Other responses ranged from 3 to 23. One person said: "depends." Depends on what? Also noteworthy were "three comfortably," and "as many as it will hold." One indecisive freshmen said "twelve or six." We guess that means twelve little people or six big people. The yearbook staff would like to suggest a field trip to settle this controversial matter.
Many freshmen wanted another study period. That had us wondering how bored freshmen like to be. Others would like to have a period where they could sit around and talk with friends. The ever popular “Naptime” sounds like a throwback to elementary school, but don’t freshmen know that’s what math is for?

Jason Sylvia said “Time to sleep.”

Kristine Hardy
Joann Hart
Nicole Hattoy
Kimberlee Hayden
Jonathan Heath
Alison Hebert

Jason Henderson
Sadie Hilton
Derek Hodges
Laurie Hoffman
Justin Hood
Jessica Houle

Jessica Huey
Victoria Hughes
Michael Larossi
Danielle Lasimone
Robert Jeff
Tammy Jencks

Kristine Hardy
Tammy Jencks
Christopher Johnson
Crystal Johnson
Tony Jones, Jr.
Nicole Joulbert
Benjamin Jutras
Ashley Karowski

Kristine Keenan
Allison Kelley
Lauren Kelly
Jeffrey Kendra
Austin Kennedy
Jannine Kenyon

Craig Kibbey
Kristin Kirchmeyer
Donald Kirton
Lucas Klein
Kristin Knight
Jared Koch

Philip Krueger
Joseph Kuras
Jennifer Kusiak
Mark Labossiere
Heather LaChance
Kerri-Anne LaChance

Matthew LaChapelle
Allison LaCroix
Chris Lafrenaye
John Lagerstrom
William L'Heureux
Angela LaMountain

Carrie-Joy Lamoureux
John Lancellotta
Christopher Landi
James Langford
Jay Langlois
Michelle Lavigne

Heather Lavoie
Lauren Lavoie
Stephanie Lavoie
Dennis Lawrence, Jr.
Tracy Lebeau
James Leclair
What one thing has surprised you the most?

An anonymous person said: “Fiesta Bowl.”

The freshman class must be pretty stoic because there were very few answers to this question. Freshmen have been surprised by the O.J. Simpson Trial, surprise birthday parties, size of CHS, rush-hour passing time, how early school begins, and the size of the seniors. One freshman claims that he’s never been surprised (probably until he read this.)

Lona-Lee Morel
Candice Morris
Kimberly Morton
Anthony Mosca
Jennifer Mularz
John Mulligan

Sean Mulligan
Bryan Munroe
Eric Murphy
John Nascimento
Marisa Nasiatka
Jaclyn Nelson

Jamie Nelson
Shawn Nolin
Joshua O'Donnell
James O’Neil
Justin Aliveira
Erin Olson
What animal would you want to be?

Vincent Scuncio said: “I don’t know.”

Freshmen answers ranged from the typical rabbit (which is as cute and cuddly as any little freshman) to the monkey and the dominating shark. Aggressiveness did seem to be a theme. Other answers included eagle, dog, lion, and tiger. One freshman wanted to be a koala bear. Maybe he should get together with the lion and the tiger.
Stephen Schayer
Erin Scott
Gregory Scott
Shay Scott
Vincent Scuncio
Tonya Scungio

Lindsay Selby
Sherry Lynn Serpa
Dawn Shaw
Richard Shea
Stacey Sheldon
Karissa Sherlock

Kyle Shibley
Kimberly Shock
Christopher Simpkins
Christopher Simpson
Erin Sisson
Matthew Skaling

Michael Skaling
Daniel Smith
Ian Smith
Krystal Smith
John Soares
Frank Soares III

Kimberly Soares
Andrew Sorenson
Joseph Sousa
Tracey Southland
Amy Spicer
Amelia Springer

Thomas St. Germain
Stephen St. Martin
Janet Straus
Shawn Sullivan
Jonah Sutton
Joshua Sutton

Justin Sutton
Joshua Swanson
Jason Sylvia
Jonathan Szerlag
Michael Tagliaferri
Robert Taylor

Stephen Schayer
Robert Taylor
Mark Bushee thinks about castles in Spain during his Spanish class.

Dan Duquette's expression doesn't fool us! We know he wants to laugh.

Stephen Peckham incorrectly demonstrates the concept of osmosis. He must put his head on the book to absorb what is in it.

Paul Buttery is stumped by the exam and takes a few moments to collect his thoughts.
Meghan Evangelista shows off her award winning smile.

Nikky Ware cringes through a smile at the thought of a whole lunch period without Mr. Morin's jokes.

Jen Kusiak takes a minute from studying her notes to ponder the concepts of evolution.

Becky Major and Bernadette Lynch look suspiciously quiet.
Doug Finegan gives his imitation of Roland in Miss Coyle’s room.

Alin Bennett and Jess Foster team up to decipher the themes of a difficult story.

Nicole Joubert casts a sideways glance to check the reaction of her teacher to her inspiring answer.

Stephen Schayer bites his lip in anticipation of answering the next question posed by the teacher.
Mike Iarossi smiles at his incredibly witty essay.

Morgan Richards fidgets with his notebook waiting for class to end.

Paula Arruda clenches her fist as the teacher gives a homework assignment.

Matthew Verrier's confidence is boosted by the fact that he wasn't called on today.
Faculty

The Most Important
Dear Oaker Class of "96":

On behalf of the entire faculty and myself, congratulations on the occasion of your graduation.

Years from now you may reread this yearbook and, hopefully, you will remember your four years as truly the happiest years of your life. Many of you were able to take full advantage of the strong academic program and the myriad of extra-curricular activities Coventry High School afforded you and, with it, great memories. You will soon discover that your formal education did not stop at Coventry High School. As technology and society are changing daily, your further education is necessary as education is power. Personally, I want to thank you for being a great class and for the friendship extended to me. What a pleasure and honor it has been for me as your principal.

God bless all of you!
Richard R. Magarian
Principal

School Committee: Joseph Butler, Sr., Lawrence Donahue, James Mc Ardle, William Potter, and John Tworog
Ms. Coyle is the sweetest lady ever born. Her love of foreign language and of foreign countries, especially France, is quite evident. With her sidekick Roland, the extra special and silent human size knight, Ms. Coyle teaches French and Spanish with fun activities that reinforce the boring book work. Sometimes she brings in the numerous photos and collectibles stored in her house. On extra special days, Ms. Coyle takes out her hidden stash of candy for her students. "Champs-Elysees" is a favorite song of Ms. Coyle that students frequently sing along to either in the classroom or the language lab. This friendly teacher does dare devil acts as well, but only outside the classroom. Watch out for her wind gliding.

