

Amy Donnely and Dan listen to the motivational speaker at the orientation. Now they must take what he said and apply it.



Finally, the first day of school is about to end. Coolen, just smiles and waits as the seconds tick away for the bell that will end this longest day.

Matt Hayes, Pat , Zach Beaudoin and Dave Heralda enjoy a break, relaxing by the window in front of the gym. It has been a long, long day.





Sabrina LaChapelle Ryan Lacolle Aaron Lake Adam Lake Adam Laliberte Adam Lamake

Brenda Lang Crystal Lavoie Stephanie Lavoie Christopher Lawrence Timothy Letarte Peter Lilly

Ryan Lineham Jared List Peter Lombardi Kristen Lord Heidi Lundh Stephanie Lutrario

Hillary Lux Mariane Lykus Kelly Lynch Sara Lyons Crystal MacFarlane Joanna MacVittie One thing is for sure the freshman have a lot of school spirit. Just look at their float in the Home Coming Parade.

Erin Mulligan takes a break doing note taking. "I'll start again in a minute," she says.



Shannon Fay is really applying herself. Note taking seems second nature to her.





Matthew Maguire Erika Mahar Kevin Mahoney Raymond Mallett Amy Malloy Gloria Mancini

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James Masso Jonathan Matteson Rebecca Mattoon Catherine McArdle James McCleary Jeffrey McDonald

Jared McLaughlin Michael McNally Kathleen McNamara Audra Medeiros Stephen Mello Stephanie Menard





Amy Ferraz gives us a winning smile. We know that secretly she wishes that the yearbook photographer would disappear.



Daniel Russotti gives us that noncommittal smile. Dan, what are you really thinking about right now?

On opening day, Mr. Wilkinson, school principal, welcomes the freshmen as they get off their busses to begin their first day as Knotty Oakers.





Daniel Messier Amanda Miller Amanda Mitchell Dale Moone Jason Moore John Moran III

Amy Morin Erin Mulligan Ashley Muratori Angela Murgia Kayla Mutter Joshua Nagel

Joseph Nasiatka Nathaniel Nelson Kelly Nester Stephanie New Sean Neylon Jennifer Nietupski

Thomas Nisbet III Sheryl Nolte James Norman Stephanie O'Neil Stephanie Ortelt Alissa Otten Freshmen are always willing to sign up for activities at high school. This group of students are selecting the sports and activities they are interested in.

Kelly Cuviello momentarily stares off in space, thinking how far away summer truly is. Day dreaming is a good way to get a brief break from studies.



Joleen Padgett sits back and relaxes. She has finished her class work and it looking forward to a few minutes off before her next class.





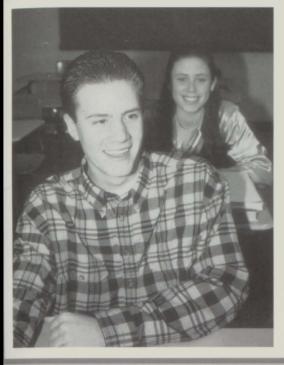
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> Steven Pavao, Jr. Matthew Pensak Elizabeth Perez Andrew Perogino Christopher Perry Brendan Peterson





Matthew Hayes is fully adjusted to his new surroundings. You can just hear him say. "Ilove this place!"



Adam Jensen stretches after a long orientation day. Going from meeting to meeting and learning about your new school can be stressing.

It's a good thing we got this on film! Jonathan Bird and Michael St. Amand are busy doing their class work.





Natalie Petrucci Travis Phillips Michael Piche Nathan Plummer Zachary Podgurski Marissa Pontarelli

Joseph Powers Heather Priestly Sarah Prignano Michelle Puchta Steven Quinn Kelly Rabbitt

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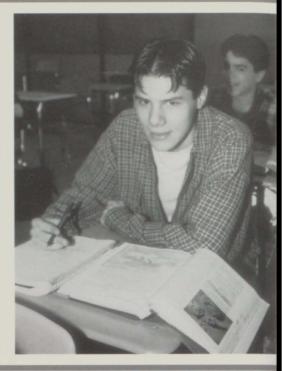
Chrsitopher Rocchio Jonathan Roch Matthew Roch Andrew Rollings Bonnielynn Ross Matthew Rossi Christopher Cohen has a look of amazement on his face. Yes, Chris, they really expect you to understand that theory.

Jen Giannakos, where would you rather be on a beautiful summer day? At freshman orientation or outside with your friends!



Matthew Maguire realizes that being a freshman is not all fun and games. With a new school comes new responsibilities and work.





Derek Rucinski Daniel Russotti, Jr. Paige Ryan Matthew Saballa Kelly Safford Kimberly Sawicki

Brittany Shaw Ryan Shaw Adam Sheldon Benjamin Sheldon Calude Sheldon Daniel Sheldon

Melissa Sheldon Rhiannon Sherman Ryan Shibley Erin Simmons Kethryn Simpson Fredrick Slatter

> Kyle Slick Charles Smith David Smith Stephan Smith Mark Soares Matthew Soares





Bill Strychasi isn't getting too many notes down in his notebook today. He's too busy posing for our camera. Thank you, Bill.



Shannon Tower was distracted by our roving camera. She breaks from her work to give us a big smile.

This class is really into their work. They continue to take notes from the board in spite of our efforts to distract them with the camera.





Todd Southard Michael Souza Michael St. Amand Rebecca Steinle Matthew Stephenson Kiel Strong

William Strychasz Jeff Sullivan Matthew Supinski Jennifer Svenningsen Noah Swanson Rebekah Szaro

James Taylor Matthew Taylor Lori Teto Nicole Theroux Andrew Thompson Jennifer Thomson

Andrew Tibbetts Walter Tierney Jessica Tilson Cheryl Ucci Sarah Upton John Urwin Kelly Nester gives us a confident freshman smile, while Michael Fortier looks on questioningly.

Karla Deming intensely writes down the needed information on her index card on the first day of her high school career.



Becky Zaro overcomes her shyness as she poses and smiles for our camera.





Christa Valliere Robert Ventura Jessica Vessella Brian Vieira Jillian Vieira Jeremy Vieu

Thomas Villella Melissa Viveiros Roselyn Wahl Matthew Walker Nathan Wallace Stephanie Webb

Timothy Weeks
Jamie Wells
Jennifer White
Justin White
Jason Whitford
Adam Wilcox

Jessica Willey Lisa Woodard Nathan Wright Nicholas Wright Bonnie Wunschel Jonathan Yarumian





Kelly Lynch is still very excited about home coming, in spite of the torrential downpours that dampened the day.



Adam Charptentier agreed to pose for the camera, but he would not give us that great big smile we wanted.

Erin Mulligan looks intently at the camera; while Jeffrey Mcdonald, looks away and concentrates on his class work.













Josh Dawkins Regee Studley

Marlen Zagorski Stephanie Colozzo Robert Silva

Brandon Standish Jessica Templeton Jennifer Derosiers

Patricia Celani Shannon Tower Robert Pelletier

A group of freshmen are trying to act cool during orientation. That will change when classes begin.

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Freshmen 115

The time for learning never ends. This is one of the most important points emphasized by the faculty. We live in an age of technological advancements, unparalleled with previous generations. Our teachers have drummed this fact into our heads. If we are to succeed in the new world, we must continue to grow or be left behind. Job requirements change as quickly as computers and software programs. The staff of CHS has made us well aware of this fact and have enkindled in us a love of learning. Their dedication to duty and willingness to help us out with our problems, both academic and personal, are the standards of what education is all about - people helping people to prepare themselves for the future!



The staff is the heart and soul of a school. Without them learning cannot take place. Our teachers are constantly willing to take that extra step and time with us. They place us first and realize that we are the product of their labors. Personality and styles may differ, however, the goal always remains the same, namely to provide us with the best education possible and to instill in us a love and respect for learning.

Mr. Macomber beams with pride as his DECA students do some last minute work on the Christmas project.

Mr. Fagnoli is demonstating the latest in cars, trucks and vans to his student.







What's cooking in Industrial Technology? Just ask Mr. Marcure. He is demonstrating to the class how to make a casting in the sand. The student's were paying attention until they realized they had a photo opportunity to get in the vearbook.

#### Mr. Wilkinson:

We wish you a happy and joyful retirement and thank you for the many years of service you have given to the students of CHS.



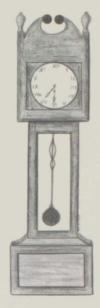
Dennis Wilkinson Principal



Elizabeth Marquis Assistant Principal



William Rearick Assistant Principal



# The Time For Learning Never Ends



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



John Deasy Superintendent



John Canole Assistant Principal



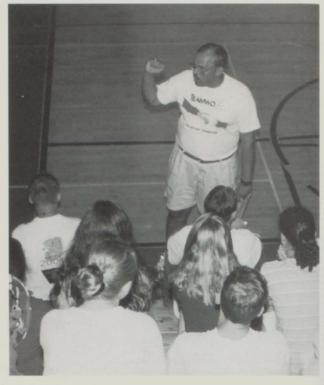
George Eagen Student Service

### In With the New

New faces continue to change the complextion of the faculty.

Over the past few years, especially this year, Coventry high School has lost many of its dedicated teachers. These teachers realized that it is time for them to move on. Although it seems as if these teachers are irreplaceable, some of the new teachers on staff beg to differ. These fresh faces came prepared to fill the shoes of their predecessors. Along with these new educators comes new ideas and new styles. They will try to enhance and improve the

school and the minds of the students they teach. Their talents are being displayed in new school plays with Ms. Meehan, new classes with Mr. Lyons and Mrs. Uri, and improved student council with Mrs. White. These new teachers, some of which are recent graduates of Coventry High School, are energetic, patient, creative, and ready to put their thoughts into action. They are all a welcome addition to the classrooms at Coventry High.



Last year a new teacher by the name of Ms. Meehan, ventured forth and became the new director of the Coventry High School play. Last year's production was called the "Thirteen Clocks". It was a great success. It starred many of our fellow classmates, and was performed on two nights to a sold our crowd. Some of Coventry's elementary school decided to partake in the festivities and came to see the remarkable play as part of a field trip. The little ones absolutely loved the performance. This year they will be performing "The Curious Savage".



Jim Alves Business



Jo-Ann Averdian Special Education



Sharon Baldasaro Special Ed. Director



Judith Baxter Social Studies



Mark Blevins English



Catherine Boyden Librarian



Sandra Breault



Matthew Brissett Social Studies



Linda Caparrelli



Kristen Capwell English



Deborah Carroll Special Education



John Casey Mathematics



Joan Chipman Social Studies



Chant Clapham Home Economics



Linn Clidence Special Education



Mr. Rearick, a strict enforcer of rules and a driving force behind all of the new discipline policies. Here he is guiding the freshman at step up day, trying to warn them ahead of time to stay out of trouble.

Miss. Lipa adds a new peppiness to gym classes. She also coaches the brand new Girl's Gymnastic team. Miss. Meehan, our school's drama advisor and play director, show us her sly smile.





Carolyn Colaluca Guidance



Denise Collins Science



Susan Corvi Social Studies



Eileen Coyle Foreign Language



Judith Danho Business



Lucille DeBlois Foreign Language



Brad DeGraide Music



Donna Della Porta Special Education



Pamela DelVecchio Foreign Language



Ernest DiMicco Science Chairperson



Giuseppina DiPrete Foreign Language



Kevin Dubois English



Annette Dunkleman Art



James Erinakes Mathematics



Joseph Fargnoli Industrial Technology

Mr. Hall points out the finer points of algebra 1 while an extremely interested student looks on. Dr. Gerard will be truly missed next year. Her lively lectures on what truly inspired the Romantics and what Shakespeare was actually

saying are what kept most seniors interested; not to mention her blunt sense of humor. Mr. Dimeo taught students English for many years before he took over the computer lab. He, also, made the lab available to Mr. Gibb's journalism students







Christine Hoskins

Foreign Language

Pamela Howell

English Chairperson

Kathleen Hudson

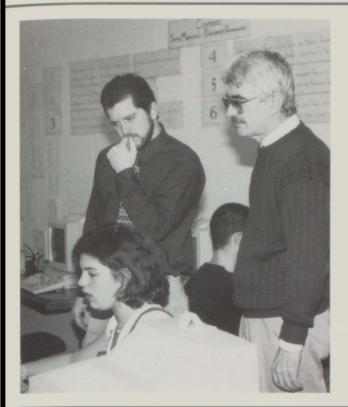
Home Economics

Michael Hobin

Science

Rene Horent

Industrial Technology



### A Fond Farewell

Many friendly faces decide to retire and begin a new chapter in the lives

his year will be a very momentous one for both the students and the staff at Coventry High school. This year sixteen teachers in the district realized there would be no turning back for them. They have opted for their well deserved retirement. There time is up and it is time to move on to bigger and better things. Half of the sixteen teachers retiring are from the high school. These eight highly respected educators have dedicated their time and effort into molding

the young minds of the future. Their presence will be greatly missed. Some of the most notorious teachers on staff, including Mr. Macomber, beginner of the famed DECA project, Dr. Girard, the often feared English teacher, and Mr. Wilkinson, our fearless leader will not be returning in the Fall. Although physically these teaches will no longer be with us, their memories, stories, styles, personalities and subjects that they taught will never be forgotten.



