left: Bob Knight looks across the ice for a pass. below: The Oaker team prepares for the face-off. bottom right: Andy skating for a goal.



Slap Shot



HOCKEY- front, Steven Tibbets, Chris Guillette, John McKenna, Ron Patrick, Ben Creelman, Jeff Hone, Kevin Tillier, Dan Lautieri. back, George Eagan, Greg Guilette, Brian Smith, Andrew Fiocchi, Bobby Knight, Gerry Finnerty, Jeff Andrews, Matthew Morse, Peter Warzycha, Scott Barrett, Assistant Coach.

The boy's hockey team advances to the semis of the playoffs



This year the Coventry wrestlers maintained their string of consecutive State Championships adding their eleventh to the list. Throughout the challenging season seniors, Mike Grenier, Marshal Smith, Eric George, Mike Sousa, and Jason Becker continued to post victories that kept the team going strong into the State Meet hosted by CHS. True to form Coventry emerged as the champs, as they put seven wrestlers into the final matches. Despite the supreme efforts of a talented Bristol squad, Coventry put them away with Eric George's victory in the finals. Other top finishers were Jason Becker and Bill Brzoza. And, next year the Oakers should present quite a formidable obstacle to any contenders upon the return of Aaron Becker, David Sheldon and Bill Brzoza.





above: Chad Fontaine is victorious in his match.

top: Twist him like a pretzel, show him how to wrestle.

right: An Oaker wrestler goes for the pin.





left: Almost a pin.

below: An anxioius bench looks on.

bottom right: not a handshake, but a hand psych!



State Champs!

WRESTLING- front, I-r: Coach Robb Smith, Wayne Authlet, Jason Becker, Mike Sousa, Eric George, Chad Fontaine, Bill Brzoza, Mike Grenier, Dan Gartwaite, Coach Richard Magarian. 2nd row, I-r: Dave Sheldon, Aaron Becker, Glen Gustafson, Chris Chase, Lon Hall; Alberto Stento, Ed Jenks, Sean Blais, Steve Morris, Carrie Orlando, Coach Charlie Gaffnwy. 3rd row, I-r: Coach Robert Smith, Bill Buccacci, Matt Maleski, Aaron Petti, Scott Mills, Dan Bergeron, Joe Machado, Greg Roach, Bruce Sullivan, Jason Skaling, John Blanchette. 4th row, I-r: Joe Sousa, Aaron Kaszyk, Kevin Hennessy, Cory McLaughlin, Ray Perry, Jim Shultz, Steve St.Pierre, Chris Richard, Keith Fregolle, Adam Laber, Carl Schleif. 5th row, I-r: Jeremy Skaling, Alex Thomas, Chty Mao, Steve Buccacci, Kevin Johnson, Norman Miller, Justin Richard. For the 11th straight time, the Oakers take title



For the girl's tennis team, the 1991 season proved to be a good one as they reached the playoffs. There, in the quarter finals, the *Oakers* went down to defeat, but not before they put up a good fight. Coach Zymbrowski's team was led by seniors Michelle Gibeault, Heather Downing, Julie Macomber, and Marcia Antos who all played exceedingly well throughout the entire season. Also contributing were underclassmen Julie Seltsam and Kim Magnan. They represented themselves well against the State's best competition in a thoroughly admirable year.









Oakers take it to the nets in the Quarterfinals





TENNIS- back, I-r: Coach Joseph Zybrowski, Michelle Gibeault (Capt.), Marcia Antos, Rayne Macombe, Heather Downing, Jen Falco, Julie Macomber. front, I-r: Lisa Macomber, Anne Colosanto, Kim Magnan, Adrienne Rupp, Alyson Langlois.





The Oakers girl's booters put together a fairly successful season with its help of their Coach Short. Seniors Anne Holt, Amy Carlson, Michelle Mailloux, and Erica St. Jean led the girls to a position in the playoffs against LaSalle. Although they lost, the event capped a greatly satisfying season. Everyone played to the best of their abilities in the race for the playoffs especially underclass sensations: Jessica Brown, Stephanie Seidel, and Katie Jo Henchir. All those long hours spent out on the practice fields definitely paid off.





Successful season ends in **Playoffs**



SOCCER: front: Jessica Brown, Nicole Karwoski, Sherry Silva, Dawn Frizzle, Stephanie Seidel, Brenda Robertson, Katie Joe Menchir, Tara Znoj, Sarah Dyl. back: Melissa Blount, Amie Thooft, Shannon Gallogly, April Noones, Michelle Mailloux, Amy Very, Anne Holt, Amy Carlson.



