The Chase, Part II

When he is conscious of her presence, she becomes more daring and acosts her prince; she may lack intelligence, but this deficiency is a direct effect of emotion. Her approach is followed by vigorous batting of the eyelashes, which often clears the room. The girl finds a weak spot in the “Prince’s” armour and draws closer for battle. Her soft voice appeals to his senses as do her pink notes drenched with perfume. Overcome with emotion, the prince accepts her “tokens of love.” The eternity is short lived. It becomes two weeks of flirtation. “Cinderella” is off hunting again for a new prince to add to her collection of other princes who have come and gone.
The Sophomore Dance

The Sophomore dance, held on November 10th, seemed to be a big success. Although people just stood around and got the latest news about who's seeing who at the beginning of the evening. Kenny Kool got things pumped up with his "Big Video Screen." The music varied from New Kids on the Block to Motley Crue and, of course, a few slow songs, such as "Listen to Your Heart" by Roxette, were thrown in here and there to change the pace. All the people who attended seemed to have a good time just talking with their friends, dancing like maniacs, and getting free soft drinks to appease the thirst worked up by all the activity.
The Sophomore Dance II

Throughout the evening, Mrs. Ricci, Miss Corso, and other faculty members went around the cafeteria taking candid pictures of the events of the dance. As the evening progressed, students formed large circles and gathered around having two people in the middle dancing with each other to rap such as Tone Loc, Young M.C., and Salt n Pepper. All in all, the dance turned out pretty well and people left the cafeteria that evening anxious for the next dance to take place.

Richard Tetreault
Karen Thomas
Timothy Thurber
Steven Tibbetts
Jocelyn Tobia
Shana Tobin

James Toole
Daniel Toth
Roy Tourgee
Christopher Trainor
Sherri Turner
Michael Ucci

Marlene Verrier
Matthew Vesey
Christopher Vicente
Jason Voelker
Stephanie Walaska
Robert Wall

Rachael Walshe
Bethany Wardle
Shannon Warren
Michael Watson
Marvin Webber
John Wetzel

David Wiegand
Renee Wilmouth
John Zommer
Camera Shy

Scott Andrews
Cheryl Beauchaine
Jay Belanger
Rebecca Bennett
Elisa Bernier
Erik Bradford
Jason Bradford
Anthony Brooks
Sherry Champlin
Christopher Cicione
Tina Cicione
Heather Colvin
Lillian Cornell
Michelle Cote
Erica DiFranco
David Delaney
Chris Dutilly
Jason Fontes

Melissa Gentry
William Gierhardt
Jamie Gilchrist
Nancy Gionti
Donald Guindon
Eric Hazen
Zachary Hedgepeth
Scott Hicks
Diane Hinkley
Angie Lima
Leo McDermott
Michelle McDonough
Joshua Messmore
Kelly O'Connor
Victoria O'Dell
Katie Olson

Clay Petschke
Brian Prest
Kristen Rawson
Jon Robinson
Tracy Roy
Gwendolyn Sanderson
Andrew Santagata
James Schenck
Natalie Simmons
William Susi
Kevin Tellier
Melissa Torres
Alicia Trabucco
Shay Verrier
Rachelle Wheatley
Tonya DeGregory - Student Council Representative,
Stephanie Sidel - Treasurer, Jennifer Moore - Treasurer,
Jennifer Palagi - Vice-President, and Jackie Katrel -
Secretary.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Kerri Gough, Lisa Knight -
Chairperson, Dawn Papa, Kristian Darigon, Missy
Skorski, Kelli Souza.
Freshmen Times

Amy Verdi, President

Miss Pat Corso, Class Advisor
First Day of School

Room 142? It's just gotta be around here somewhere.... Check around the corner. Oh, no! Here they come! Duck into a doorway! Whew! We just survived another encounter with the dreaded UPPERCLASSMEN. The future looks dim: only seniors seem to survive flying food, grabbed gym towels, and airbound paper airplanes. We may get some relief next year, but for now, we have some things to worry about — like how long we'll stand in the lunchline (est. 20 min.), or how we'll deal with the seniors peddling so-called MAPS and keys to the third floor. Oh, have they left yet? OK, run! We're only a minute late and happy to be alive!
No Room! No Room!

It's getting crowded in here!
Oh! Terribly sorry! Did I step on your foot — or was that your face?
I hear they're putting in off-ramps and stoplights soon . . . by the cafeteria.
It was my face.
It's a good thing they gave us an hour for passing time or I'd never get to class on time!
Taxi! Taxi! I'll never make it through!
("What to write, now? — We don't really have any more room."
"You can say that again!!")
Oh, sorry about your face! — the Fowl
Lockers

As the doors of the school close behind you, you suffer a severe case of agoraphobia. Yet in walking down the 'endless' hallway, you feel that something does not quite fit: as your eyes rest upon the tiny rectangular spaces that some will have you believe are LOCKERS, you feel like giant Alice in High School Wonderland. You are making a vigorous attempt to stuff your four skinny notebooks into your locker, when . . . a very large 9th grader begins to squeeze himself into your locker! "Oh, my!" are your only words as you consider the prospects of your winter coat stuffed along side him! But, who knows? — A beautiful friendship could develop from all this!
Top Five Freshmen Movies

The movie results are in. With 113 Freshmen taking part in our survey, they selected their following favorite flicks of the year!

Look Who's Talking
Batman
Lost Boys
Top Gun
Cocktail

Check to see how you compare with the rest of CHS!

Karen Collicchia
Shannon Connolly
Paul Contreras
James Coolen
Dawn Costa
Robin Costabile

Lisa Cote
Nathan Cote
Troy Cote
Jacqueline Cottrell
Jason Cournoyer
Brian Coy

Benjamin Creelman
Jennifer Croft
Kerri Crosby
Christopher Cummings
Kimberly Cummings
Jason D' Aquanna

Kendra Dahlin
Jessica Dalton
Kristin Darigan
Christopher Day
Katherine Dealia Cioppa
Bryan Decelles

Kristen Decelles
Sherri Decosta
Kenneth Decourcey
Aimee Degregory
Tonia Degregory
Victor Dejesus
Top of the Charts

Everyone is a music lover. Taste is an individual matter. With 126 Freshmen responding to our survey, the top hit songs of the year are as follows:

Don't Close Your Eyes
Pump up the Jam
We Didn't Start the Fire
When I See You Smile
Bust a Move
Blame It on the Rain
Stairway to Heaven

Dawn Delpozzo
Mark Demers
Dennis Depalma
Crystal Dequinzi
Mario DeRensis
Jason Dick

Jason Divona
Michelle Dixon
Robyn Doiron
Michael Domenicone
Erin Dooley
Lori Doucette

Rebecca Doucette
Edward Drechsler
Stacy Drowne
Robyn Ducharme
James Dunn
Sarah Duquette

Jody Dwelly
Chandra Eden
James Embry
Tamara Emett
Jason Epaminonde
Chris Ephraim

Eric Ether
Daniel Evans
Pauline Fallon
Renee Fallon
Ronald Farias
Karen Farias
According to our survey the two most important items in the life of a freshman are working and bleaching their hair. 20% of the freshmen responding to our poll stated they had a job. 10% stated that they dyed or bleached their hair. Since we did not have a male or female check off box on our survey, we can only wonder how many of the freshmen guys fall into this 10% category. Only 2% of the freshmen replied that they owned a car. In another year or two they will join the vast majority of Oakers who work to support that mechanical monster that craves a steady diet of gas, repairs, and unbelievable insurance bills.