Mary Kelley English



Patricia Kelly Special Education



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



Lolita Lipa Physical Education



Bill Lyons Social Studies



John Macomber Business



Roberta Mansfield Librarian

to Mr. Gene Hall, Mr. Don Winslow. Mr. Donald Leblanc, Mr. John Macomber, Mrs. Karen Coffman, Mr. Frederick Dimeo, Dr. Shirley Girard, Mrs. Roberta Mansfield, and our principal Mr. Denis Wilkinson. May your future years be as exciting and fulfilling as the ones you have made for the students here Coventry High

Good Luck

School.

### C.I.M. Arrives

Certificate of Initial Mastery Stresses the learning of skills.

ertificate of Initial Mastery, was a new trial program that was implemented in Coventry High School this year. Two classes, composed of sophomores were chosen. They were instructed by Mr. Erinakes, in math, Mrs. Kelly, in English, Mrs. Baxter, in history, Mrs. Heald in Spanish II, and Mrs. Stone in Biology. The C.I.M. program used different styles of teaching such as projects, that incorporated all

five subjects. This new program, though still undergoing refinements, zeros in on superior education and the true success of students. The students involved in the C.I.M. program, upon completion, will earn an additional certificate to their graduation diploma. This certificate will set them ahead and apart from the rest. The hope is that this program will pave the way for future success.



Have you ever wondered what teachers do once they leave their rooms and enter the teacher's lounge areas? Some kids says, "Work!" Some think they talk about their classes and discuss world events. Sean feels they. "Drink coffee and talk with each other." Brenda Peterson says, "They correct papers, make up exams and take advantage of the fully catered buffet." What ever they do, it certainly helps them to do a great job in the



Ernest Marcure Industrial Tech. Chairperson



Paula Marinaro Mathematics



Robert Matticucci Science



David McCarthy English



Moira McKenna Physical Education



Kimberly Meehan English



Lawrence Mell



Cathryn Mezzanotte Guidance



Mark Moniz Special Education



Briget Morgan Guidance



Lonnie Morris
Special Education



Christine Mulligan Health



John Munko Business



Mary Jane Murphy Social Studies



Villiam O'Connor Social Studies

classroom



Parker Capwell and Mrs. Baxter discuss humorous points of U.S. History. CIM stands for togethernesss! Here we see Mrs. Stone and a group of very happy students, eager to learn biology.

April Duffy tries to tell Mrs. Heald what she ate for lunch, but unfortunately, there are no words in spanish that describe the food found in the cafeteria.





Alison O'Rourke Social Studies



Victor Osterman Mathematics



Edith Papitto Special Educatin



Elaine Petrocelli Mathematics



Ernest Pike Social Studies



Gail Proulx English



Dianne Ricci English



Katherine Richardson Science



Pat Rinaldi Industrial Technology



Beverly Rotenberg Special Education



Brian Samson Special Education



Margaret Schwab English



Michael Senerchia Physical Education



Francis Short Mathematics



David Simpson English

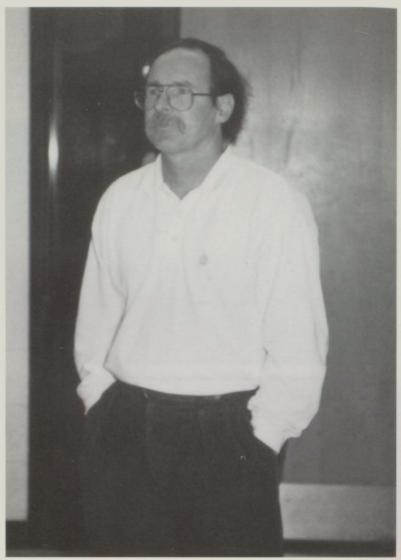
3.1415926535897932384626433 83279502884197169399375105 ....Mr. Short, we hope you know what this means.

Mr. Rinaldi takes a few minutes to help a freshman relax during orientation.

Mr. Erinakes always has a great joke to tell. Mrs. Capwell is waiting for the punch line, while Mr. Erinakes pauses in mid-sentence to smile for the camera.









Robert Smith Mathematics



William Smith Music



Clement Soscia Physical Education



Carol Spaziano Mathematics



Nancy Sprengelmeyer English



Robert Springer Science



Alan St. Armand English



Denis St. Armand



Peter Stetson Science



Angela Stone Science



### **Award Winner**

National Board Certification Comes to Coventry High School

here are many great teach ers at Coventry High. This year, one teacher in particular shined a bit brighter. He was Mr. Jim Erinakes who earned the esteemed honor of becoming Nationally Board Certified. To apply for this certification, Mr. Erinakes had to video tape lessons, incorporate group activities into the class, and submit student assignments with his corrections on them. In addition to the school related entries, he had to also sub-

mit entries on his contributions to the professional community. This would include the fact that he is the President Elect of the Rhode Island Math Teachers Association and his involvement of the C.I.M. program at the high school. And if all of this wouldn't automatically certify this unique math teacher, the fact that he knows *pi* to the fifty-first place would surely put him over the top. Congratulations,Mr. Erinakes on your award.



Richard Stoutzenberger Guidance



Kathleen Sullivan Science



Joe Szymkowicz Social Studies



Gerald Tebrow Math Chairperson



Frank Trigo Industrial Technology



Vincent Turchetta Special Education



Irene Wade Mathematics



Chris Warner School Psychologist



Luther Whetstine Social Studies Chairperson



Linda Wynn Phys. Ed. Chairperson



Don Winslow Industrial Technology



Kathleen Woodard



Donna Argall Teacher Assistant



Nancy Barry Supervisory Assistant



Carol Burke Clerk

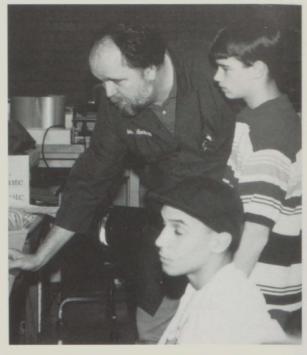
Over the course of these four years the wealth of information acquired by the students of Coventry High is nothing short of immense.

This vast amount of information, even though it seemed to be useless tidbits of information, will stick with us forever. Although many teachers often think that their students aren't listening and everything they say goes in one ear and out the other, that is not the case. We do know that an isosceles triangle has three equal sides, photosynthesis takes place in plants, and punctuation is an essential part of writing.

Mr. Thompson talks with Mr. Kiley in Manufacturing Technology just before that students present their projects to a group of local businessmen. You can feel the excitement as the teams get together for last minute fine tuning of their proposals.

Mr. Rockwell helps students work their graphic programs. These students have the equipment and skillstolayout and design almost any type of printing job.







Mary Ann Cantino Secretary



Deb Dawkins Clerk



Millie Drowne Aide



Barbara Erno Clerk



Maria Ferreira Teacher Assistant



Maritza Guillen Class Room Assistant



Jackie Jaeger Special Ed. Aide.



Linda Langlois Clerk



Gail Larkin Assistant



Ruth Leddy Clerk



Doreen Lippitt Library Aide



Cynthia Phillips Aide



Kathy Pieczarka Aide



Linda Springer Clerk



Shelly LaFleur Aide



# **Joining Hands**

West Bay Students and Business join handsshowing how well they can work together.

The key to success is plan ning and team work. Mr. Kiley designed a portfolio for his class to manufacture a procession tool. Each team was responsible for writing process sheets, tool lists, time studies and cost analysis to blue print specifications. Each team selected a foreman, quality control person, project organizer and general machinist. Very quickly the students realized they had to pull together as a team and draw upon each others strength's if their project was to be a success. The final stage of the portfolio consisted of each team presenting their finished project and report to members of industry and others. The company, Fielding, Molding,, Casting, and Tooling, was so impressed that they decided to challenge the class with a real work product experience during the second semester. This is another example of school and community working together.

> Two years is a long time. At least it seemed to be in the

beginning. We

entered West

Bay as Juniors,

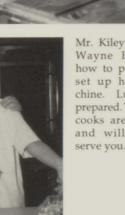
hoping to learn the skills needed to compete in the adult world. We learned how to repair cars, use a lathe, weld a joint, cut a board, repaint a truck or van, bake pastry, wash dishes, serve on a line, run a computer as well as repair it, build a house and care for children. These



West Bay students discuss the problems they had putting together their proposal with Mr Keenan from the Coventry School Department. Mr. Ruzzo helps a student adjust his machine in carpen-



Mr. Kiley shows Wayne Hallam how to properly set up his machine. Lunch is prepared. The line cooks are ready and willing to serve you.





and many other

skills we master

before receiving

our certificate

in June of our

senior year.

However, the

most important skills that we learned were teamwork and a work ethic.

Hands on learning is the key to success in any trade. Here, a student is learning about breaks by replacing a system on a car.

Stan Thompson
Director
West Bay
Career and Technical Center

Future chefs have to eat too. Here they take a break to sample what they have made in the kitchen today.









Ted Butzbach Culinary Arts



Robert Colardo Resource Teacher



David Comolli Construction Teacher



Tom Cook Automotive Technology



Steven DelPozzo Environmental Resources



Charles Despres



Carolyn Fusco Clerk



Jim Kiley Machine Processing



Ray Mann Auto Body



Chef Anthony Marsella Culinary Arts



It's time to make the donuts - have we finally found Fred's replacement?



Attention to detail and concentration are needed to repair electronics equipment. Safety comes first in any job. Keeping your eye on the equipment prevents accidents.





Kevin Hennessey Carptentry Assistant



Cindy Johnson Tech. Asst. Nursing



Margaret Lavoie Tech. Asst. Culinary Arts



Karen McGuire Guidance



Rose Morris Head Custodian



Dana Rockwell Printing/Graphic Arts



Vivian Seemueller School-to-Work



Shirley Sennerchi Head Secretary



Susan St. Amand Nurshing Asst. Teacher



Arthur St. Jean Electronics/Computers



Diane Thompson Child Development



Gerard Zannella ALP Teacher



Yes, I promised to put your picture in the book if you wold pose.

won many awards at the State Competitions. Some of these include: Prepared Speech- Rebecca Larocque, Sunny Miller; Table Service- Tammy Jencks, Manufacturing Technology- Geoff Potvin, Lance Morris, Mark Keenan; State Tee-Shirt Design-Shawn Proulx; State Advisor Pin Design-Eric Eccleston; Job Skill Demonstration-Christine Albro, Rebecca Larocque; State Post Secondary Pin Design-Leslie Sauco; Outstanding Local VICA Member- Greg Riley.

West Bay VICA

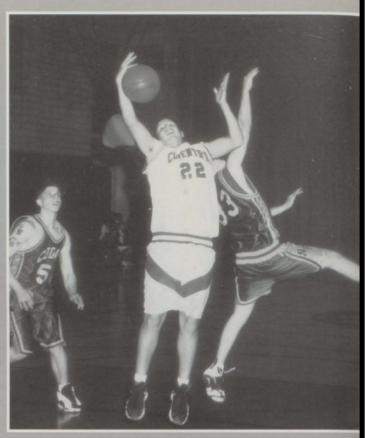
The Mike McCoy Mfg. Tech. Achievement Award for '98 was won by Lance Morris. Sports are a major part of the Oaker tradition. Our teams compete on the, diamond, court, field, ice and more. In the past two years, two new varsity sports have been added: Girl's In-Door Track and Gymnastics. The tradition of sportsmanship and competition continues to grow. While winning a championship may be the goal of each team, the work ethic, team work, and dedication are the lasting lessons all athletes learn. Who will ever forget those grueling days of practice and the constant drills and routines that must be mastered before you make the team and are allowed to compete. Remember those practices in the cold, wind, rain and heat. In spite of adverse weather, the true athlete never quits.

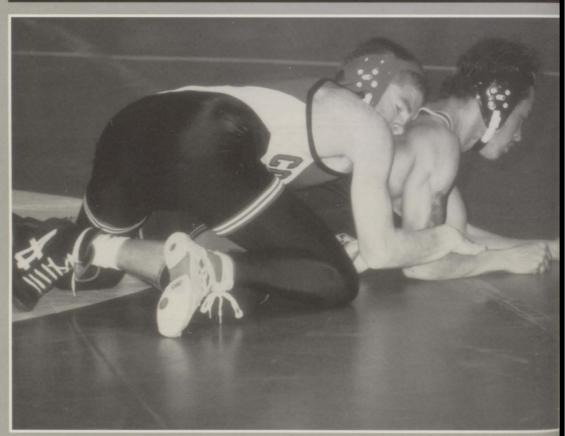


He or she may complain, after all they are only human. The coaches expect a lot from their players and know how to bring out the best in each one. Winning is nice. Bringing home that trophy or banner to display is wonderful. But seasons quickly end and new ones begin. The one thing that remains constant and never changes is the friendships we made; that special moment when we became part of a team.

Boy's Basketball rebounds in '98 after a tough '97 season. Cheerleaders add spirit to every game and match and keep the fans focused on supporting the Oakers







Wrestling continues to dominate the Oaker athletic scene. This year was no exception. Another powerful squad was assembled by coach Smith. Justin Lewis, seen here, made it all the way to the Nationals Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, after becoming State Champion in his weight class.