Mr. Labutti coached his boy's cross country team very efficiently throughout a terribly trying season. Senior runners Jason Becker, Steve Dubois, and Tim LaBranche worked hard in practice each day for competition in the meets. All participants competed in these ardous three mile tests of endurance that culminated in the state meet at Bryant College. Prospects for Coventry look up because of Derek Oberg and Aaron Becker, who should contribute greatly to the Oaker's future successes.









Endurance is test in



Running



CROSS COUNTRY- front, I-r: Don Dunning, Derek Oberg, Aaron Becker, Matt LaBranche, Kyle Wadbrook. back, I-r: Coach normal Labutti, Jeremy Lagor, Matt Thompson, Tim LaBranche, Jason Becker, Steven St. Pierre.



The 1991 - 1992 sports year proved to be an excellent one for the Coventry Oakers. The boy's volleyball team participated in the playoffs, finishing second. We had our own Superbowl Sunday and a State championship boy's soccer team. CHS's wrestling squad captured their eleventh straight victory in the State playoff's. The cheerleaders, also, won a championship. A tremendous effort came from all of our athletes whether they did well or not. Great job Oakers athletes!





Round Up!

Coventry Oakers in 1991 - 1992



back: Robyn Volpini, Sherrie Brown, Erica Horlbogen, Kelly O'Connor, Melanie Moran, Jaime Lynch, Lisa Chatterly, Kris Sylvestre. middle: Annette Olson, Amy Silva, Kelly Olson, Kerry Pitspatrick, Jaime Predergast, Ann Grocholski, Sarah Havens. front: Carrie Field, Sue Lynch, Mikaela Lagor, Cathy Castenson, Mary Herron, Michelle Clark, Julie Adam, Laura Donnelly (not pictured).



far right: Melissa and Jen cheer the football team onto victory.

right: Larry "Stedman" Chase contemplates his Varsity Review menu.

below: My what big teeth you have!





I'm the foreign student from Spain. I have to tell you that American life isn't an easy experience, at least at the beginning, but it gets much better with time. You have some problems like language, school, friends, but the language is the origin of most of the other problems. You also miss your family but it depends of each person. You have to live with different people and ways of living. I think it's a good experience. Sometimes you remember your friends and then you ask yourself, "Why have I come here?" I finish now. Every time you read this you remember me, OK? -Francisco Martinez



The Right Life: Something for all of us!

below: West Bay Child Care crew at lunch





left: A "Hot Tamale shows us his spiciness. below: Cheryl Tondreau spends her time volunteering in the Reach Out program.





left: Carlos smiles for the camera. above: Bringing us tomorrow's hits today from WCVY.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB- front: John Theetge, Sara-Jean Dyl, Melissa Theetge, Ms. Brunelle (Advisor), Michelle Moone, Rebecca Robitaille, Jessica Gleason. back: Becky Bennett, David Woods, Lori Romanoff, Heather Marron, Allison Stetkiewicz.



MODEL LEGISLATURE- front: Dan Burjohann, Ed Drechsler. middle: Jen Allen, Michelle Brown, Stacey Milburn. back: Paul Magnanti, Steven DuBois, Judith Baxter (Advisor), Eric Hazen, Michelle Gibeault.



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Love At CHS Is Love Wayne Style

Joe Stud was walking down the hall when he saw this chic who rated high on the Lustability Scale. He stops this bodacious babe with a yell from his lips, "You will be mine. Oh yes! You will be mine." She says she will be his only if he will praise her in public. Joe shrieks, "No way!" And she calmly replies, "Way." So Joe being totally stupefied by her beauty gets on his knees and chants, "I'm not worthy! I'm not worthy!" "That's right!" she says and storms away. Shaa! That's not how the line goes! concludes Joe. But then an even more bodacious babe walks by who was like Abraham Lincoln. It was now clear that he was in Babe-alonia the magical Land of Babedom.

-H. Dwarf





POM-POM GIRLS- front: Barbara-Jean Conway (Capt.), Christal Murdock, Jamie Laramee, Jill St. Onge (Capt.). back: Melanie Ducharme, Jill Hogan, Jennifer Raboin.