Only 8% could define the word posterity. Turn to the next page to read some of the more popular incorrect definitions of this word.
What is Posterity?

In our survey the yearbook elf, Eunice, asked a serious question: what is posterity? As reported on page 119, only 8% of the responding freshmen knew the correct answer. In fact the freshmen ranked number four or last in correct responses to this question. For the correct definition turn to page 89. Some freshmen confused posterity with prosperity, while others defined it as eternity or having good posture.

Two of our favorite incorrect responses were handing posters and "the way we talk."

Carmen Gardner
Ronald Gardner
Staci Garganta
Joy Gaulien
Rodney Gaumitz
Audria Giarraputa

Kristen Giglietti
Bob Gil
James Gillis
Donald Giante
Gail Golomb
Michelle Golomb

David Goodwin
Kate Gosselin
Kerri Gough
Mark Gower
Eric Gracie
Erin Grady

Dawn Graham
Jessica Grant
Alexander Gregson
Clyde Gros
Robbie Gross
Scott Guertin

Remy Guilley
Jason Hall
Joshua Hall
Lon Hall
Lori Halpin
Shana Hamilton
Phone Call

No! Don’t mention it again.
Please! If you do, I might . . . Oh.
Swiftly, my essence is fading — Look!
My hands and feet are disappearing
. . . my heart’s already gone . . .
— Figures my thighs are still here —
But, please, please don’t talk about it.
At least,
not until the next time I bring it up.
Sigh.

— Eunice (Brightside)
The Usefullness of Seniors

For any of you who have ever been victim to cruel designs of the upperclassmen, this story is written. Why has there not been an underclassmen revolt? I mean, haven't we always heard about groups of oppressed people revolting in society? And we outnumber the seniors by more than three to one! Then it hit me: we actually need these guys! You don't believe me? Then how about this: if your brother or sister is a senior, from whom else can you bum a ride to and from school? And who can you go to for "the night before it's due" help on your term paper? It is also helpful when you and your older sibling have had the same teacher (cont. p126).
Further Usefullness of Seniors

Okay, so you're not a blood relative of a senior. Well, if that's the case, you can still use seniors to your advantage. Say you have a teacher that you just can't figure how to handle. Solution? Easy, you just find a senior and after paying a modest fee, you will have all the inside information you need to pass for the year. So when you think about it, it is not that bad being an underclassman. In a little while, we will be on top. In the meantime, I just hope the seniors learn to show some restraint when it comes to their little pastime (i.e. the hiding-your-gym-towel-before-you've-used-it trick, full-contact lunch lining, etc . . . ) — Allister Bryce
SUPERINTENDENT: Raymond E. Spear

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Kevin Petrarca, William Potter, Jr., Patricia Dooley-McLaughlin, James McArdle and William Bell, Chairman
Dear Graduates:

We are proud to offer our sincere congratulations to each of you as you leave Coventry High School to enter a new and exciting phase of your lives. The first Coventry High School class to graduate in the nineties, you most certainly will continue to meet the new challenges of a most exciting decade as you progress to the 21st century. When you read this message, before attending future class reunions, it will seem strange to think that through your high school years the compact disc, fax machine and VCR were examples of major technological advances, for, most assuredly, ever more innovative machinery will have made the 90's inventions all but obsolete.

Societal and technological change will necessitate that all of you pursue some kind of post-secondary education during your lifetime. While education will always be a vital part of your lives, we wish you, too, the happiness and serenity that only a belief in the non-material things can bring — peace, hope and love.

Sincerely,

James A. DiPrete
Principal

Allen Moores
Vice-Principal

Richard Magerian
Vice-Principal

Frederick Silva
Vice-Principal

Alfred Berard
Dir. Student Services
Changing Times

1990 marks the end of an era with the retirement of Mr. Allen Moores, Mr. Paul Laferriere, Mr. Douglas Hopper, Mrs. Marilyn Moores, and Mrs. Anne Greenleaf. They are leaving behind a legacy consisting of more than a century and a half of teaching and administration experience. When they began their respective careers, Coventry High School was a small rural school located off Knotty Oak Road. They were instrumental in making CHS what it is today, one of the finest comprehensive schools in the State and nation. Mr. Moores began his career as a social studies teacher and was the literary advisor of the Knotty Oak in the 1960's. He left the classroom for administration and will always be remembered for his firm, but gentle and compassionate role as a vice-principal. Mr. Laferriere, as Chairperson, was the guiding force behind the development of new courses.
which changed the existing history department into a true social studies department. He worked to create courses such as Psychology, Law and Euro-American History that met the needs of students in a changing world. In addition, Mr. Laferriere was the Business Advisor of the Knotty Oak since the 1960's. Mr. Hopper taught Physical Education since the 1950's and as Athletic Director was instrumental in developing and improving the CHS sports program to make it the all encompassing program that it is today. Mrs. Moores taught English and helped many students overcome problems in the reading program. Mrs. Greenleaf taught foreign languages and played an important role in the creation of the French Club. These five faculty members have one thing in common - Kids! Their careers extended beyond the classroom and the bell. They gave of themselves and will be missed. We wish them all a happy and well deserved retirement.
Crumpled at the bottom of your locker, splotched with cola stains, is a note reminiscing our English education: “Remember our first Shakespearian play, Romeo and Juliet, or our first Greek tragedy? In 10th we devoured novels in separate pieces, of sundry persons pining in love, flies swarming about the intrinsic evil of man... And never will we forget the enormous temptation we underwent, as juniors, whenever we cited copies of Moby Dick Cliff Notes; when some of the pious rationalized, ‘If just once I succumbed — who would know?’ Apparently we didn’t all learn from the remorse of Dimmesdale! From the mistakes of King Lear, however, we learned not to expect overly generous grades in English; and after perusing Pride and Prejudice we came to see that despite our previous doubts, CHS’s English teachers are indeed a noble breed...” — E.B.
What You Always Wondered

The year book elves were prying again — only this time teachers were the subjects of their surveys. About a quarter of the faculty responded to the ten-question survey. If the results are representative of the faculty, most teachers are in their 40's, wear blue, drink Diet Coke, both rent and go to movies, have 1.23 kids, and read for fun ... The teachers also enjoy travel, gourmet dining, "training dogs - playing guitar," swimming, tennis, basketball, etc. Some had as many as four whole children, were as young as 24 and as old as 60. When asked to define "wind" many waxed poetic in their definition of the noun; but a minority, frustrated by the word's ambiguous nature, refused to define! Humorous definitions included "the voice of a teacher," "the opposite of 'losed,'" and "MYRIA." — E.B.
Coffee Mugs