Gymnastics arrived on the Oaker scene after an absence of two decades. Under the leadership of coach Lippa, the team did very well in its first year of competition.









# The Clock is Always Ticking



Interest in soccer continues to grow each year. Players and fans are dedicated.



Hockey players spirits remained high during a rebuilding sean. The future looks bright for the skaters.



Girl's Basketball had its ups and downs this season



Volleyball continued its winning ways, but the State Championship eluded them.

#### Fourth N.E. Championship!

# Wrestling

The '98 edition of the Red and White Express continued to roll over the opposition. The Oakers' won their 17th straight State Championship, an incredible national record. Despite a stunning early season defeat to Cranston East, Oaker pride rose to meet the challenge as coach Smith's team fought back with stunning late season victories and went into the State Championship ready to defend the longest streak in

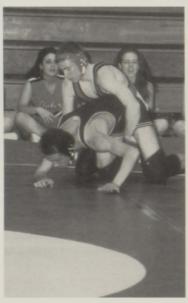
high school sports. Superb team and individual efforts wrapped up an unprecedented 17th State title. This was not the end of the season. The Red and White Express advanced to the New England's and won the regional championship when Shaun Hennessey pinned Connecticut State Champion, Clinton Graham. Hennessey and Justin Lewis also won individual titles in their weight classes.







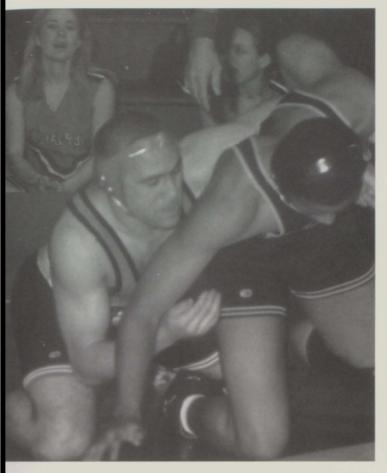
Chad Fratus is in control and is preparing to drop his opponent to the mat. Ryan McGrath, fully in charge of the action, is about to take down his opponent for a pin.



Artie Pare has his opponent where he wants him. Victory is just a few moments away. The referee raises the hand of Justin Lewis -another victory for the mat-men.



oncetration and discipline are the keys to victory. rtie Souza takes time to study his opponent bere making his move. This discipline has been the y to Oaker success. Shaun Hennessey gains the upper hand and beats the competion. Victory in wresting is a team effort, not just a series of indivuals victories.





Adam Taylor emerges victorious from a tough match.

Control is another key to victory. John Skaling has his opponent completely under control and a few moments later the match ends with a pin.





Pep talks from Mr. Smith always help motivate the wrestlers.

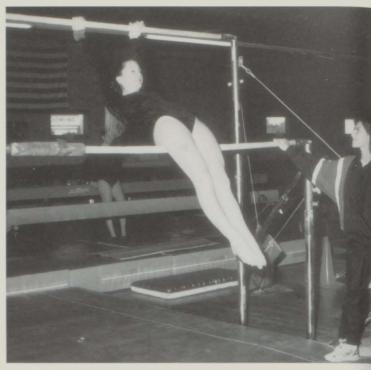


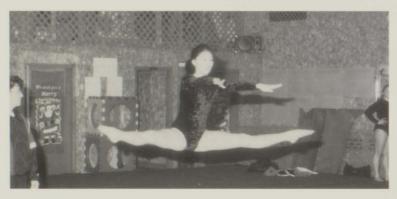
WRESTLING TEAM: Row 1: Meghan Butts, Nicole DeLaire, Kristie McCoy, Ashley Hebert, Melanie Carr, Jeanne LaMontagne, Jenn Barrett, Cassie Bardi, Jessica Pitochelli, Katies Feeney. Row 2: Julie Calderone, Ryan McGrath, Crystel Johnson, Niciole Joubert, Anne Bednarski, Maria Conca, Nicole Hattoy, Shane McGrath, Mike Buccacci, coach Bob Smith. Row 3: Adam Taylor, Justin Lewis, Casey Slezak, Shaun Hennessey, Dan Sullivan, Chad Fratus, Jon Skaling, Artie Souza, Matt Cole, Lisa Cafaro. Row 4: Ryan Hennessey, Josh Sutton, Matt Skaling, Mike DeGraide, Brian Beaudoin, Matt Polion, coach Charlie Gaffney. Row 5: Ryan Sherlock, Keith Sullivan, Parker Capwell, Jeremy Zabbo, Tom Jervis, Mike Skaling, Matt Caputo, Mike St. Armand, Mike Souza, Brian Smith. Row 6: Chris Casmiro, Derek Hopkins, Ryan Hollis, Chris Marino, Eric Oberg, Drew Thompson, Scott Erno, Chris Belmore, Brian Anderson, Matt Walker.

#### A New Sport Makes Its Debut.

### **Gymnastics**

Their original goal was to get the school board to approve the motion for a gymnastics team at Coventry High School. Once they accomplished that goal then they set out to prove themselves to the rest of Rhode Island and they did. They had a great season with all arounders like Kelly Rabbit, Melissa Mao, Sara Lyons, Lauren Lavoie, and Jen Barrette leading the way. The captain of the dynamite team was Tara Renfrew. She, also, helped the Lady Oakers achieve their goals. Coaches, Lolita Lipa and volunteer assistant, Nicole Follette, also played a major role in the victorious first season of the Oakers. Teamwork, practice, and dedication has allowed the gymnasts to have an excellent season and hopefully they have started the tradition of having gymnastics back in Coventry after a laspe of two decades.







Fresman Melissa Mao stretched her talent to the limit during her floor routine, which amazed coach Follett. Captain Tara Renfrew is head over heels.



Co-captain Jen Barrett, gets ready to help the gymnastics team take flight.

Freshman Kelly Rabbitt shows her talent by beginng her floor routine. Her team-mates wait their turn



Sophomore Briana Leetch swings into her routine, while coach Lippa looks on. Practice, practice and more is the key to success.

The balance beam demands constant attention. Freshman Sara Lyons understands this as she begins her routine.





Freshman Amanda Pacheco really knows how to make her point on the beam.

Even in the middle of her performance, sophomore Megan Tomilson, manages a smile. Practice brings confidence.





Coach Lippa helps one of the gymnasts perfect her routine.



GYMNASTIC TEAM:

Row 1: Amanda Pacheco, Sara Lyons, Lara Gast, Crystal Smith, Michelle Peletier, Kelly Rabbitt, Jen Barrett and Melissa Mao. Row 2: Coach Follett, Briana Leach, Tara Renfrew, Megan Tomilson, Lauren Lavoie, Katelyn Costello, and coach Lippa.

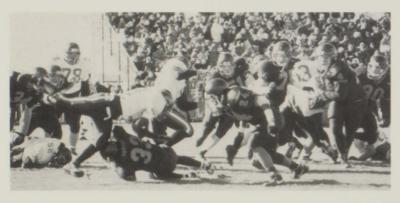
#### Pasta Power Maintains Spirits

### **Football**

The football team, coached by Mr. Alves, may not have had the best of seasons, but they had a good time trying. The team was led by captains Sean Mulligan, Shaun Hennessey, Marcos Valideros, and Josh Sutton. Even though they had no wins and came in last in their Division, the players kept up their spirit with macaroni dinners before each game. These dinners have become a tradition for the Oakers.

Practice was an experience never to be forgotten. While performing their daily practice drills to their coaches expectations, the players braved the cold in just their practice equipment and boxers. Practice did help the Oakers, even if it is not shown in their record. They fought East Greenwich to a 0 - 0 tie. Hopefully the experience gained this year will lead to a winning season next year.







Josh Sutton listens to the coaches directions over his head set. Last minute changes awlays take place during the game.



Austin Kennedy practices his kicking skills on the sideline, waiting for his opportunity to enter the game. An offensive block is thrown away from the play.



On a cold day at West Warwick, the Oakers try to move the ball into scoring position to avert a shutout on Thanksgiving Day.

With the ball tighly situated under the arm of number seven, Coventry tries to make a run down the field for a touchdown.

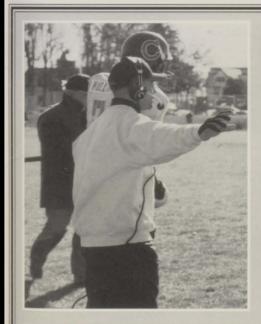




In an all out effort, the Oakers, although, faced with the ferocious Wizards, charge on down the field with the ball.

The Oaker center hikes the ball to the quaterback, as he quickly tries to read the defensive line.





Mr. James Alves, in his second year as head coach instructs his players.



FOOTBALL: Row 1: Sean Mulligan, Jason Ferriera, Mike Cersasimo, Shaun Hennessey, Dave Chianesi, Dan Dyer, Rob O'Leary. Row 2: Josh Sutton, Matt Skaling, Mike Palardy, Kevin Petersen, Joe Fusco, Marcus Valladares, Sean Proulx. Row 3: Pat Lemeieux, Scott Erno, Ben Osman, Tony Mosca, Jeremy Zabbo, Brian Beaudoin, Austin Kennedy; Row 4: Dave Vincent, Brian Benjamin, Jervis, Chris DiLece, Maike Watson, Dave Brown; Coaches: Steve Alves Sr., John Alves, Anthony Nardolillo and Gunny Gonsalves.

#### Rebuilding for the Future

### Girl's Tennis

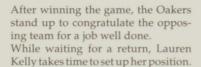
The Girls Tennis team went winless this season. According to coach Macomber, this was a rebuilding year - a year to learn the basics and plan for the future. The team was led by returning seniors Kristina Illiano, Sonja Marxson, Kelly Lonergan, and captain Beth Dlugos. The girls practiced every day and enjoyed the drills which coach Macomber put them through. When interviewed, they admitted their

pastime was to socialize. The Lady Oakers were 0 -14 in competition and finished last in their Division. Their closest match was against Rogers High School. Coach Macomber expected to win the match, but the 4 - 3 score was not in the Oakers favor. The team ended their season with their traditional pizza party at Europa's were awards were handed out and the players received gratification for their efforts.











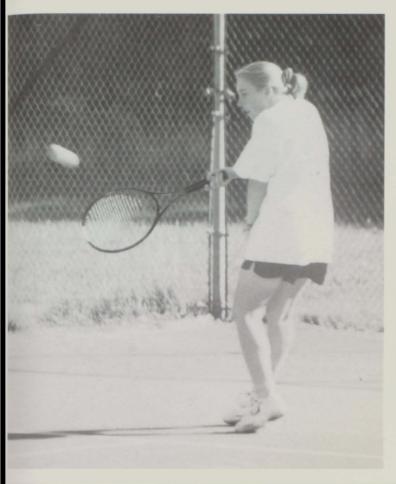
Kelly Nester gracefully swings her fore arm to return the ball. She makes it look so easy.

Sue Calucci, anticipating the return, gets her back hand ready to swing.



Lauren Kelly, while playing in back, reaches has far as she can go to return the serve.

Beth Dlugos uses all her might and her powerful back hand to spike the ball over the net.





While waiting for their turn to play, Sonya Marxon, Beth Atkin take a breather and enjoy soaking up the sun.

Sonya Marsxon, one of the veteran seniors on the team, lunges forward to return the ball.





Wins Losses 0 14



Girl's Tennis: Row 1: Kendra Longquist, Bethany Atkin, Kelly Nester, Sue Callucci, and Karen Simonelli. Row 1: Coach Mr. Macomber, Christine Illiano, Sonja Marxon, Lauren Kelly, Beht Dlugos, Alicia Black, and Audrey O'Brien.

#### Reaching for another State Title

# Boys Volleyball

The Oaker Spikers had to make this year's championship to keep things in balance in the volleyball world. For the past five years, the Oakers and Skippers have waged war in the gymn for the coveted State Championship. Although strugling down the stretch of the regular seaon, Coventry Spikers, led by coach Bob Sherburne, played with fire during the play-offs. They advanced by sweeping Chariho.

The senior laden team, which included Greg Fecteau, Ralph Supper, Tony Vigneau, Dave Jeranian, Eric Easterbrooks, Jeff Langmaid, Keith Goward, Nick Foehr and Tim Bilski, advanced to the championship by defeating Hendricken. The second championship game was the longest and highest scoring in RI boys volleyball history. Despite a valiant effort, the Oakers failed to regain the State title.







During a break in the action, the Spikers huddle together to plan their strategy. Nick Foehr moves into position and waits to return the ball.

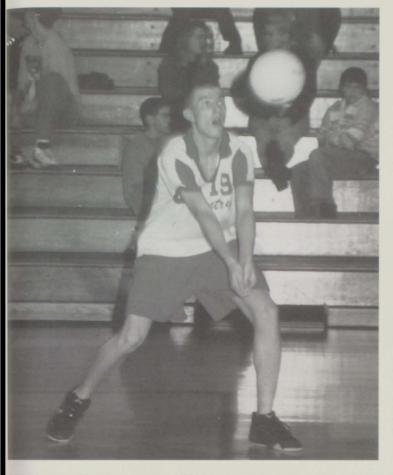


Chard Bjorklund dives to the floor in an effort to hit the ball. Craig Riley, along with other teammates, leaps into the air to smack the ball back to the opponents.



fim Bilski and Charles Restall watch intentlively as Greg Fecteau gently sets the ball up for one of his team inates to spike.