SADD- front: Lori Cote (Treas.), Mary Ellen Moss (V.P.), Rebecca Schmitt (Pres.), Jenn Gunnip (Sec.). back: Katie Hudson (Student Council Rep.), Colleen McKenna, Jen Monroe, Mrs.Leavy (Advisor).



ITALIAN CLUB- front: Tessa George (Pres.), Katie Marinello (V.P.), Cindy Finocchi (Sec.), Julie Adams (Treas.), Erica Checko (Student Council Rep.).







A Whale of a **Job**

Call me Pete. I am a dishwasher. I have been so for about one and a half years. I find that the dirty dishes call me. I feel so free when I cleanse utensils. Actually, I'd rather be promoted, but oh well. In preparation for the glorious promotion to "cook", I have memorized all of the prices for various dishes. What the heck, I'd even make a good waitress.

Of course most student with jobs don't have as vivid a career as I do. Some students don't even work at all. The hours of scrubbing pay off, though, with my weekly pittance. This makes it possible for me to drive my car at speeds upward of 180 mph along I 95 at night. You see, the bulk of my paycheck goes toward car expenses. Naturally, there are those kids without jobs who prefer not to buy gas, they're stranded somewhere on "empty" in Wood Estates. So, at least with my job, I can afford "the finer things in life" even if I am a dishwasher.

-Ishmael







ALL SCHOOL PLAY- front: Rachael Blasbalg, Jessica Began, Tessa George, Judy Mailoux, Lisa Macvittie. back: Keith Anctil, Andy Lozier, Andy Schmitt, Chris Kelly, Brian Moffitt.



DRAMA FESTIVAL- front: Amy Thooft, Jessica Began, Tessa George, Judy Mailoux, Lisa Macvittie. back: Keith Anctil, Dan Flyntz, Andy Schmitt, Chris Kelly, Brian Moffitt.



FRENCH CLUB- front, center: Jessica Kaloustian (Pres.), Jen Lambert (VP), Brian Fecteau (Treas.).







Invitation to

Buy!

There's one holiday a year that's all to yourself (except maybe if you're a twin), your birthday! What other holiday do you get a cake, presents, and even balloons just for you?

But according to Murphy's Law, for every good thing there is something bad. Don't you hate it when people ask you "what do you want for your birthday?" For me, someone's birthday is a chance to go shopping for an original gift that the person will always remember. Earrings and tapes are just so boring! You mom and dad can get you that kind of stuff. A card with a five dollar bill in it just doesn't cut it.

Think about it. Don't you remember that hippo in a tutu your friend from ballet class gave you? Or the match box car someone gave you on your sixteenth birthday? In short, I say don't conform, get your friends something they really want!!

-Tinkerbell







SPANISH CLUB- Stefanie Krueger (Pres.), Erin Daniels (V.P.), Joanna Taylor (Sec.), Stephanie Siedel (Treas.), Michelle Gibeault (Student Council Rep.).



DEBATING TEAM- front: Stacey Milburn, Paul Magnanti. back: Miguel Cortes, Brian Moffitt.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB- Jen Pendola (Pres.), Gina Centolella (V.P.), Jill Stratton (Treas.), Tracey McManus (Student Council Rep.).







This is your

Life

Hey! Hello out there! And welcome to your life! (applause) Hello Jon Doe, I'm Stud Smiley and this is your life. Now these are voices from your present and past high school life. Yes hat's right you really can't get away from these people. Now listen to the first voice:

"Good morning and how are you! Guess what: tomorrow is June!"

Uh! Uh! Murphy Brown

NO! You are wrong. Listen carefully to his voice:

"Uh Jon, this is the best thing since sliced bread. It's even better that the Terror of Tiny Town.

Oh! This is easy it's Sally Jesse Raphael.

NO! You are wrong again. Come on, 3 strikes and your out. Now open your ears, man, and listen:

"Problem number next."

Mr. Rogers?

NO! That's it you're out! You don't even get a copy of our home game. You're a complete loser! Bye all, and until next time this is Stud Smiley, and this is your life!

H. DWARF







VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERING- front: Melissa Hadley, Heather Flynn, Katie Marinello. back: Jenn Pendola (Capt.), Sherry Champlin, Erin Grady, Amy Gallo, Laura Donelly.



JV BASKETBALL CHEERING- front: Jen Ricci, Taryn Bjorklund, Tracey Croft, Kerri Venezia, Jackie Russeu, Jessica D'Abrosca. back: Shannon Bates (Capt.), Kim Birong, Beth Vanasse, Jen Eden, Emily Warrender (Capt.), Kristen Webb.