From teacup to gallon sized and in every color of the rainbow, the faculty coffee mugs give a much needed lift to the teaching staff. Mounted on a wall in a temple-like room at the center of the school, these goblets of necessity are called upon for those periods of the day that, for teachers, are just a bit hazy. This room is strategically guarded by the work desks surrounding it. The cups never seem to collect dust. For those students who have an inside room on the first floor, a strong odor of coffee beans can be noticed during first period. Upon further inspection, it seems that no two cups are alike. The cups display preferences such as favorite baseball teams, vacation spots and ideology. One can only wonder to whom these mugs belong.—A.B.
Feelings

So how do teachers feel about this school? In the teacher survey issued in February, teachers were asked various related questions. Of the 34 who responded only 3 had actually graduated from CHS. Most teachers revealed that they prefer rooms on the outside of the building possessing WINDOWS; others would not mind teaching in Mr. DiPrete's office, in the tennis courts, or in the Home Economics rooms. Revealing a strong sense of comradery, the majority of those who responded declared that the staff and faculty were their favorite aspects of their job; teachers also noted that the kids at CHS themselves make teaching here most enjoyable. Others mentioned the excellence of the curriculum, the joy of watching students learn and grow, and, of course, the vacations, the hours, and the flexibility.
Ode to the Educators

While English tends to assume priority in the curriculum, math, social studies, science, and the arts are by no means less essential. By the time we the students have graduated, we have acquired an enormous quantity of knowledge . . . not to mention some fascinating bits of trivia. In math we become familiar with square pies — baked by Auntie Derivative herself! We learn that moles have numeric value, in Chemistry; that the old girls Alsace and Lorraine are French after all, in History; that “attender” and “assister” mean “to wait” and “to attend,” respectively, in French; and that despite the fact that Chopin’s last Nocturne is termed “posthumous,” it was composed during his lifetime, in music! Teachers have both uplifted us and brought us down to earth, showing us in the process the world as it truly is. Thanks, teachers of CHS!
Classified Staff

Gerald Tebrow
Mathematics

David Thompson
Social Studies

Diane Thompson
Home Economics

Irene Wade
Mathematics

Anne Walker
Business

Luther Whetstine
Social Studies

Linda Winn
Physical Education

Donald Winslow
Industrial Technology

Kathleen Woodard
Business

Louise Workman
Science

Diane Thompson
Home Economics

Carol Burke

Mary Ann Cantino

Donna Argall

Linda Langlois

Barbara Lewis

Connie Harris

Muriel Mitchel

Cindy Phillips

Jean Ward

faculty 137
Sporting Times
Football
This year the varsity football team ended the season with a 1-7-2 record which was due to inexperience. This allowed the underclassmen to gain valuable experience which will help lead the football team to a winning season next year. The team was lead by Captain Rob Snyder, Offiong Edem, and Lonnie Morris, who was the recipient of the Gus Olson Outstanding Lineman Award. Other outstanding senior players were Tom McAfee, Wayne Walker, Jack Bullock, and Carl Marszalek. The freshman football team finished their season with a 3-3 record. A frustrating loss to the tough Tollgate team prevented the frosh from reaching the play-offs. Although many players showed potential to be solid football players in the next three years special note should be given to Kevin Sullivan, Ben Kuprevich, and Steve Toole.

1st row Tom McAfee, John Bullock, Jared Kennish, Carl Marszalek, Robert Snyder, Lonnie Morris. 2nd row Coach Zanella, Brian Colburn, Scott Osterman, George Dube, Brian Mitchell, Wayne Walker, Coach Garvey. 3rd row Jim Croft, John Rush, Dan Bell, Steve Morris, Dannon Phelps, John Bigdon, Frank DiMartino, Dave Boulanger. 4th row Sean Lindsey, Chris Snyder, Jason Frías, Brian Gaumitz, Zack Hedgepeth, Kevin Sullivan, Brian Pagliarini, Tim Underwood, Tom Aversa.
The Boy's Cross Country Team finished a difficult season with a 2-6 record. Consistent performance was shown by both captains David Ferrance and Damon Amaral. Some other team members which also contributed in the season were Brian Smith, Jared Lagourie, and Mike Primrose. The Cross Country team hopes to improve its performance next year with some promising new members.
Girls’ Cross Country

Although the girls’ cross country team had a slow start, they finished the season with a solid 3-3 record. Shana Tobin, Julie Adams, Amy Martini, and Pattie Williamson placed consistently which will prove to be promising in the next few seasons.

Boys' Varsity Soccer

Coventry High School Boys' Varsity Soccer became a power to reckon with in the state this year. The team finished third by competing in the state semifinals. The twenty-two select young men who made the squad took the team to a most successful season and Coventry soccer team has ever had. The season record was seven wins, five losses, and one tie. The playoff record showed the team’s true strength and spirit by defeating North Providence 9-2 and by beating North Smithfield 4-2 (a team that lost only one game during the 1989 season). Soccer at C.H.S. is here to stay!! Stay tuned for a championship next year . . . .
Girls’ Tennis

This year’s girls’ tennis team had an astounding season, finishing with an 11-1 record and capturing the Class C Suburban title. The team was runner-up in the state championship to the Warwick Vets team. Senior team captain Kristen Antos had a fantastic season and was selected to First Team All Class C in singles. Julie Macomber and Michelle Gibeault were selected to First Team in doubles; Angela Vallante and Marcia Antos were selected to Second Team doubles. These underclassmen were a driving force for the tennis team this year, promising many great seasons to come!!!

1st row: Lauren Sheer, Amy Austin, Jenn Moore, Tonia DeGregory, Julie Seltsam, Karen Pratt, Julie Macomber, Jenn Falco 2nd row: Jennifer Barry, Shelly Weinand, Kristen Antos, Suzanne Lavoie, Melissa Allin, Sue Bruner, Michelle Gibeault, Rayne Macomb, Marcia Antos, Angela Vallante
Volleyball
Once again the Boy’s Varsity Volleyball Team refused to let us down. They finished the season with a record of ten wins and four losses. In the Play-offs, the team made it to the finals. The Oakers were successful in defeating Mt. St. Pleasant in the quarters (15-7, 15-12, 15-13) and Hendrican in the Semis (13-15, 15-12, 15-13, 19-17); before being narrowly defeated in a close finals game against Charlestown (15-11, 10-15, 13-15, 10-15). The overall record was twelve wins and five losses. The team received honors for being the R.I. State Runners-up and Choate Invitational Tournament Champions. This year the Volleyball Team was lead by the captains David Beaudreau and Glen Miller as well as Jason Carson. David Beaudreau was on the All State 1st Team, All Division Team, and All Star Showcase Team. Jason Carson was on the All Division 2nd Team. Promising prospects for the future are Evan Noel (All state 2nd Team and All Division 1st team); Chris Byrnes (All Division 2nd Team); and Artie Schloth (All Division H.M.). Great job, Guys!
Soccer Cheerleaders


Football Cheerleaders


J. V. Cheerleaders

Hockey Cheerleaders

1st row: Celeste Gauvin, Kayann Wright. 2nd row: Jodie Bedard, Melissa Anderson, Sherry Champlin, Inga Moore, Lori Deschene, Wendy O’Brian.

