

The First Class! After finally reaching that first classroom, a new reality strikes you. Teachers assign homework on the first day and quizzes quickly follow. There is even talk about major exams and research papers. We know summer is over.



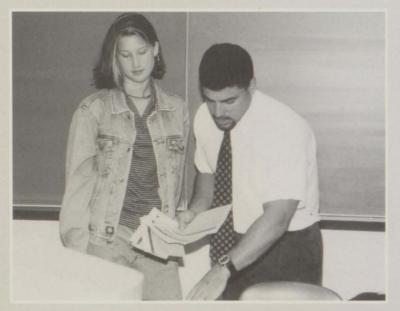


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Pamela Harper Kyle Harris Richard Hartley, Jr. Jonna Harvey Matthew Haskell Kimberlee Hayden

Heather Henault Ryan Hennessey Henry Hoegen, Jr. Matthew Holt Ronald Horta Shannon Houle <u>Settling In!</u> As soon a the bell rings, attendance is taken, seats are assigned and schedules are checked. Occasionally, you find yourself in the wrong room, but the teachers quickly direct you to your proper room for the period. Things can be confusing on opening day.



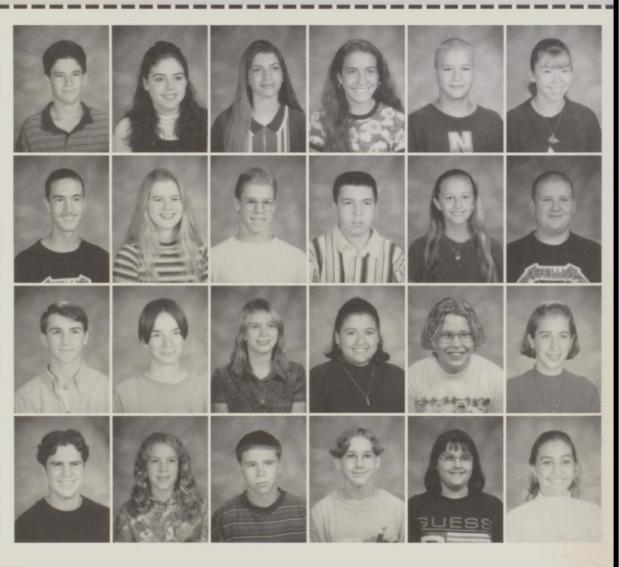


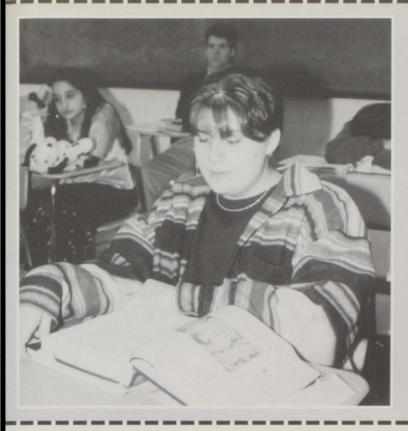
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Jason Jones Brian Joseph Candace Kaiser Tara Kane Kelly Keener Nicole Kelley

Adam Kettle Megan Kiley Scott Knoll Joseph Knott Jennifer Koczwanski Karlene Kreuter





The Classes and the Break! We settle in for the next four periods of history, English, science and math. Will it ever end? Finally, its fifth period and lunch. We have 30 minutes to recoup and get read for the last class of the day





Nicole LaBossiere Danielle LaBranche Melissa Lagerstrom Adam Lake Heather Lambert Kristi LaMountain

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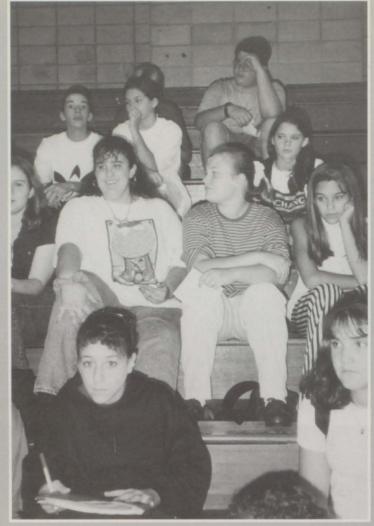
Michael Lewis Jessica Lima Mathew Lindstrom Daniel Lineham Matthew Little Nicholas Lombardi Chris Butler is caught trying to catch a few winks in class. Looks like he's dreaming about something unpleasant.

"Oh my God! Did you see that guy! He's so cute!"

"I'll bet you think you're smarter than me. Well, you know what? You probably are!"





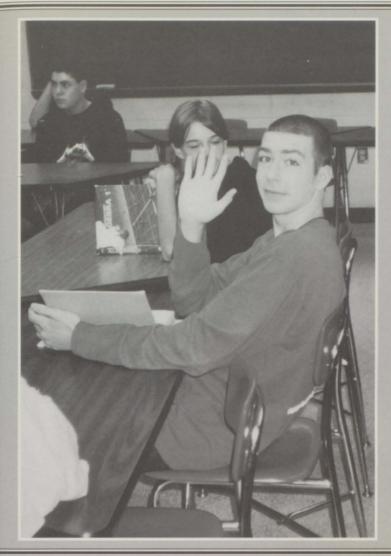


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Jessica Lyons Scott Lyons Pamela Maine Matthew Mallette Rue-Dee Mallette Gary Marchesseault

Christopher Marino Joseph Marsella Jay Martin Robert Martin Stephen Matteson David Mattoni







"Hey, somebody left this note behind from the last class. 'Meet me at our secret place at two.' Gee, it look like someone is making plans to have a picnic."

Brandon Roy says, "How many fingers am I holding up. No, I'm not testing your vision, I really want to know."

Portrait of a Student: Note the books, notebook, and pen poised perfectly for utilization and the big smile that shows eagerness for learning.





Brandon Maxwell Stacey McCleary Shane McGrath Brianne McHugh Rosemarie McLaughlin Eric McNeely

Katie Mellor Samantha Mendes Vincent Mesolla Donald Miller Randi-Lyn Miller Tara Mitchell

Jason Moffat
Danielle Montaquila
David Mooney
Kristine Morgan
Jamie Mosher
Joshua Murphy

John Petrarca says, "Oh, boy. Now we get to listen to a filmstrip. I'll try to contain my excitement."

"Why are you looking at me? I'm just sitting here." Typical freshman.

Meghan D'Abrosca just found out that she doesn't have any history homeowrk. Even I would smile about that.





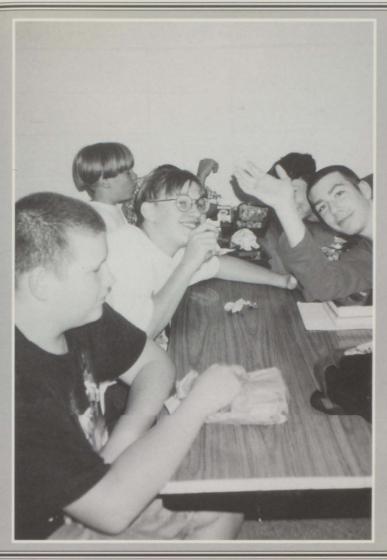


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Erik Oberg Christina Olszewski Brandi Onuschak Christopher Pagel Roy Palm Frank Paolantonio







Robin Folcarelli says, "Do you mean to tell me that we were supposed to read chapter twenty-six, not chapters two through six?"

Some things never change lunch is fun, no matter what school you're at.





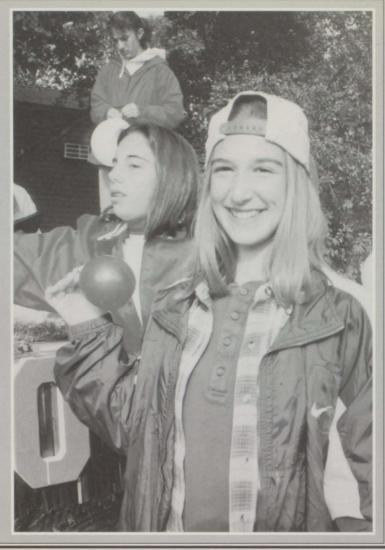
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Shawn Pavao Vincent Pavao Adam Pepin Elizabeth Perez Andrew Perogino James Perreault

Elisha Perrotti Jodi-Lyn Pesaturo Kevin Petersen John Petrarca Michael Petrarca Kelly Phillips The annual Home Coming Parade was the first social event for the Freshmen. They immediately put their time and effort in building a float and showing that the Class of "00 was a Spirited any other at the high school. Red and white ballons adorned their float and the Freshmen proved that they had that special Oaker spirit. The Class of "00 had arrrived.



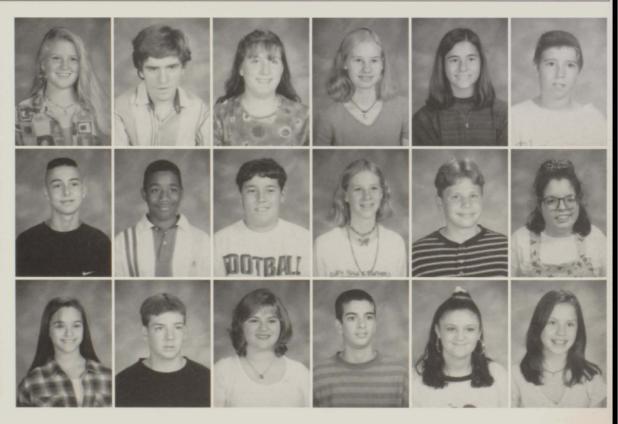




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David Porto Justin Potter Mark Potter Jessica Powell Jarid Price Amy Provencher

Nicole Provencher Steven Quinn Jessica Rainville Joseph Rapoza Michelle Rastelli Jill Ratcliffe





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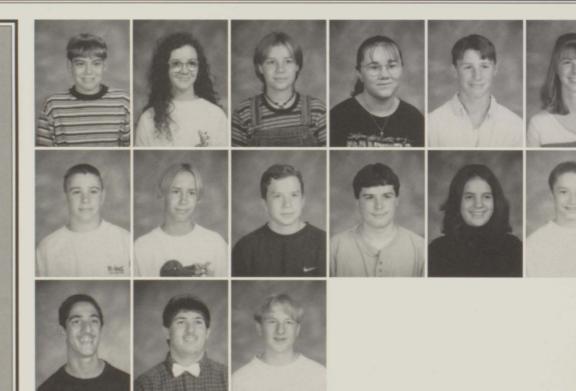
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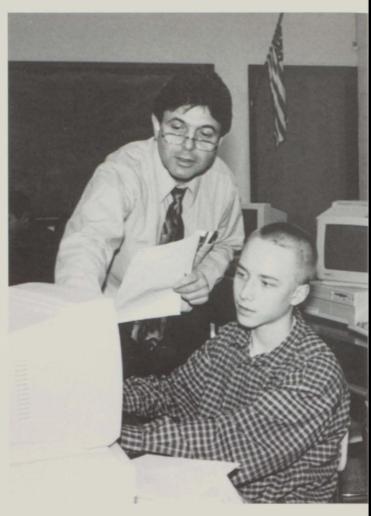
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Crystal White Kristy White Jason Whitford Melissa Whittier Michael Wilfand Lisa Woodward

Brandon Young Christopher Young Michael Young Jeremy Zabbo Derek Zisk Jarren Zucchi Mr. Mello, or should we say Bullwinkle, strives to bring out originality and creativity in his students during his art classes.