By: Bebe Denise
Mrs. Burns assists a student with registration for the PSAT's.

Mr. Gibb is busy planning his schedule for the week.
Photography equals **Mr. Marcure**

As head of the Industrial Technologies Department, Mr. Marcure is a dedicated teacher of photography and robotics. One might think room 136 is not only his classroom, but his living quarters. The amount of time Mr. Marcure gives to the school, and especially to students is overwhelming. He is in the process of building the courtyard between the main building and the new wing to improve the school’s surroundings. As advisor of the photo club, Mr. Marcure has many activities and projects for members to become experienced photographers. He invites students to work in the darkrooms several times a year on Saturday mornings. Mr. Marcure is extremely knowledgeable about the material he teaches and does a superb job in creating a better CHS every day.

By: Denise Boulanger
Nick Tetreault receives advice from his guidance counselor, Mrs. Morgan.

Mr. LeBlanc explains a theorem to the class.
Even though she has only been a teacher at CHS for two years, Mrs. Carroll has made a tremendous impact on the school. She teaches Special Education classes with an enthusiastic attitude. Never without a smile, this optimistic woman is one of the friendliest faculty members here at CHS. Besides teaching, Mrs. Carroll coaches Girls Volleyball in the spring, a team she was a member of during her high school career. Mrs. Carroll is a young and extremely devoted member of our staff. She is concerned about the high school experiences the student body receives and does her best to make those experiences positive ones. She has chaperoned a number of school activities, including major dances. Mrs. Carroll is a definite role model for students. If someone were to grade her starting performance here at CHS, she would be given an A.

By: Denise Boulanger
Mr. McCarthy takes on the roles of the Shakespearean characters, to bring them to life to his students.

Mrs. Rotenberg and Mrs. Sprengelmeyer plan the next series of projects for their classes.
Mr. Grady is without a doubt one of Coventry High’s busiest teachers. Whether it is off to another English class to reveal the “Top Ten Reasons Macbeth Shouldn’t Kill Duncan,” or perhaps on his way to Journalism to assist in developing the CHS newspaper, The Entry, you can be sure Mr. Grady will be hard at work with his trusty “Anvil Case” by his side. In addition to teaching English and Journalism, he is also the backbone of the state’s only student-run radio station, WCVY, as well as a master of illusions and one of the funniest people you’ll ever meet. All these qualities and more contribute to making Mr. Grady truly a class act.

By: Dr. Galeokowitz
West Bay Faculty

Alfred Berard
Director

Ted Butzbach
Culinary Arts Instructor

Robert Colardo
Resource

Dave Comolli
Carpentry Instructor

Thomas Cook
Automotive Instructor

Stephen DelPozzo
Environmental Instructor

Ed DePres
ALP

Carolyn Fusco
Clerk

Cynthia Johnson
Nursing/Technical Assistant

James Kiley
Machine Tech. Instructor

Janie Klein
Printing/Technical Assistant
Sports

The Competitive
Oaker Eleven
Reach Playoffs

The 1995 Football season was one that will not be quickly forgotten. The Oakers posted a 4-6 record, their best record since moving up to the tough Division I competition. Usually the underdog, tremendous individual and team efforts propelled the Oakers to four stunning upsets. In a grueling defensive match, they shutout Portsmouth 6-0 and stunned Cumberland 28-18. Combining a powerful offense with a stingy, determined defense, the gridiron eleven defeated Woonsocket and eliminated them from Super Bowl competition. The Home Coming Day crowd was treated to a three touchdown show by Chris Voelker as the Oakers stunned the Rams of LaSalle by the score of 24-14. Unfortunately, the Oakers suffered a dramatic 7-13 loss to the arch-rival Wizards of West Warwick on Thanksgiving Day. The team had many players who received All-Division honors and one All-State selection, Chris Voelker.

FOOTBALL - 1st. row: Dan Sullivan, Pat Lemieux, Chris Fiorillo, Tom Walker, Mike Thibedeau, Steve Peckham, Erik Marcott, Scott Hickey, Dan Simpson, Mike Coy, Jim George, Bob Cachoon, Jared Koch, and Stephanie Sullivan. 2nd. row: Chris Clynes, Tony Mosca, Justice Vannostrand, Sean Mulligan, Greg Pennington, Pat Potter, Chris Watson, Pat Mulare, Austin Kennedy, Dominick Bowes, Josh Panis, Paul Tavares, and Josh Sutton. 3rd. row: Coach Jerry Godin, Head Coach David O'Donnell, Mike Saccoccio, Rick DeLauro, Chris Voelker, Rick Chouquette, Mario Santilli, Mike Otten, Greg Swanson, Tom Mulligan, Bob Corp, Nathan Bagshaw, Ed Morgan, Julio Gomes, Coach Gary Beaudoin, Coach Robert Peltier, Coach Steve Lukowicz.
Nathan Bagshaw reads the defense as he calls signals.

Rick DeLauro keeps his eyes on the quarterback waiting for the snap of the ball.

Nathan Bagshaw quickly checks the defense before calling the next play.

Coach O'Donnell gives instructions for the next play to Julio Gomes.

Tom Walker, Justice Van Nostrand and Bob Corp combine their efforts to stop the opposition at the line of scrimmage.
The Girl's soccer team came to realize the challenge of playing in Division I. Coach's Roch's second season at the helm was a difficult one. The Lady Oakers, however, responded with spirited play throughout the season. Seniors Ellen Roch, Becky Pelletier and goal-tender Holly Bodwell sparkled on the field and set an example for the team's many underclassmen. One of the memorable moments of the season was the match with powerhouse Barrington. The Lady Oakers, led by Sonja Beauchaine and Amy DeGraide tied the mighty Lady Eagles 2 - 2. The Lady Oakers offense was led by Ellen Roch, Heather Shibley, Sonja Beauchaine and Tina Mickett. Their solid defense centered around Michaela Thompson, Sara Roch, Jen Haigh and Alicia Longley.
Tina Mickett takes a few deep breaths to prepare for the match as Ellen Roch looks on.

The team huddles quickly during a break in the action to plan strategy.

Using your head, works in soccer, as well as in life.

Ellen Roch and Sonja Beauchaine race down the field ahead of the competition.

Co-captains Ellen Roch and Sonja Beauchaine, relax before the beginning of the match.