Basketball Cheerleaders

Freshman Basketball

1st row: Brent LaPointe, Matt Thibeault, Mike Tucirroni, Neil Rich, Jeff Wade. 2nd row: Brian Writer, Josh Hall, Steve Carroll, Remy Guidry, Tom Vincent.

Girls Junior Varsity Soccer


Boy's Junior Varsity Soccer

1st row: Tom LaBranche, Jon Mickett, Doug Piod, Matt Thebeault, Rick Frigion, Ed Dreshler, Jason Becker, Justin Carron. 2nd row: Brian Writer, Jay Balinger, Chris Vincent, Matt Dickson, Greg Forcier, Mike Checko, Justin Richotte, Greg Little, Mike Watson, Jesse King, Chris Kelly, Mark Gower, Coach McArthur.
Girl's Varsity Soccer Team


Freshman Basketball Team


Junior Varsity Basketball Team

Girl's Basketball
The Lady Oakers finished their second season under coaches Morin and Hopper with an overall 12 and 12 record and an 8 and 8 mark in the tough A South Division. This was good enough for fifth place and a playoff position for the second consecutive year. The Oakers were led by tri-captains Lora Balkus, Sue Conde, both honored with all division selections, and Maureen Monk, the team’s leading shooter. Trace McCain, a junior, and Jackie Rothfus, a sophomore, gave the team a rebounding edge over most of its opposition. Two freshmen, Erica Horlbogen and Tammy Tryon made major contributions as they assumed starting roles at the point guard and wing for many of the games. The team’s future looks bright with a host of young players competing for starting positions next year. Junior, Shannon Donovan and sophomores, Anne Holt, Melodie Kipp, Michelle Gebeault, and Jen Falco will be important in any future successes. The freshmen class was exceptionally talented, placing Erica and Tammy in starting positions, but others, such as Steph Seidel, Amy Verdi, and Kim Magnan are all serious contenders to start on next year’s team.

Hockey
Wrestling
The 1989 - 1990 wrestling team continued the outstanding traditions of the past. In what was considered to be a pivotal season, the Oaker mat men continued their winning ways, finishing the season with a 12 -1 dual meet record and winning the Metropolitan League Championship. This was quite a feat considering that the team had a new head coach in Robb Smith and had to replace 9 starters from last year's squad. Coach Smith led his team to an unprecedented 9th consecutive Varsity and Junior Varsity Rhode Island State Championship. The Freshmen squad finished second in the Freshmen State Championship competition. The team was led by seniors Brian Smith, Matt Petti, Lyle Hall, John Greene, John Lynch, Aaron Higley, Lance Smith, John Kuprevich, and Lonnie Morris.
Boy's Basketball
The Oaker Hoopsters rewrote the records books by winning 20 consecutive games, the longest winning streak in Coventry High School’s basketball history. In addition to the winning streak, they became the highest scoring team in the school’s history, averaging 82 points per game. The team was led by four players who made the All State Team, Brian McGovern (26 points), Jay Cole (19.5 points), Dave Beaudreau (19.4 points) and Dave Riley (12.2 points). Late season injuries to Brian McGovern and Bill Pendleton kept the Oakers from winning the championship. The team lost a heartbreaker in the State Quarter Finals to Warwick in overtime by a single point, 77 to 76. Other players that helped the Oakers in the stunning 22-4 season were Chris Byrnes, Ryan Clarke, Phil Forte, Sean Hogan, Darrin Marinelli, Art Schloth, Kevin Feeley, Eric Hazen and Evan Noel.
FUN TIMES
Italian Club

Row 1: Tessa George, Treasurer; Stacey Boyd, Secretary; Crista Silva, Secretary; Mrs. Diprete, Advisor; Andrea Truppa, Student Council Representative; Kerra Gazerro, President; Not Pictured Judah Philips, Vice President.

French Club

Row 1: Julie Blasbalg, Student Council Representative; Jessica Kaloustian, Treasurer; Kathi Pontarelli, Secretary; Amy Stratton, Vice President; not pictured Jennifer Curran, President. Advisor: Mrs. DelVecchio.

Spanish Club

Row 1: Mrs. Diprete, Advisor; Chris Archibald, Treasurer; Jen Casavant, Student Council Representative; Julie Lima, President; Debbie Fitzpatrick, Vice President; not pictured Kristin King, Secretary.
Math Club

Row 1: Chris Archibald, Secretary; Shannon Donovan, Vice President; Scott Osterman, Treasurer; not pictured Brian Smith, President. Advisor: Mr. Smith, Mr. Short.

Computer Club

Row 1: Chris Archibald, Dave Ferrance, Robert St. Pierre, Chad Anctil. Advisor: Mr. Tebrow

Science Club

Row 1: Kim Fey, Kimberly Muzzy, Secretary; Kayann Wright, President. Row 2: Chris Archibald, David Ferrance, Vice President. Advisor: Dr. Manley
Jazz Singers

Row 1: Amy Stratton, Kim Muzzy, Jennifer Noon, Brian Harrison, Nadine Skorohod, Kayann Wright, Wendy O'Brian, not pictured Kristin King, Shannan Legein. Advisor: Mr. DeGraide

Chorus

Row 1: Emily Kruger, Vice President; Jennifer Noon, Treasurer; Kayann Wright, President; Betsy White, Secretary; Wendy O'Brian, Corresponding Secretary. Advisor: Mr. Smith

Acapella Choir

Row 1: Kayann Wright, Kristen Davignon, Shannon Donovan. Row 2: Marcia Carras, Nadine Skorohod, Jennifer Noon, Krista Nelson, Kristen Cummings. Advisor: Mr. Smith
Jazz Band

Row 1: Jason Bently, Steven Simpson, Jason Martin, Jeff Dyson. Row 2: Jason Carson, Shannon Donovan, Amy Stratton, Mike Puckett, not pictured Kristin King. Advisor: Mr. Smith.

Band

Row 1: Jason Carson, President; Amy Stratton, Vice President; Doug Marques, Secretary; Jeremy Marcotte, Treasurer; Jessica Kaloustian, Student Council Representative. Advisor: Mr. Smith.

Dance Team

Reach Out

Advisor: Miss Dellaporta

Special Olympics

Pep Club

Row 1: Jen Carter, Vice President; Carla Robinson, Secretary; Denise Roy, Treasurer; Linda Sheridan, Student Council Representative; not pictured Hollie Marron, President. Advisor: Mrs. Winn.

Pom Pom Girls

Row 1: Barbara-Jean Conevay, Nancy Nunn, Staci Peterson, Gina Centolelli. Advisor: Mr. Smith.