Eric Easterbrooks looks intent as he sets himself up to return the serve.







Tony Vigneau leaps into the air and uses his excellent skills and his long arms to spike the ball over to the top of the net.

Ralph Supper and Greg Fecteau, two seniors on the team, along with Craig Riley, a junior, work together to wear down the opponents.





Jeff Langmaid waits patiently for the ball to land in his hands.



**Volleyball:** *Row 1*: Adam Macko, Chad Bjorkland, Tim Bilskie, Tony Vigneau, Dave Jeranian, Jeff Longmaid, Row 2: Coach Bob Sherburne, Lucus klein, Greg Fecteau, Eric Easterbrooks, Charles Restall, Ralph Supper, Craig Riley, Nick Foehr.

#### Rebuilding for the Future

# **Boys Soccer**

The Oakers had another tough season, despite the efforts put in by all the players. Having the opposing team take eight penalty kicks out of nine games was a definite set back. Although they were defeated, goalie, Tom McGrath played a good game against the Hendricken Hawk, posting 17 saves. David Fish was off to a good start against the Skippers, when he made a run to get a crossing pass to Jimmy

Ancone. He came in to kick a header past the keeper for a score, giving the Oakers a 1 - 0 lead. Unfortunately, the Skippers came back with a penalty kick later in the match. Despite many set backs, the team never lost its spirit. As coach Blanchette stated, "They came right at us, but we held our own." With that positive attitude and the experience gained this year, the future looks bright for soccer.







Action abounds at mid-field. Several Oakers surround their opponent and regain control of the ball. Bryant Lemme jumps high into the air to hit a header, while Dan Mello backs him up to make sure the opposition never gets control of the ball.



Tommy McGrath, while holding the ball, bows after making perfect save. Kevin Berthune uses his smooth moves to maneuver around his opponent to recapture control of the ball.



Right after the game begins, coach Turchetta takes time to draw the team together in order to give them one last pep talk. Chris Iaci and Bryant Lemme check out the action and dash after the ball. The action quickly changes to another part of the field.





Coach Turchetta motions to his players on the field to make some quick defense changes.

After racing down field and getting into the right position, Chris Iaci makes a dive to hit the ball past the goalie into the net for a score.







Coach Blanchette paces the sidelines before talking to the players.



#### BOYS SOCCER:

Row 1: Eric Swanson, Dave Fish, Matt Holt, Justin Murphy, Tommy McGrath, John Roch, Matt Roch, Derrick McFerren, John Emond and Brian Godin. *Row 2:* Coach Turchetta, Eric McNeely, Dan Mello, Ian Campopiano, Andy Hayes, Phil Kennedy, Marc Blanchette, Bryant Lemme, Chris Iaci, Jimmy Ancone, Kevin Berthiume, Mike Mansour, Paul Nupas, Mike Fuller and coach Blanchette.

#### State Champions

#### Girls Soccer

The Lady Oakers expected to be contenders this year. Before reaching the playoffs, the girls faced tough competitors in Ponnagansett, Moses Brown and Burriville, which they defeated in shootouts. The loss of Missy Giroux to ankle injuries limited their offense in the beginning of the season. The defense play of Katie Pinocci, Jill Sullivan, Abby Ferri and Amy Morin kept them in many close games. Alicia Longley,

in midfield, gave a great effort. Kerri Hachodorian was a big part of their offensive strike. She was helped by Lara Gast, Missy Giroux, Amy DeGraide, Jen Ferrari and Natalie Coolen. Without goalie Jodi-Lyn Pesaturo, the team would never have reached the playoffs. Her excellent saves throughout the season, the playoffs and the shootouts made the championship victory over Burriville possible.







Ololade Faloa tries to maneuver past the other team to get control of the ball. Jen Haigh makes the ball soar, after the heads the ball.



Jodie Pesaturo holds onto the ball, while other Oakers try to guard her. Another scoring drive has been blunted by our defense.



tie Pinocci struggles to gain conl of the ball at mid field, while ing pressed from behind by her ponent.

Defense is the name of the game as Jennifer Ferrari blocks a kick, ending the opponents drive.

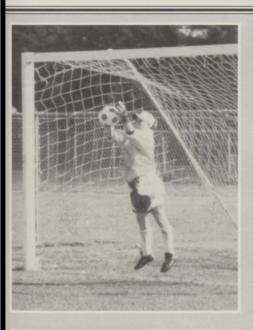




Speed, balance, and hustle are keys to winning games. Natalie Coolen makes a pivot move to outsmart her opponent and retain control of the ball.

Team captain and MVP player, Alicia Longly, gets the ball going in the right direction after breaking up a possible scoring drive by the opposition.





Goalie, Jodi Pesaturo, catches the ball, making another great safe.



#### GIRLS SOCCER:

Row 1: Natalie Coolen, Jennifer Ferrari, Danielle Labranche, Kerri Hachadorian, Jodi Pesaturo, Lauren Retelle, and Lara Gast. Row 2: Coach Szymkowicz, Jennifer Haigh, Celia Cortes, Missy Giroux, Alicia Longly, Amy degraide, Katie Pinocchi, Alison Stukus, Jill Sullivan, Olodade Falola, Aby ferri and Coach Short.

#### Rebuilding for the Future

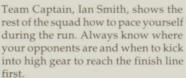
#### **Boys X-Country**

This is the first year that the cross-country team has not had a senior on its roster for a full season. This being the case, the team was led by Ian Smith, a dedicated and talented junior. Starting out with about 20 runners, the team slowly forged into a truly dedicated group of harriers. Three of the top scorers were freshmen, Derek Jervis, Tom Hazard and Joe Nasiatka. Veteran runner Dave Porto was number two

man for scoring. Freshman Jean-Philippe Pirotte, from Belgium was the most improved runner the team has ever seen. Mike Franchina, one of the fastest runners, needed endurance improvement. Excluding the unproductive season, the entire team had a tremendous *esprit de corps* and has a great deal of potential. With all members of the 1997 team returning, the future is bright for the 1998 season.







Mark Labossiere show that his long graceful strides cover a lot of ground and use a minimum of energy. Unless you have stretched and warmed up properly, you can cramp up and lose your form and the race.



ke Franchina turns on the speed.
oss-Country is a pure sport of head to head
npetition. Focus is the key, never let yourself
get that you are in control. Put on that burst of
eed at exactly the right moment or you will tire
fore the finish.

Success is measured in many ways. Keep focused and always give each race all thatyou have. With victory in sight, Mike Franchina, pushes himself to the brink of endurance.

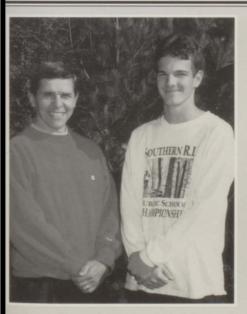




Mike Franchina breaks away from the pack. The key to winning in Cross-country is to know when to pull out the stops and turn on the speed. This Harrier has left the pack far behind as he heads for the finish line.

Practice is the key to success. The daily runner exercises build up wind, speed and endurance, all factors needed to win races. Just ask Tom Hazard, Jean-Philipe Pirote, Mike Cote and Derek Jervais





Coach LaButti and team captain, Ian Smith smile ofter a victory.



BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY:
Derek Jervais, Mike Franchina, Mark Labossiere, Ian Smith, Coach LaButti, Mike Cote, Tom Hazard, Jean-Philipe Pirotte.

#### Class A Division Champions

#### Girls X-Country

Captained by Steph Chandler, Becky Argall, Sarah Mutter, and Jackie Horlbogen the Cross-country team had a record making season. For the first time in team history, the lady harriers became class champions, finishing first in the Class A Division. The team qualified for the States and placed 6th in competition. They went on to compete with some of the best New England teams. The team's success can

be attributed to their effort, dedication and team spirit. Among the team's strongest members were seniors Steph Chandler, Becky Argall, Jackie Horlbogen, Sarah Mutter and Kathy Lapinski. Juniors stand outs included Sarah Olson, Megan Evangelista, Kathy Fitzpatrick and Kim Morton. With outstanding sophomore and freshman runners, the future is bright for the Lady Oakers.





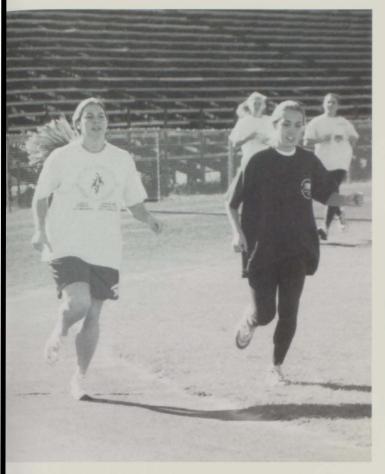
Kathy Lapinski and Sarah Mutter make their way to the finish line after completing their warm up laps.

You can tell that Stephanie chandler has a lot of bounce in her run, just look at her hair.



athy Lapinski and Jackie Horlbogen ke their marks. They are waiting for e starter's gun to begin their meet.

Jackie Horlbogen and Becky Argall sprint ahead of the pack and finish first and second.





Bernadette Lynch and Kathy Fitzpatrick keep up the pace as the finish line draws near.

Jackie Horlbogen, Becky Argall, Stephanie Chandler, Sarah Mutter and Kathy Lapinski take a break from practice, to smile for the camera.





Sarah Mutter prepares for the race by concentrating on the finishing line.



#### GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY:

Row 1: Kimberly Morton, Katie McCardle, Sarah Lyons, Jennifer Ranney, Erin Grant, Bernadette Lynch, Cathy Fitzpatrick, and Catherine Lapinski. Row 2: Coach Clem Soscia, Erin Mulligan, Stefanie Web, Colleen Hennessey, Sarsh Mutter, Becky Argall, Jackie Horlbogen, Stephanie Chandler, and coach Chris Warner.

#### A Rebounding Year

#### **Boys Basketball**

Coach Joe Szymkowicz's Oakers ran off to one of their best starts in years with big wins over Cranston East and Cranston West. The Oakers winning ways were due to the outstanding play of its seven seniors. Offensively, the back court trio of Greg Fecteau, Tim Bilski, and Tony Vigneau lit up opponents from three-point land. The rebounding efforts of Mike Howard and Keith Goward controlled the boards.

Tom Mulligan and Jon Gregory were big assets off the bench throughout the season, along with juniors Sean Mulligan and Mike Palardy. All of the Oakers contributed for Coach Szymkowicz, as the team made clinched a post-season playoff position for the first time in several seasons. After winning the first round, the Oakers lost a heart-breaker at the buzzer in over-time to Cranston East.







Tim Bilski and Keith Goward put on a heavy defense, constantly going for a steel. Ryan Palmiere drives to the hoop, escaping the Cougars defense.



Keith Goward helps to bring up the ball against a tough defense. Tim Bilski shoots from the foul line, making an easy 2 points.



om Mulligan goes up for lay-up, apping the foul and the basket! This pe of extra effort led to a three point av.

Mike Howard wins the tip off to beginning the ball. With the ball in their possession the Oakers drove on the basket and scored, taking the opening lead.





Mike Palardy dribbles the ball up court. He quickly checks the defense as he plans his next offensive move.

Greg Fecteau manages to keep control of the ball as he dribbles his way through a tough defense. Ball control prevents turnovers and leads to victories.





Coach Szymkowicz is preparing to make substitutions in the first half.



BOYS BASKETBALL: Row 1: Coach Szymkowicz, Ian Smith, Mike Howard, Keith Goward, Tom Mulligan, and Ryan Palmiere. Row 2: Greg Fecteau, Tim Bilski, Tony Vigneau, Ryan Palmiere and Dan Mello.

#### Shooting for the Stars.

#### Girls Basketball

Shooting for the stars, the Lady were led by captains, Jackie Horlbogen and Kayla Ferri. Throughout their season the Lady Oakers exhibited aggressiveness, agility, and soft hands. Their shots ranged from foul shots, which were hit with little effort, to a long-distance bullet that sunk neatly in the basket as the final buzzer sounded. The Oakers had a fair season. Although at times, they didn't always play

to their full potential, they always played as a won together and they lost together. The Lady Oakers worst defeat came against Tollgate. They lost by twenty points. Defeats didn't bring the team's spirit down though. The girls went on to beat Coventry's long-time rivals, the Wizards of West Warwick. The Lady Hoopsters had a great season and hope to improve upon their record next year.







The Lady Hoopsters take a minute to catch their breath and cheer on their fellow Oakers. Kerri Hachadorian uses her fancy footwork to get a head with the ball.



Jackie Horlbogen brings the ball past the half court line; hoping to make a scoring pass. Jen Haigh maintains control of the ball, while trying to find an opening to make a pass.



Scrambling for the ball, which is just out of her reach is one of the Lady Oakers as the defense hustles to keep up with her.