Tina Mickett takes a few deeps breathe to prepare for the match as Ellen Roch looks on.
Oaker Booters

Almost Make Playoffs

The Volleyball Team struggled this season, due to the loss of last year’s seniors. It was a year to rebuild and rebuild they did through the efforts of seniors Brian Znoj, Dan Linderman, Mike Arrigan and constantly improving underclassmen. Coach Raulino’s squad made a late run for a playoff berth, that unfortunately fell short. One of the highlights of the season came after two stunning defeats. Oaker pride was at stake and the team rose to the challenge with a convincing 5 - 4 Oaker victory over the rival Hurricanes. Danny Linderman opened the scoring on a nice cross from Owen Boisvert and a minute later Mike Arrigan scored on a breakaway. Arrigan scored his fourth strike on a beautiful cross pass from Shaun Hennessey. Oaker pride and tradition made the season a success and the future looks bright.

BOY'S SOCCER - 1st. row: Eric Swanson, Derek, Josh Lovitz, Brian Lillie, Lee Walsh, Gary Pucket, Mike Arrigan, Chris White, Justin Marron and David Trabucco. 2nd. row: Mike Fuller, Larry Begal, Owen Boisvert, Shaun Hennessey, Israel Cortez, Dan Lindeman, Phil Very, Josh Kennedy, Brian Znoj, Matt Vanasse, and Coach Rolfino
Brian Znoj keeps his eye on the ball as he negotiates his way toward the goal.

What a save by our goalie to prevent an opponent's scoring drive.

Dan Linderman works his way around his opponent.

Matt Vanasse positions the ball preparing to send it to one of his teammates.

Phil Very anxiously awaits his chance to take the field.
Oaker Spikers

Make it 3 in a Row

During the regular season, the amazing Oaker Spikers continued to dominate the world of inter-scholastic volleyball rolling to a 13-2 record and finished second in Division I. The team was led by three-year veteran All-Stater and captain, Chris Knight, who is among the State’s best spikers. Scott DeWare led the way on defense and the passing area and was bolstered by the steady play of Randy Arel and Tom Clarke, along with setting sensation Mike Marinello. The Oaker Spikers dominated the post-season Championship Play-offs by relying on their strengths - blocking and passing. After struggling to beat Chariho in the quarter finals, the Oakers overhauled East Providence in the semi-finals and moved to the State Finals for the third consecutive year. The Three-Peat was sweet as the Oakers dispatched arch-rival North Kingston 3-0 for their third consecutive State Championship.

Coach Bob Sherburne and the bench begin to relax. The Oakers Spikers are on their way to their third consecutive Division I State Champion.
Chris Knight leaps high into the air to return a volley and set the stage for another Oaker victory.

Mike Marinello and Dave Perras work together to keep the volley going and wear down the opponents.

Tommy Clarke, Mike Marinello and Chris Knight take a few moments to rest and plan the strategy for the remainder of the match.

Randy Arel slams the ball back over the net.

Mike Marinello returns another volley with style and grace.
The Lady Oakers

Take to the Court

The Lady Oakers had quite an act to follow after their Cinderella season of a year ago. Despite the loss of last year’s seniors, the team put forth quite a noble effort throughout the season. Seniors Emily Nester and Erin Jeranian and junior Lisa Barry were among the top players in singles play. Kristen Nester, Heather McArdle and Jen Bowen were instrumental in the doubles attack. Coach MaComber’s inspiration and instruction kept the team rolling throughout the season. With many talented underclassmen returning, the future of looks bright.

Kristen Nester begins her serve.
Erin Jeranian relaxes for a moment.

Coach Macomber lobs a few balls during the warmup before the match.

Heather McArdle returns the volley from her opponent.

Heather McArdle
returns the volley from her opponent.

Kristen and Emily Nester pose for the camera before the match begins.

Karen Castenson does a little skip for joy after winning the set.
Lady Harriers -

Successful Season

Picture a damp, drizzly Saturday morning in October. Most people are sound asleep, warm in their beds, but over thirty Oakers girls are sitting on the track at Coventry High School doing stretching exercises. Who are these crazy people you ask and what are they doing? They are the Girl's Cross-Country Team and they are preparing for another match. Cross Country is one of the toughest and most demanding of sports. The girls run five miles a day for over two months. With the help and encouragement of Coach Soscia and Miss Fry, the season was very successful. Even though it was a lot of work, the girls were proud of their accomplishments and had had fun at the same time.

GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY - 1st. row: Alicia Maltezos, Heather Crone, Kimberly Morton, Sara Olson, Kelly Remick, Meghan Evangelista, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Lauren Lavoie, Erin Cannon, Christine Morein, and Kimberly Fitzpatrick. 2nd. row: Marie Coletta, Jennifer DiCarlo, Kristen Bennet, Lauren Kelley, Beth Lynch, Gretchen Olson, Michelle Kiernan, Kelly Fagan, Erin Meenaugh, Sarah Rutter, Janie LaRoche, Mellisa Morton, Kelly Soscia, April Hazard, Adrienne LaBranche and Julie Calderone.
Endurance is required if you want to compete. Keep that burst of speed for the finish line.

Harriers turn on the speed as they approach the finish line.

Setting your pace and staying ahead of the pack is the secret to success.

Team effort brings success. Each member of the team is aware that how they finish, effect the final score in the meet.
Boy's Harriers -

Have Strong Start

The Oaker Cross Country team had a strong start this year, but due to injuries the team's hopes for the season were shattered. The remaining team members still managed three wins against all odds with team MVP captain Brian Neary and his brother, Kevin, displaying true sibling rivalry in the races. Harriers Pete Davidson and Jeff Stevens were team pace setters and always the dependable place finishers. Freshman Ian Smith became a surprise successful addition to the varsity ranks. His stellar performances can only improve as he grows in strength and speed. The next three years will be building years as the team tries to recoup from injuries and senior losses.
Practice makes perfect as the team does a workout after school.

Coach LaButti and team captain Brian Neary watch the rest of the team warm up for the match.

Sophomore Dan Kibbey kicks into high gear and picks up the pace during practice.

It's time out for the Neary's. Brian and Kevin watch the rest of the team do warm-up runs.

Junior Jeff Stevens turns on the speed as he nears the finish of the race.
Oaker Cages
Hang Tough

What began as a super start turned into a long season for the Oakers, under the direction of new head coach Joe Szymkowicz, who succeeded his father this year. After winning their first two pre-league outings, the Oaker Cagers went into a slump and managed to only two wins in tough Class A competition. The Oakers, however, showed their spirit and played for pride, refusing to quit and staged several second half comebacks that fell short. One of the best comebacks was against the high-powered Rogers Vikings from Newport. The Oakers "played their hearts out" and just missed pulling off a big upset. The final home game of the season, however, was sweet. Tradition was at stake. This was the night of pomp and circumstance when the moms of senior Oakers were honored and presented flowers. The Oakers played like a team inspired and won a stunning over-time upset of the Townies. For the Oakers, it was like winning the regular season crown.