FOOTBALL CHEERING- front: Jen Palagi, Katie Marinello, Shara Tobin, Jen Pendola, Erica Checko, Lisa Ucci. back: Kerri Gough, Melissa Marszalek, Kristian Darigan, Amy Nester, Jessica Grant, Jen Bowes.







We Owe You Credit

Contrary to what many people think, life does not end at 1:40 p.m. for most students. Besides the jocks and cheerleaders, many students go home and prepare for other activities that require just as much or even more effort. The talented students that we have at our school include dancers, actors, singers, piano players, and yes,, even ice dancers. These students often go straight from school to work or their lessons. sometimes not even returning home until after 8:00 pm. Speaking from experience, I know how hard it is to be successful at these activities, as well as academically. Much of the time these kids go through high school without so much as a "Congratulations" for their success and so, I commend all of the people that have extraordinary talents, but never get credit for them at school.

-Biff Queen





PEP CLUB: front: Lauren Ferrucci (Pres.), Kristen Giglietti (Treas.), Heather Wain, Sue Forte, Kim Rego, Leigh Ann Vicars (V.P.), Tiffany St.Germain (Sec.), Mary Herron.



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ROTC STAFF: front: Chris Brown, John Croft, Tara Maynard, Tara Emmett. back: Jean-Paul Blais, Ed Drechsler, David Ploviose, Paul Kostka, Dawn Costa, Wendy Morrissette.











MARCHING BAND



WCVY- front: Evan Pimental (music director), Jeff Wade (program director), Ernie Fascio (production director), Todd Berk (news director). 2nd row: John Avery, Dan Fisher, Catherine Mageau, Giselle Laliberte, David Taylor, Rebecca Schmitt, Chris Ruggeri, Tessa George. back: Dave Thatcher, Elizabeth St.Pierre, Gregory Lafond, Sue Ferrance.



ACADEMIC DECATHALON- front: Jay Belanger, Eric Hazen, David A. Boulanger. back: Raymon Coppa (Advisor), Steven DuBois, Shannon Neylon, Chris Melkonian, Rob Cicercia, Jay Hammett, Jeff Wade, David McCarthy (Advisor).

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Aha, we made it! There were many times when I felt that the 1992 *Knotty Oak* would never end. The staff embarked on a very ambitious project to produce for you a very special yearbook. The graphics and designs selected were almost impossible to do without a MacIntosh computer. They were forced to do it the hard way with pica rulers and 3-R Forms. I wish Michelle Brown and David Boulanger a bright and rewarding future and thank them for their devotion to duty.

R. Piascik



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We Made It, Aha!



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Christopher Trainor Student Photographer

Memories Last Forever

Jason: Congratulations. Good luck in the years to come. Remember the future is your's to see. Mom and Dad.

Chelle: I admire your drive, honesty, wit, intelligence, and I know you will succeed in whatever career you choose. I am very proud to be your Mom.

Little River's Sister: You've always stood alone. "You are the wind beneath our wings. All our love now and forever. Mom, Dad, Joy, Brooke, & Morgan.

Anne Catherine: Congratulations and best of luck to a daughter we are very proud of. We wish you a successful and happy future. Love, Mom and Dad.

Michelle McDonough: Congratulations, We always knew you could do it. Now it's all behind you. It is Cosmetology school? Love, Mom, Dad, Sammy too!

Paul: Congratulations! We are very proud of you. We wish you the best of everything in the future. Love, Mom & Dad.

Dave: We are very proud of you, not only for what you have accomplished, but also for the special man you have become. Good luck in college! Love, Mom, Dad, & Melissa. **Chris:** We are proud of you. As you look back on your four years, they really were not that hard. May the winds of opportunity be always pushing you to succeed. Congratulations. Love, Mom, Dad, & Greg.

Jessica: You are so special. We are so proud of you. We love you zillions and more. Love, Mom, Tom, Melissa, Benjamin, Spunky, and Meggie.

Steve B.: You made it! Congratulations, we knew you could do it. Best wishes for the future. Love, Mom, Dad, & Anne.

Matt: You have worked hard and we are proud of you. May all that you wish for become a reality. We will always be there for you! Love, Mom and Dad.

Congratulations **Celeste** the (Best), we are very proud of you. Remember, set your goals, always do your best, and don't underestimate your capabilities. Love, Mom and Dad.

