized for her achievements on Honors Night. The National Council also extended a salute to Mrs. Gail DelBonis for eliciting such excellence.


## NEW SCHEDULE

The 1985-86 school year will always be remembered as the year of the Eye Chart! When school opened in September, we discovered that we had a new seven period schedule with a six period day. Each day one period would be dropped. By the time we had mastered this schedule, a new rotating Eye Chart schedule was adopted. The new seven period schedule forced us to buckle down and work. We had to keep track of the days and our time. In addition we now had quiet studies instead of lounges. We were now expected to study and do our homework during school time. No one thought this new system would work, but work it did. This was a new learning experience for us and it proved to be valuable.

## MERIT HONORS

Four CHS students were designated as commended students in the 1986 Merit Program by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The winners were Timothy Holt, Ronald Johnson, Marc Randall and Michelle Roy. Each received letters of commendation for academic promise by placing in the top 5 percent of over one million students who participated in the programs.


## VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER

Kara Marzahn, a Sophomore and the Executive Editor of The Knotty Oak, was selected as the CHS winner in this year's Voice of Democracy Speech Contest conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Second and third place winners were Beth Hottenstein and Sonja Lavoie, who will receive medals for their efforts. Also participating were: Jennifer Roach, Denise Panis, Colleen Miller, Cris Rothfuss, Joseph Masiello, Robert George, Christopher Farina, Christopher Pratt, Darlene Fish, Robert Ascoli, Brian Barber, Eric Hoyle, Pamela Mertz, Marilyn Cole, and Sandy Ruzanski.
Congratulations Kara!

## ACADEMIC LEADERS

The final rankings for Seniors named Kathi Babcock as class valedictorian and Lauren Noel, Tim Holt, and Michelle Roy as cosalutorians. All three Seniors have excelled in both academic and extra curricular activities. Kathi is the President of the Student Council. Michelle is your editor in chief. Lauren co-designed your Senior color section. Tim has been involved in many extra curricular activities.


Valedictorian-Kathi Babcock


JOHN GAZERRO
This year's Hugh O'Brien youth Foundation award winner is John Gazerro. This award honors the outstanding sophomore, thirty-eight candidates were nominated. The winner must demonstrate leadership, ability express concern for other, and show the desire to learn and share knowledge and experience with others. John possesses all of these abilities. Many thanks to Miss Coyle for taking responsibility for running and maintaining this program.


Salutatorian-Lauren Noel, Tim Holt, and Michelle Roy

## SPORTS REVIEW

Coventry High School has always emphasized sports and has won many honors, awards, and championships. Oaker pride on the Athletic field is a rich tradition. Oaker athletes made history this year in two sports, neither team was projected as winners. Football provided the most exciting season in recent memory. Under the direction of Coach O'Donnell, the Grid Iron Oakers got off to their best season start since the 1960 's. With ten
starters returning from last year, a seasoned squad went to work. By the time home-coming week arrived, our record was $5-1$. Spirit was high following the home-coming parade and Oaker fans were not to be denied. Propelled by Bob Koch, the team won one of its most important games since 1968. We crushed the Warwick Hurricanes 23-0. Bob gained 229 yards and scored two touchdowns. This victory put the Oakers in first place by 2 points. During a colorful halftime program, Debbie Cantino and Todd Blamires were named Home-Coming Queen and King. The next "impossible hurdle" was the annual Thanksgiving game pitting the Oakers against ArchRival West Warwick. The game was played in the hostile land of the Wizards. Thanksgiving Day was cold, raw, and rainy. Our team was confident of victory. The Wizards were stopped by our tough defense and did not get a first down during the first half. We missed many opportunities to score. Field conditions were terrible. The Oakers Eleven won the game on a Steve Pelky field goal and for the first time in many years CHS had a Thanksgiving victory. The Football team went on to win its Division Championship and it's First Superbowl appearance.



## OUTSTANDING TEACHER

Mr. Barry Manley was selected as the Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher by the Chemical Education Committee for Rhode Island. A reception was held for Mr. Manley at the Media Center. To be teacher of the year in any subject area is an honor. It requires hard work, dedication and performance. To our knowledge Mr. Manley is the first CHS Teacher to receive this award.

The Following Juniors Are MembersElect of the National Honor Society

Betancourt, Martha
Biros, Patricia
Bridge, Melissa Burke, Kara
Clark, Tracy
D'Aleno, Lenora
Desmond, Michelle
Fisher, David
Hopkins, Jennifer
Hopkins, Kathryn Howe, Holly
Jourdenais, Marc Kiper, James Kowal, John
Krolewski, Karen
Martins, Roberto
Murray, Steven
Osborne, Virginia
Osterman, Beth
Paraskevakos, Christian
Passarelli, Cheryl
Peasley, Jeffrey
Rekas, Linda
Swanson, Thomas Tefft, Kevin
Villanova, Donna
Vowels, Theresa
Weston, Todd
VanderPyl, Gregory


## CENTURY III

Elizabeth Hale, Senior at CHS was selected for the Century III Leader Award and Scholarship Contest for 85-86. This competition is held every year, and has been honoring outstanding high school seniors for ten years. Liz will compete at the State level. Two winners will receive $\$ 1,500$ scholarships and an all expense-paid trip to the National Conference in Williamsburg, Va. What made Liz a candidate for the Contest was her innovative leadership and her dedication to her schools' involvement in excellence.

