Clay Yearbooks are now on Sale!

Representatives will be in your 2nd hour classes next week. Price: \$30 including free name stamping if you purchase before November 25.





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Yearbooks! Come 'n Get It!

Minuteman Yearbook representatives will be in second hour classes next week and Thanksgiving week to take your yearbook order. Order before Thanksgiving and get FREE name stamping. Price will be \$28.

Congrats to One and All!

After their hard work, Rachel Filley, Allison Kitchner, Kris Kurtis, and Grace Snell are Clay's National Merit Scholar Commended Students. Way to go!

Drama-rama

This year's play, *Our Town*, Will be performed on the auditorium stage from on Nov. 12-14. Keep your eyes peeled for information on times.

Candy Land

The German club is having their annual candy sale the week of Nov. 15. Support the foreign language department and buy some today!

School Daze

Lucky us... Tues., Nov. 17 is a half day! Take advantage of it and get your daily dose of television and junk food.

Lollipop, lollipop...

Clay's marching band will present its season-ending Lollipop Concert on Nov. 19 in the auditorium at 7:30 pm. Hits will include *Night on Bald Mountain* and the renowned Clay Fight song.

Feathered friends beware:

Thanksgiving break is on Nov. 26 & 27. What are you thankful for??

Blocked In: The Facts About Block Scheduling

Kiri Nielsen NEWS EDITOR

The coming year may bring about the winds of change for Clay High. Block scheduling is being considered for the new millennium. Before you pout and object, listen to some of the facts. The idea behind block scheduling is to reduce the stress of students and teachers by increasing the amount of time daily to teach material as will as the time students have to do homework and study. Even if you have a short attention span, you may do well in a block scheduled environ-

Educational Digest reports that there is even an overall improvement in the climate of a blocked school. Opportunities to take extra classes and the possibility of early graduation or gaining college credit also make this alternative favorable.

How it works

There is more than one type of scheduling pattern. In fact, two South Bend schools, Riley and Washington, have already adopted very different versions of this concept. Both schools use extended class periods of 90-95 min-

Riley has taken on **4x4**, **or Block 4**. Students take only four classes for the first semester; then the next semester they have four different courses, completing a year's worth of work every eighteen weeks. This gives the students more time to concentrate and fewer textbooks.

Washington chose the **Block 8** model. Enrollees take 7 classes, alternating every other day; they also take a seminar period, which can be used for study hall, curricular activities, and other projects. They complete each school year in the normal amount of time.

Observations

Principal John Harris and Assistant Principal Marcia Kelly have encouraged students to give input and observe block scheduling by setting up field trips to area high schools that have a system in progress. Goshen High

School's **6-Block Modified** system was on the list for visitation.

Junior Nicole Rufuku explained that students had six courses alternating three every other day and elongated passing periods, or "flex time" in between classes. The class periods are longer than many block types, but the students appeared to become more involved in their work. "A positive side to this schedule is the reduction of stress on the student's part. Extended amounts of time given to do work and fewer classes each day give you less to worry about," said Rufuku.

And the catch...

Many people are critical of block scheduling's effect on curriculum and how classes will be taught. The majority of our textbooks are designed to accommodate a 45-minute class, meaning more than one lesson may have to be taught to fill up time. Some feel that teachers won't know what to do with a class twice as long while some fear that kids who

learn less quickly or frequent absentees will be left behind. Even so, it can be argued that longer classes and the idea of "flex time" provide students with the luxury of more indepth lessons and more opportunities to get help from instructors.

Whether or not Clay will end up accepting block scheduling or which format we may end up adapting to is undecided at this point. It is only an option being explored and nothing is definite for now.



Adorned in their habits are Juniors Mike Murphy (left) and Dale Shafer. 'Sisters' Murphy and Shafer roamed the halls dressed up for Halloween.

Around the World in Eight Days: Glenn Returns to Space

Dan Wolfe

ACTING EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Today the word "hero" is tossed around quite often. but real heroes seem to be harder than ever to find. John Glenn is one of these true American heros. Glenn, a former U.S. Marine, was the first American to orbit the Earth. Now, at age 77, he has returned to the outer reaches that he has missed these last 36 years.