Letterman’s Club

Row 1: Sue Conde, President; Nicole Dube, Vice President; Lora Balkus, Secretary; Jen Carter, Treasurer. Advisor: Mr. Cirella.
S.O.D.A.

Row 1: Lori Cote, Trish Mandalare, Theresa Blair, Stacey Eruda, Advisor: Mrs. Richardson.

S.A.D.D.

Row 1: Advisor: Mrs. Guy; Brian Bashaw, Vice President, Brian Harrison, Secretary; Shannan Lajoie, Treasurer; Trish Mandeleare. Row 2: Jennifer Gunnup, Lori Cote, Shannon Biagtre, Frank Chavette.

Photography Club

Row 1: Theresa Flyntz, President; Stephanie Robinson, Vice President; Heather Maxwell, Secretary and Treasurer; Advisor: Mr. Marcure.
Library Aides

Row 1: Sandra Chaberlain, Julie Adams, Chris Archibald, Monique Jillson, Anne Colasanto, not pictured Rick Denton.

Academic Decathlon Team

Row 1: Dave Ferrance, Rob St. Pierre, Ryan Feeley, Nathan Vadeboncoeur, not pictured Frank Colucci, Scott Smith, Gerson Betencourt. Advisors: Mr. Coppa, Mrs. Cyr.

Theater Club

Entry

Row 1: Kimberly Muzzy, Editor; Jason Gomes, Editor. Advisor: Mr. Grady.

Student Council

Row 1: Erica St. Jean, Recording Secretary; Christine Conneally, Treasurer; Andrea Truppa, President; Kevin Moffitt, Vice President; not pictured Stacey Milburn, Corresponding Secretary. Advisor: Mr. DiMicco.

WCVY

Advisor: Mr. Grady; Program Director, Rob Higley; Production Manager, Tammy Rowles; Music Director, Jason Gomes; News Director, Jason Waltonen.
Junior V.I.C.A.

2nd Row: Wayne Hawkins, Dave Gosselin, Jason Cole, Christopher Brzoza, George Schopac.

Magic Club

Andrew Lozier, Tommy Rowles, Amy Martini, Mike Petrarca.

R.O.T.C.

Ed Dendron, Rick Hartman, Michelle Gardener, Dennis Kenny, Leon St. Germain.
Song and Dance

The following are Coventry High School's top ten songs of the 1989 - 1990 school year:
1. "Blame It on the Rain"
2. "Don't Close Your Eyes"
3. "Me So Horny"
4. "Bust A Move"
5. "We Didn't Start the Fire"
6. "When I See You Smile"
7. "Pump Up the Jam"
8. "Stairway To Heaven"
9. "Back To Life"
10. "Living in Sin"

At what single event can the outside observer see hysterically crying girls, violently slam-dancing guys, flashing lights, loud music, and dancing chaperones??!! None other event than the typical Coventry High School dance. For some reason the female population at Coventry finds it necessary to express all of their problems at these school functions. A quick walk from the cafeteria (or gym) to the girls' bathroom shows one a string of tearful faces. Once these females actually get to the dance itself, they slamdance or "dirty" dance with as many guys as they can. Of course, traditionally one of these guys gets suspended from school. The rumors fly, causing more girls to cry, restarting the cycle . . .
Ever wonder what students do in their free time? After football practice. Outside of the classroom. Out of the view from the discerning eye of teachers. Just what sort of secret lives do C.H.S. students lead? Do they sit in front of the TV? Pick their noses? Or, even worse, READ (egads!!!)? NO!! The minds of Coventry High are too creative for that! This is the reason for the Unofficial Clubs at C.H.S. Perhaps most popular among students (although quite the opposite among teachers) is the Field Trip Club. This group exists for the sole purpose of avoiding those dreaded Analysis classes or English paper due dates. Name any field trip for any club, any during-school activity and the members of the Field Trip Club will be there. Then, there is the Gaudy Ring Club. The purpose? To expose the world’s ugliest rings ... a flaky fashion free-for-all. Members of the Gaudy Ring Club can be seen congregated in obscure hallways and dark corners of the library under umbrellas or swinging from light fixtures. Other unofficial clubs include Full Contact Bowling and the Thursday Night Club (activities of these clubs could not be found out by this yearbook elf - check with a member). The clubs range from the absurd to the gross to the absolutely unprintable. The Unofficial Clubs, indeed, are the backbone of Student Life.
Preparations for the Homecoming festivities this year were extensive. The night before the football game, the Homecoming Dance was held. The Student Council put a great effort into the decorations and the refreshments for the dance. Many Coventry High School students attended and the dance was a great success. The next morning, most of the very tired students who attended the dance also participated in the Homecoming parade. Floats, clowns, trucks, and a huge Wurlitzer band organ marched the parade route from the Coventry Credit Union to C.H.S. Parents, students, and Coventry alumni lined the streets to watch the spirited student body of Coventry High. As a result the parade stirred up school spirit for the Homecoming game.

The Student Council had another great success with the events planned for the halftime ceremonies of the Homecoming football game. The floats that had participated in the parade earlier that morning were driven around the football field for all of the spectators to see. Then the candidates for Homecoming king and queen were announced: Denise Roy, Jennifer Carter, Gina Catanzaro, Hollie Marron, Phil Forte, George Dube, Travis Diggs, Jason Carson, and Jared Kennish. Jessica Eastman and Howie Hague, last year’s Homecoming king and queen, made an appearance before this year’s king and queen were announced. The crowd was elated when Jennifer Carter and George Dube were crowned. Overall, all of the Coventry students and alumni had a great time at the very spirited game.
Movies!!!

The following are the results of the survey presented to the school by the Yearbook Elf. Coventry High School’s top ten movies of the 1989 - 1990 school year are:
1. Look Who’s Talking
2. Top Gun
3. Cocktail
4. Batman
5. Die Hard
6. Rain Man
7. The Lost Boys
8. Back to the Future II
9. Lethal Weapon II
10. Dead Poets Society
New Happenings

"Upheaval" and "reform" were the words commonly heard during this school year. All over the world, strides were made to change the policies (and entire governments) of countries where the people were dissatisfied. The following is a list of the year's important events:

2. Fusion in a bottle.
3. Elections in Poland overthrow the Communist government.
4. Alaskan oil spill threatens marine life.
5. Exxon's cleanup efforts infuriate environmentalists.
6. Earthquake measuring above seven on the Richter Scale disrupts the World Series.
7. Gorbachev and Pope John Paul II meet at the Vatican.
8. Noriégas usurped by United States from Panama.
9. Rhode Islanders unite to clean up the oil spill.
11. Abbie Hoffman dies.
12. Governments throughout the eastern block fall as the peoples of Czechoslovakia, East Germany, and Hungary revolt.
13. Hurricane Hugo makes a mess out of South Carolina and the Caribbean islands.
15. USSR incorporates two-party system.
16. Soviet satellites such as Lithuania strive for independence from Russian control.
17. Greg Lemond defeats Laurent Fignon by light seconds in Le Tour de France.
18. American soldiers sent into Panama.
19. Ayatollah bites the bullet leaving Rafstaenjani in power.
20. The Berlin wall crumbles as Germany takes important steps toward reunification.