BOY'S BASKETBALL - 1st. row: Tom Mulligan, Nathan Bagshaw, Tim Bilski, and Greg Fecteau. 2nd. row: Coach Szymkowicz, Jonathan Sanderson, Sean Hagerty, Mike Howard, Tom Clarke, Keith Peterson, and manager, Sean Sullivan.
Junior Sean Hagerty leaps high into the air to grab the rebound.

Jon Anderson drops in two points with a jump shot.

Senior Nathan Bagshaw checks the defense before driving in for a basket.

Greg Fecteau dribbles away from his opponents.

Nathan Bagshaw checks the defense before passing off to Sean Hagerty.

Mike Howard battles to clear the boards.
The Lady Oakers, in what was expected to be a rebuilding year, overcame early setbacks, illness and injuries and surged at mid-season to make the Class A South playoffs, with a 14-11 overall record. This was a team that would not quit. Emily Nester sank West Warwick on a three pointer with 3 seconds on the clock. Junior Heather Shibley, led the team to victory over the ‘Canes when Beth Paronto and Emily Nester were sidelined with illnesses. The Lady Oakers’ season ended in the playoffs, when a come-from-behind effort fell short. Major contributors throughout the season were Jackie Horlbogen, Kelli Knight, Kayla Ferri and Heather Shibley, who averaged a double-double. The Lady Oaker future looks bright. This is a young team. Emily Nester, the only senior, will be tough to replace, but coach Morin’s Lady Oakers will be a force to be reckoned with in ’97.
Karen Castenson stops, sets and shoots.

Kelli Knight dribbles around the opposition.

Jackie Horlbogen takes the passes and drives in for a basket.

Jackie checks out the defense before putting the ball into play.

Heather Shibley looks for someone to pass the ball to and keep the offense going.

Coach Morin takes a time-out to make changes in the game plan with the team.

Kayla Ferri and Kelli Knight move to position themselves for the in-bound pass.
Oaker Skaters in Met B State Finals

A year ago, Coach Egan was quoted as saying “the Oakers would be a strong contender in '96.” How right he was. The Oaker Sextet lived up to coach Egan’s expectations and compiled an 11-3-0 record and finished the regular season with five straight victories earning them a second place finish in the Met B Division and a trip to the playoffs. There were many keys to Oaker success this season. One was the superb goal tending of Austin Damato, who racked up two shutouts and has been a mainstay of coach Egan’s defense. Other keys were the tremendous play of seniors Chris White, Dan Lindeman and Joe Hachadorian. The Oaker Sextet blazed new trails of glory as they skated their way to the State Finals with a 5-3 victory over Providence Country Day.

HOCKEY - 1st. row: Austin DaMota, Adam Hendricks, Chris White, Joe Hachadorian, Sean Harris, Dan Lindeman, and Phil McCafferty. 2nd. Row: Coach Ed Paine, Donald Poirier, Neil Lesnaik, Matt Picotte, Howie Hopkins, Jay Derrick, Chris Moore, Bryan Cadieux, Brian Gofe, Jeff Goodwin, Todd Petchke, John Brown, Coach Ken Bird and Head Coach George Egan.
Our opponent goes for the stick instead of the puck.

Oaker skaters check out the action as they prepare to enter the game.

Courtesy is an Oaker tradition as our player helps an opponent to his feet.

Matt Picotte keeps his eye on the puck as he skates toward the net.

Oaker skater races across the ice to move into position to handle the puck.
Wrestlers Named
Team of the Decade

The Red and White Express, despite three losses in regular season play and being seeded third in the tournament, defied the experts and won an unprecedented 15th straight state championship, setting a new national record. No school - public or private has ever won 15 straight state championships. Leading the Oakers to another championship season were Steve Bucacci, Ryan McGrath, Mike Pierson, Jon Skaling, Rick Flammood, Phil Very, Chad Fratus, Bob Fenley, Bob Corp and Shaun Hennesssey. Going into the final day of the match, most experts had counted the Oakers out - they were behind! But never count Coventry out. Shaun Hennesssey pinned Tate Munro, racking up 6 points and Chad Fratus took his match 10-6 giving the Oakers 129.5 points to 127 points victory over Warwick Vets. It was a team effort, as coach Smith pointed out and that is the way it should be. Each member of the team contributing to victory. The Oakers were named “Team of the Decade” by Wrestling USA Magazine for their outstanding performance over the past 15 years.

WRESTLING - 1st row: Kristen Fogerty, Christina Alyfe-Jessup, Jeanne Lamontagne, Melanie Carr, Gina Calderone, Danielle St. Amand, Amey Fregolle, Jennifer Andrews, Cassie Bardi, Ashley Hebert, Megan Butts. 2nd. row: Coach Smith, Fritz Pluvoise, Phil Very, Shaun Hennessey, Rick Flammood, Mike Pierson, Robert Corp, Steve Bucacci, Joey Dionne, Coach Gaffney. 3rd row: Brian Smith, Justin Lewis, Ryan McGrath, Chad Fratus, John Skaling, Bob Finley, Dean Argento, Nathan Dagget, Julie Calderone. 4th row: Kevin Hennessey, Casey Slezak, Jay Heath, Daniel Sullivan, Joe Calise, Mark Napoleon, Ryan Sherlock, Artie Souza. 5th row: Mike Polion, Santiago Ramos, Joshua Sutton, Mike Skaling, Chris Csmiro, Nick Dagget, Matt Skaling, Mike DeGraide, Vinny Dejesus.
Steve Bucacci is in complete control of the match.

Coach Smith appears calm during the tournament.

Rick Flammand has his opponent where he wants him.

Jon Skaling prepares to break out of his opponent's hold.

Mike Pierson realizes that every point counts and a victory is in sight.
JOURNALISM - 1st row: Clinton Crete, Michaela Wadbrook, Amanda Campopiano, Jennifer Berk, Amy Barlow, Justin Oliver. 2nd row: Darren Soens, Cory Desrosiers, Ben Gallo, Al Vigneau, Mike Oakes, Phil Very, Justin DeLaire, Chris Chilton. Missing from photo - Denise Boulanger.