Michael: Congratulations! We are very proud of you. We will always be there for you. Love, Mom, Dad, Jeff, and Gary.

Scott: We are proud of you and we love you. Congratulations! We knew you could do it! Love, Mom, Dad, and Dawn. Anne: Best of luck in everything you do. Follow your dreams and you will reach the top. Your siblings and your In-Laws are behind you.

Matt: After all the hassle, you have earned your TASSEL! Congratulations - we love you, Dad, Mom and Tim.

Ronnie: Congratulations! You have made us so proud. We wish as much happiness for you, as you have given to us. Always remember "Personal Best." Love, Dad, Mom, and Lisa.

Rayne: Congratulations on a job well done. We wish you a great future filled with good health and success. Love, Mom, Dad, and Beans. XOXO.

Andy L.: Congratulations! We love you and are very proud of you. May your future be blessed with health, happiness, and success. Love, Mom and Dad.

Kel: Congratulations on four great high school years, and good luck in your college career. Give it your best shot. We love you, Mom, Dad, and Matt.

Jennifer: We are so proud of the fine young lady you have become. You have worked long and hard to achieve your goals. Remember, our love and support will be with you always. Love, Mom and Dad. **Big Red, Bunker Dude:** You made it! Always be that smiling, bubbling daughter. We wish you success throughout the years ahead. Love, Mom and Dad.

Dear Mark David: We are very proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.

D.D.T., Tetromicin, Chemical, "daughter #5": Congratulations! Good luck as you pursue your journalism career. Love, Mom and Dad

Stacey Anderson: Congratulations! We are so proud of you! We love you so much and will support you in all of your dreams. Love, Mom, Dad, and Melissa.

John: We will miss you when you leave. Just remember, "No more than twelve feel off the ground." We are so proud. Love, Dad, Mom, and Steven.

Dear Michael: We wish you the very best in your future years, and in your endeavors. Love, Mom, Dad, and Brothers.

Barbara-Jean: Great job! We are all proud of you. Go for what you want and always keep your smile. Love, Ma, Dad, Colleen, Frank.

Angelo: To my son who I am very proud of, congratulations! We knew you could do it. Dad would have been proud of you too. We love you. **Jennifer T.:** Congratulations! We are really proud of you. Thank you for being you and always stay as sweet as you are. Love, Mom and Dad.

Wendy: Congratulations! We are so proud of you. May you find happiness and success in anything that you do. We love you! Love, Mom and Dad.

Kyla: We are so proud! Thank you for filling our lives with joy and music. Olly olly ooo. God bless! Dad and Mom.

Julie: Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad.

Craig: Dream big, aim high, do your best and all our prayers for you will come true. Love, Mom, Dad, and David.

Sheila: Congratulations! We are very proud of you! We hope your future is everything you are hoping for. Have high goals and always strive to meet them. We love you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Danny.

Scott Andrews: You made it! Congratulations to our son Goldy. You went from kindergarten class clown to high school graduate. We love you, Mom and Dad.

To Diane H.: I am so proud of you. You over came so much to get here. You are a mother's dream come true. I love you, Mom. **Shannon:** You've come a long way from Fox Point Headstart!!! Never stop being the special person you are. Remember, we will always be here for you. Love, Mom and Dad.

Ron: If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with the success unexpected in common hours. Love, Mom, Dad, Nana, and Pa.

Jodie: Congratulations! I am so proud of you. You are very special to me. Now go get them in college. You can do anything. Love Dad.

Kelly Ann: May all your dreams come true. For all the fond memories and proud moments - we thank you. We wish you all the best and know you will succeed in reaching your goals. When you leave for college, take with you all our support, respect, and especially all our love. Your future awaits. Mom, Dad, Kristen & Karen.

Chris: Where did the years go? All grown-up and ready to take charge of your life. May all your dreams come true. Love, Mom, Dad, & Brothers.

Jim: We are so proud of you. Your future is so promising. Aim for it and go for it. Love, Dad, Mom, and Steven.

John J. Wetzell III

Thank you John for being a special son. We are proud of the person you are. You will always be successful in life with your special kindness and love of "money." We wish you all life has to offer.

We love you along with everyone else.

Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Son

I am extremely proud to be the father of such a fine young man as you. May your life be filled with health, happiness, and goodness and remember:

I love you son

Your Dad

Chris

May life always give to you the same measure of happiness you have given to us.