Mr. Munko helps a student learn the functions of a computer in his business class.

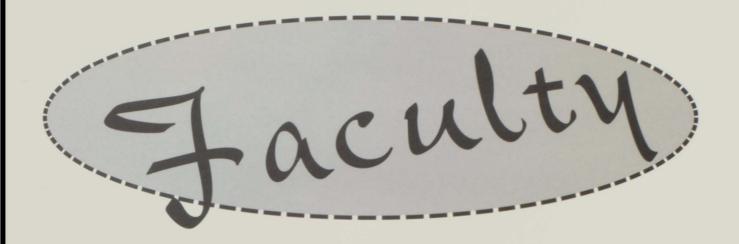




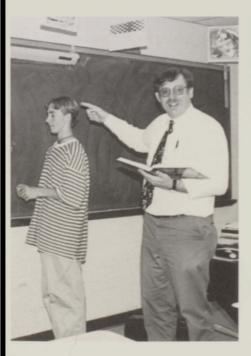


Mr. Thompson, Director of the West Bay Vocational Facility, enjoys a few moments of relaxing conversation. Mrs. Diane Thompson goes over some fine points of child care in her class.





hat would a school be without teachers? It wouldn't be much of a school. We are here to learn, right? The teachers at Coventry High School are some of the best around. In fact, Oakers get one of the greatest educations in the state. The job of the faculty is to share their vast knowledge with students. In this capacity, the faculty are like roadsigns. They point the way and they tell you a lot. Roadsigns, like faculty, help to tell you where to go. They lead to new knowledge and the future. The relationship between the students and teachers of Coventry High School is unlike any other. Nowhere can you find a staff or more caring or helpful teachers. All of the faculty at CHS is unique. They manage to make learning fun and interesting every day. Whether they're reading the lastest stories off the internet, jumping on top of desks, telling jokes to their students, or ordering out for pizza during lunch period, the faculty never ceases to entertain us with their teaching. Without our faculty, Coventry High School would be a very boring place.

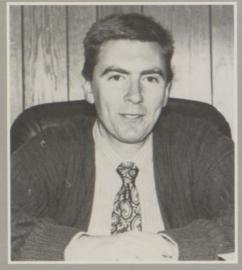




Mr. Osterman points to the blackboard, waiting for a solution to the mathematics problem. You can tell by his smile that he really enjoys teaching.

Mr. Whetstine offers some sage advice on track to members of his team before heading out to practice.

Roadsigns



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John Deasy Superintendent



SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Superintendent John Deasy, Joseph Butler, James McArdle, Tim Rowe, Lawrence Donahue and Mary Ellen Carlu.



Dennis Wilkinson Principal

New roads to take sums up the major changes that have taken place this year in the administration of the Coventry School System and Coventry High School. Mr. John Deasy was appointed Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Dennis Wilkinson took the helm as the new principal of CHS. In addition Mrs. Marquis and Mr. Rearick were appointed assistant principles, along with Mr. Egan in Student Services. Mr. Thompson was selected as the new Director of the West Bay Vocational Facility. With this new leadership, we expect many new exciting pathways to open in the future of education at Coventry High School.



Frederick Silva Assistant Principal



Elizabeth Marquis Assistant Principal



William Rearick Assistant Principal



George Eagan Student Services



Jim Avles Business



Jo-Ann Avedisian Special Education



Sharon Baldasaro Special Ed. Director



Judith Baxter Social Studies



Marc Blevins English



Catherine Boyden Librarian



Sandra Brault Guidance



Matthew Brissette Social Studies



Linda Caparrelli



Kristen Capwell English



Deborah Carroll Special Education



John Casey Mathematics



Joan Chipman Social Studies



Chant Clapman Home Economics



Linn Clidence Special Education



Denise Collins Science



Susan Corvi Special Education



Eileen Coyle Foreign Language



Judith Danho Business



Lucille DeBlois Foreign Language

Mrs. Capwell gives Amy DeGraide a tour of the English work area after school.

Mr. Fargnoli demonstrates the fine points of small engine maintence and repair.

Mrs. Patricia Kelly's smile instills a feeling of confidence in her students.









Brad DeGraide Music



Donna Della Porta Special Education



Pamela DelVecchio Foreign Language



Ernest DiMicco Science Chairperson



Giuseppina DiPrete Foreign Language



Annette Dunkelman Art



James Erinakes Mathematics



Joseph Fargnoli Industrial Technology



Richard Fava Special Education



Robert Feinberg Social Studies

With the addition of Mr. DeGraide to the Music department, CHS students can expect more opportunities to expand their musical skills and opportunities.









Joseph Fournier Guidance

Mathematics

Paul Gallo Foreign Language







Thomas Gibb English

Shirley Girard English

Kenneth Grady English



Robert Haid English



Gene Hall Mathematics



Denise Heald Foreign Language



Michael Hobin Science



Mark Hopkins Physical Education



Rene Horent Industrial Technology



Christine Hoskins Foreign Language



Pamela Howell English Chairperson



Kathleen Hudson Home Economics



Mary Kelley English

Mr. Macomber and his DECCA staff are busy preparing cards for the Christmas giving tree.

Mr. Morin smiles as his students adjust their microscopes for their science class.

Student teachers add zest to the school year, as can be seen by Mr. Nolan's class.









Patricia Kelly Special Education



Steven Kenny Social Studies



Claudia Klingensmith Special Education



Alan Kornicki R.O.T.C.



Norman LaButti Physical Education



Kathleen LaRocque Business



Susan Leavey Nurse



Richard Lebel R.O.T.C.

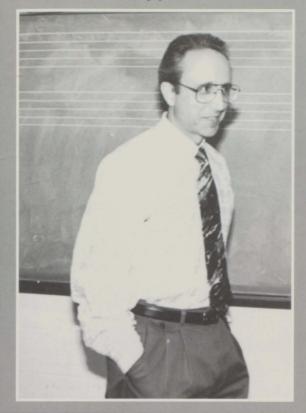


Donald LeBlanc Business



Maureen LeClair Special Education

Mr. Grady ponders his thoughts as he prepares to get the journalism class ready to brainstorm story ideas for the next edition of the school paper.









Bill Lyons Social Studies

John Macomber Business

Mark Moniz Special Education







Roberta Mansfield Librarian

Ernest Marcure Industrial Technology Chair

Paula Marinaro Mathematics











Robert Mattiucci Science

David McCarthy English

Moira McKenna Physical Education

Kimberly Meehan English

Lawrence Mello Art



Kathryn Mezzanotte Guidance



Bridget Morgan Guidance



Kenneth Morin Science



Christine Mulligan Health



John Munko Business

Mrs. Delvecchio directs her students through a drill in the language lab.

Mr. Stetson and Mr. Samson demonstrate another set of ties during their B Period "ugly tie" contest.

Dr. Girard telephones assignments to students who missed her class. E-Mail and Voice Mail will be coming soon.









Lance Murphy Physical Education



Mary Jane Murphy Social Studies



William O'Connor Social Studies



Alison O'Rourke Social Studies



Victor Osterman Mathematics



Edith Papitto Special Education



Elaine Petrocelli Mathematics



Ernest Pike Social Studies



Ronald Price Mathematics



Gail Proulx English



Dianne Ricci English



Katherine Richardson Science



Pasco Rinaldi Industrial Technology



Beverly Rotenberg Special Education



Brian Samson Special Education



Margaret Schwab English



Michael Senerchia Physical Education



Francis Short Mathematics



Robert Smith Mathematics



William Smith Music



Clement Soscia Physical Education



Carol Spaziano Mathematics



Nancy Sprengelmeyer English



Robert Springer Science



Alan St. Amand English .



Peter Stetson Science



Angela Stone Science



Richard Stoutzenberger Guidance



Kathleen Sullivan Science



Joe Szymkowicz Social Studies

Mr. McCarthy goes over the stats on the Academic Decathlon Team. Who will anchor this years team?

Yes, Mr. Smith, you are not alone anymore. Mr. DeGraide is part of the Music Department.

Mr. Erinakes directs a round table discussion in the Library with his students after school.









Gerald Tebrow Math Chairperson



David Thompson Social Studies



Frank Triggo Industrial Technology



Vinney Turchetta Special Education



Irene Wade Mathematics



Luther Whetstine Social Studies Chairperson



Linda Winn Physical Ed. Chairperson



Don Winslow Industrial Technology



Kathleen Woodard Business



Chris Warner Psychologist

Mz. Chipman directs her Socially students in a review before the Christmas break.











Barbara Anctil Teacher Assistant

Donna Argall Teacher Assistant

Nancy Barry Supervisory Assistant







Doreen Lippitt Library Clerk

Mary Ann Cantino Secretary

Linda Langlois Clerk



Jackie Jaeger Teacher Assistant



Carol Burke Clerk



Gloria Coyle Clerk



Maria Ferreira Teacher Assistant



Shelly LaFleur One-on-One Aide



Linda Clark Aide



Barbara Erno Clerk



Linda Springer Aide



Cindy Phillips Aide



Jackie Costello Aide



Stan Thompson
Director West Bay Technical Center



Ted Butzbach Culinary Arts



Robert Colardo Resource Teacher



David Comolli Construction Teacher



Tom Cook Automotive Technology



Steven DelPozzo Environmental Resources



Charles Despres ALP Teacher



Carolyn Fusco West Bay Clerk



Cindy Johnson Technical Asst. Nursing



Jim Kiley Machine Processing



Janie Klein Tech. Asst. Printing-Graphics



Margaret Lavoie Tech. Asst. Culinary Arts



Ruth Leddy West Bay Clark



Ray Mann Auto Body



Chef Anthony Marsella Culinary Arts



Karen McGuire Guidance Counselor



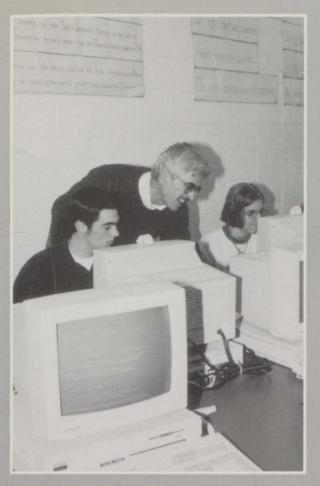
Rose Morris Head Custodian



Dana Rockwell Printing/Graphics Arts



Vivian Seemueller School-To-Work Coordinator



Mr. Dimeo is busy acquainting students with the computers and programs in the Language Lab. We have seldom seen Mr. Dimeo in the corridors, since made the lab his home.

Mr. Delpozzo gives his students last minutes instructions before they leave to work at their site in the community





Susan St. Amand Nursing Asst. Teacher



Arthur St. Jean Electronics/Computer Teacher



Diane Thompson Child Development Teacher



Gerard Zannella ALP Teacher



Mr. Colardo takes a few minutes to prepare his equipment for the next class.