Glenn's original space flight took place on Feb. 20. 1962 and lasted 4 hours 55

minutes and 23 seconds, or 3 full orbits. His craft. Mercury Spacecraft Friendship 7, seated only one with 36 cubic feet of space for Glenn. On the Discovery shuttle Glenn is accompanied by 6 astronauts with a total living/working space of 2324 cubic feet. His stay in

outer space is expected to last race' between the U.S. and

Glenn first lifted off for space 1962 his mission was to help

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assert U.S. dominance it the 'space

the now former Soviet Union. Glenn's current mission other than helping the astronauts launch probes for research purposes, is to study the affects of aging in the human

In 1962 Glenn left a world where civil rights movements were only beginning, computers filled whole rooms, and t.v.s were black and white. To say the least a lot has changed since then. One thing, however, remains the same: the world still looks the same and according to Glenn it's still "absolutely gorgeous."

Homeless for the Holidays: One Woman's Story

Megan Tarbet Ryan Ghiaseddin STAFF WRITERS

Society is a very difficult, judgmental world that we face as soon as we wake up. When you think about homeless people, the majority of society considers those people to be trash, the outcasts of mans' accomplishments.

Believe it or not, a lot of that can be found at the Homeless Center on Michigan St. in downtown South Bend. The actual thought of not having a home scares a lot of people, but it scares the people who live at the shelter the most. Many of us drive by there, not even looking in that direction, not realizing that these people are just

Every night, around 150 people sleep at The Center for the Homeless. There are 15 families, and the majority of them are single moms with kids. The whole idea is that you get away from being homeless to owning a home. In fact, that can take years, depending on the person and what their motivation is.

like us.

A woman there by the name of Marion, a single

mother of seven children, and a grandmother of one, had lived there for 21 months. Two months after she moved into the center she gave birth to twins. She had five other children to take care of that were no more then 5 years old. She

> they left because they were too humiliated to tell their friends where the y slept and too embar rassed to give

also had two teenag-

ers, that lived there in the beginning, but

someone their telephone number, knowing that when they called, the phone would answer it, "Center for the Homeless."

Marion has had one dream for the past year and a half: to provide a decent living environment for her children. She knew that a homeless center was not it. She said that it was very strict. You had to wake up at 6:00 in the morning, and you went to bed at 10:00. There was also a "No Food," policy, which meant that whatever you ate had to come from the vending machines or the cafeteria. They didn't allow food in the rooms: however, that rule has changed because of Marion. She refused to let her children go to sleep hungry, so from time to time she would sneak food into her room. In the morning they sometimes have a room check to see if any of the guests are hiding food or drugs.

Luckily, she was never caught. Had she been, she would have been punished. This is called a 'timeout.' When someone has broken a rule he or she must leave the center for a week. That's the first and second

warning. The third warning bans them for month, and if you a fourth warning, you are banned for six months. You must go to the Grieving Board and tell them why you deserve another chance after your fourth reprimand.

Marion has a job now at St. Paul's Retirement as a CNA. She said that the Center's director, Lou Nanni, said something very important to her that she never forgot. He said, "You're two checks away from being homeless." This meant that being homeless is not only when you don't know where you're going to be in the next six months; it also means that you might have to formulate a plan for tomorrow. You can have a roof over your head, but if you don't know how long that roof is going to last, that's when you realize that you don't have a plan.

There is a rainbow for Marion. Later on this month she will be moving into a house of her own. She said, "I wanted something better for my kids. Now my four year old now will have her own room, and she can't wait!" Marion had no family, or a boyfriend to move in with, but she said

"I'm tougher then I ever thought, I thought I needed a man in my life and I realized I'd like to have a man, but I don't need one! My kids are all I have, and all I want." This woman is living proof

that hard work and determination will one day pay off, no matter who you are.