We are so very proud of you.

All our love

Mom, Dad, and Jim

MOM's ISOMER



Your chatter is constant, your giddiness perpetual. Your energy never seems to end. Don't ever change because this is what makes you so special and WE LOVE YOU FOR IT BECAUSE IT'S YOU. SO ... Reach high and be the best you can be - because you deserve the best!!!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Rich

Congratulations Dave Boulanger

You've made it! We're all so very, very proud of you and your accomplishments!

Love, Mom, Dad, Denise

P. S. Frenchie too!!

Mary

Best of Wishes and Luck in the Future. *Love Always* Mom, Dad, Lisa and Shawn

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"Let Life as it reaches out to you, give you all the new experiences made easier by the old experiences of the past. Let yourself find peace with the beginning of every new adventure. Again and again, and again grow.

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Love Mom, Dad

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You are truly an extraordinary person and a very special daughter. We are proud of you. We Wish you every success as you leave us to pursue your dreams. We'll really miss you, but you'll always be in our hearts. Congratulations and Godspeed! Love, Mom, Dad, and Kyle.

To my Son Roger Johnson

My son, Roger Johnson we have been through some tough times. We have made it Through it all.

I'm proud of you

Love Mom

GAZERRO



Congratulations Kerra Lynn! Your future is one of so much promise. Your hard work and dedication in everything you do guarantees that you can have anything you want out of life. You're a gifted, intelligent, beautiful young woman whom we are very proud of.

Love, Mom, Dad, and John.





Can't believe how fast the years have passed! You have so much to be proud of! Your determination and sincerity will surely carry you through whatever life has in store for you! Thank you, for being you!! You've made my job as Mom - an easy one. I will treasure your love and friendship always.

Hugs forever, Mom



WOW, YOU DID IT!

I am so proud of the wonderful person you have become - so proud of all the things you have done - You will always be to me - My Loveable Son!

Congratulations

Love, Mom

Honesty brings pride Pride Brings Happiness Happiness brings Love And Love is God's gift of Life.

You are all of the above Love, Mom

Ted Dion

Son:

I gave you but two gifts. The gift of Life and My Name You've made me very proud Son.

Eternal Love

Dad = 1939 - 1977.

Dear Son:

We are very proud of you. We hope that your future is filled with joy. Don't sell yourself short. Be the best that you can be.

Love, Mom & Dad.

Dear Daughter:

Be whatever you want to be. Keep your values high. Don't let the world get You down. Be happy.

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Colophon

AHA! Well, we finally reached the end of our book. Let us not forget the immortal words of Walt Disney, "that it all started with a mouse." Indeed, we began the year with the changing of the guard from last year's editorial staff to our very own Editor in Chief, Michelle Brown. Ready to assist Michelle was Jen Allen, who had served time under the "watchful eyes" of the former sports editor, Kevin Feeley. Dave Boulanger was also on hand as Managing Editor to keep everything on track. Kristen Brown returned to pull together the faculty section and to ensure the safe passage of all pages to Kansas. Allison Baxter, with the help of many other people, completed the intimidating Underclass section. Another former staffer who joined us for another year was Laura Donelly, who mounted a high yielding ad campaign. Others involved in the creation of our book were Steven DuBois, double axle man extraordinaire, Rachel Blasbalg, typist and convulsive shiverer, Jamie Lavoie, whose claim to fame is having been a squid in a former life, and Danielle Martin, the artistic glue that held the staff together. Chris Trainor proved to be a valuable member of the staff with his darkroom capabilities. Since every team has good cheerleaders, Team Yearbook had the talent of Judy Mailloux, Eric Hazen, Matt Weinand, Francisco Martinez, and occasional visits by Baloo. A new addition to our staff was freshman Carolyn DiCarlo, who gained great experience in writing stories.

The year began in May of 1991 with discussion of the theme and cover designs. These plans were made reality at the Jostens Yearbook University, held at Bryant College. Five minutes after arrival, we secured the theme and set off to meet with the cover artist. Amidst ice cream cones and warnings against those eggs, the staff created the design for this year's book. The conference was a success and the team set off for home.