Mr. Kiley points out the necessity of referring to manuals in his Machine Technology class

The Road to Victory









Sports

hen the day is done there are those who go home, and those who stay. It is now time to play. Sports are a stress reliever to some, and a path to college for others. It is even a chance to hit somebody hard and legally to others. Many athletes swear they would not even come to school if it were not for sports. There are those who do not score so well in the classroom, but excel on the playing field. Lessons are learned, friendships are gained, and talents are conveyed. This is the first year in which Indoor Track became an official team sport. In addition, our school is nationally known for our record breaking wrestling team. The Oakers even beat the arch-rival Wizards on Thanksgiving this year. The school year is full of highlights, but sports as a whole is a highlight. Students express themselves through sports. It is a time to perform. Whether it is football or cheerleading, basketball or soccer, sports are a significant part of student life.





Oakers Beat Wizards

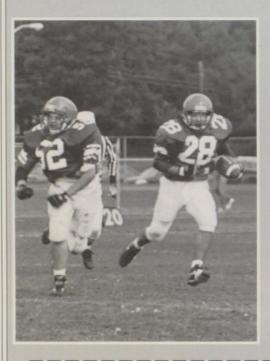
Although the 1996 football team did not have the best record, the Oaker team was filled with determination. Mr. Alves took over as head coach when the well respected Mr. O'Donnell stepped down. The Oakers pulled together and shutout their arch-rivals, the Wizards, 20-0 in front of a full crowd on Thanksgiving Day. The stubborn Oaker defense held the Wizards to a record low of 49 yards total gained. The offense was led by Jimmy George, an all division selection, who dashed for two touchdowns and Peckham added another. Mulligan and Hogan alternated at quarterback, while Pennington, Corp and Kennedy led the offensive line. Because the Oakers were so young, they have a promising future in the years to come.

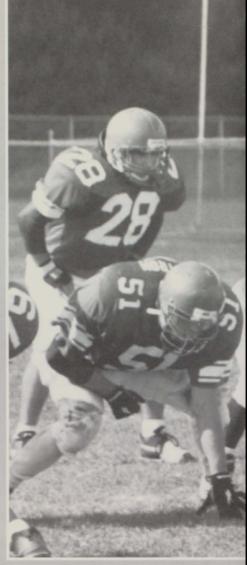


Captains Pennington, George, Hogan and Corp go out to hear ground rules.

Captain Jimmy George takes the ball outside to make a dash up the sideline. His speed and agility enabled him to run around his opponents.

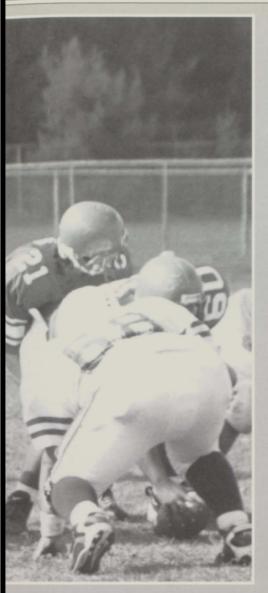
The Oakers are set to run the ball. Jon Hogan will most likely hand off to Jimmy, just like almost every other play.







Football: 1st. row: Jimmy George, Chris Watson, Gregg Pennington, Bob Corp, Tom Walker, Jo Hogan, Rick Choquette, and Scott Hickey. 2nd. row: Mike Thibodeau, A. J. Bennett, Rob O'Leary, To Mulligan, Dave Anderson, Jason Ferreira, and Mike Watson. 3rd. row: Mike Greco, Craig Kibbey, Mik Palardy, Josh Sutton, Sean Mulligan, Steve Peckham, Marcos Valladares, Gunny Gonsalves. 4n row: Head Coack Jim Alves, Joel Farren, Scott Erno, Brian Beaudoin, Parker Capwell, Tom Jervais an Trainer Henry Chevalier.





Sophomore Austin Kennedy uses his straight arm to run through his opponents.

The team comes together to get fired up before their big game.







Austin Kennedy breaks through the offensive line and smashes the quarterback. This sack marked the turning point for the Coventry spirits.

In an all out effort, the Oakers stop the running back from a first down. Now its time for the Oakers to take control.

Fire It Up Lady Oakers

The Lady Oakers reached the playoffs for the first time in three years. Mr. Short returned to coaching after taking a few seasons off. Despite losing Captain Heather Shibley to knee injuries, the soccer team came up with several big wins. Alicia Longley shined in all positions, controlling both defense and the mid-field. Freshmen Kerri Hachadorian, a new comer to the sport, sparked the offense. Jodi-Lyn Pesaturo and Kelli Knight switched in net, both making spectacular saves; while Haigh and Pinocci played brillently at the defensive positions. Missy Giroux always gave a strong effort and was a huge part of the Lady Oakers success. With many starts returning, the team plans to be a threat next



The team takes a quick water break during half time before the coach starts to talk.

Freshman Kerri Hachadorian came up huge this year for the Lady Oakers. She races to the goal to score yet another goal.

Jenny Gadoury takes a throw in for the Lady Oakers







Girl's Soccer- 1st. row: Beth Very, Jenny Gadoury, Lauren Retelle, Jessica Houle, Shannon Houle, Jodi-Lyn Pesaturo, Celia Cortes, Kerri Hachadorian, Lara Gast, Alison Stukas. 2nd. row: Danielle Labranche, Jill Sullivan, Alicia Longley, Amy Degraide, Jennifer Haigh, Ololade Falola, Katie Pinocci. Melissa Giroux, Kelli Knight, Heather Shibley, Coach Short.





Katie Pinocci uses her powerful kick during a penalty to pass to the forwards.

Kelli Knight dribbles the ball around her opponent. Her teammates are near in case she needs help.







Alicia Longley took control of the mid-field this year. She continuously cleared the ball up field to her team mates.

Jodi-Lyn Pesaturo, who is only a freshmen, makes a tremendous save by punching this ball up and over the

Oakers shut out WestWarwick

Everyone knew this was a rebuilding year because they lost so many seniors to graduation. Also their roster included six freshmen. Despite many set backs and a losing season, they were always high in spirits. Lee Walshe, who is one of the two seniors on the team, only played half the season due to injuries. Gary Puckett stood out in goal, coming up with one huge save after another. Bryant Lemme and Shawn Henessey dominated the field, showing the underclassmen how the game is played. The practice and experience finally paid off when the Oaker Booters defeated the arch-rival West Warwick Wizards with a stunning defensive match shutting out their oppenent. A highlight of the season was when Matt Holt, who at the end of the season was pulled up to varsity, scored two goals.



Lee Walshe makes yet another save in goal.



Bryant Lemme takes control of the defense and traps this ball with his chest before clearing it down field.

Shaun Hennessy concentrates on the ball and uses his skill to fire it to his teammate.







Boys Soccer- *1st. Row:* Matt Stowe, Eric Swanson, Andy Hayes, Dave Fish, Gary Pucket, Lee Walsh, Rob Ferone, Derek McFerran, John Emond, Mike Mansour, Jim Ancone, Kevin Berthone. *2nd Row:* Coach Rolfino, Kevin Neary, Shane McGrath, Shaun Hennessey, Phil Kennedy, Bryant Lemme, Chris Iaci, Ian Campopiano, Bob Martin, Brian Godin, Paul Nunes.





Bryant Lemme jumps up to head the ball down field. He was a major threat this year for opposing teams.

The Oakers were assisted by the fine playing of Captain Gary Pucket in net. He came up with save after save.







Rob Ferone is running through the ball and is about to bang it up field.

Shaun Hennessy leaps into the air and heads the ball.

Spikers Reach the State's Again!

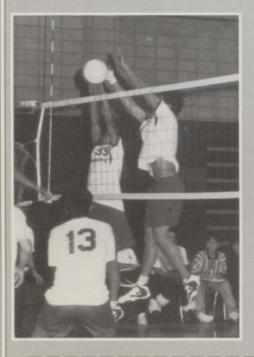
The Oaker Spikers had a tough tradition to life up to. Could they repeat again as Division Champions for a fourth consecutive season? All-Stater Scott DeWare, hampered by a knee injury played outstanding, when he played. All-Stater Sean Hagerty stepped in to fill the gap and fill it he did, putting down kill after kill. Tommy Clarke worked the net and recorded numerous blocks, while Randy Arel and Tony Vigneau made many remarkable sets. The Spikers reached the playoffs with an overall record of 15-3. In the semifinals, a rested Oaker squad defeated Bishop Hendricken and advanced to the finals. Despite spirited play, the Oakers failed to repeat as State Champions, falling to undefeated North Kingston.



Hey! Look, another block. These boys sure know how to get up. In all seriousness, the blockers were a significant part of this team.

Two Oaker Spikers combine their efforts for an awesome block.

Tommy Clarke jumps up to once again make a remarkable block.

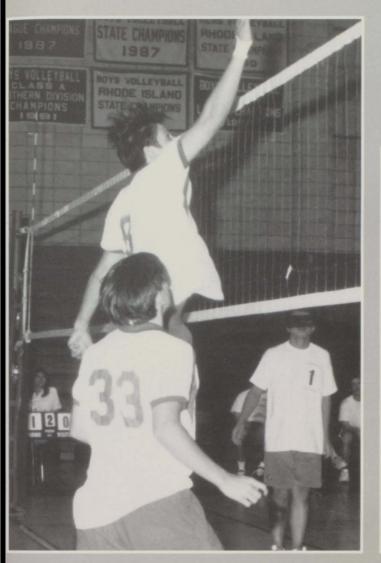








Boys Volleyball- *1st. Row:* Nick Foehr, Dave Jeranian, Tim Bilski, Tony Vigneau, Jeff Langmaid, Adam Macko, Greg Fecteau. *2nd. Row:* Coach Hobin, Ralph Super, Randy Arel, Tommy Clarke, Sean Hagerty, Scott Deware, Keith Goward, Eric Easterbrooks, Craig Riley, Coach Sherburne.



Tommy Clarke takes advantage of the other team's mistake.

Scott Deware makes yet another kill, despite having to take pain killers every take he sets foot on the court.







Sean Haggerty stepped it up big time this year and led the Oakers to the State Championship. He tells his team mates of the game plan.

An Oaker Spiker gets ready to make another block.

A Great Return

The girls tennis team had an outstanding season, ending up fourth in the state for Division A. Co-captains Lisa Barry and Karen Castenson, who also play singles position one and two respectively, did an excellent job preparing the Juniors and underclassmen for next season. In the state competition, Lisa Barry made second team All-Division and the dynamic duo Beth Dlugos and Kelly Levesque qualified for first team All-Division. Lauren Aubin, Danielle Godin, and Christine Benitez were also among the top players for the team. Coach Macomber continues to lead the girls tennis team through numerous successful seasons.