Speed is a key to success. Amy Morin breaks aways from the defense with the ball and heads toward the net for a basket.

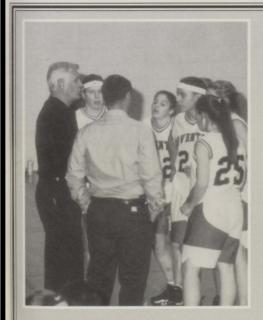




Julie Farren stuggles to gain control of the ball, and it looks like she'll be successful.

The Lady Oakers score another basket, after getting their own rebound. Their opponents seemed momentarily stunned.





During a timeout, coach Hopper gives some pointers to the players.



GIRLS BASKETBALL: *Row 1:* Jen Mularza. Jackie Horlbogen, Coach Hopper, Julie Farren and Alisa Chamberland. *Row 2:* Abby Ferri, Kerri Hachadorian, Jen Haighm, Celinda Gourda and Jodi Pesaturo.

#### **In-Door Track**

The girls enjoyed another successful season finishing third in the Morris Division of the Interscholastic League with a 5-2 record. Victories were over Prout, Central, Lincoln, North Providence, and Ponagansett. Led by captains Nicole Lavoie and Melissa Giroux, three school records fell during a season of excellent individual performances. Senior Becky Argall smashed the 300 meters three times. Senior Nicole set a

new standard for the 600 meters; while junior Ololade Falola topped her own mark in the shotput. As the season was ending, several underclassmen asserted themselves; Megan Evangelista, 1000 meters; Jennifer Ferrari, high hurdles; Jamie Rekrut, high jump; and Sarah Olson, 1500 meters. A strong freshmen class offset the loss of last year's seniors and should be major contributors next year.







Becky Klein, Jen Copas, Becky Argall, Melissa Giroux, Nicole Lavoie and Missy Giroux are some of the stars on the track. Senior Becky Argall has her eyes set on the finish line.

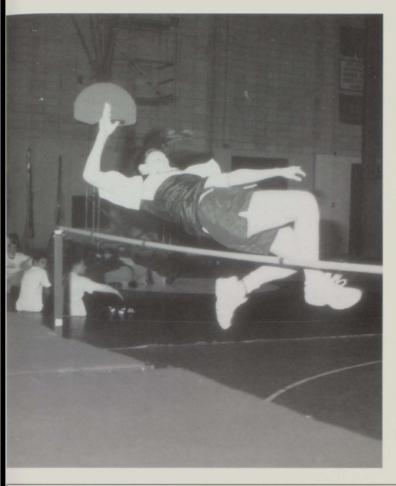


Sophomore Kristine Morgan practices her throws, while her teammates look on. Olodade Faola can hardly contain her excitement.



Gearing up for her big run, senior Nicole Lavoie takes her place at the starting blocks.

"I believe that I can fly" certainly fits this Lady Oaker as she clears the bar during her jump.





Jen Copas steps up to the starting block with confidence, awaiting the starting gun to begin her race.

Melissa Giroux and Nicole Lavoie take time out to pose for a picture. Seniors such as these keep the team in synch.





Coach Finney watches his runners attentively during the meet.



GIRLS IN-DOOR TRACK: Row 1: Coach Fienny, Nicole Lavoie, Melissa Giroux, Jen Copass, Missy Giroux, Becky Argall, Becky Klein, Jen Ferrari, Georgiana Drought, Brittany Shaw, Coach Whetstine. Row 2: Becky Gagnon, Vicki Hughes, Erin Drought, Sara Olsen, Megan Evangilista, Erin Scott, Bernie Lynch, Ololade Falola, Alisha Charpentier, Lee Chagnon, Kim Johnson. Row 3: Catie McArdle, Tiffany Hoffman, Christine Fife, Jaimee Recrue, Rache Tessier, Kristine Morgan, Natalie Coolen, Allison Blackmore, Karen Simonelli, Breil Delmonaco. Row 4: Anglea Murgia, Jessica Templeton, Stephanie Webb, Kelly Lynch, Lauren Ditusa, Michaela Branch, VirginiaPierce, Joanna MAcuttie, Carla Deming, Shaylin Cerosimo.

#### Reconstruction and Rebuilding

#### Hockey

Although having a record of seven wins and twelve losses, this year's Coventry High School Hockey Team, kept a positive attitude throughout the season. Headed by veteran coach, George Eagan, this years team tried their best, despite the huge loss they felt by the number of seniors who graduated last year. Even though a hard loss to recover from, the team, with outstanding seniors like Brian Goffe,







Jason Goffe skates ahead of the competition. With control of the puck, he heads for a goal. While blocking one of the Knight's, number 14 keeps his eye on the action, anticipating the arrival of the puck.



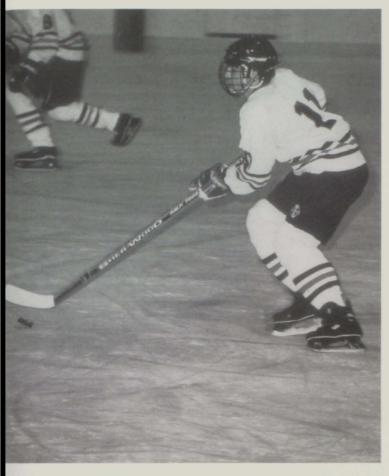
With a quick move of the stick, Coventry clears the puck out of their end of the ice. Matt Duhoski skates out of the pack and is open for a pass.





After controlling the face-off, Jared MacDonald positions himself to shoot pass past the Knight's defenseman.

Jason Jones takes the puck the length of the rink and drives toward the net for a goal.

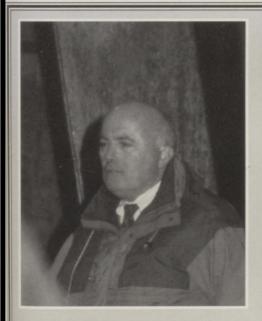




Phil McAfferty sets up in goal as the opposing teams skates down the rink.

Coventry skaters battle for control of the puck. They are successful and drive toward the opponents net.





Coach Eagan watches intently as his team warms up before the match.



#### HOCKEY TEAM:

Row 1: Brian Viera, Jay Jones, Jared MacDonald, Greg Riley, Brian Goffe (captain), Brian Delmenico, and Philip McCafferty. Row 2: Coach Eagan, Matt Mallette, John Brown, Rich Cacchiotti, David Marcer, Matt Duhowski, Frank Paolantonio, Neil Lesniak, Dan Houle, Jason Goffe, Glenn Davenport, and Coach Payne.

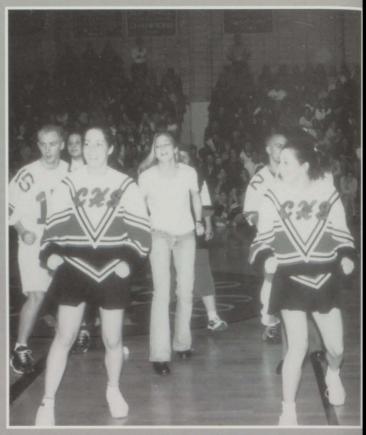
Student Life here at Coventry High School is never over. Once the bell rings at the end of the day, the school is full of activities. Student Council offers Oakers the opportunity to learn leadership skills and make their school a better place. DECA, Reachout and Interact provide community service programs, such as the Christmas gift program and helping people in need. These programs allow our students to work on campus or in the community. They are valuable ways to obtain community service hours. Our radio station WCVY plays or favorite songs and provides us with school, local and national news, as well as learning the ins- and-outs of radio broadcasting from programing to DJ's.



If students are interested in a military career, ROTC is the place to be. If music or acting is your interest, we have the Jazz Singers, Band and the Varsity Review. Journalism is represented by the Entry, our newspaper, and the Knotty Oak, our yearbook. Other activities include Academic Decathlon, Cheerleaders, and the Pep Squad. As you can see, there are many interesting clubs and activities here at CHS.

The Cheerleaders show the football team some fancy steps during the Thanksgiving Day Pep Rally. Not to be outdone, the football players show the crowd some of their fancy footwork.







The annual Home Coming Parade kicks off school spirit. Sponsored by the Student Council, floats are prepared by the classes and clubs. In spite of a rainy day, these Freshmen show their school spirit with their float. The parade precedes the annual Home Coming football game and the crowning of the Home Coming king and queen.

The Varsity Football Cheerleaders reach to the sky in the routine, hoping to fire up the football team for the game against West Warwick on thanksgiving Day.









#### The Clock Continues After School Ends.



Mr. DeGraide leads the Jazz Singers during practice, getting them ready for a performance.



Colleen Hennessey leads the Jazz Band on keyboard.



Jazz Singers give a great performance at the Winter Concert Assembly in the school auditorium.



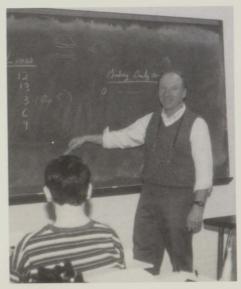
The student body got into the spirit of the pep rally and cheered the team on.

DECA has another active and successful year and bids a fond farewell to Mr. Macomber!

#### **Christmas Gifts Galore!**

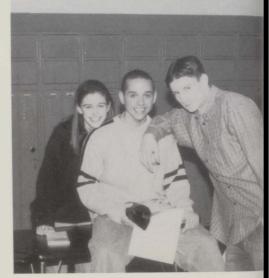
The students of the Distributive L Educational Clubs of America, have had a profound effect on both Coventry High School and the entire Kent County community. This year's DECA's Christmas project was in its 18th year and once again was complete success. With the combined efforts of dedicated CHS students, faculty, volunteers and the Kent County Community, more than 6,000 gifts were provided to the needy children of the town, orphanages and nursing homes. As part of the project, DECA members hosted a Christmas party for all the children in Reachout. Each child was supplied with gifts, an ample amount of pizza, soda, and ice cream. The children's faces seemed to light up every time Santa called their names. It was a spectacular event. This was the last year for Mr. John Macomber, our teacher, advisor, and mentor, who directed DECA's projects. Mr. Macomber retires in June. The reigns of authority have been turned over to Mr. Alves. We wish Mr. Macomber a joyful retirement for all he has done for DECA and the community.





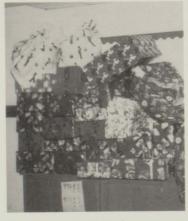
Amy Laboissinnerre and Kristen Fogerty take a break from deliveries to set up the Christmas tree.







Many underclassmen lended a helping hand with the Christmas project during their business classes.



Selected spots in business rooms were used to store gifts by families.



Chris Ogni was so excited about the distribution of gifts that he could not resist the urge to try one of the new bikes. Too bad it was to small for you, Chris.

nristina Guy works with Michael Wilfand and Shawn aylor as Stefanie Crute looks on.

Students helping students, working together and learning from each other is the main objective of

#### The Reachout Program





The Reach Out program, in its ninth year, brings together students with and without disabilities and provides them with opportunitities to interact. They learn from each other and everyone is enriched by this experience. Volunteers work in the classroom, engage in sports, activities and socialize during lunch. Students willingly give up study periods, as well as after school time, to participate in the club.









each Out.Row 1: Christopher Perry, Kimberlee Hayden, Melissa Tessier, Kristina eenan, Michael Wilfand, Kelly Keener, David Smith.Row 2: Amanda Falcone, airl Rieche, Laura Gardener, Nicole Ryan, Amy Laboisssonniere, Rachel Tessier in Temblay, Sarah Prignano, Tarissa Villella. Row 3: James Gibbons, Chee in Wu, James Tayloer, Melissa Lagerstrom, Christina Guy, Christopher Fleming.



Seniors: Wade Mattscheck, Melissa Tessier, Stefanie Crute and Paul Simmons



Open Hearts, Helping Hands. Row 1. Melissa LeClair, Sarah Prignano, Becky Godin, Kelli-Ann Bliss. Row 2: Erica Tremblay, President, Melissa Lagerstrom, President's Assistant, Michelle Peltier, Vice-President, Kristi LaMountain, Secretary, Nicole Schofield, Artist.

New Advisor brings new direction and radio station prepares for a second twenty years.

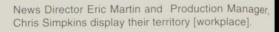
#### **WCVY** is on the Air

The 97 - 98 school year was an interesting one for WCVY. With Mr. Blevins as our new teacher adviser, and Eric Lombardi as his assistant, there were a lot of changes. With a small budget, and almost no outside help, the WCVY staff raised money, time and time again to help the station stay alive. They acquired new furniture, a computer and other odds and ends. New rules were made and stricter guidelines followed and a radio station emerged that was better off than it had been in years. It was twenty years ago that strong minded and dedicated student brought WVCY to life. So here's to another twenty years of hard work and effort, for students, music and radio.















Promotions Director Mark Weinsierl, draws up his latest money making scheme.



Music Director Ryan Riel is caught making his latest promo tape.