PIECE

BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS - 1st row: Katie Feeney, Alicia Mahoney, Nicole Joubert, Nicole Hattoy, Leah D’Amnore, Kim Lima. 2nd row: Maria Conca, Karissa Sherlock, Megan Doucette, Christine D’Abrosca, Candy DeRouin.
Since its creation in September 1973, the RI 81st has blossomed into a very successful program. Cadets enrolled in the program have many opportunities to participate in activities sponsored by the AJROTC. Programs such as the Drill Team, Honor Guard and Color Guard require commitment and teach teamwork. In addition there are many other activities and clubs cadets can join such as the Model Rocketry Club in which cadets build and launch model rockets. Others include the Kitty Hawk Air Society, Flight Guide Training Program, Newspaper Staff, Physical Fitness, Flag Detail, Announcement Detail, and Cadet Staff. Each cadet has many opportunities to become involved in the RI 81st at Coventry High School. Anyone who wants to join AFJROTC is equally eligible for any activities offered by the unit.
C/Col Seth Kelley briefs C/Lt Brian Rowland, C/SSgt Shawn MacGee and C/Lt Amanda Fortier.

C/CMSgt Frank Gauvin and C/CMSgt Mike Campion review the Science Fair projects.

Major Kornicki watches as the cadets conduct their briefing, while C/SSgt Adam Guindon, C/Capt Dan Buehner and C/MSSgt Robet Collins take notes.
Skills for the Future

DECA

One of the first things most students think of about DECA is the school store. While we are responsible for managing the store on a daily basis, we are about learning business and management skills and helping others. We sponsored the Back to School Dance and devoted the entire weekend to Muscular Dystrophy Association and raised $1,700 from the dance, donation booths at Wal-Mart and K-Mart and a walkathon for them. Deca students love helping others. This year we helped over 1,600 of our community’s needs with the DECA Christmas Project gathering over $194,000 worth of gifts. We participated in the Christmas Party for Reach Out students and a project on ethics. DECA members sold Goody Grams for the needy, Valentine Grams for our treasury and did a project on the North Cape Oil Spill. In March, Deca members participated in RI’s annual DECA competition and we swept it. Several members attended DECA’s 50th anniversary National Career Development Conference in April. It was a great year!

Delivering $194,000 worth of gifts to the needy was a logistic miracle. Randy Boone plays Santa to the students of the Washington Annex Program.

Mr. Macomber, DECA Advisor, loves to share with others and is enjoying the Christmas Party.

Heather Korus was one of many Deca members who worked tirelessly to bring the gifts to the needy of the community at Christmas.
Robert Cybulski explains the results of his project to on-lookers. Randy Boone shows relief now that the fair is over.

-Science in Action.-

Science is alive and well at Coventry High School as indicated by this year's annual Science Fair which was held in the Media Center of the school for students and parents to see. The Science Fair gives Science Honor Students in grades 9 through 12 the opportunity to put into practice the research and experimental skills that they learned in class. The research projects are as varied as the students and their interests and included such projects as the effects of limestone on acid rain, pollution levels in the town, sugar and its effects upon hyperactivity and the effects of household chemicals upon plants. Winning First Grants this year were Robert Cybulski, Joseph Hachadorian, Jennifer DiCarlo, Ernie DiMicco, Robin Wilmout, Jeremy Tonet and Peter Valois. Jennifer DiCarlo's project on onion skin particle board was judged the best entry in this year's Science Fair. Space does not permit listing all winners, however, it appears that the future of science is secure in our school.

Philip Kreuger explains the effects of sugar on people, while Steve Schayer discusses the effects of limestone on plants exposed to acid rain.

David Ferrari discovered that the high school area was highly polluted.
Service to the Community

Coventry High School is committed to the concept of community service. Over 200 students from the AP Psychology, Psychology and Sociology classes were enrolled in the Community Service Learning program this year. Each student performed a minimum of 30 hours of service in programs as varied as Tis the Season, Crusades, Connections, CYO Basketball, Providence Performing Arts Center, Ronald McDonald House, Coventry Senior Center, nursing homes, Amos House and many others. Involving students in volunteer programs benefits both the student and the community. Students learn to give of themselves and to share their talents with others. Many students become so attached to the people they serve and the relationships they have made and stay beyond the 30 required hours. Each student comes away from the program with a better sense of who they are and what they can do to make their community a better place in which to live. They have built bridges between themselves, the school and the community.

Becky Pelletier works with at risk elementary students in the Crusades Program.

The Connections volunteers take a pizza break. With Rob and Justice around, no food lasts very long. Interaction and role modeling are major aspects of the community service programs.

"Tis the Season" Walkathon volunteers prepare for the day. Jen Courtney marches in the Red Ribbon Parade on October 14.
Kristen Nester working with her third grade C.C.D. students at Sts. John and Paul.

Beth Taylor working and playing with the children at Connections.

Ryan Tainsh was the winner of a $10,000 Feinstein Community Service scholarship this year. We know he will put the money to good use to further his education.
Spirit Week marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring. This week long competition pits each class against the others to determine who is the most spirited. The Almost Anything Goes contest is the highlight of the week. Faces covered with whipped cream from the pie eating contest compete with the most colorful hair, along with the battle of the tube.

WCVY - 1st row: Andy Benz, Jamie Fogerty, Megan Galliota, Amy Barlow, Chris Casimiro. 2nd row: Tim Moran, Lauren Rupp, Jen Jutras, (Music Director), Darren Soens, (Program Director), Ernie DiMicco.

The staff worked many hours to produce the 1996 edition of the *Knotty Oak* for you. Denise Boulanger held the two key positions of Editor-in-Chief and Photography editor. Denise’s photographic skills produced the hundred of excellent candid and group pictures found throughout the book. Jennifer DiCarlo was the Junior Editor and helped design and organize the underclass sections. Her staff put in many hours identifying and alphabetizing the almost 1,400 individual underclass photos and compiling the surveys and stories that appear in that section.

Drew Riley designed the puzzle piece front and last page. This took a lot of patience and creative skills. Darren Soens researched and wrote the articles for each varsity sport and tried to capture in words their seasons. Seth Kelley was our proof-reader. His task was to catch our typos and grammar errors. He spent many hours reviewing the directory and wills and decoding penmanship.

Julia Crowley was the Business Manager. Her role was to sell advertisements to the local businesses. Julia produced the largest ad section in 30 years, helping to keep the price of your book the lowest in New England for its size and the amount of color included.
Congratulations Bekki

You are a blessing to us! Remember . . . Each day is an opportunity with eternal possibilities. . . Live "today" wisely.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Stephanie Schultz

We are all proud of you, and love you very much. Whatever you set your goal for, you know you will achieve, because you are a determined young lady.