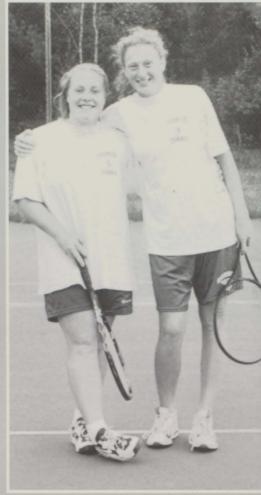


Christine Benitez returns a volley with full force to win a match point.

Karen Castenson plays up front on the net to return the serve from her opponent.

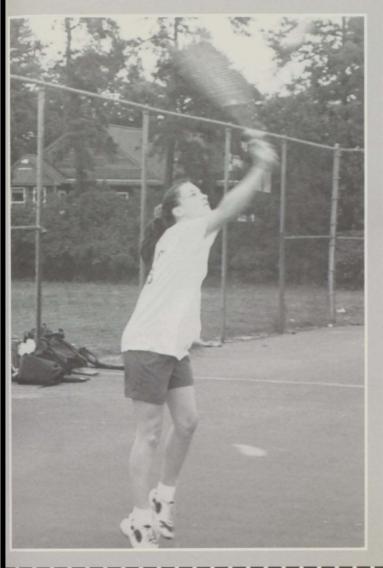
Kelly Levesque and Karen Castenson take a minute to relax before their doubles match.







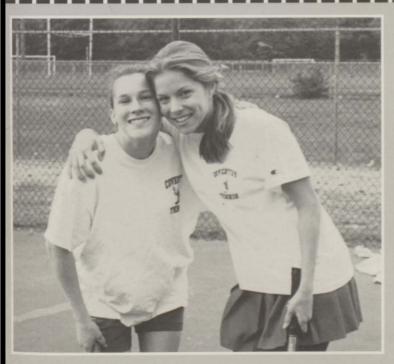
Girls Tennis: 1st. Row: Julie Delbarone, Rebecca Klein, Christine Benitez, Kelly Levesque, Beth Atkin, Audrey O'Brien, Becky Major, Sue Doucette, Kendra Lonquist. 2nd. Row: , Erin Meenagh, Danielle Godin, Beth Dlugos, Lauren Aubin, Lauren Kelley, Lisa Barry, Karen Castenson, Sonja Marxson, Kelly Lonergan, Christine Illiano, Liz Swain and Coach Macomber.





Danielle Godin stretches to return a high ball. Christine Benitez does a forehand to keep her opponent on her toes. Lauren Aubin appears to be having fun, displaying sports are more than who wins and who loses.







Danielle Godin and Lauren Aubin take a minute to get psyched before there match.

The seniors have one last moment together before they each go on their separate paths.

Harriers Sprint to the Finish

During the 1996 season, the Oakers cross country team started with a strong senior line up. Five returning seniors with two fantastic freshmen runners made it seem possible that this would be the year. Pete Dawson, the strongest contender for a place in the state meet, led the Oakers as their captain. Veteran runner Jeff Stevens was always hot on Petes' heels followed by Ian Smith, Ryan Webb, Steve Schayer, and freshman super star Dave Porto. First time runners Dan Buehner and Kevin Lester contributed greatly to the depth and strength of the team along with Aaron Watson, Rob Taylor and Mark Labossiere. Sophomore sensation Ian Smith quickly took charge of the number two spot on the teamwhen Jeff was hurt. Although their record was only a humble four and six, let it always be remembered that through the hundreds of miles of practice and racing this was truly a team with fortitide and heart.



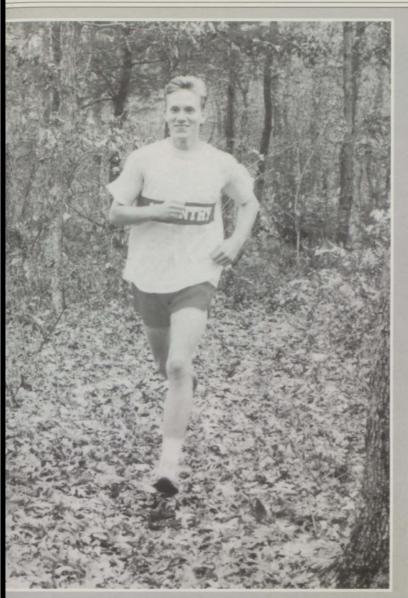
Peter Dawson poses with Coach LaButti before the race.

The Harriers are rounding the final turn, making their way to the finish line.





Boys Cross Country- Stephen Schayer, Ian Smith, Dave Porto, Ryan Webb, Pete Dawson, Jeff Stevens, Dan Buehner and Coach LaButti.



Senior Jeff Stevens races through the course in the woods.

Pete Dawson picks up the speed rounding the corner to make a great finish.







The Harriers stretch out to loosen up before the big meet. They have practiced hard all week, and their hopes are high of clinching first place.

The runners have some water and a little rest after completing a rigorous course.

We Ran , Ran, and Ran

The Girls Cross Country Team had a successful season this year. In fact, they placed third in the hardest division in the state. Cross Country is a demanding sport which requires complete dedication. The Lady Harriers success can be attributed to the way the team functioned as a whole. First year senior runner, Michaela Thompson, was a pleasant addition to the team this season. She made All-State and continued to run her way to the All-New England Team. The harriers were also led by Jen DiCarlo, Stephanie Chandler, Becky Argal and Jackie Horlbogen. These four runners consistently scored points for the team by finishing in the top five on the team. With many of the Lady Harriers returning, next year promises to be successful for both the team and for individual runners.



The Lady Harriers listen attentively as Coach Soscia goes over the race.

Michielle Kiernan, a dedicated senior runner of four years, approaches the finish line of Coventry's home course at Great Oak.





Girls Cross Country- 1st. row: April Hazard, Michaela Thompson, Jennifer DiCarlo, Kristie Socia Andriene LaBranche, Beth Lynch. 2nd. Row: Lauren Lavoie, Sara Olson, Heather Piascik, Kim Morton, Erin Grant, Stephanie Gallo, Barbara Devine, Jen Copass, Jessica Langlois. 3rd. Row. Christine Morein, Megan Evangelista, Sara Mutter, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Kristen Bennet, Jen Capron Jackie Holbogen, Stephanie Chandler, Becky Argall.



Senior Beth Lynch enthusiatically nears the finish line after 2.9 grueling miles.

Jennifer DiCarlo takes one more race off her list of races to go.







April Hazard leads a long path of athletes in hopes of running a great race.

After the race the Lady Harriers are overcome with fatigue and exhaustion. These runners are not given enough credit for the hard work this sport entails.

Oakers in the Barnyard

The Lady Hoopsters had a spectacular year finishing second in A-Central before progressing to the play-offs. Sharpshooter Kelli Knight ranked among the top throughout the league in 3-pointers. Power forward Heather Shibley recorded one double-double after another. Other captains Karen Castenson and Kelly Levesque came up with some big plays. With Jackie Horlbogen's speed at point and devensive skills and Kayla Ferri's outside shot, the Lady Oakers were tough to stop. One reason for this year's success can be credited to the fact that these players were not just a team, they were friends. From country music and the yee-hah's to cows, this team will never be forgotten in a lot of people's eyes.

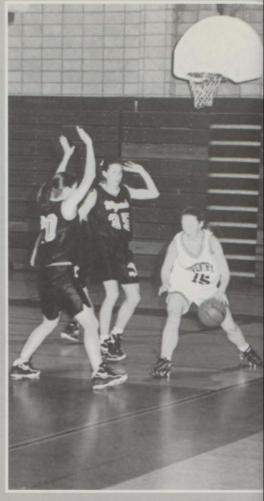


Jackie Horlbogen takes the ball into the key and puts up a jump shot.

Kelli Knight drives around two Wizard opponents.

Jackie Horlbogen takes control of the offense at point. She's running shuffle.







Girls Basketball: *1st. Row:* Jen Haigh, Kayla Ferri, Kerri Hachadorian, Abby Ferri, Jen Mularze, Becky Lavoie. *2nd. Row:* Coach Hopper, Kelli Knight, Kelly Levesque, Jackie Horlbogen, Karen Castenson, Heather Shibley, Lauren Kelley and Coach Morin.





Jackie Horlbogen is fast breaking for a lay-up.

Karen Castenson is called for a foul!

Kayla Ferri is being boxed out for a rebound.







Coach Morin calls a time out to review the game plan.

Lady Oakers get psyched for the game.

Hoopsters-Turn it Around

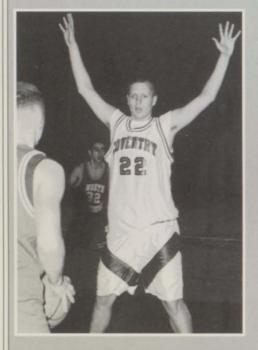
Although the boys basketball team started off to a slow start, they finished their season close to .500. Captain Sean Hagerty pulled down his share of boards, while Keith Goward became a threat that other teams had to pay attention to. Mike Howard helped the Oakers have a stronger inside game. Juniors Greg Fecteau and Tony Vigneau fired from the outside, continuously racking up the points. Greg's shot at the buzzer beat the Wizards, and Tony's alomst-halfcourt shot put the Oakers into overtime against North Providence. Sophomore sensation Sean Mulligan was named the MVP of the Christmas Tournament. This young team is expected to have a bright future next year.



Tony Vigneau takes a shot from the NBA three point line.

Sean Hagerty blocks out the noise and he concentrates on making this foul shot.

Keith Goward is on the ball during an Oaker full court press.







Boys Basketball: *1st. Row:* Mike Palardy, Tim Bilski, Tony Vigneau, Greg Fecteau, Dave Doucette. *2nd. Row:* Coach Szymkowicz, Mike Howard, Keith Goward, Sean Haggerty, Sean Mulligan, Ryan Palmiere, Tom Mulligan and Coach McGovern.





Greg Fecteau pushes the ball up court against a pressure defense.

Tony Vigneau scrambles for a loose ball.

Sean Hagerty drives through the lane to get a layup.







The Oakers get fired up in pre-game activities before taking the court.

Sean Mulligan dribbles the ball to get his concentration back before taking a critical foul shot.

Skaters Ice Play-offs

Even though the championship hockey team lost many standouts due to graduation, they came back this year ready to play. They skated all the way to the Class B championships. In an overtime match against Pilgrim, Jeff Goodwin scored to clinch the victory. Goodwin had a brilliant season often leading the points bracket. Seniors Chris Moore, Donald Poirier, and Howie Hopkins stepped it up big time. Jay Derrick probably would have led the league if checks were recorded. He was also one of the best defensemen in the league with a slap shot not even the goalie wanted to stop. Todd Petschke was also a force. Brian Goffe, who was constantly in the scoring column, had superb skills with the puck. This hockey team left little to be desired this year.