Perhaps it's not as significant as the falling of the Berlin Wall. Maybe it's not as important as the revolt of the Chinese students. However to students at Coventry High School, the new lunch program has a deep significance all its own. This year ARA was replaced by the Marriott food program. At first Coventry students had a little revolt of their own, going on a "Brown Bag" protest because of the increased prices and reduced portions. Many heated Student Council meetings were devoted to the issue of the new food program.

Then Marriott seemed to realize that the students were not satisfied. The portions got bigger, the pizza was improved, and the selection of foods increased. In the end the student body seemed pleased with the results, getting plenty of food with shorter lines (because of the increased selection). The "Brown Bag Revolt" (and lunch box protests) appear to be over; the students have accepted the Marriott program. Coventry High School welcomes back Marriott next year.
The smell of acrylic wafting through the air, mingling with strains of music from a beat-up box. Globs of clay stuck under fingernails. Pastel and charcoal smudges on walls, bodies, and clothes. Colors everywhere - spilled over paper, furniture, teacher... At least that’s how those creative souls in rooms 135 and 136 feel. More than a few students have proven themselves to be extremely talented artists this year. Honors were won by seniors Jennifer Dyl and Allison Albro in the Warwick Art Museum Contest Allison, along with senior Kristin King, made Coventry High proud again in the Regional Scholastic Art Contest. They each won two gold key awards. Congratulations to the art department for their excellent work this year!
Changing Times

With all the changes happening in eastern Europe, we sometimes ignore some of the changes occurring in our country. The American people are pleased with the government (except Dan Quail), so there shouldn't be a revolt in the near future. However, trends of Americans are constantly changing. The following is a list of the year's trends:

1. The end of the "Baby on Board" signs.
2. Fax machines.
4. Radon testing.
5. TV Evangelists.
6. Increase of the median price of a house from $50,000 in 1980 to $125,000 in 1989.
7. No snow days because it's only allowed to snow on weekends and days off.
8. Call-waiting.
10. Oat Bran!!!

The Club Coca-Cola Dance, sponsored by the Student Council and the Reach-Out program, was a smashing success. Held at Coventry High School for the first time, the nearly sold-out dance was extremely crowded; but no one seemed to mind. The dance was wildly decorated with bright palm trees and giant pink flamingos for the "tropical" look. The highlights of the dance included the giant video screen, the limbo contest and the dance contest. All of the students (and chaperones) who attended had a fantastic time dancing and socializing. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Special Olympics and part of the proceeds will benefit the Student Council. The dance was a great time for all who went and helped a very worthy cause.
Reach Out

This year brought about many changes in Student Life; perhaps one of the best changes was the incorporation of special education classes into the high school. The Reach Out Program celebrates this change, which should have occurred sooner. There are about sixty members in the Reach Out Program who participate in a variety of activities with the students ranging from basketball to swimming to quilting. All of the participants seem to benefit from the Reach Out Program, gaining greater understanding and insight into human nature. The Program, in its first year, has been very successful and is anticipated to be even more successful in years to come. Continued student participation will keep the Reach Out Program strong for years to come!!
Alright. I admit it. I've been known to chew the fat with an occasional TEACHER - and not even about homework. But hey, I'm not the only one! I've seen many a student actually chatting with teachers. Of course, I don't mean just any teacher, mind you. Some of the faculty obviously cannot "chat"; they can only "discuss." But there are teachers in this very building who can talk to the students about topics other than the theory of relativity or hyperbolas or the symbolism in The Scarlet Letter. The history department, for example, is always more than happy to talk about their Saturday night square-dancing escapades. The teachers talk to us about our personal problems ("nickel-n-dime" counseling sessions), their opinions on almost everything, sports, or any other sociable (!) topic. Some of the faculty will even give you driving tips if you happen to come a little too close to hitting their car!! I know, some of you don't believe me. If you don't, try it! You, too, can talk to a teacher! Just try to be tactful on your first try.
Vo-Tech
"Like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives ..." So goes the introduction to the popular soap opera, *Days of our Lives*. People's lives are often compared to elements of nature like the sea, the sand, or the sun. A full moon supposedly has strange effects on behavior. Many people feel lethargic or depressed on a cloudy day. Heck, even hurricanes and tropical storms are named after people! There is, however, a greater force effecting the lives of C.H.S. students - the end of the school year!! As the school year progresses, the students become more unruly and uncontrollable. We see it in the classroom, in the halls, in the parking lot, and especially in the vice principal's office. As it gets closer to summer, mornings become brighter, days get warmer, and the attendance list gets longer. When Coventry students do actually show up for school, they are very, uh, outgoing!! Perhaps it is the better weather that makes this change, but it's more likely that the anticipation for the end of the school year is the cause of the excitement at Coventry High!
Editor's Message

As you flip through the pages of this yearbook you will realize that it has departed from the standard Coventry High School yearbook in many ways. This year our staff members made a conscious effort to capture the spirit of the Class of 1990 with a unique book. Our idea was to capture history leading to the theme "Signs of the Times." Within the book this theme is repeated to show the important events and people of 1990. This book, however, does not only differ in content. The yearbook staff itself changed immensely by producing a book by a staff not an individual. "Signs of the Times" was truly a team effort because each staff member seemed to help with every section. Certain individuals, however, do deserve recognition for their dedication and perseverance. Debbie Zawadzki undertook the tedious underclassmen and faculty sections, organizing hundreds of tiny pictures and writing seemingly hundreds of stories. Nadine Skorohod tackled the Senior Directory, faculty section, and literary editing as well as writing poetry that appears throughout the book. The sports section, the senior section, and the opening section were devised by the driving force of Kathi Pontarelli. The theme of this year's book was created by Kristin King, a valuable first year staff member who also helped with the sports and opening sections. Chris Archibald and Dave Ferrance were the Computer Editors for our virtually "computer illiterate" staff. They spent countless hours typing names and stories. There are also many staff members who helped us with initial organization and deadline "crunches." Thanks to Michelle Brown, Kristen Restall, Kyla Madonna, Jen Casavant, Debbie Fitzpatrick, Wendy Baxter (business), Trish Mandelere, Kevin Feeley, and Scott Warender.
Of course, the biggest thanks has to be given to our patient advisor Mr. Piascik who somehow tolerated the many unusual personalities that composed this year's staff. With the hard work of all of these people, "Signs of the Times" was produced with outstanding results. I am proud to have been Editor-in-chief of such a rewarding collaboration. Thanks to the entire staff, Mr. Piascik, Gerry Morris - our Josten's Representative, and the entire faculty (especially the history department) for their patience and cooperation.

Thank you,
Amy Stratton
Editor-in-chief
Melanie: We are so very proud of you. May all your dreams come true today, tomorrow, and always. Love. Mom, Bud, Missy, and Claude.