Love Always
Mom & Dad and brother Jim

Alright Missi!

Words cannot express how proud of you I am. May all the dreams you have for the future come true.

We Love You
Mom & Dad

Nicole M. Dauphinas

One chapter is closed another begins. We wish you much success and happiness as you travel down the road of life.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jessica & Cristen

Good Job, Mommy

I'm sure glad you are my mommy. You have taken good care of me and kept up with school work. I hope I'll be just like you when I grow up.

I Love You,
XOXO
Tyler

Congratulations Diane

Mike and I are proud of you. You have done a good job with handling school, work, and motherhood and still staying on High Honors. We know you will go far in life and achieve your goals.

We Love You
Mom & Mike
Misty Congratulations

I'm very proud of the beautiful, thoughtful, young woman you've become. May all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom

Congratulations Shona

We've watched you grow thru the years and as you move ahead into adulthood, remember, Our Love, Support, & Best Wishes are always with you

Love,
Mom and Dad

Rudy

Congratulations to a fine young man. A new chapter of your life is about to begin. Hold onto your dreams and don't settle for less. Follow your heart and believe in yourself. Give the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

Love,
Mom & Kim

Congratulations Kristen!

You're a great daughter. You have high dreams. We know the future holds them all for you. We are so proud of you and the young adult you are becoming. We will always be here for you

Love,
Joan & Joe Murray

Congratulations Kimmie

You have had many happy times and some tough times, but through it all, you have grown stronger and become a beautiful young woman. We are all proud of you. Best wishes for a successful, fun-filled, healthy future.

We love you!
Dad, Mom,
Chrissy and Paige

Congratulations Ellen

Have confidence in who you are. Be proud of your accomplishments. Always strive for the Gold, it's within your reach.

Love,
Mom & Dad,
Congratulations Princess

From Fly Away Hair
To Permanent Dye
From Dance Lessons
To the Prom.
From Strolls in the
Carriage
To Strolls on the Beach
From Carpoools to
Limousines.
From First Day of Kindergarten
To the Last Day of High School
You Made Us So Proud.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Mike

Princess Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring

The sky is not the limit.
Go as far as you want.

Love,
Mom, Sonny & Albert

Congratulations Amanda

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We are proud and thankful for having a daughter so worthy of love, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."
Philippians 1:6
Love,
Mom, Dad & Ian

Congratulations James

We're Proud of You

Love,
Mom & Dad,

Congratulations Chris

We are very proud of you! Keep up the good work. Good luck in College.

We love you
Mom & Dad
Kim, Kristin & Peper

Congratulations Becky

For all you have accomplished,
For what you are today;
For all you will be!
We are so proud.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Jake
Congratulations Karyn

"You are so very special - More than you could ever know." We are so proud of the person you are and all your accomplishments. This is not an ending, but the beginning of a beautiful Future. "We always will be here for you - No matter where you'll be.

Love
Mom, Dad & Bryan

"Nen" Congratulations

You are a wonderful student and will make a wonderful teacher! Remember, you can be whatever you wish to be! We are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad
Lauren & Bobby

Congratulations Chris

You have given us to much joy in our lives. We are so proud of you.

God Bless!

We Love you!
Mom, Dad & Sarah

Congratulations Joe Hachadorin

Joe, you are such a special person and we are so proud of the man you’ve become. You have always done everything right and never let us down. May God always Bless you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Kerri

Congratulations Nicole

We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Now you are ready for "The tall grass."

All Our Love,
Dad, Mom,
Katie & Alan

Congratulations Tom

We have seen our little boy grow into a real fine young man. We are so proud of you. May all your dreams come true. We will always be here for you.

With all our Love,
Mom, Dad,
Melissa & Joshua
GUESS WHO?

Congratulations Tina and Holly! Much time has passed and you've grown up. Continue to grow and learn. Cherish the past, live in the present and head strong and confident toward the future.

Love and Luck
Uncle Eddie & Auntie Betsy
Mom & Dad

Dear Al,

The day you were born was the happiest day of my life. When I look at you, I can't believe how grown up you've become. You are not a little boy anymore, but a handsome young man. You have achieved so many of your goals, and added so much excitement to my life. I hope all your dreams come true. I am so proud of you and will always be there for you.

I Love You,
MOM

Congratulations Jennifer

From the first day we saw you, our hearts were full of a pride that keeps growing stronger with each passing year. You are everything we hoped for in a daughter. A wonderful caring person, our most treasured friend. We wish you good fortune and happiness always.

Love,
Dad & Mom
Congratulations Kate

We have watched you grow. Interests have changed with your development. To peer into those big blue eyes, we see a perceptive and promising young lady, maintaining a positive course. You have made us proud, and we are confident, whatever tasks or goals you pursue - you will succeed!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Mike

Congratulations G.B.

We are as proud of you as any parents could be. You're a very special daughter with true talent. Aim high, be proud of your work and never give up.

We Love You
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Kelli
"Smiley"

We're Proud of You! Wishing you a wonderful future. Don't ever lose your smile, it makes you a special person.

Love,
Dad, Mom & Kristie
Congratulations Joe

We are so proud of all the accomplishments you have shown over the years. Just keep the beat and we know you will succeed in whatever you choose to do.

Love.
Mom, Dad & Stacey

To My Daughter, with Love

I Wish You

I wish you happiness and peace and success everyday of your life.
I hope everyday of your life is filled with laughter and no regrets or tears.
I know all of your days will not be filled with joy or success
But there will be sorrows and pains for you to bear.

So I wish you most of all courage and strength through the stormy days.
Wisdom to remember the joyous days of yesterday, and to know that there will be more to come.
Today is only today, not yesterday or tomorrow.

Erin: Congratulations! I am very proud of the young woman you have become. I support you. I am here for you whenever you need me and will always love you.

Love,
Mom

Carol, Congratulations

You demonstrated from an early age, you would excel in Culinary Arts! We wish you success in whatever you want to achieve. We're very proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad
To Mel, With Love

Words cannot express the love we have for you! You were blessed with great potential and along with this gift comes expectations. Be happy, make the world a better place, and be your best - THE VERY BEST! You've made us all very proud! God has blessed our lives with you as a daughter.

Congratulations John Beauchemin

As the years go by, you'll come to realize that this trip from Kindergarten to Graduation was the shortest one of all, but also the most fun. The journey ahead will be challenging and rewarding. Have a great time. We are proud of you.