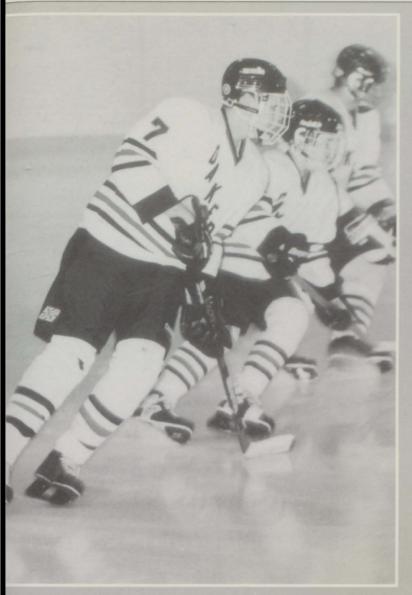
Jeff Goodwin is one of the best hockey players in the state. He led the team to the play-offs.

Neil Lesniak lines up to win the face off along with his line mates





Hockey -1st row: Don Poirier, Todd Petschke, Howie Hopkins, Phil Mcafferty, Greg Riley, Matt Picotte, Chris Moore, Jeff Goodwin; 2nd. row: Coach George Egan, Matt Millete, Jason Goffe, Jason McDonald, Neil Lesniak, Richard Cachiotti, John Brown, Matthew Duhoski, Brian Goffe, Jason Jones, Jason Derrick, Matthew Lindstrom (waterboy), and Assistant Coach Edward Payne.



Matt Duhoski, Jason Goffe, and Chris Moore are setting up to take down anyone in their path.

The team watches anxiously, hoping to get their chance on the ice.







Jay Derrick beats his opponent to the puck and then passes it to his teammate.

Greg Riley is a huge part for the success of this team.

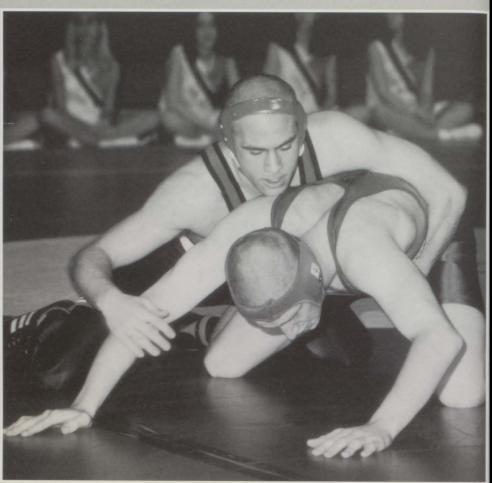
Sweet Sixteenth!

The wrestling team won the state championship for the sixteenth straight year. Our record holding team went undefeated in the duel meet season. In addition, Coventry won both the Junior Varsity and Freshmen States. At the state tournament Junior Shaun Hennessey and Justin Lewis both won their weight class clinching first team all-state. Hennessey, who is one of the select few who remained undefeated throughout the season was rated 12th nationally by Wrestling USA News. Chad Fratus was also a force to be reckoned with during the season. Coach Bob Smith credits the entire team with the victory. The captains showed the underclassmen the dedication and discipline required to win. Our Oaker wrestlers plan to be a powerhouse once again nest season.



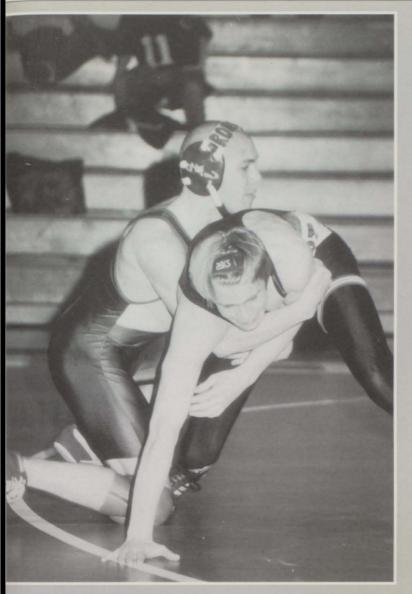
The referee declares Shaun Hennessey the winner in his match in the 160-pound class.

Shaun Hennessey, ranked 12th nationally by Wrestling USA News, went 24 - 0 this season with moves like the one below.

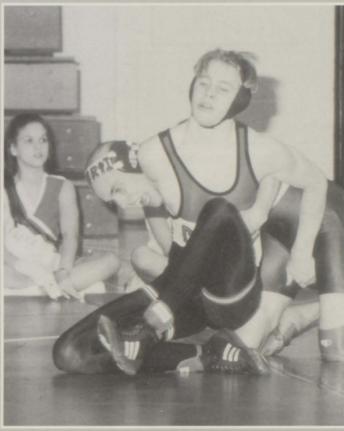




Wrestling: 1st. row: Krystal Smith, Ashley Hebert, Anne Bednarski, Cassie Bardi, Amey Fregeolle, Christina Ayliff-Jesup, Melanie Carr, Jillian Argall, Meghan Butts, Maria Conca, Renee Hammond; 2nd. row: Tiffany Brown, Ryan Hennessey, Matt Cole, Justin Lewis, Steve Bucacci, Artie Souza, Shane McGrath, Jon Skaling, Ryan Sherlock, Julie Calderone; 3rd. row: Coach Bob Smith, Dan Sullivan, Bob Corp, Mike DeGraide, Fritz Pluviose, Ryan Rocchio, Shawn Hennessey, Chad Fratus; 4th row: Coach Steve Bucacci, Mike Casimire, Matt Skaling, Josh Sutton, Casey Slezak, Craig Kibbey, Mike Skaling, Mike Polion; 5th row: Dan Sullivan, Brian Godin, Tom Jervis, Parker Capwell, Adam Taylor, Scott Erno, Jeremy Zabbo, Chris DiMicco, and Matt Stowe.



Jon Skaling works out of a difficult position to bring his opponent under control. Oaker wrestlers are taught to take their time; maintain their composure during matches and wait for the opportunity to take control of the situation.







Junior Artie Souza, wrestling at 130-pounds brings his opponent to the mat.

Senior Bob Corp, at 275 pounds, sizes up his opponent during the opening moments of his match.

In-Door Track Begins

This was the very first year that Coventry High School offered a girls indoor track team. As anticipated, many girls took advantage of this opportunity. Success, too, came with the large turnout of girls. The team, coached by Mr. Whetstine, finished in the first half of its division. A highlight of the season came when the harriers tied St. Rays, a powerhouse in the track field. At Class Championships Coventry was led by seniors Michaela Thompson and Danielle Godin. Coventry's state bound squad includes Erin Meenah in 300m, Jenelle Sgagliardicht in 1000m, Danielle Godin in hurdles, and Michaela Thompson in 3000m. Also, the 4X440m relay team consisting of Becky Argal, Michaela Thompson, Steph Chandler, and Kathy Fitzpatrick qualified for states.



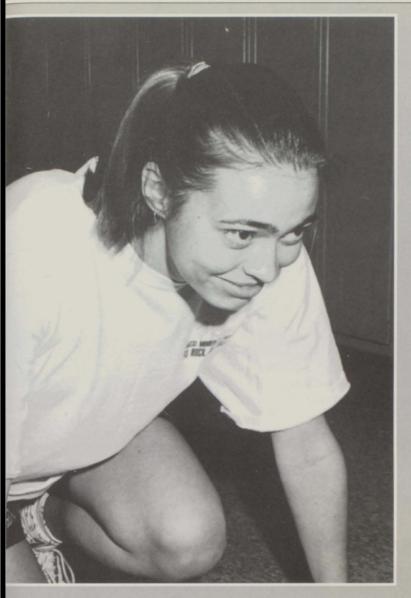
Jo Anne Montalbano, Danielle Godin and April Hazard sparked the team during its first season to ainning record.

Concentration and coordination are the keys to being a successful hurdler.





In-Door Track- 1st. row: Kim Morton, Melissa Holt, Erin Meenagh, April Hazard, Jo Anne Montalbano, Danielle Godin, Erin Grant, Michaela Thompson, Allison Blackmore, Sara Chaffee-Standish; 2nd. row: Jessica Rainville, Beth Dlugos, Nicole Lavoie, Kristine Morgan, Lauren Lavoie, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Nikki Hattoy, Erin Drought, Becky Argall, Berni Lynch, Danielle LaBranche; 3rd. row: Lee Chagnon (scorer-manager), Coach Clem Soscia, Karlene Kreuter, Steph Chandler, Kelly Remick, Ololade Falola, Rachel Tessier, Jamie ReKrut. Alicia Charpentier, Kristie Soscia, Adrienne LaBranch, Megan Evangelista, Vicki Hughes and Coach Luke Whetstine.



Waiting in the three point stance for the starting gun to go off is nerve wracking. Those moments before the start require runners to block out everything except the sound of the starting gun.







Danielle Godin makes a perfect jump, clearing the hurdle in with several inches to spare. Her form is the result of many hours of practice.

Clearing the hurdle and landing on your feet, ready to race to the next obstacle is the key to victory.

Stops Along the Way









Student Life

et's face it. There's got to be more to school than Academics. We are now about to enter the realm of after school activities. At Coventry High School there is a lot to do after school. Besides sports (which is a different subject entirely) there is a myriad of clubs and events for students to partake in. These activities include student council, AFJROTC, Class organization, band, yearbook, and WCVY Radio. CHS students are never at a loss for something to do. A lot of student life activities are geared towards helping the community. Almost every CHS student does some community service during the year and DECA does lots to aid the community. Activities like Varsity Revue, Science Fair, The Entry, and many others help to combine school and outside life. While much of the work for these activities are done in school, a lot is done out of school as well. Student life is what makes school fun. Yes, school can be fun. You just have to know where to look, and at CHS you don't have to look far.

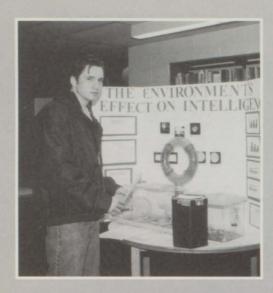




Science Fair

Half-asleep students stumble through the front doors with large pieces of cardboard, strange mutant plants, and interesting chemicals in their hands. This can only mean one thing: It's Science Fair Day. The annual CHS Science Fair was held on February 12th. The Projects included testing the effects of caffene

on plants to studying the reaction of mice to different kinds of music. Over 100 Honors students participated in the event which gave them the opportunity to apply their research and experimental skills. The top 7 projects will take part in the RI Science and Technology Fair at the Community College of Rhode Island.



















Snowfall to Remember

On Friday, January 24, juniors & seniors freed themselves from a stressful exam week as they entered West Valley Inn for a "Night To Remember". Everyone was elegantly dressed, the ladies with their flowers, and the guys with their boutonnieres. Everyone was greeted by Mr. Hobin & Mrs. Baxter. After waiting

in line for pictures, dinner was served to the dislikes of many there. Although the music had been playing since the beginning of the evening, no one began dancing until after dinner. From then on the dance floor was filled & everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening.











A Day at West Bay

Jen Sousa gains on-the-job experience as an aide at the Blackrock Elementary School.

Michele Selter works with pre-school children at the West Bay Child Development Program.

A typical day at West Bay begins at 7:45 AM. and ends at 1:10 PM. During this time, students receive the on the job training that they will need for their chosen career. It gives them the chance to decide whether or not they will like their career. The students actually work with the public by repairing cars, or VCR's, making business cards, or baking pastries, working with patients, or helping children, even exploring nature.