WCVY: Row 1: Tim Feeley, Dave Patenaud, Jeremy Brent, Nikki Baras, Rich Ratner, Chris DiMicco, Abby Fogarty, Matt Maguire, Christy LaMountain, Brad Kirton, and Carrie Burton. Row 2: Mike Grecco, Joe Knott, Eric Martin, Mark Bushee, Nicco Cliff, Jackie Dillard, Chris Simpkins, Jeff Clark, and Brad Kirton. Row 3: Chris Casmiro, Mark Weinsierl, Megan Galeoda, and Ryan Riel.

Drill Team Commander, Chris Lafrenaye and team member, Doug Matton, relax before practice.



Honor, discipline, and service to the school and community instil pride in cadets of the RI 81st.

#### Air Force Junior ROTC





he RI 81st. Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Coventry High School is part of a proud tradition that began in 1973. Since that time, the roles of the unit have expanded greatly. One of the greatest interests of the unit is community service. Peer tutoring, reading to children, volunteering at libraries, visiting nursing homes, and volunteer at hospitals are just a few of the many projects undertaken by the cadets. The Falcon Drill Team is made up of disciplined, hard working cadets, who devote at least 8 hours a week marching. The work pays off, however, with the many awards the team receives. Another primary concern of the RI 81st. is service within the school. Open House, Parent-Teacher conferences, freshman day and graduation day are just four of the many events for which cadets are called upon to help their school. Air Force Junior ROTC was established on the principles of honor, discipline, and service. All of these values are a great source of pride to every cadet.





Drill Team. Row 1: Chris Lafrenaye, Mike McKnight, Kathleen Marsh and MSgt. Lebel. Row 2: Colleen Hennessy, Michelle Peltier, Kristi LaMountain Sarah Dudley and Shannon McGee. Row 3: Dan Buehner, Doug Mattoon, Adam Guindon, Chris Crosby, Shaun McGee and Erik Oberg.



Michelle Peltier examines the weapon before handing it to the drill team.



The Drill Team won three First Place Awards and one Second Place Award at the competitions held at West Point, New York.

The Photography Club records in pictures the events and people of the high school.

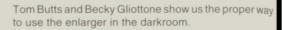
#### **Photography Club**

The Photography Club pro vides photographic assis tance to many groups and organizations at CHS. Their photographers are available to clubs and activities. Members learn how to compose, take, and process quality photographs. In the darkroom, members can develop, print, crop, and enlarge their photographs. These skills provide members with a life-long hobby and can lead to careers opportunities as well. Mr. Marcure's student photographers can be seen throughout the school, at sporting events and activities recording the history of their school.















Executive Board: Jen Engle, V.P., Becky Gliottone, President, Kerri Bathgate, S.C. Rep., Lauren Retelle, Secretary. Not pictured: Sam Stevens, Treasured and Steve Magnanti, Project Coordinator.



Cropping, enlarging, processing and printing photos take up a major part of club members time. Just ask Lauren Retelle.



Photography Club. Row 1: Mr. Marcure, Kelly Gleason. Row 2: Tom Butts, Jen Engle, Becky Gliottone, Kerri Bathgate, Lauren Retelle, Bailey Fox, and Diane Simonelli.

Varsity Competition Squad: Nicole Delaire, Megan Alexion, Amanda Costello, Tiffany Brown, Kristy McCoy, Nicole Hattoy, Kate Feeney, Maria Conca, Mel Carr, Jessica Pitochelli, and Crystal



Competition cheerleaders place second on both the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels.

#### **Oaker Cheerleaders**



he Coventry High School cheerleader program consists of eight squads: J. V. Basketball, J. V. Competition, Football, Soccer, Varsity basketball, hockey, and varsity competition. The competition cheerleaders had a great season, winning second place at the Rhode Island Competition, in both the Junior Varsity and Varsity divisions. All the girls worked hard to support and bring spirit to pep rallies, sporting events and CHS.





Varsity Basketball Captians: Renee Hammond and Crystal Amore. Not pictured: Kristina Cannon. Varsity Wrestling Captains: Melanie Carr and Jeanne LaMontagne. Senior Cheerlearders: Jessica Pitochelli, Kate Feeney, Megan Butts, Nicole Delaire, Ashley Hebert, Jeanne LaMontagne, Jen Barrett, Mel Carr, and Cassie Bardi. Not pictured - Kristie McCoy.





Varsity Basketball Squad. Row 1.Stephanie Gallo, Abbey Esterbrooks, Renee Hammond, Crystal Amore and Heather Prestly. Row 2: Stephanie Anderson, Kami Grudsien and Heather Crone. Not pictured: Sarah Warzycha, Alicia Mahoney and Kristina Cannon.



J.V. Competition Squad. Row 1: Nicole Fusco, Tasha Vekeman, Erin Simmons, Nicole Gray, Lauren Mahoney and Erika Mahar. Row 2: Beth Catanzaro, Sarah Hebert, Sara Lyons, Kayla Mutter, Ashley Domina, Shannon Phillips and Paige Albro.



Squad. Row 1. Katie Feeney, Cassie Bardi, Jeanne LaMontagne, Jen Barrett and Megan Butts. Row 2: Jessica Pitochelli, Kristie McCoy, Ashley Hebert, Nicole Delaire and Melanie Carr. Row 3: Crsytal Johnson, Nicole Joulbet, Maria Conca, Anne Bednarski, and Nikki Hattoy.

Student Leaders learn leadership skills and are given the opportunity to use and improve them.

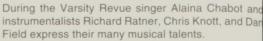
#### **Student Council**

The Coventry High School Student Council is the student body government. It is responsible for coordinating all clubs and activities in the school. Each organization is represented on the council by their designated representative. The Student Council is directly responsible for planning and carrying out Homecoming Activities, Spirit Week, the Canned Good Drive, the Blood Drive, as well as many other events and activities. In addition, it conducts leadership conferences at Alton Jones, where students learn leadership skills which can be used in school and later in life. The Student Council also sends potential student leaders to training camps on the State and National levels.















While at the science fair sophmore, Brian Joseph tries to explain the effects that nicotine has on the body.

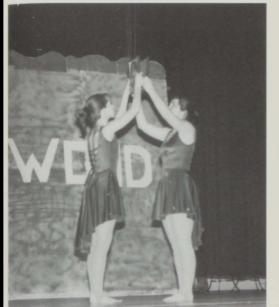


Many of the Coventry's finest science students presented their projects at our annual science fair. Here, Amanda Falcone does her best in trying to explain her project to the judges.



Student Council: Row 1: Chris Cohen, Joe Scambio, Ryan Hall, Kendra Lonquist, Jonathan Ayliffe-Jessup, Kristen Bennett, Eric Martin, and Chad Znoj, Row 2: Mr. DiMicco, Carl Riecke, Mike Walsh, Mary Baldo, Jen Dickey, Kelly Gleason, Mark Weinzeirl, Carrie Burton, and Brian Sperlongano. Row 3: Don Birton, Jeff Kendra, and Mrs. Tracey. Row 4: Jamie Hall. Ken Harel, Patricia Brennan, Brad Kirton, Justin Ferland, Alissa Chamberland, Audra Medeiros, and Eileen Jaktaek

While Amy Laboissonniere, Alaina Chabot sang their hearts out, Jamie Palmer, and Amanda Burns danced the night away, to the theme song from Titanic.



On March 6 and 7 of this year, Coventry High students gathered together to say, "Hello Hollywood!!" In this year's....

#### Varsity Review '98



With this tradition comes many great performances, changing from musical acts to magical skits. The night started off with select chorus singing "Ain't Got Time to Die". As the revue went on there were many other acts, such as the faculty act where Mr. Erinakes got the crowd going wild. With the departure of some bands like Sober K and Airwaves, Ryan Riel contributed with his hilarious stand up comedy act. The night went well thanks MC, George Flint, and the wonderful directing of Alaina Chabot.





very school has a tradition.
Here at Coventry High School
the Varsity Revue is one them.





Honor Society: Row 1: Melissa Giroux, Amy Barlow, Megan Galeota, Kelly Gleason, Alicia Longely, Joseph Roch, Karen Saenko, Row 2: Elizabeth Barajas, Amy Lockwood, Sarah Groleau, Kevin Neary, Nicole Lavoie, Beth Dlugos, Kasey Lynch, Row 3: Brian Sperlongano, Rachel Scanlon, Kristen Bennett, Jeanne Lamontagne, Greg Fecteau, Adam Macko, Diana Brennan, Dustin Lutero, Jessica Lux, Elizabeth Swann, and Julie Doucette.



Academic Decathlon Team: Row 1: Kristen Bennett, Phil Krueger, amy Barlow, and Eric Mann. Row 2: Stephen Schayer, Celinda Gourd, Steven Dupree, Bernadette Lynch, Beth Dlugas, Julie Doucette, Benjamin Fillo, Jessica Lux and Andy Bent. Lara Gast - not pictured.

West Bay Career and Technical Center had another banner year at home and in State competition

West Bay Skills Work!

The students of West Bay had another successful year. The change from three weeks to one-quarter rotations gave students and faculty more time to concentrate on class projects and provide the students with a taste of what work is like in the outside world. By focusing on SCANS Competency, which have been identified by the business community as critical skills needed for the 21st. Century, students developed skills in teamwork, technology, and communication throughout the year. The team of Justin Sampaio and Orrin Cahoone won the RI Dealers Association competition at NE Tech. and advanced to the nationals in New York where they hope to win scholarships and a new car. Electronics students engaged in a community based program providing computer repairs in the schools and wired West Bay for the Internet. Child Development students took part in the Aplha Reading Readiness Program working in home-based preschools one hour per week reading to children. It was another active and successful year for both students and faculty.





Being certified in Infant/Child CPR is a necessity for anyone planning to work with small children.







Mrs. Thompson looks on as Brian Burgjohann practices CPR on Actar.



Mark Napoleoni is working on computer based training.



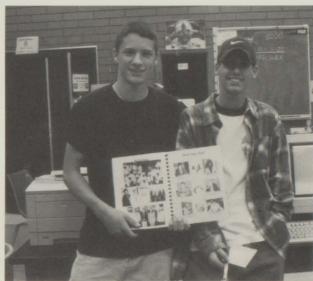
Students in the Nursing Program take their tests to become certified in Infant/Child CPR.

Joe Bento proudly displays a tray of pastries that he and the class have prepared in Culinary Arts.



Greg Riley loads paper into the press. Dan Dyer and Shawn Proulx display pages from the West Bay Yearbook of which they were in charge.







Mr. Comoli goes over some fine points of construction with the class. These points will then be incorporated into their project.



Jen Cooke and Heather Catterall are busy preparing muffins.



Pizza anyone! The pizza dough being prepared by Anderson will be on today's lunch menu.

Rehearsals for the school play began as we went to press! Notice the director's stress as students try to interpret their roles.

#### The Curious Savage









The Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. William Smith display their talent with their rendition of "In the Mood" during the Varsity Review.



Hannibal, played by Jonathan Ayliffe-Jessup, plays his violin during practice for the play "The Curious Savage."



Chad Cummiskey enjoys his library job and the chance to read magazines first.



Kimberly Richey arranges the card catalogs. Library aides always find ways to help.

Library Aides



Amy Fortier puts her computer skills to work, checking for students with overdue books.



Select Choir: Row 1: Shayna Reynolds, Kristen Pope, Diana Brennan, and Alicia Mahoney. Row 2: Karen Saenko, Amy Laboissonnerre, Sue Colluci, Sam Hindes, Jessica Maguire, Kim Johnson, Ryan Hall. Row 3: Kristen Bennett, tanya Assumpico, Eric McNedy, Andy Hayes. Mat Holt, Joe Roch, Rachel Scanlon. Row 4: Kelly Bliss, Kristi LaMountain, Chad Znoj, Chris Simkin, Rick Coy, Jonathan Ayliffe-Jessup, Andy Bent, Kim Corbin. Row 5: Mr. Degraide. Jay Fallin, Ololade Folola, Carrie-Jo Lamoureux, Kelly Remick, Kristen Fogarty.

#### Amy DeGraide Associate Editor



Audra and Amanda, is the sports

copy ready, yet. Remember to in-

terview those players.

Keri Dillard Artist





Courtney is busy at the Mac mastering Pagemaker. Next year she can be the computer editor and do the Senior Directory.

There is "No Turning Back" our time has arrived! We have recorded our past for our future!

#### The Knotty Oak '98!



Rachel Scanlon Edior-in-Chief

Ithough there is no turning back, especially for those seniors on the staff, the memories that were made while producing this book will live on forever. It all began with our first meeting held at our favorite brain storming spot, McDonald's. What would we do with out it? Next came our conference at Bryant college. What a miracle it would have been if we made it to more than two seminars. Nevertheless, as the days inched by, the hours dedicated to this book lengthened with each new day, consuming all of our studies, days on our precious vacations, and countless hours after school. In the end, all of our efforts payed off with this book, our very own masterpiece.



Deadline stress is getting to Joe as he tries to make Scott fit the picture block. Matt tries to tell Joe, you make the picture, not the person, fit the block. Remember, the picture not the person.



Hey, Mike, is the class will done yet? It's only 250 pages of hand written unreadable copy by the seniors? We need it by tomorrow morning to meet the deadline.