Love from
Mom, Dad & Laura

Congratulations
Melissa

We are confident in your abilities and know that your choices will lead you to a life of love, happiness, and achievement. Continue to grow in your own unique, and wonderful way!

We love you!
Mom & dad
Kim


All Our Love.
Mom, Dad and Kris

Jamie

To Our Beautiful Daughter:

Even though you are grown up now, you will always be our precious little girl. There are so many special qualities that make you who you are... Your concern and compassion for those who hurt, your desire to help those less fortunate than yourself, your beautiful music that stirs the emotions and touches the hearts of everyone who hears you play.

We are very proud of who you are. We are proud that you are our daughter.

Love,
Mom and Dad

You've Made It Babe!!

Our little girl has become a successful young lady. Being a graduate is but one of your dreams. We hope ALL your dreams for the future come true. We are very proud of you and love you.

Lots of Love,
Mom & Dad
Congratulations
Kerri

We wish you the best in life
And hope your dreams come true.

Love,
Ma and Pa

Denise!!
We Love You!!

Our little blond girl has graduated from high school.
Time passes so quickly! We will miss you daily as
you leave the family home to embark on your college
career.

Mom, Dad & Frenchie

Kerri
Congratulations

We always knew you could do it.
Never give up hope.
Keep at it.
Good Luck
Be Happy!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Drew

Congratulations Matt

We never had to look
far to see God's bless-
ings in this world - a
son who fills our hearts
with joy is a gift we
cherish every day of
our lives.

Love,
Mom and Dad
Matt: Congratulations! We are proud of the young man you have become. We wish you the very best in life. May all your dreams come true. Love: Mom & Dad.

MELISSA: You have proven for a while you are ready. What is in you can take you anywhere happiness leads. Love: Dad.

Well Jelly Belly -you finally made it. We are so proud of you. Congratulations. Love: Mom, Dad and Sis.

Chris: You've made us proud both on the courts and in the classroom. The experiences and knowledge you've gained will enable you to succeed in the future. Love: Mom, Dad and Liisa.

Dennis, Congratulations: You finally made it. You should be very proud of yourself. May all your dreams come true. Love, Mom & Dad.

Congratulations Mike: We are so very proud of you. We wish you health, wealth and happiness in the future. Love, Mom, Dad and Maryann.

Matthew Congratulations! We are so proud of you. It was quite a challenge at times, but you did it. Love: Mom & Dad.

Angie, A special congratulations to a special person. Your life is just beginning. Go into it with love, happiness and success. Love: Mom, Dad, Matthew and Bubba.

Katie, Congratulations! We're so proud of you. We wish all the best in life for you. Love: Mom, Dad and Brendan.

Heather: Congratulations on your Graduation. We are very proud of you. We wish you the best in life. Remember to live life for yourself. Love: Mom, Dad, and Sonja.

Jenn
You are as Beautiful
On the Inside
As You are
on the Outside
We are so Proud of You
and Love You
Mom & Dad

Sommer
You have become a special young woman with an exciting future. May you enjoy discovering new talents and interests as you pursue your goals. I love you and wish only for you continued happiness.

Love,
Mom

Congratulations
Robert Rull, Jr.
Through the years I've watched you become a fine young man. You have made me so very proud. I wish you all the best in life. I'll always be here for you.

Love Always
Mom
Congratulations
Brandi

Child of mine, you are the sweetest song and the greatest gift I will ever know.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Sherri

We're Proud of You

Love,
Mom & Jenn

Congratulations Herbie

One great season has come to an end, but the most exciting game is about to begin.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jeff and Molly

Jesse: All parents are proud of their children on graduation day. We are especially proud of not only what you've done in the last twelve years, but also your spirit, individuality, and the fine young man you've become. Love, Mom, Dad & Cheshire.

Congratulations Jeremy! We always knew you had it in you. We're very proud of the man you've become. Always believe in yourself and follow your heart. We love you very much. Mom, Dad, Jason & Joshua.

Eddie: Congratulations and best wishes on your graduation. May the future hold bright promises for you and may all your dreams come true. Love: Mom, Dad, Kristine, Patrick & Kelley.

Amber, Over the years you've become the daughter I never had. You'll always have a special place in my heart. Good luck in the future. Love, Linda.

Sommer: I am proud to be your father and a part of your life. You are always in my thoughts and heart. Love, Dad.

"Poogie", No matter where life brings you, we'll always be able to hear you. Love always, Mom, Dad, & Cenzi.

To: Sissy and Friends: Thank you for all the good times you let me share with you. Love you! Catie McArdle.

To the Class of '96: wishing that all of your dreams will come true and that you will never give up on your hopes and dreams. Remember, graduation is only the beginning. The adventure is still ahead. Remember the good times and the friends that you made while in high school and think of all the new experiences that await you in the future. You have arrived. Make the best of every opportunity. Good luck to you all, a friend.
Congratulations Sue

From your first day of school to your last, we have always been extremely proud of you. You always reach for the stars and we know you will make your dreams come true. You are special, "Super Sue!"

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Sherri

You made it!
Hope your future will bring bigger and better things your way. You made us very proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

THAT-A-WAY ANG!

You've come a long way Ang. and we're very proud of you. You a very special person, with a very special smile, and a very special heart. Follow your dreams Ang and don't let anyone stop you. Congratulations.

Love,
Mom & Dad


"Close your eyes, let your spirits start to SOAR! And you'll live an you've never lived before. . .!" The best is yet to come - We are so proud of you.

Love you most,
Mom, Dad & Evan

Congratulations Julia Crowley

You've Hiked to the Top
Your Pride is Immense
Here You Will Find a View
Of All That is Awaiting You!

Great Job
Good Luck in College

Love, Mom, Dad and John
HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!!!
Congratulations Chris

As you close one more chapter in the story of your life and begin another, remember we love and support you. We wish you all the best that life has to offer you.

Dad, Mom, Derek, Desiree & Cenzi

We Love You Heather

You've grown from a little girl into a kind, sincere, intellectual lady who sticks to her beliefs. We are so very proud of you. We love you and will always be there for you "Just call out our names!"

Love,
Mom, Dad & Catie

Congratulations Julia Crowley

Life is Full of Surprises.
May Yours Always Be Wonderful!

You Did Great!
Good Luck in College

Love Always,
Grandma

Congratulations, Liz!

With your smile and your attitude, you'll go far, but you'll always be close in our hearts. We're proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Matt
**Congratulation Jo-Ann**

We are very proud of you, Jo-Ann. You set a goal for yourself and you are working very hard to achieve that goal. We know that you will make it to the top.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Lynn, Joyce & Steve

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**GENA**

I have always been proud of all your accomplishments. May all your dreams come true, and no matter how far away you go, I'll always be near if you need me. (I know your Dad would be proud too!)