What most people seem to enjoy most about West Bay is the school's population. It is far less crowded, allowing everyone to walk through the hallways without bumping into anyone or anything. It is also said to be more freedom there. A student can actually leave the class (with teacher's permission) without a colored pass and not get in trouble.

Over all, West Bay is a great school. Don't be intimidated by what you may hear from other people. It's all what you make it out to be.







Tanya Jankowski and Andrea Verrier stand near the off-set printing press waiting for more paper.

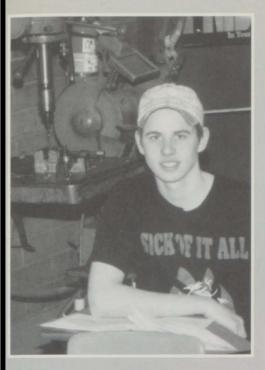






Steve Lucia and Jason LaPearl repair a computer in Electronics Technology.





Mike McCoy take a break in Machine Technology.

Brian Korus, Tim Lambert, Brian Gagnon, Mike McCoy, Jay Couture, Victoria Cox, Allan St. Onge and Jim Freeman gather around the Christmas Tree waiting for vacation to come











Amanda Lima, Amy McGreevy, Nick Sanderson and Destiny Mills prepare pastry for break cart.



Joe Hartman, Victoria Cox and Steve Croft were selected to represent West Bay at the State V.I.C.A.

Student Council

Of all the school activities, student council is the most popular. Student council is a group of kids who make a difference in our school environment. Student council, this year is led by senior John Hughes, our president, who led us through a very successful year.

A few days before the start of school, the student council came together as a body for another year. The year opened with a splash at Heather Curley's pool party. Then later we cleaned & organized our student council office, and prepared for a banquet for our devoted teachers. Later came Homecoming. Student Council put together a spectacular parade which started at the Coventry Credit Union and ended at our school. Student Council breaks up into subcommittees for different events, such as our Secret -Pal system, Health fair, and the ever most popular spirit week, which was a great success. Our 4 classes competed between PJ day, dress-up day, and the famous Anything goes. The week concluded with a dance March 21. The Varsity Review took place on March 8 and 9 in the school auditorium. The Review was a smash success because of acts such as the Oakerettes and our solo vocalists. Student Council took two trips this year to the Alton Jones campus. These trips helped to develop leadership skills, while still having fun.

Student Council meets every Thursday in the school's auditorium to discuss new ideas and review current projects. In addition to our President John Hughes, other officers include Jeff Klein, our Vice President, Carrie Burton is our Corresponding Secretary, while Nico Clift is the Recording Secretary. Lisa Brenan is our Treasurer. Our student council advisor is Mr. Ernest DiMico, and our new co-advisor to Mr. DiMico is Mrs. Tracy. Mrs. Kelly continues as our assistant. All members and advisors has done an exemplary excellent job with running student council, as they have done in the past, and will continue in the future.

Student Council Officers: Carrie Burton, Corresponding Secretery; Nico Clift, Recording Secretary; Jeff Klein, Vice-President; John Hughes, President; Lisa Brennan, Treasurer; and Ernest DiMicco, State Representative.









Student Council: 1st. row: Autumn Fiske, Tina Miller, Lisa Brennan, Jeff Klein, John Hughes, Scott Bear, Shana Emmett, Ernie DiMicco; 2nd. row: Mr. DiMicco, Heather Pi, Eric Martin, Brian Sperlongano, Jeremy Tonet, Chris DiMicco, Stephen Dupree; 3rd. row: Mrs. Kelly, Nico Clift, Lauren Rupp, Michaela Safford, Vicki Hughes. Nathan Horodysky, Tony Mosca Laura Gast, Abby Fogarty, Vinney Mesolella; 4th. row: Doug Mattoon, Carrie Burton, Kristen Bennett; 5th. row: Evan Hall, Daryl Gast, Lauren Aubin, Stephanie Izzo.



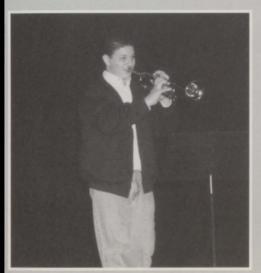
Student Life



The Varsity Review

This year's Varsity Revue was graced with two hilarious MCs, John Hughes and Evan Hall. They set the audience up for each act and added much humor to the presentation. Many hours of hard work and rehearsal paid off with a highly talented and successful performance. Under the guidance of Mr. DiMicco,

director Lauren Aubin, assistant director Alena Chabot and stage manager Lauren Rupp provided students and towns people with two hours of entertainment which included dancing, singing and comedy routines. One highlight was Hitler Stole My Potato, playing their debut C.D., Don't Play with your food.











DECA

DECA is an association of marketing students, and also a big part of the marketing program at Coventry High School. This year's chapter president was Jennifer Andrews. Through her leadership skills and dedication, DECA had a very strong and productive year..

On October 30, 1997 Deca Day was held at the Johnson and Wales Inn in Providence,. During this day, the students werethe students were given an overview of Deca, and were able stdo participate in several business and marketing programs offered today.

In the month of Novem-

ber, DECA started the beginning of Coventry High- School's annual christmas project. Under the guidance of the marketing teachers Mr. John Macomber, Mr. Jim Alves and Mrs. Kathy Laroque, the students were able to help hundreds of needy families in and around Coventry. A total of 6400 gifts were collected, which helped mnay needy families have a special Christmas. Along with many other projects, Deca also runs the school store during lunch periods.

This year the Deca students were able to participate in National and State Competition.













DECA: 1st. row: Jill Argall, Jen Andrews, Meagan Defedele; 2nd. row: Ann-Marie Walsh, Areli Calzada; 3rd. row: Tim Bailey, Adrienne Cournoyer, Jen Legault and Marissa Gostomski.











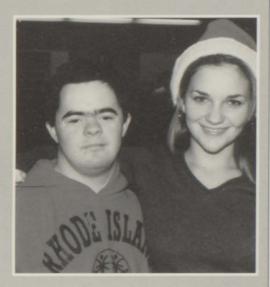
Reach Out

Reach Out is a club at Coventry High School. In it's eighth year of existence, Reach Out has provided students with and without disabilities the opportunity to interact, to be together, in fun and meaningful activities. Students interact in a number of different settings: In the classroom, they work together, at gym

they engage in sports and activities, in the lunchroom they socialize. In addition students interact together in the community. Reach Out is an enjoyable and rewarding activity from which everyone benefits. Students willingly give up their study hall periods as well as time after school to participate in the club.







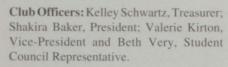




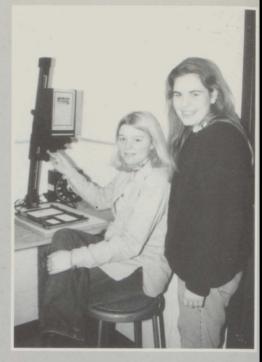
Photography

The Photography club, under the direction of Mr. Marcure, Advisor, is very active both in and outside of school. In addition to learning the basics of photography and dark room procedures, the club provides photographic support to all organizations in the school. Student photographers cover dances, Home Coming, Pep rallies, athletic events and much more.

Many of their candid photographs are published in the Entry, the Coventry Courier and The Knotty Oak -to include the opening page to your yearbook. In addition the club has gone on photographic fields trips to Boston. Mystic, Newport and Providence. Club members, not only learn a lifelong hobby, but help to create a photographic record of CHS.















Photography Club: 1st. row: Jen Engle, Lauren Retelle, Amy DeGraide, Becky Gliottone, Beth Very; 2nd. row: Kelley Schwartz, Steve Magnanti, Brian Turgeon. Sam Stevens; 3rd. row: Josh Moore, Lindsay Selby, Desiree Rojas, Shakira Baker. Chris Moore and Mr. Marcure, Advisor.





Entry and WCVY

Two very important clubs, advised by Mr. Grady, keep the student body and community informed and entertained. They are the Entry, the school newspaper, and WCVY, the radio station. Computor labs have changed the way students publish a newspaper. Desktop publishing gives them complete control over

format and layout and the hands on experience provides staff members as they keep everyone informed about school activities. With its DJ's and behind the scenes programmers and managers WCVY fills the air waves with the music Oakers like to hear, as they have a good time, while gaining valuable experience.









Entry Staff: Nicole Lavioe, Amy Barlow, Melyssa Beaudry, Kristen Bennett, Jen Berk, Eva manda Brown, Joseph Celani, Chris ChiltoJamie Fogarty, Amy Lockwood, Jason Messier, Chenoa Morris, Danielle Nagy, Joe Roch, Jon Rollins, Audra Tellier, Rose Vallier, Chilton Crete.

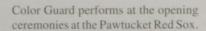


WVCY Staff: Nico Clift, Mandy Brown, Chris Simpkins, Alaina Chabot, Mark Weinzierl, Andrew Bent, Dave Patnaude, Production Manager: Jamie Fogarty, Program Director: Ryan Riel, Music Director: Carrie Burton, News Director: Lauren Rupp.

R.O.J.C.

The RI 81st Air Force Junior ROTC program of Coventry High School offers cadets an opportunity to partake in varied community service activities. Cadets participate in activities such as cadet staff, retirement home visits, soup kitchen support, rocketry, model clubs, and an air honor society. Cadets partici-

pate on Drill Team, Honor Guard, and Color Guard which requires commitment, dedication, and team work. These qualities build character and responsibility. Cadet involvement makes the Coventry High School Air Force Junior ROTC program highly successful.



Cadet Colonel Jennifer DiCarlo conducts her inspection of the cadets



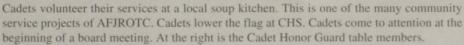
















Interact Officers: *1st. row:* Byron Dowling, Casey Lynch; *2nd. row:* Joe Roch and Fred Senerchia.

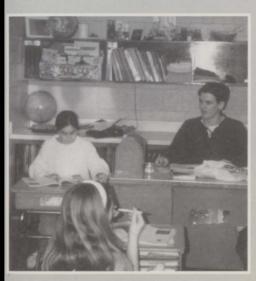
Heather Shibley receiving award for the Walk-athon she sponsored for the Cancer Soaciety.



Students in Action

Oakers are involved students. They give much of themselves, both on an off campus. Sociology and Psychology students perform a minimum of 30 hours of community service as part of the classes. You will find them at nursing homes, the food bank, tutoring in the elementary schools and many other sites.

Interact is a new community service club which volunteers to help people in the community. In its first year, it has been involved in several projects. Students, such as the Library Aides, volunteer to help out in the school. The Math League and Academic Decathlon compete throughout the State.









Library Aides: Chad Cummiskey, Kim Richey, and Eric Levesque.



Academic Decathlon Team: *1st. row:* Amy Barlow, Julie Doucette, Jennifer DiCarlo; *2nd. row:* Andrew Bent, Ernie DiMicco, John Hughes, Jeremy Tonet, and Beth Dlugos.



Jamie Fogarty teaching as part of her community service.