## LETTERMEN'S CLUB

The Varsity Lettermen's Club elected Amy Bettez as President; Tom Leddy as Vice President; Rich Baich as Treasurer and Rob Howe as Secretary. The officers started the year off by formally inviting last years Varsity sport members to join the club. Advisor Mark Hopkins helped the students decide exactly what they wanted to accomplish during the year. The Lettermen's Club has been trying to create an awareness throughout the school of the different athletic achievements of each individual team. The Varsity Lettermen's major event takes place at the end of the year, the annual Athletics Award Night when the athletes receive their well-deserved recognition.

## ADVISORS MESSAGE

Do you want to age ten years plus in your Senior year become frustrated, angry, constantly worn out mentally and physically, and hold the most criticized, demanding, unrewarding, and thankless student position at CHS? Ask Michelle Roy, Editor-in-chief of your yearbook and she will tell you what life at the top is all about! The Knotty Oak is not a club, Key positions are not elected, they are earned by past performance. Your Yearbook is a multi-thousand dollar business with the largest annual single event budget. The job of Editor-in-chief is full time and requires endless hours of work. I am sure she wanted to quit many times. Michelle and her staff produced the best book they could and one that you can be proud of. You should thank every member of the staff for their thousands of hours of work. If you underclassmen and the rest of the CHS community want to improve the yearbook, volunteer your time. I advise, but do not design the book, that is the role of my staff. They imprint their personality on each book, as they should. I wish to thank every member of my staff for the work they have done. I thank every coach, club or activity advisor for their contributions. I wish Michelle and her staff a happy and rewarding Life. Monica and I thank you for enriching our lives and we know that the class of 86 will cherish this book as long as they live.

Affectionately Yours Monica and Richard Piascik

## VARSITY REVUE 86

The Student Council Varsity Review was held at CHS on the weekend of March 7th. A sneak preview was given to students and faculty during assemblies on Friday. The theme was The Oaker Showboat. The two act program consisted of 27 different performances by students and faculty stars. The Director of the Varsity Review was Cheryl Pegnam.

## SPOT LIGHT

There is one member of the Class of 1986 who deserves special recognition. She has been involved in many extra-curricular and athletic activities while maintaining honors grade. Her name is Amy Bettez. Amy has time for everyone and everything. Her calm and mature manner are two of her outstanding qualities. She is a person who gets things done. The Class of 86 is richer because of her. In addition to being an outstanding student, Amy was the Editor-in-chief of the Entry, devoted many hours to your yearbook, served as the President of the Lettermen's Club, was a Homecoming Queen Candidate, CoCaptain of the Girl's Tennis team, Co-Captain of the Softball Team, President of the Freshmen Class and a Hugh O'Brien Nominee.

## ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Twelve students were selected to present the school at the annual academic decathlon which was held on the weekend of March 8 at the Community College of R.I. The competition is a nationwide event and designed to promote and reward academic endeavors. Mr. Raymond Coppa, Science Dept. head, coordinated the program. Students were coached by Mrs. Cyr, Mrs. Howell, Miss Churnside and Mr. Coppa. Students selected for the team were Richard Baich, Greg Berube, Brian Delfino, Cheryl Ingels, Tim Holt, Robert Howe, Ronald Johnson, Kenneth Kicia, Leonard Lawrence, Shelly Schuttert, Mark Stewart and Jim Sundstrom. Subjects include Math, English composition, public speaking, . history, economics, science, fine arts, writing. The ultimate test was a Super Quiz and this was followed by a awards dinner.

## THE SILENT PEOPLE

The Knotty Oak takes thousands of hours to produce. Students do not stay on the staff when they discover that taking pictures or looking at pictures is only a small part of producing a yearbook. Each page takes many hours to draw and produce. Each year the Knotty Oak
has been fortunate to find special workers. You would not have a book without the countless hours of work of drawing pages done by Rob Wright. Every day he would drop by and ask, "what can I do", and he did everything we asked. Rob represents a small group of Oakers who worked hard to give you a book of memories. Most of the typing was done by Dean Detonnancourt, Scott Hood, Amy Bettez, Melissa Lipa, Sue Gameling. No one wants to type. It is dull and boring. Thank Kara Marzan for the art work and countless hours of paper work and Sue Pegnam for being top gopher-doing anything and everything.

## SPIRIT WEEK

Spring officially arrived at CHS on Monday, March 31, and continued for the entire week with the annual Student Council sponsored spring festival called Spirit Week! For the entire week students wore buttons, dressed formally, or in Red and White. Spirit Week is the annual competition between classes and faculty for the honor of being Number One! The week long celebration of spring came to a grand finale with the Almost Anything Goes contest. Five teams competed for points and honors in the gym. The teams were composed of Freshmen, Sophomore, Juniors, Seniors, and Faculty. A good time was had by all! Spirit Week provides CHS students with a chance to relax, have fun, and prepare for the long gring until June and the end of the year.


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