Bonni, we know your Mom and Dad would be just as proud of you as we are. Love forever. Grandma and Grandpa.

Kim, keep your ideals and goals high. We know you’ll succeed in whatever you do. You are beautiful inside and out. Love, Mom and Dad.

Lori McGinn, we are the proudest parents around. Dad still says “Sissy don’t go.” Rob says he always loved black and white. Love, Your Family.

Lori, you have made all of us very proud. You’re an excellent example for all of us. Love, Jayme, Jodie, Brent, Charlie and Rachel.

Congratulations Jenny. It seems like it was just yesterday you were starting kindergarten and here you are already a high school graduate. We know you have worked hard all these years to become who you are now. We are so proud of you, Jenny! Love, Your Family.

Dear Valerie, may you always succeed in meeting life’s challenges. Love, Mom and Dad.

Dear Janet. Congratulations and best wishes for your future. We are always proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.

Bethany: All our love, support, and best wishes for a happy and promising future. Keep dreaming dreams. Thanks for the memories. Love, Mom, Dad, and Melissa.

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Congratulations T.J. We are very proud of you. We always knew you had it in you. This is the beginning of the great adventure. Love, Mom and Dad and Kevin.

Jennifer: We are very proud of what you have achieved this year. We love you and wish you happiness and success in whatever you do. Love, Mom, Dad, Tammy and Meghan.

Congratulations Frank. We’re proud of you. We’re proudest of the fact you’re a sensitive and caring person. Good luck, son. We love you, Mom and Dad.

Lori, Thanks for making us proud of everything you do. You’re the greatest granddaughter ever. Love, Nan and Pop Pendergast and Nan Regal.

We are so proud of you, Susan. May God bless and guide you your whole life through. We love you very much. Love, Mom and Dad.


Sharon: Congratulations on a great four years. Good luck in college. May all your dreams come true. Go for it! Love, Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Sharon. I am so proud of you. Keep up the great work in college. Don’t lose your spirit! Love, Granny Murray.

Sharon: You did it! Congratulations! Best of luck always. Love, Uncle T.

Roses are red. Violets are blue. I am shocked dead, you made it thru! Congrats and good luck, Dave.

John Giusti - We knew you would make it! Best of luck. We’re behind you 100%. Love, Mom and Dad.

Steve. Congratulations. You made it! We hope all your dreams and wishes come true. Love you, Mom, Dad, Linda and Michael.

John Giusti - Congratulations! Good luck, always. We are proud of you. Love, Tina and Toni.

To our daughter, Julie Fisher: Congratulations and best wishes on your graduation from
Dear Shorty: It goes without saying, we are very proud of you and always have been through-out your life. Love, Mom and Dad.

Jenn: You are a wonderful example of what a daughter is; love and laughter, Beauty and honesty, intelligence, independence, determination, and sensitivity. Love always, Mom.

Matt R.: You've made it. "Maque" learn from where you've come from to help you get to where you're going. Proud you are my son, Love, Mom.

Geoff: Although we've always been proud of you, we are especially so as you graduate. Best wishes for a wonderful future. Love, Mom, Dad, and Justin.

Alan, good luck in the future. Dad and Gramma O.

Michelle Phaneuf -- May success be the path you walk! May you find love at the end of your journey! We love you! Mom and Dad.

Jennifer C. Our little girl graduating high school; where did all the years go? Here's wishing you health, happiness and love. Love always, Mom, Dad, and Ryan.

Kristen Cummings: The road to success is never easy, regardless, you conquered the road. We are very proud of you. You did as we knew you would. Love, Mom, and Dad.

Kyle: I am proud of you and all the accomplishments you have made in your life on your own. Love, Mom.

We love you, Kel, .... No matter what. Always, Mom and Dad.

Melissa Augaitis: Congratulations. We are proud knowing that you can attain any goal that you set out to accomplish! Best of Luck, Mom, Dad, and Cheryl.

Dear Ron: We wish for you in the future happiness and success. We are proud of your accomplishments. Good luck! Love, Dad and Mom.
Michele: I wish you all the best. Never forget "dawti," babbs, grublet, and, of course, "T" - dori. Thanks for all these grey hairs! and GLTWMY!

S - sassy, smiles, screwball, style.
H - hairspray, Holloween, hopeful, "ham".
U - unforgettable, upbeat, urchin, unique.
B - boys, bold, brat, bunked.
and I really do understand!

Congratulations to Scutter: We hope you succeed in whatever you choose to do in your future. Good luck on the modified tour. Love, Mom and Dad.

Gary Smith: Congratulations and best of luck to a son we are very proud of. We wish you a successful and happy future. Love, Mom and Dad.

Tracy Ellen: Love and best wishes for a wonderful future. Never forget: We will always love "our little girl," no matter what.

Congratulations Damon: We are so proud of you for pursuing your goals. May your dreams be fulfilled. God bless and keep you safe. Love, Mom and Dad.


Congratulations Damon Amaral! We are very proud of your accomplishments and wish you much success in your future endeavours. God Bless. Uncle Victor and Aunt Bertha.

Chad: You have made your father and I the proudest parents in the world. We are proud to have seen you grow and now to watch you become the man you are today. We love you with all our hearts! Love, Ma and Dad.

Offiong: Always make God your source and apply yourself diligently. You have the ingredients to succeed. We believe in you and we are proud of you.

To Leann Hamilton: The best of luck to you in everything you do. May your future be everything you planned for. Love, Mom and Dad.


Little River: You have given us happiness to hold, love to lavish, and Dreams to Dream! We love you, Mom and Dad.

To Michelle Frigon "Shell," our wish for you is a successful future in planning and seeing your vocational dreams come true. Love, Mom, Dad, and Rick.

Michael: We are proud of you. Go on to college with confidence and know that we are always here for you. Love, Mom and Dad.

Ryan Feeley: You have done everything we have ever asked of you. We are proud to be your parents and wish you the best of things to come. Love, Mom and Dad.

Dan: Wishing you much happiness and success in the future. Always remember, we will be there for you. Love, Mom, Michaela, and Chris.

Mark: Congratulations! We are very proud of you. May all your hopes and dreams come true. Remember we are always here for you. Love, Dad and Mom.

Marcia: Your family congratulates you for a job well done. You made it through some rough times, but you did it. We knew you could do it. Look to the future now, for it is all yours. Love, Mom, Dad, and Damon.

Wendy: You have always made us proud. We wish you success and happiness as you enter college and plan your future. Love, Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Heather! Love and Best Wishes Always! Mom, Steve, Jiminy, Jonathan, Boo and Sue.
Dawn: We know you have had a rough time this past year. All the more reason to be proud of yourself. Love always, Mom, Dad, and Scott.


Congratulations on your graduation and Good Luck in the Future to our beautiful niece. Love, Uncle Johnnie, Uncle Ronnie, Uncle John and Aunt Cynthia.

Success in your endeavors from your Grandma and Grandpa Balkus and, also, Aunt Mickie and Uncle Freddie.