Knotty Oak Staff - '97



Editor-in-Chief Jennifer DiCarlo



Senior Staff: Heather Shibley, Sports, Sandy Simpson and Anne-Marie Walshe [not pictured].



Freshman Staff: Michael Walshe, Megan Chilton, Libby Stevens, Danielle Montaquila, Virginia Pierce, Erin Gregory, and Carl Riecke.



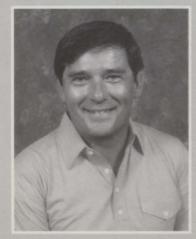
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All-State Cheerleaders

Four Oaker cheerleaders were named to the All-State Squad by the Rhode Island C heerleading Coaches Association.



Christina Ayliffe-Jessup



Kathy Arcoraci



Cassandra Bardi



Byron Dowling





To Stephan with Love

You have been so special to us. You taught us the true meaning of love, patience, and understanding. God made you special for a reason that only He knows. You have never let your disabilities hold you down and have grown into a fine young man. The future is yours and you will be a success -that we know. Never lose that special love you have for everyone. You will always be our little Steve, you can count on that.

All our love Mom, Dad and Peter



Best Wishes Joseph

We are very happy for you today. We are dedicating this space to say your mom would be very proud of you today.

> God Bless Love, Dad, Dale, Mat



You're all Grown Up



Steve

Where have the past 21 years gone. I remember when I could hold you in my arms and mashed potatoes and gravy seemed to solve every problem. You are all grown up now and I wish you nothing but the best in the future.

All my love Aunt Tammi

The class of 1999 at Coventry High School would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship of the annual "Drug-Free Lock-In" dance held at the high school. Your outstanding generosity helped make the event a great success.

Coventry High School PTSA
Arkwright Inc.
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Congratulations to the Class of '97

May all your dreams come true and may your future be bright!

A Friend

Congratulations! Karen

We wanted to give you two things as you grew up. First, you needed roots for developing and learning. This you have done so well and we are very proud of you. Second, you needed wings for making your own life. We're confident that as you try your wings in the next phase of your life, you'll be successful at whatever you attempt. Remember your roots and stretch your wings to the fullest to lead a happy life.



Love and Good Luck, Mom, Dad, and Cathy

Congratulations Jared!



You made it!
We're very
Proud
of You!

Love, Dad, Lea & Jennifer

Dear Jen

We cherished you when you were a baby, and now you are a beautiful young woman. Go as far as your dreams and talents will take you. We are proud of you and love you very much. You are so special to us.

Love, Mom, Dad and Todd



Good Luck - Jami



You have given us much happiness and love from your smile and laughter. Do not loose either one, for they are what makes you "Jami". In the past, you have taken many steps since those first ones and we trust the steps you take today and in the future will bring you happiness and love for the rest of your life.

Love, Grammy & Grampy

Congratulations Lisa

You are so rich in all the things that really count; a loving heart, a joyous spirit, a sunny outlook, contentment, friendship, laughter. We are so proud of you. Good luck in college.

Love, Mom, Dad & Jennifer



Jessica Lynn



Our "Middle" Baby is grown up. You are on your way to becoming whatever your dreams hold for you.

> We Love You, Mom, Dad, Nicole & Cristen

Congratulations, Kelli

We are so proud of you, Kelli. From soccer, basketball and softball, too let us say "Thank You" for all the wonderful memories you've given us on and off the fields and courts. Always stay the way you are because no matter where you go and whatever you do, you will always be our "Pooh". remember we are always here for you. We love you.

Love Always, Mom, Dad, Kristin, Amber & Misty



Congratulations Pete!



You Made it!
Hope your future will bring bigger and better things your way.
We are proud of You.

Love, Joanne, Brillo & Abby

Congratulations Debbie!



Well Deb, it all over... You have triumphed over your teachers, friends and various malicious genes to become the smart, well-liked, beautiful person you are. We are very proud of you and know that you will do well in your future. You are wished all the Good Luck and happiness you deserve and remember that we'll always be here for you if you need us.

Love, Mom, Dad & Scott

Congratulations David



You made it! We are proud of you and love you. You can accomplish whatever you set your mind to. You are a special person. God Bless You.

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Chris



You are a very special person and we are proud of you! May all your dreams come true.

Love,

Mom, Dad & Megan

Sugarbritches: With "New Roads to follow, New Paths to Take" NO wall will ever stop[you! Years of work have paved the way to create this yearbook. A monumental task, a job well done. Love Mom & Dad.

Rachel: Good Luck in college! Remember we love you and will always be there for you. Follow your dreams! Love, Auntie Robin, Uncle Steve, Jessica & Stevie.

Eric: Congratulations on a job well done! We're so proud of you! We know your creativity will take you far. Love, Mom, Dad, Paul, Chris & Ming.

Congratulations Liz! You've brought us joy and laughter, but most of all, you've brought us love. We are so very proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad.

Bethany, **Congratulations** to a special person. We wish you all the best in life. Love, Mom & Dad.

YO! Steve! "Excuse Me"! We are very proud of you. The journey ahead will be challenging and rewarding. Never stop learning. Love, Dad, Mom, Jim, Johnny & Matt.

Randy, You did it! I'm very proud of you. Its been a bumpy road, but you hung in there. I knew you could! Love, Mom.

Jon: Congratulation! We are proud of you and hope all your dreams come true. Good luck in the future. Love: Dad, Mom, Jay & Lisa.

Melissa: There will always be stars in your future. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad.

Congratulations Angela. Angela you worked very hard to get where you are now. I hope the years to come are easier. We are proud of you. Love Mom and Dad.

Ann-Marie, Congratulations on your graduation. Best of luck in your future years. And as always, you have all our love and support. Love, Mom, Dad, Michael & Brian.

Jeff: You have grown to be a very caring and talented person. We admire your strength and hard work. Be true to yourself and your dreams. Love, Mom and Dad.

Michelle, congratulations! Here's wishing you happiness and success in the world, as you've found in high school. Live each day to its fullest. Remember your goals -there are other children waiting for you. Most of all, don't forget we love you. Mom, Dad, and Mikey.

Congratulations Suzie!!



Suzanne:

We are so proud of you! We wish you all the best in everything you do.

Congratulations!!

Love, Mom, Stephen & Chewy

Congratulations Matthew



You are a very special son. You have worked very hard and we are very proud of you. We wish you health, happiness and success in whatever you do.

Love, Mom & Dad Melissa & Colleen



Congratulations

Jeremy
We're very
proud of
You!

Love, Dad, Mom, Josh, Jenna & Nana

Jamie, You did it.

Congratulations
Here's to
a
bright future.

We all love you.

Mom, Kevin, Kristen & Abby



Congratulations Shaun!



Dad and I love you so much. We wish you all the best in life. Remember to keep your dreams alive.

Love, Mom and Dad



Where did the Years go?

Congratulations, Ernie,

Love, Uncle Kevin, Aunt Dale, Kristen & Abby

Congratulations, Jamie,

Uncle Ernie, Aunt Marilyn, Chris & Matt

Congratulations Lauren

We're so proud of you! We wish you the best in life and hope all your dreams come true.

> Love, Mom & Dad Keith & Jeff



Congratulations Kristy



Times passes too quickly. We have watched you grow from a little girl to a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of you.

Love you, Mom and Teddy

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Growing every day for tomorrow...

Congratulations

to

Veronica, John, Stephan, Melanie, Robert and Nico

Congratulations Eto!!

Your journey has just begun. The future holds many new experiences in time to come. Keep up the good work. And a job well done.

Love & Good Luck

Mom, Olella, Olamide, Tunde & Layi



Congratulations Ricky



It's impossible, in such a small space, to let you know how proud I am of you and how much I love you.

- Love, Mom. Congratulations Rick!!! And always remember... Augie, Paug Paug.-

-Love Becky. Hey Rick, the blue fish are in, let's go!!

-Love Dad.

Congratulations Chrissy

We are proud of all your accomplishments and we know how hard you have worked. You are very special and we love you.

Mom and Carl



Congratulatation Michael!



Time sure goes by fast. It just seems like yesterday, we sent you off for your first day of school and now it's off to college. We're so proud of you!

> Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Heidi

Words can't express how much I love you and how proud I AM OF you. HEIDI, you have always been so special and brave especially that day in January 1991. Thanks for sharing your life with me #9, its been a wonderful ride...

"HEIDI YOU'RE MY HERO LOVE, DAD



Congratulations Chris



"... destino e toccar quelle isole della fortuna,

... duri sempre in lottare e cercare e trovare

ne' cedere mai".

Love, Mamma, Dad & Alex

Congratulations Allison!

We're proud of you. Follow your dreams. May this be the start of a bright and successful future.

Love, Mom & Brandon Gramma & Grampa



Jeff



You've had many obstacles to deal with during your high school years, and you have overcome them all with flying colors.

Thanks for being such a special son and brother. We love you more than words can express.

Love, Mom, Dad, Tracey, Alyssia & Darren (Max, too!!!)

Justin

Whatever the outcome may be... We wish you the very best. Your personality, and fine qualities are what make you so very special. May happiness, and good health be with you always.

Love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations Weasel



It seems like yesterday that you were a little Indian boy. May the future be full of happiness and success. We are very proud of you!

> Love, Mom, Dad, Bri and Molly

To Jaclyn With Love

When you were born

You captured my heart...

As a child,

You filled it with Love...

And now,

You will carry it with you always For the rest of your life...

Good Luck Shana

Congratulations, Shana!

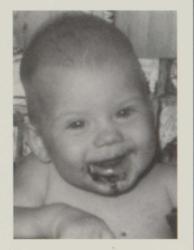
Have an awesome time at college and know that we will always love, and always be there for you. Remember true love never dies and a strong friendship never fades. Best of luck for college and beyond from your sister and very soon to be brother-in-law.

Love, Tara and Drew

Holly-Boo

I am so proud of you. You've turned into a beautiful, smart and fun-loving young adult with a mind of your own. Stay that way, and always respect yourself. I love you, and yes after all these years, I'm still your girlfriend.

I love you more than you'll every realize. Mom



Congratulations Toots



You have brought love and happiness to our lives. We are very proud of you. We were so lucky to have you as our daughter. We will always be there for you, if you need us. We want you to be happy in whatever you plan to do with your life after graduation.

With all our Love, Mom & Dad &, Keesha

Congratulations Danielle

Keep your humor, it brightens our lives! Follow all your dreams and don't settle for less. Your ability to succeed is determined by your own ambition. Continue being an individual and you will find your path to happiness.

LOVE, Mom, Dad, Jeremy & Justice



Congratulatation Becky



You have come a long way, Kiddo, and the best is yet to come. We are proud and grateful for our youngest.

XO Mom & Dad

Meagan Congratulations

From the day you were born, you have made my dreams of what a daughter should be come true. I am so proud of you! Remember to dream - I hope all your dreams are achieved.