Libby Steven - Megan Chitton
Junior Editors



The Knotty Oak Staff '98. Row 1: Mike Walsh, Courtney Capwell, Matt Defedele, and Joe Marsella. Row 2: Scott Lyons, Amy DeGraide, Libby Stevens, Megan Chilton, Rachel Scanlon and Keri Dillard. Not pictured- Audra Medeiros and Amanda Falcone



Peter Piascik Computer Assistant



Monica Piascik Managing Editor



Richard Piascik Advisor

No Turning Back Now!

#### You're Stars in Our Eyes

To Dave and Evan,

We hope you will always stay this close

Love, Your Parents



#### Congratulations Jen!



You have grown from a sweet little girl into a bright and compassionate young woman. Your hard work and dedication has proven to everyone that you can be anything you want.

Keep Reaching!!!!!

Love, Mom, Dad & Dawn

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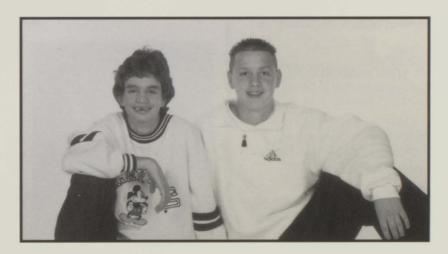
### Congratulations Melissa!!

To our Honeybee:

You are a very special Daughter. We have seen you develop into a very special young woman. With your special personality, you have given us 21 years of love, laughter, and loads of "Hugs"!!. We are very proud of you and will always be here for you!! Good luck in the years to come!!

All our love, Mom, Dad, Christine, Aram & Rachel XOXOXOXOXO





#### Congratulations



#### Aram!!

Time has passed quickly. We have seen our little boy grow into a fine young man. Your personality and fine qualities are what make you so very special. We wish you happiness and success in the future. Thank you for being a terrific son and brother!!! We are all very proud of you.

All our love, Mom, Dad, Melissa, Christina, Rachel XOXOXOXOXO



**Jeff:** Congratulation on your graduation. May your future be as successful. Live life to it's fullest. Love, Grammy, Uncle Larry and Aunt Lori.

Jeff: We all want to wish you the best of luck. But please buy a belt to hold your pants up. We love you and congratulations. Aunties: Kristin, Laurie & Dale and Uncles Ted, David & Louie.

**Beck:** Congratulations! Remember, you can do anything you desire. Keep up the hard work. We are so proud of you and love you. W. L. Lump.

**Becky Wecky.** Congratulation! You finally made it. Good Luck in big girl school. Love, Jay.

Yeah Nathan! I'm very proud of you. I love you very much! Remember to always do your best. Mom.

**Eric:** We are proud of you. We never doubted it for a moment. Don't lose that sense of humor. We love you. Mom, Dad, Abbey.

**Diana:** It's time to stretch your wings and fly. We know you'll soar high. *Vaya con Dios*. Love, Mom and Dad.

**Sunny:** We are so proud that words cannot express it. You are the first and will always be Number 1! Congratulations Goob! Love, Mom, Dad & DD.

**Erik:** Congratulations on a job well done! We are so proud of you! Good luck in the future. Love, Mom, Jessica, Jennifer.

Best Wishes Uncle Pete! Mallery, Brianna, Joshua, Kassidy, Shaelyn, Nicolas - Go Get em, Lt. Guastini, love Mom, Dad, Mike, Sherry, Dan, Nancy, Noreen, D.J., Pat, & Kevin.

Alicia: Congratulations, we can't believe how quickly you've grown up. Always remember we'll be here for you. We're very proud of you, and you'll always be "the Baby." Love, Mom and Mike.

**Stacey:** Life will present many difficulties. Know they will come and learn from them. Do not object to their presence, but use them toward your happiness. This I know you can do. Love, Dad.

Congratulations Jen: We are so proud of you. Always be the great person you are. "Just remember in the real world to always wear your magic shoes." Good luck always. Love, Mom & Dad, Buck.

#### **Congratulations Jeff**



What a difference 13 years makes. You have made it this far, now go from here to bigger and better things. Congratulations and best wishes.

Love Dad, Mamma & Papa

#### **Jessica Congratulations**



You have grown into a beautiful young woman. It's hard to believe the years have passed so quickly. We want to wish you a world of happiness and success. Remember to always follow your heart. You can have anything you want if you work hard enough. You are a treasure from above, and by far, my very best friend.

Love, Mommy, Daddy & Frankie

#### **Congratulations Bethany**



You've really grown up to be a very special young woman, the kind of warm and sensitive person we could see in you even as a child. I suppose we sometimes brag, but that's because we are so proud of you and want everyone to know what a wonderful daughter we have.

Love and success always, Mom, Dad & Scott

#### Lisa-

Run through puddles, sleep late. chase a rainbow, catch your star. Build a sand castle. the world awaits you. Congratulations.

Love, Mom, Dad & Steph



Congratulations to our favorite Kat! Love, Dylan, Matt and Logan.

**Sonja:** Do the best you can for you. It does not matter if everyone likes you and you achieve greatness. What matters is what the person in the mirror thinks of you. Love, Mom & Dad.

**Chad:** You have strived hard to reach your potentials. May you always continue to do so. Remember that in a world that is ever changing we do find things that are constant... Like the love between a parent and child.

Congratulations Stefani - although we may not always tell you - we are so very proud of you and what you have achieved so far in your life. We know your success in life is inevitable. We Love You!! Love, Mom & Dad.

#### **Congratulations Sara**

You made it. We are proud of you and love you. Remember to hold on to your dreams. All you have to do is **IMAGINE!** 

Love, Mom & Dad.



#### Congratulations Leslie

We are all proud of you! We are glad to see you reach another goal on your road of dreams and success.

> Love, Mom, Dad, Marlene, Jamie, Brian

## Congratulations Kathryn!

I wish you hugs, happiness and success on whatever path you follow. Remember - Graduation doesn't mean its over. It means it's just beginning.

Lots of Love - Mom

## Congratulations to The Class of '98

From

Amy Murname Josten's Yearbook Representative



Washington Annex Work Study
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Growing every day for tomorrow.........

Congratulations to

Wade, Stefanie, Paul and Melissa

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#### **Congratulations Beth!**

It's Time to go "Into the Woods" to face another journey. We are so proud of the young woman you have become.

Mom & Dad



#### **Congratulation Greg**



We are very proud of you, Greg. It's been a long, hard, struggle, but you've worked hard. Remember to hold on to your dreams. You are special. We are always here for you-

> Love Mom, Dad & Erin

#### **Congratulations Jeanne!**

We're so proud of the wonderful, caring person you've become. You've worked hard and it shows. Welove you very much.

Mom & Dad



#### "Congratulations"



#### **Georgie Boy**

Always #1 in our book. Good Luck Georgie Boy We Love You....

Mom and Dad

#### **Congratulations Bryant!**

We are proud of your accomplishments. We wish you nothing but the best and may all your dreams come true now and in the future.

Love Mom & Dad



#### Congratulations Kevin



We're Proud of You.

Love

Mom & Dad



# **Congratulations Timmy**

Thanks for all the fun and excitement! Always remember that you can do and overcome anything. You will always be our "Star."

Love Mom and Dad

#### **Congratulations Sarah**



"There is a quiet voice that comes from the center of your being. It can be easily drowned by the chorus of a negative world. Only in the stillness that lies inside you, can you hear it speaking softly... speaking the wisdom you have always known. You have a strong, beautiful spirit within you.... let it be your GUIDE."

Love, Mom, Dad, & Kayla





# Congratulations Baby Girl!

Can't believe this day is here! We are so proud of the young woman you have become. Stacey, make your dreams come true. You are a specail person. We will always be here for you. We love you very much, pancakes.

Mom, Dad, Tara & Toby

#### Congratulations, Andy!

From season to season throughout the years
We made baseball a life we shared.
You knew I'd always be there, score book in hand,
And you never had to wonder who was your #1 fan.
You have made me so very proud - on the diamond and off Of the boy you were and the man you have become.
Although one day soon you'll be on your own
You know I always will be near you
As near as the day you were born
Call on me - you know I'll hear you.

Love, Mom.



#### Andy,

As you graduate, we are reminded of all the fun times and hard times you have been through.

But you made it, and we are very proud of you. May all of your dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Dad and James {Marmalade & Kitty, too}



#### **Keith**

Roses are Red Violets are Blue You're off to College and I got your room,

Love Megs

#### **Congratulations Keith!**

To Young to take over To Old to ignore Gee, I'm almost ready, But what for?

Hello Life

Love, Mom and Dad





#### Rebekah

"BOO" - As you reach for the next level, remember to enjoy life as much as we have enjoyed watching you grown into a lovely young lady. Good luck in all you do.

> Love, Mom & Dad

#### **Congratulations Rachel**

What a marvelous gift God had in mind when he gave you to us, for you have enriched our lives with your presence. May the joy you have given to us return to you ten-fold, and may the song in your heart always shine on your face.

Love, Mom, Dad, Kristen & Matt



#### **Congratulations Shaun!**



From a carefree loving boy to a confident responsible young man. You've touched many hearts. We are all so proud of you.

Love Mom, KG & Ryan



#### **Congratulations Julie**

You have made us very proud and happy parents. You are a beautiful person, who is very talented, thoughtful and always makes us laugh. Two things in life to give your children - roots and wings. Now is your time for wings.

We Love You, Mom & Dad

#### **Congratulations Amy**

You're on your way! Those bright eyes and winning smile shows your zest to conquer the next challenge. You have proven that nothing is out of your reach. Persevere and you will attain all your goals. Be happy.

We Love You! Mom, Dad & John



#### **Congratulations Jenn**



We are all very proud of our little girl with the endless smile. We wish you all the best that life has to offer.

Love, Dad, Mom, Pamela & Stephanie

#### **Congratulations Tom**

I remember your first days of school when you were quiet and shy. You have grown into a wonderful adult. I am proud of you. Best of luck in college and remember everything I have taught you.

Love, Mom & Pam



#### **Congratulations Stephanie**



Rose are Red. Violets are Blue. We are so proud of you. You made it through 12 years of school. We most certainly love you.

Mom, Dad & Matt

#### Chrissy

Continue to follow your dreams. We know you will succeed. You are a beautiful and talented young lady and we love you.

Mom, Dad, Kim & Paige



#### Congratulations, Julie



We wish you much success in all your future plans. We love you.

Mom, Dad & Marissa

## Congratulations Mike! "Snapping Turtle"



You did it! We are very proud of you. Your personality and fine qualities are what make you so very special. Follow your dreams #64, success awaits you!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Shaylin

#### **Congratulations Brian**



Your personality and heart,
You've had from the start.
We always knew
That we'd be proud of you.
So study hard and have some fun.
Enjoy your "Moment in the Sun".
Whether or not your dreams come true
We will always love you.

Love, Mom, Dad and Jen

#### CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL

Your dreams are your future. Believe in all of them as you find your way through the many adventures that life has for you to experience. Only through these experiences can you achieve the richness and fullness of life.

Watching you grow and mature into the adult phase of your life has been very rewarding and exciting. Nothing has been more important to us than being a part of your life. You can always depend on us to be here for you.

With all our love, Mom and Joey



#### **Congratulations Michael**



I can't believe graduation time is here. Where has the time gone? What happened to our little Mikey, who has grown into a wonderful young man? Seems like just yesterday we took you for this picture and now we've taken you for your senior pictures. You've become a great person and have worked very hard to get where you are today. Keep up the great work and anything you want can be yours. Remember in life no matter where you go or what you do, we'll always be here for you.

We love you, Mom, Dad & Michelle

#### Congratulations, Smiley



I love you, Tony
I am so proud of you and so thankful for
the years that have given me so much to
be thankful for.

If I were given a chance to be anything
I wanted to become, there's nothing I
would rather be than your mother,
And there is no one I would rather have as my

And there is no one I would rather have as my son. I wish you all the best in life. I will always be there for you.

Love Always, Mom



#### **Congratulations Kim**

You have accomplished a major goal in your life with a style all your own! Your hard work and sense of humor will carry you far. It's okay to march to a different drummer. Just remember to make the "right choices." You can reach any goal, just believe in yourself. We are very proud of you!

Love, Dad, Mom & Kerry

#### Jeffrey C. Cate



It seems like only yesterday you went off to kindergarten. Over the years there have been ups and downs and **many many** gray hairs, but you've come through shinning.

You have become a wonderful young man.

Congrats and best wishes for a future full of success and hair transplants (sorry it's genetic)!!!

We're very proud of you and all your accomplishments!

Love, Mom, John, Johanna and Garrett

#### **Congratulations Punky**



It seems like yesterday that you were starting kindergarten and now you're graduating from high school. You've made us proud through these years and we know the future will bring the same.

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

With all our love, Dad, Mom & Amanda

#### Congratulation, Chris!

Thank you for being a son who has given us so much pride, joy and wonderful memories to cherish. We are very proud that you have become a young man of character and integrity. Do not ever be afraid to let your dreams define your goals.

Love, Mom, Dad Lily, Putts and Yoda



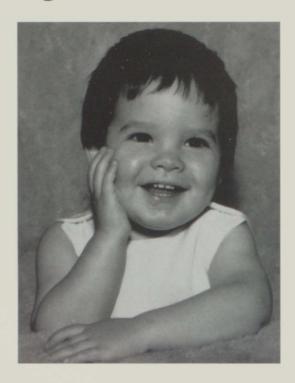
#### Congratulations Kathryn!