Cynthia: The time has come to take the next big step in your life. We wish you the best and all our love, The Lambert Family.

Cynthia: We know school has been a struggle, but life is one big struggle. Stay cool. Meer life meadow. You will win. Love, Mom and Dad.

John: From Mom and Dad, your sister and Grandparents, success in the coming years toward a great future and a good life. Love, Always.

Best of luck in the future to Kristen and Melanie. I am going to miss you guys a real lot, you are the best friends anyone could ever have. Love, Gidget.

Carl: You have made us very proud. Keep up the good work. Love, Mom, Dad, and Melissa.

Looking back, Wayne, to the time when you were just a boy, you have always been a source of pride and joy. “Job Well Done!“ Happy Graduation, “Love, Mom.”

Jennifer: We love you and will support you in everything you do. Always be happy and keep smiling! Love, Mom and Dad and Stephanie.

Lori and Jill: We are so proud of each of you. The future is yours. Continue to do your best and you will have it all. Love, Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Lisa: You finally made it. Good luck. We all love you, Ma, Dad, and Mary.

Diane: Good luck in your future endeavours. We are very proud of you. Mom and Dad.

Eunice: Congratulations on a job well done. The past two years have been very special and enjoyable. Best of luck to you in what ever you do.

Nadine: You are a special person. I thank you for all the work you have done, the long hours, and the many tedious, boring, thankless tasks that you were assigned and accomplished. I will miss you. Best wishes and may you have a very happy, contented, and fulfilling future.

Kathi thank you for being a good “sport” and acting as the road-runner for me with Steve and Don. Best of luck and I know that you will have a bright future and will be a success at whatever you choose to do.

Debbie: I will never forget you. I will miss your antics, mood changes, and the ability to make people smile. You will be a success and find true contentment in the future.

Amy: What can I say, you had a goal, a goal that at times seemed impossible to reach. So many obstacles had to be overcome and you and your friends kept your promise. I thank you for everything to make this year easier. Be proud of what you have accomplished. Best of luck to you in college and may you have a bright, happy and rewarding future.

Kristen: Best of luck to you in the future. You are special and were there when we needed you, especially for those MacDonald's runs.

“IT’s been a long haul, Leo, but you made it. We are proud of you. Love, Mom & Dad”
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COLOPHON

The 1990 edition of The Knotty Oak was published by the 1990 Coventry High School Yearbook Staff on a spring schedule for delivery in June and was printed by Josten's Publishing Company of Topeka, Kansas.

The theme, "Signs of the Times," was a concept conceived in the spring of 1989. The first formal meeting of the yearbook staff was held in April of 1989. At that meeting a dull video tape explaining the step by step process of producing a book was shown. This tape discouraged some of the new members, who promptly resigned, leaving behind a staff of workers who understood that producing a book demands hard work, dedication, and no room for glory and egos.

During the spring meetings, the staff held brainstorming sessions searching for a theme that related to our school, the Class of 1990, and could be carried throughout the book. Decades was a logical theme, since the Class of 1990 would be the first class to graduate in the new decade. This idea was rejected as being too trite. A new idea was put forth - a theme featured on the cover, a moment of inspiration, Kristin King came upon the idea featured on the cover, silhouetted hands making common signs. Realizing that inspiration requires refinement, the staff seized upon the idea and, Voila! - "Signs of the Times" became a reality.

The 1990 staff had courage, determination, and dedication, however, it lacked experience. In order to train the staff, Mr. Piascik, the Literary Advisor, took three key staff member, Amy Stratton, Nadine Skorohod, and Debbie Zawadzki, to a three day yearbook workshop sponsored by Josten's at the Bryant Campus. This book is, in part, the result of that workshop. The staff emerged with ideas, ideas, and more ideas. The problem was how to translate these ideas into a yearbook. The staff was determined to produce a book that would be memorable in both style and copy and would be a departure from the style of past yearbooks.

Fall swiftly arrived and the staff immediately set to work on the book by developing its own data base on the student body and the 500 local businesses surrounding the school. The entire staff worked together to complete the four color senior section, including our new superlative quotes concept. In November the staff was divided and work began on the underclass, directory, sports, and will sections. Mini-magazines were designed for each class, creating an individualistic theme throughout - a sign of the times. This innovation was facilitated by the input we obtained through our first major survey campaign. Surveys were distributed throughout the student body in December, to seniors alone in January, and to faculty in February. When it became apparent that our normal Wednesday work sessions would be insufficient, Friday night sessions became a weekly phenomenon - where under tables, over tables, any everywhere conceivable we wrote and counted and WORKED!!! We did not know what day light was from November thru February. With the outrageously new Student Life Section and upbeat faculty sections we wrapped up the book and put to bed the largest yearbook in Coventry History on March 7! Hooray!

There are many unsung heroes, without whose efforts this book would not have been produced. Over all production was supervised by Amy Stratton, Editor-in-Chief and Jack-of-all-Trades. The nimble fingers of Dave Ferrance produced the Will and Directory, Chris Archibald wrote stories, and was our computer literary educator, Wendy Baxter, our Business Editor, developed a financial data base, however, space limitations - the binder would not hold any more pages - forced us to cancel our ad campaign in January. Patricia Mandolare entered the names of the underclass into the computer. Kristin Restall worked on the tedious underclass section, Kristin King was in charge of writing stories and Stuff! Kathi Pontarelli was our contact with Medeiros Studios, raced out to see Steve or Don every Wednesday. In addition she was in charge of all pictures and produced the Sports Section. As Sports Editor, she was constantly running back and forth from the Athletic Director's office. Michelle Brown worked on the underclass section and copy. Nadine Skorohod produced the directory and many poems and worked on almost every section of the book. Debbie Zawadzki worked on the underclass section, wrote and compiled the surveys, kept our sense of humor in dark times and worked on almost every section of the book. Debbie Fitzpatrick and Shannon Donovan sold ads. Kevin Feeley and Scott Warrender wrote stories. Allison Baxter, Bree Derick, Kyla Madonna, and Jen Casavant helped with the underclass section. The official cheerleaders, yes, we had our own cheerleading squad, were Robert Bergmann, Jason Weichers, Dave Landers, and Gerson Berancout. This was the last book for our Literary Advisor, Mr. Richard Piascik. This was the last book for our Financial Advisor, Mr. Paul Laferriere who now looks forward to retirement. Our Josten's Representative was Mr. Gerry Morris.

A special thank you must be given to those staff members who gave a seeless group places and equipment to work with. Mrs. Roberta Manfield, Mrs. Evelyn Inman, and Mrs. Muriel Mitchel allowed us to use the Apple computers and convert the Media Center into our daily work area. Mr. Ernest Marcure allowed us to use Room 108 and his computers on no student school days. The custodians worked around us, allowing us to work late into the night. The administration gave us the use of the school during vacations and the faculty permitted us to interrupt their schedules. To all, a special and sincere thank you.

This 208 page edition is the largest in Coventry High School history and will be submitted in competition to both the American Press Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Competition.