Love,

Mom

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**"BACCI"**

Congratulations Michael:

You are the most important person in my life. It seems like yesterday that you were born, and here it is, almost 18 years have gone by! With some easy, and some very hard lessons, you have learned and earned to be where and who you are today. You have become a special young man that we are very proud to call "our son." Remember - you can do anything you want to do! May your dreams all come true.

Love,

Mom, "Art" & Grandma

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**Congratulations Heather!**

We're so proud of your accomplishments. You have beauty and integrity. We know you will achieve in great things. Good Luck in College.

Love,

Mom & Dad

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**Love, Happiness & Success Danielle!**

We have watched you grow in so many wonderful ways. We are proud of who you have become and where you are going. Continue, as you always have, to stick to your principles and beliefs. When you look back, most of your memories will be happy ones.

Love, Always

Mom, Dad & Jeff

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**Congratulations Jamie!**

We don't have to stoop down to see your beautiful smile anymore, but it is still hard to look at you without seeing this cute little girl.

Love,

Mom & Dad
Congratulations Pamela

We are so proud of you in all that you have done. Wish you the Best in College and your Future.

Love,
Grandma & Grandpa

BRAVO! KRISTEN

Stand up and take a bow for all of your accomplishments. We are very proud of the young lady that you have become. May all your dreams come true. Keep smiling and always strive to be happy.

Love,
Dad, Mom & Kelly

Congratulations Brian

We're Proud of You

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Missy

We are proud of You! Never stop reaching for your goals and always take time to watch the Sunset.

Love,
Mom, Dad,  
Kelli, Lisa & Muffin

Brian Znoj

Thanks for the Memories,  
# 9!

Love,
Dad & Mom  
Tara, Chad & Kate

Congratulations, Heather

"How good is man's life, the mere living! How fit to employ all the heart and soul and the sense forever in joy!"

Robert Browning

Best wishes to a beautiful daughter. May all your dreams come true.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad & Matt
Congratulations
Justin Pesaturo
with two
Kermit the Frogs

You are the best
Above all the rest.
I Love You
Mom

Go Beans Go!!

Have a happy life
and most of all
STAY
IN CHARGE!

Love,
Dad, Mom & Rayne
XXOO

Congratulations Juliet
The little girl that you were,
and the young woman that you are—
both have made us very proud
to be your parents.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Crissy!

Time passes so quickly, seems like
yesterday you were starting school.
You have grown into a special
young woman! We are all Very
Proud of You!!! Reach for your
dreams and make them all come
ture. You are a bright, intelligent
and beautiful girl. You can do any­
thing you believe in. Good luck in
all you do.

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Student Council

Student Council had a busy and productive year. Leadership days were held at Alton Jones, to encourage and train future student leaders. In a year with many cuts in clubs and activities, Student Council members rose to the challenge to maintain and increase school spirit and pride in the student body. The Varsity Review brought students together to plan, rehearse and present a two day entertainment program, which was interrupted by another snow storm in this winter of '96. As the hint of spring came in March with 50 and 60 degree weather, spirits were rejuvenated with Spirit Week, that week long ritual that pits one class against the next for the title of Most Spirited. Funky hair, dress clothes, outrageous pie eating and pass the apple contests made winter seem like a thing of the past.
This was a year to remember—the 1995 - 1996 academic year saw more change than any in recent memory.

When we began planning this edition of the *Knotty Oak*, in the spring of 1995, we wondered whether or not their would be any sports, clubs, activities or even a yearbook for the Class of '96. The talk of budget cutbacks was in the air and by June they had been put into effect—all clubs and sports were cancelled.

Hoping for the best, we went to the yearbook planning conference at Bryant College in July. Officially, we did not exist, but if we were re-instated, the staff would be ready to roll. We selected the theme, *Picking Up the Pieces*—each piece would represent a change from the past, something we would not have this year. Fortunately, almost everything was restored and things returned to normal and we looked forward to an exciting and enjoyable year. The winds of change, however, continued throughout the year. After sixteen years as Superintendent, Mr. Raymond Spear announced his retirement. Change quickly reached the high school. Mr. Deasy left as principal and assumed the position of Assistant Superintendent. Another piece was gone. Mr. Magerian, the senior Assistant Vice-Principal, took over the reigns of CHS as the interim principal and guided the school for the remainder of the year. Another piece left, as Mr. Magerian announced his retirement. There will be a new principal for the school in the fall. Retirement announcements continued and each one meant a change—we had selected the right theme after all. Several teachers announced their retirements. These included Mrs. Gail Pike, one of the mainstays of the English Department. Ms. Virginia Bradley left after the mid-term break, after a long career of teaching English. Two other members of the English Department also announced their impending retirement. Ms. Lucy Hargraves and Ms. Jane Balentine will be missed by their students and the faculty. These teachers moulded and shaped countless students during their careers.

Mr. Magerian will retire from teaching this year. In addition to being a steadying influence as a Vice-Principal, he began the award winning Wrestling Program and guided many young athletes in his career.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON - Randy Boone, John Hughes, Jeremy Tonet, Robert Cybulski, Justin Maron, Adam Coutu, Peter Valois, Seth Kelley, Jennifer DiCarlo, Ernest DiMicco, Adam Macko, Julie Doucette, Eric Marcotte, and Jessica Lux.
Mr. Szymkowicz will retire as a social studies teacher, basketball coach and athletic director. He led the Oakers Cagers to many victories and shaped students both in the classroom and on the basketball court.

Retirements continued to change the academic and athletic complexion of our school. Mrs. Janice Arnold and Mr. Thaddeus Szymkowicz, two mainstays of the Social Studies Department will retire in June. Mr. Szymkowicz retired as Varsity Boy’s Basketball coach this season, turning the reigns of authority over to his son, Mr. Joe Szymkowic and will be leaving his post as the Director of Athletics as well. Football suffered coaching losses as well. While not retiring from teaching, Mr. David O’Donnell has announced his resignation as the head coach of varsity football. In addition, the long-time assistant football coach, Mr. Robert Peltier has decided to retire from coaching as well. More changes continued.

This has truly been a year of change. As we go to press, we wish all of the teachers and staff who are retiring, a happy and joyful retirement. We could not mention everyone who is retiring, because we not know your names. We thank you for your years of dedication and service to the students and the town of Coventry.

This has truly been a year of Picking Up the Pieces. Each piece on this cover, represents a change that took place this year.