Upon returning to school in September, the staff was honored with a new office, courtesy of Mr. DiPrete. We soon claimed the room as our own, decorating the walls with dragons, Peter Pan, the Far Side, and moose signs. Later, eerie floating heads appeared out of nowhere. As silhouettes of our favorites watched our actions, the book took form. Rachel and Jamie, armed with Killer Croppers, battled for possession of sharp pencils. Winter soon fell, and with it came the SNOWMAN. Despite his short life, he provided the staff with tension reduction and much amusement. The ritualistic dismemberment that followed was an unfortunate and messy occurrence. After sweeping up the crumbs, the sole member of the staff with access to a motor vehicle drove to McDonald's with a record-setting list too big to fit on one receipt.

The biggest historical event to unfold during the year was the Great Ticky-Tack War of Uncharted Territory. In an effort to liven spirits, Steven and Company attacked each other with gobbets of solid glueputty. The impending casualties were thwarted by the seizure of the disgusting projectiles by the Grapeshot Police. Reparations were made and some work was accomplished on the Will and Directory. A few people overcame computer phobias and helped to type.

Throughout the year, it was necessary to take a few little time-outs. Included in recreational activities was strolling along around the perimeter of the school grounds and walking in the woods yelling at squirrels and sand dunes. As well as being relaxing, these walks proved to be informational. Some staff members learned how to tell the age of a wrecked car by the paint smudges and rust deposits. Aside from the walks, many staff members chose to relax by dancing to the varied music playing on any one of the four radios in the office.

In past years, the yearbook theme song was "Hang on Sloopy," a

marching band favorite. However, this year's crew decided on a more appropriate anthem, "Eve of Destruction." Plagued by many setbacks and crushed expectations, the staff feared the worst, but overcame all the obstacles in the production of the book. Accompanying this morbid tune were several manifestations of its evil intents. For instance, near the end of the year, many objects met an untimely death at the hands of frazzled staff members. We recently mourned the loss of the beloved Green Pica Ruler. Mankind rejoices that one so great has lived. Long live the Pica! The other evidence of dark powers exerting their control over the mortals was the creation of the Wheel of Doom.

Constructed from a few paper clips and shrapnel from the Great Ticky-Tack War, this weapon was capable of impaling people from a great distance. For long range attacks, the Tray of Doom could transport the Wheel of Doom directly to its victim. Beware!

Turning our attention to a few of the idiosyncrasies of certain staff members, the yearbook obviously has become home to a few of the less than ordinary high school students. A tribute to the skill of the U.S. Figure Skating Team was done by Steve and Dave on the final deadline day. The amazing feat of side-by-side double axles was completed much to the ecstasy of the riveted fans. Additionally, some felt the need to begin all staff meetings with the invocation of a Muse. Using a radio and a sacred chapeau, the typing crew called forth the spirit of their fearless leader before any work could be done. Others, of course, felt it was necessary to throw left shoes to avoid the pitfalls of everyday living. The ink company sure made money with us this year, as many resorted to stamping fellow staff members as "PAID." Furthermore, after a long day at yearbook, a few staffers would crawl into their own little hovel, curling up for a short afternoon catnap. Finally, many hours were spent in decoding secret messages and hidden comments among staff members (the egg is in the basket).

Special recognition must be given to the unsung heroes of the staff, including teachers and out-of-house assistants. The latter group includes Pete Fontaine, Amby Smith, and various other members of the *Kent County Daily Times*. These folks were kind enough to donate their services in printing various sports team pictures as well as assorted candids. As for the teachers, we give much thanks for tolerating our occasional absence from class as well as our daily tardiness. We acknowledge their patience and thank them from the bottom of the book.

The most integral part of our organization was the dedication, patience, saintliness, and love shown by our advisor and his family. Mr. Piascik spent much time instructing us and putting up with our various crises. In a similar note, we must give credit to Mrs. Piascik, who supervised all our mailing and accounting endeavors. Despite being very busy with a family of their own, these two very special people took time out of their own lives to form the backbone of the *Knotty Oak* staff. Their efforts shall not go unrewarded. Without them, the yearbook you now hold would contain 200 pages of blank paper and crayons. To Mr. and Mrs. Piascik we give our thanks and love for being not only advisors, but also friends and trusted confidants.

The staff of the 1992 *Knotty Oak* believes that this yearbook is one of the finest ever produced at *CHS*. Its superior layout, design, theme, and overall appearance suggest the presence of a dedicated staff and caring people. Indeed, this year's book should do well in the Columbia Press Association Nationwide Competition, which judges yearbooks from all across the U.S.

By the way, can whales live in jello?
Addenda

Best of Luck To The Class of 1992 From The Class of 1994

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