I Love You,

Mom XO



Congratulations Betsy



Betsy - We're proud of you, your committed life is a joy to both of us. "WHATEVER you do, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART... It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Colossians 3:23,24

Love, Mom, Dad Mike & Kim

Stefanie

It's been four long years with many ups and downs. We've loved you through it all! Now you can go on and achieve all you're capable of. You've gone from this chubby cheeked smiling little girl to a very pretty, smiling lady. Always keep your smile. It's what people will always remember





Congratulations Michelle



The years have passed quickly, and you have reached this milestone in your life. We trust you have learned to make the right choices, and wish you the best in all you do. God bless you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Randy, Ryan & Mikayla

We're Proud of You Poochie



Our tiny Poochie has grown up so fast! Keep being the special person you are. We wish you everything you want in your years ahead. Pee Wee will keep guard at your door while you're away.

Love, Dad, Mom, Kelli and Pee Wee

Beth Very



Life has many challenges and opportunities -Always be happy and true to your self.

> Love, Mom, Amy, & Philip

Congratulations Jen

When you were born 18 years ago, it was the happiest day of our lives. Now as you graduate -it is the proudest day of our lives. May all your dreams come true.

Love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations Marissa



We have seen our little girl grow into a beautiful young lady. We are very proud of you. May your dreams come true. We will always be here for you.

Mom, Dad, Kim & Springer

Congratulations Jay

You did it! We are very proud of the man you've become. The future holds so many wonderful opportunities for you. Make your dreams come true. Remember: if you want to be happy for a year, win the lottery. If you want to be happy for life, love what you do.

Love, Mom, Dad, & Alicia XO XO XO



"Little Joe"



Long hours studying, multiple projects, occasional setbacks, but ultimately, graduation with honors! Success awaits you. We're extremely proud! Have fun in college.

Love, Mom, Dad and Sisters

Congratulations Bob

Time passes so quickly
We have seen our little boy
Grow into a fine young man.
We are so proud of you!
We will miss you very much
When you leave for college.
We know that you will
Make your dreams come true.
We will always be there for you!
Love,
Dad & Mom & Missy & Zach

Congratulations Heather

We're <u>So</u> Proud of You! We wish You the Best For all Your Future Endeavors.

> Love, Mom, Dad & Hal

Congratulations Mal

We're very proud of you. We know that you will make your dreams come true. You are a special person.

> Love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations Sandy



You have always been very special to us. We are so proud of you! May all your dreams come true.

Love You,

Mom and Dad



Congratulations Holly

We are so proud of you! You are a wonderful person with a heart of gold. Discover your dreams, for the future is yours. You will become successful in any avocation you may choose. Keep smiling!

With Love, Mom, Dad and Ashleigh



Congratulations

She Loves Music
Hears it Everywhere.
A Flute, a Voice,
No Other Choice.
A Talent to Shana.

Love, Dad & Mom

Congratulations Amey

"Queenie"

Our love and best wishes for a happy and successful life.

Love, Mom, Dad, Keith and Patches



Congratulations Marissa



We are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. You have worked hard, and have grown to be a responsible young adult. We wish you the very best, and hope that the future brings you much happiness and success.

Love, Mom & Dad

"Always continue to

put your best foot forward"

Audra take time to remember the past, good with the bad, but your future is your life.

Love you, Mom



Congratulations Amanda



It's been so much fun watching you grow into a truly wonderful person. You've been such a gift to me! I wish you much happiness and dreams come true! I'll always be here for you.

I Love You, Mom

"Ambinal"

You have always been a picture perfect daughter. Beautiful in every way. Always smiling. Always talking. We are so very proud of you. We wish you, all the best that life has to offer.

Congratulations, Love, Mom & Dom



Way to Go, Kerri



Kerri,

I am so proud of you. May your future be as bright as your smile. Go for the Gusto.

I Love You Bunches, Ma



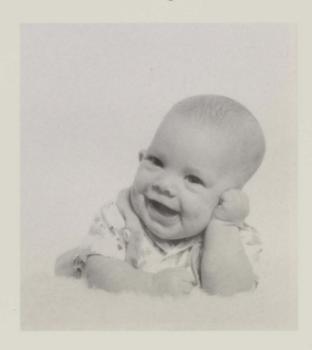
Congratulations Timothy!

Dear Tim:

You have brought so much happiness to our family. Since the days of your early childhood, to the days of your sports teams and recently the final days of your high school experience. We hope your life will continue to be full of challenge, opportunity, joy and abundant rewards. Thank you for being a terrific son and brother.

Love, Dad, Mom & Gareth

Congratulations Randy!!!



We are very proud of the fine young man you have become. Effort is your key to success. Keep smiling, never lose your sense of humor, (however warped it may be) and remember, we love you very much!!! Good luck in the future.

Mom, Dad and Bryan

Congratulations Matt



You have worked so hard through all these years. We have always been so proud of you. You're the best!

> Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Adrienne

We're proud of you, and we love you very much A new chapter of your life is about to begin. Hold on to your dream follow your heart and believe in yourself. You will succeed in whatever you choose.

Love, Mom, Dad, Michelle



Congratulations Michaela



Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside them was superior to circumstance.

Love, Mom, Dad & Drew

Congratulations, Corey!

"Rocks have been shaken from their solid base, but what shall move a firm and dauntless mind?"

JoAnna Baillie. I'm so proud of the wonderful young woman you've become! I always knew you were special.

> I Love You, Mom



Congratulations Steve

Here's hoping you "Tackle" anything that comes your way. Keep "Baiting" your "Hook" for success, that you "Cast" aside all doubts in yourself, be able to "Reel In" all your dreams, and "Catch the Big One" in life.

All Our Love & Support, Mom, Dad, Billy & Mike



Gina Marie!!



You honor us by your graduation and you excite us about your dreams. May your wings take you safely and with joy. We are with you always.

Mom & Dad Maggie & Craig Tony & Joan Jennifer & Don Tippy Too

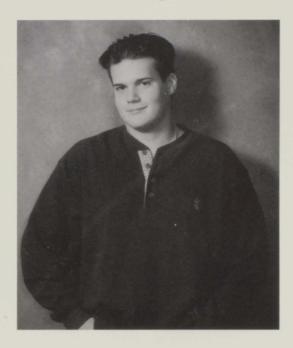


Congratulations Cousins! Brian G., Tony D., Ricky G., (Neil '95)

We have the highest hopes and greatest dreams for you young men. The Future holds all kinds of adventures and opportunities. Follow your hearts, go wisely and be happy.

Love, Your Moms and Dads, Uncles: Ricky, Guy and Dave Aunts: Debbie, Judy and Claudette

Congratulations Greg!



We are so proud of you! Your ambition and personality will certainly bring you much success. Good Luck in college! Dad and I will miss your "logical" discussions. Remember, the dreams you have will soon be a reality.

Love Always, Mom, Dad, Gieoff and T. J.

Way to Go Kristy Boudreau!



Congratulations!! We're so proud of you, Kristy! May all your dreams come true.

We Love You Very Much, Daddy, Kathy, & T. J.

Congratulations Joanne

We are very proud of you! May your future hold all the happiness and success you so deserve.

> Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations Michaela



Michaela-You were once our "little precious". We turned around and how you have grown! You're now a young lady off to college and on your own. We wish you happiness always.

> Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Steven

We were so proud of you when you graduated from nursery. We are very proud of you now.

> Love, Mom, Dad Heather



Congratulations Missy



What you thought would take so long has finally come to pass. Your Senior year is complete. No more going to class. Dad and I are very proud of you and sincerely want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, we wish the very best for you.

With All Our Love, Mom, Dad, Mike & Zak

Congratulations Lisa

Wow! Your graduating already. Time just flew by. We are very proud of you. May all your dreams come true.

> Love Always, Mom and Tara



Look Out World!



Jenn, my litle fashion plate! May you remain the individual you are today and remember you will forever be "THE DANCE.

Love, Mom, Dad, Bubba, Mouse & Peanut

Congratulations Kathy

We are so proud of your accomplishments so far in life and we know it's just the beginning for you. We wish you the best life has to offer.

Love, Mom, Dad & Jason



Congratulations Jessica!



You have always been our pride and joy. We are proud of the talented, beautiful, and ambitious young lady that you have become. No matter how far your dreams take you, you will always be close in our hearts. We love you and feel blessed to have you for our daughter. Be happy, smile, dance and reach for the stars to make your dreams come true.

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Scott!



Love, Mom, Dad & Heather

Congratulations Nate!



We are so proud of you! You've found your strips... now it's time to paint the world... and leave... your own footprints in the wet cement! Best of luck!

Love, Mom, Dad, J.J. & Kit

Hey Heath!

We watched you grow to become a woman we are very proud of. There were tears and laughs along the way. Now there are only tears of joy, for we know in our hearts there is nothing you cannot do.

Love, Mom & Dad

Good Job Petunia!

We look at you and can't help but see that our little girl has grown into a lovely, confident, intelligent, young lady. Keep that positive attitude and you can do anything! We are so proud of you, Audra.

> Love,, Mom, Dad & Mark

Congratulations!

Stephanie:

You have grown into a special young woman, and we are very proud of you. Always remember you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.

Love always, Mom, Al and Amy



My Princess

Autumn,

Thank you for being you. Thank you for putting your life in God's hands. He said, "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and it will be open to you." - Luke 11:9. So you have!

I Love You Always Grammy



Congratulations Jennnifer Lee

From barrettes to a graduation cap, September 5, 1984 seems like only yesterday. Your dedication, perseverance, hard work and unending energy in everything you undertake will always make you successful. Temper your daring and sense of adventure with good judgement. As you peruse your dreams -remember, we will always be there with our love and support.

Love, Mom, Dad & your sister Carolyn



African Aut!



May you always be in the Lord's great graces. Continue to listen to Him as He guides you to fulfill His wishes. You truly are a special gift of God -one that we will eternally be grateful for, We are so proud of and happy for you. Congrats!

All Our Love, Mom and Lambshop

Psalm 18:2 - The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust.

THE POUT



Cartoons? Oh, this is intense concentration! Rachel, remember to always reach for the stars. Have fun! Enjoy life! Be true to yourself and you will succeed.!

We Love You, Mom, Dad & Melissa



Congratulations Miss Amy Shay McGreevy "Miss Ireland" "My Brown Eyed Girl" All Our Love Mom, Robert, Zac & Family





Congratulations "Little Pretto"

Remember no matter how old you get, you'll always be my "little" sister.

Good Luck in college!

Love, Heather

Congrats Kel!!!

Your accomplishments both on the ball field as well as in the classroom have given us so much to be proud of you. Thanks for the memories!

Love, Mom & Dad XO



"J - L"



You're finally out of "HERE". No more sore eyelash excuses! You have grown from a talkative little girl, to a never ending talking young woman. Don't ever change! We are very proud of you and may all your wishes come true.

Love, Dad, Mom, Jim & Jessica

Path Widens to the Future

The journey is finally complete. The long and winding road that we have followed, which has been our high school career, has come to an end. Many pathways have, also, been taken in the field of sports, extra-curricular activities, after-school jobs. It was an exciting journey, designed to prepare us for the future.

Now that graduation is over, that narrow road has widened and ahead are many junctions that go off to many different and diverese directions. We will follow the road ahead to our future dreams and hopes, always knowing that we can retrace our steps back to our beginnings as the Class of '97 of Coventry High School