I wish you hugs, happiness and success on whatever path you follow. Remember - graduation doesn't mean it's over. It means it's just beginning!

> Lots of love, Mom

#### **Congratulations David**



David, you are a very special person and we are so proud of the strong and caring man you've become. As you grew, Dad and I tried to give you the space you needed to make your own decisions.... take your own chances... and feel your own way in the world. Remember whatever you dream for tomorrow, whatever you hope to achieve is not out of your reach, if only you first believe. We love you, support you, and will always be here for you - no matter what you need.

Love, Mom and Dad



#### Congratulations Jen

"You may say I'm a dreamer but I'm not the only one. I hope some day you will join us and the World will live as one."

Keep on dreaming! Success is yours!

Love, Mom, Dad & Matt

#### Congratulations Cousins! Melissa & Dave



We're all very proud of the young adults you've become. We wish you the best and pray that the future brings you much happiness and success!

Love always,
Your Moms, Dads
Aunts, Uncles,
sisters, Brothers and Grandparents

#### **Congratulations Liz**



It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end. -Ursula LeGuin

We're so proud of you. Good luck to our little girl as you start your life's journey.

Love, Mom and Dad Ned and Geoff

#### **Congratulation Dave**

"Your table manners have come a long way in 18 years." We're very proud of you!

> Lots of love, Mom, Dad, brother & Sister



## Watch Out World Here She Comes!



My Dearest Kathryn,

Watching you grow has been an honor and a privilege. I know you will make great contributions to our world. We Love You!

Forever, Mom, Dad, Missi & George

#### **Congratulations Leah!**



I still remember the day you were born, and how I felt the first time I held you in my arms.
I was so Blessed.
The time has just gone by so fast.
You have grown into such a beautiful and intelligent young woman.
I am so Proud.
Please remember that those same arms will always be there for you.

I love you, Mom



#### Well done, Amy!

Filled with enthusiasm and a thirst for adventure, our first bird leaves the nest. Let your instincts guide you as you soar. We love you more because we are all bigger than you!

Live, Laugh, Love Mom, Bob, Ken, & Rob

#### **Congratulations Kimberly**

Dad and Mom was blessed with a daughter like you. We look back to the beautiful little girl you once were. To a beautiful young woman you became. May your future blossom as years go by.

Love you forever, Mom, Dad and Michael



#### My Precious Kim



Of all the gifts I can recall, your love for me is the best of all. Thank you for being a wonderful daughter and my best friend.

Congratulations Honey

I love you, Mom, Steve & Jamie

#### Congratulations, Greg

We are so proud of all you have accomplished. Your hard work in the classroom and on the courts has paid off. May success follow you as you pursue your dreams. Our love and support will always be with you.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Bryan



#### Congratulations Keri



We've watched you grow into such a wonderful young lady, with a heart of gold. We're so proud of all you've done. Reach for the stars and make your dreams come true.

Keep smiling!

We love you Mom, Dad and Jackie

#### **Congratulations Nicole!**

We are very proud of the young woman you have become. We hope all of your dreams come true.

> Love, Mom and Dad



#### **Davey Doo**



From our little livewire to a great young man. We are so proud of you. Follow your dreams. You can go anywhere. We'll always be there for you.

We Love You, Mom, Dad & Gina

#### Way to Go Hannah!

We hope your future will be as wonderful as you have made our lives. Remember - the road to success lies under your feet. All our Love, All the time.

Mom & Dad

Hannah, you've made it! Have fun & enjoy.
Love, Karla



#### Congratulations Alicia!



We are so proud of the wonderful young woman you have become! We knew you could do it! Continue to make the right choices and all your dreams will come true! We love you very much and couldn't ask for a more loving daughter.

> Love, Mom & Dad XXXX OOOO

#### Congratulations Kelly

We are so very proud of your excellent grades, volunteer work, and your help with David Norman. You are a beautiful young lady.

> We Love You, Mom & Jeff



#### Cassie "Cassandra Marie" Bardi



SHE'S GONNA FLY - CASSIE "CASSANDRA MARIE BARDI. Ever since you were small, you always pushed just a little harder and faster...a little impatient. Now, your time has finally come, Cassie, your chance to SOAR!

Love you, Mom & Dad

#### Way To Go, Nicole!

We are so proud of you. We've watched you grow from a little "monk" into a beautiful young woman. We've loved the journey! Now the uncertainty and the excitement of the future lie ahead. You can be sure, we'll always be there for you!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Ryan



#### Congratulations Beka



Rebekah-I'm very proud of you and the beautiful person you have become. Good luck in all you do. You are the best sister.

> Love, Curt

#### Congratulations Lauren

As trees spread their branches to absorb the life-giving-world around them, you have reached out to the world around you to grow into an intelligent and beautiful young woman. All our love and support forever.

Mom, Dad and Adrienne



#### Congratulations Brian!!



We are so proud of you. Keep your eyes straight ahead on your goals and take the time to enjoy the journey...to success!!

> Love Ya!! Mom & Dad

#### Congratulations, Heather

We are so very proud of you and love you. May your dreams come true and always remember we are here for you.

> Love,' Mom, Dad, Tara & Shana



#### Congratulations Shorty



We're proud of your awards... We're proud of your achievement... but, we're really proud of how nice you are!

> Love, Mom & Dad

#### Congratulations Kayla!

To "Wayla" "La-La", Our first born, the big sister - we love you and are very proud of you.

> Love from, Dad and Mom, Abby and May



#### Dream On!



Now is the time for you to celebrate the accomplishment of dreams you have worked so hard to realize. You have shown so many people how special you are. Always keep your dreams alive and keep them coming true! Congratulations!

Love, Mom

#### Congratulations Sara

You are clever enough to do anything, so go out and do it!

> Love, Mom& Dad



#### Congratulations, Andy!



Wired at an early age for the Techno-Revolution

Living, at times, on a different wavelength

Laughing with you Crying with you Enjoying the ride

Proud and thankful You are our son

#### Congratulations Nick

You have certainly come a long way since Kindergarten!

We promise we'll nag you less
miss you lots +
Love you always.
Mom, Dad
and Andy



#### Congratulations Christy!



I'm so proud of you. Reach for your dreams and make them come true. Good luck and God bless you,

> Love, Mom

Persist, persevere and be consistent and you will find that most things are possible.

> With love and pride, Mom



#### Congratulations Melanie



We are so proud of you. May all your dreams come true.

> Love, Mom & Dad, Lenore & Alex

#### Congratulations Meg

You fill our hearts with love and joy. We are so very proud of you and what you have accomplished. Enjoy life to the fullest and don't forget we'll always be there for you. You are our beautiful and loving girl, Meggie-!

> Love, Dad, Mom and Jason



#### Congratulations Kristen!



We knew you could doit! We are so proud of you!

Love, Jamie, Abby, Kevin and Mom

#### Congratulations, Peanut!

We love you very much and we are so proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad



#### Congratulations, Jeica!



As Salvador Dali said: "At the age of six, I wanted to be a cook. At seven, I wanted to be Napoleon. And my ambition has been growing steadily since.: We wish you the best, Jessica!

Love, Mom, Dad, Hillary and Madeline

#### Congratulations Jenny

It's hard to believe your Senior year is already here. You have made us very proud to be your parents. You will surely be missed very much as you go off to college. Your goals are high, but we know you can reach them.

Love, Mom & Dad.



#### Congratulations Artie



You are still a cool dude, Artie! We are proud of the young man you have become and wish you all the best for your future. Keep up the good work.

Love, Mom & Dad

#### Congratulations Courtney

You have always been so special to us. We are so proud of you and know you will fulfill your dreams. Always believe in yourself and you can accomplish great things. We will always be there for you!

Love, Mom & Dad



#### Congratulations Kendra



We are so proud of you. For all that you do and all that you are.

> Love, Mom & Dad

#### Good Luck Matt!!

We wish you the best always and we love you a lot!!

> Mom, Dad & Heather



#### Congratulations - Julie



Pumpkin, you have always been a joy to us. Reach for the stars and may all your dreams come true!

All our love. Mom, Dad, Karen, Lori & Susan

#### Congratulations Katie

We've watched you grow from a young girl to a confident, sophisticated, caring, young woman. We're very proud of you. We look forward to seeing all your dreams come true.

> All Our Love, Dad, Mom, Nicole & Alan



#### Congratulations Brian



Four things a man must learn to do, if he would make his record true:

To think without confusion clearly; To love his fellow man sincerely.

To act from honest motives purely; To trust in God and Heaven securely. -Henry van Dyke

> Love. Mom & Dad

#### Congratulations Alicia

One can only dream of having a daughter like you, ambitious, focused, caring and beautiful. Your personality and drive has always made you successful and we know this will always be true. Remember: Do not follow where the path may lead ... Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Jay XO XO XO



#### Congratulations Erin



Words cannot express how proud of you we are. You've come a long way and have grown up so fast. Your sense of humor and personality make you the special person that you are. Always be happy and we hope all your dreams come true. We wish for you a bright, successful future.

With all our love, Mom, Dad & Adam Penny Too!!!

#### To Nicole, with love

We have watched you grow into a beautiful young woman! We hope this next chapter of your life brings you happiness, love, peace, and success! May God bless you in all that you do. Keep smiling!

Love, Mom & Dad



#### Jeff



As you start this new chapter in your life, be yourself and remember you can be anything you want to be. We are so proud of you!

> Love, Mom & Dad

#### Congratulations Steph!

#### Steph:

From the Day You were Born... To this Day

Our Pride In You has grown In every way.

You're the Best! Congratulations!

> Love, Mom & Dad



#### Congratulations Andy Cox



We knew you would trade that blanket in for a diploma some day. A little security for a life time of dreams - not a bad trade off! We're so proud of you, buddy!!

> Love, Mom & Dad

#### Congratulations Laura!

We are very proud of you for giving your BEST! We know it hasn't always been easy. Follow your heart and your adult life will be wonderful.

We Love You! Mom, Dad, & Pam



# Congratulations to Ashley and Jessica!!!



You girls are as beautiful on the inside as you are on the outside. I am very proud of the young women you have become. I'm so proud of you and love you! Love, Missy

#### Congratulations Lauren!

On to your next adventure! Weare very proud of you! Enjoy each new day in your own special way! Keep swimming - captain!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jen & Bobby!



#### WOW!



We are so proud of the lovely ladies you both have become. Love, "The Moms"

#### Congratulations Geoff

You made it!!!
Good luck
with
the
future.

Love, Mom & Dad



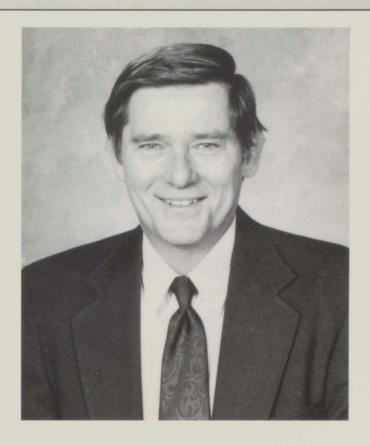
#### To Ashley and Friends



We are proud of the choices you have made. And we thank you for letting us be a part of all of your lives the last four years. It's been a privilege.

Love Buzz - Cheryl Sarah - Amanda Jake & Mason

### In Memorium





Richard F. Piascik Coventry High School Class of 1961

The *Knotty Oak Yearbook* would not have had such a high quality of excellence for the past 19 years had it not been for Mr. Piascik's guidance and creative genius. As our advisor, he never failed to create a book that represented not only the Coventry High School student body, but also the spirit of each graduating class. He took special strides to include every facet of our school, being sure to include every sport, club, organization, as well as the faculty, into each book. Without Mr. Piascik, the yearbook you hold in your hands today would not have been possible.

Besides Mr. Piascik's involvement in the yearbook, he was a member of our community and a teacher at Coventry High School. Unfortunately for the class of 1998, Mr. Piascik had retired before we could experience his antics in the classroom; nevertheless, those who did have a connection to Mr. P. will tell you that he could impact anyone he encountered.

As well as educating young minds, Mr. Piascik also dedicated much of his time to his beloved family.

Mr. Piascik will truly be missed as our advisor and our friend.

We Have Our Yesterdays and Look Forward to Our Tommorows Because There is No Turning Back! '98.

#### **Our Time Has Run Out!**

ver the past four years, we the members of Coventry High School, have experienced a time in our lives that we will never be able to relive. A momentous time in our lives, our high school careers, although differing greatly, have influenced each and has helped us become the people we are today. Through the dedication and hard work of fellow students, (from all grades), teachers, advisors, and administrators, this year's Knotty Oak yearbook has become another success. Just as this is the last page of the yearbook, for seniors, this is the last page of their high school life.















It is over, there is no turning back the hands of time. Our four years as students at Coventry High School are over. We take our last look at the classrooms in which we have spent so much time and energy; the corridors in which we met our friends and we know it is time to move on. What the future holds, we do not know, but we do know that CHS will always remain part of us.