All N.I.C MEMBERS

Boys' Soccer Girls' Soccer

1st-Josh Hains 2nd-Judson Howard Hon. Men.-Reed Nelson, Seth Ponder

1st-Jenna Sousley, Nicki Wrass, Erin Poe(NIC M.V.P), 2nd- Kristen Rodick. Jamie Temple

Boys' and Girls' X-Country

2nd-Paddy White Hon. Men.-Nathan Rupert, Chris Kolenda

2nd-Amanda Jones Hon. Men.- Katie Zientara

Volleyball

1st-Rachel Vandergriend (NIC M.V.P) Hon. Men-Brooke Wilkins

Tennis

1st-Vijay Ramanan

Football

1st-Judson Howard (Punting) Eric Brusda (Down Line) 2nd- Ian Nelson (Off. Line) Joel Steele (Quarterback) Pat Luecke (Def. End) Hon. Men-Chris Hayen (Wide Receiver) Robert Jackson (Running Back)



Through Dave's Eyes

Today women aren't the same. I say that because they are impossible to keep happy. Have you ever been going out with a girl, and also been asked to do something with another. Yes sir, been there done that many times. All right a little advice on how to handle these crucial situations.

Step 1- Ask yourself "Will my girlfriend get mad"

Step 2- Think is this person worth losing my girl for. Step 3- This is the most

important step and should be in your head at all times "WILL SHE FIND OUT" (this does not mean that you go out and cheat on her) Step 4- How much money do

you have in your pocket

Step 5- Is she fire!!
If you have fully gone through all of these steps and could not find a reason that you should not go out with this babe, then my friends in the words of my great uncle Joe "Don't be a fool, you only live once" Yes, that means you go for it and have a good time. Now that I have probably got every girl in the school hating me, I'd better move on to the next subject.

This goes out to all the men out there who are in a serious relationship right now. Those of you who are in one, that's cool and all but let me tell you something nothing lasts forever, (if you don't believe me just ask coach Huppenthal how long my basketball career lasted).

I see relationships like a vertical line, and the higher you get up that line the harder you will fall. So I will leave you with this quote "Why make one girl miserable when you can make them all

Peace-out and thanks for seeing things Through Dave's Eyes and remember: You don't have to like me, you're just mad cuz I tell it how it is and you tell it how it might



Featured Athletes

Cortney Elliott and Emily Holke

Cortney and Emily have both been swimming for all three years of high school. Besides being the top swimmers on the team they are also best friends.

Favorite Class: IOL **Favorite Person: Emily**

Favorite Coach: Mr. Kytta Favorite Song: "Crash"(Dave Mathews Band) Favorite Pig-out Food: Breadsticks and Cheese

Favorite Sport: Swimming Favorite Team: Chicago Cubs

Pregame Meal: Velvita Shells-n-cheese The Worst Place to Live: South Bend

Would you Rather be Poor and Happy or Wealthy

and unhappy: Wealthy and unhappy

Prized Possession: Dewey

Superstitions: Drink Powerade before every meet. If I Switched Places With Anyone, It Would Be: Joe Biggest High School Win: beating St. Joe at City

Biggest High School Loss: Losing to St. Joe

Hobbies: Chillin' with my friends

In 15 years you see yourself as: married

Favorite Class: IOL

Favorite Person: Cortney
Favorite Coach: Brian Barnes
Favorite Song: "Summertime in the LBC"
Favorite Pig-out Food: Bread and Mustard

Favorite Sport: Swimming Favorite Team: Chicago Bulls

Pregame Meal: Crackers and Gatorade The Worst Place to Live: South Bend Would you Rather be Poor and Happy or

Wealthy and unhappy: Wealthy and Unhappy

Prized Possesion: Dino

Proudest Moment: 2nd place at city Superstition: wear same goggles

If I Switched Places With Anyone, It Would Be:

Biggest High School Win: City Champions Biggest High School Loss: St. Joe at Sectionals

Hobbies: Chillin' with my friends

In 15 years you see yourself as: a house wife





Michael Hong & Pooya (Clay High School are in The (Ryan) Ghiaseddin Club. Keep it riz-eel. Them's FEATURE EDITOR & STAFF cra-azy." WRITER

lications Room, we decided it was time to get some school

For those of you who tend to find yourselves with waffle marks on your cheeks during plays we have found a harmed in the production of solution. Definition: Comedy our show. Club- an organization of cra-azy, energetic teenagers that are plenty bandicoots in the perform to the audience members' cries of, "Aw, hecks naw. Them's cra-azy.

"They finna tear da club up" says Senior Jen Rizk. "Them's cra-azy." The show, coming up on NOVEMBER 20 on a FRIDAY, is an expected sellout. So for all you slackers out there, buy your tickets when we pre-sell

For those of you who are still scratching your heads. wondering, "What's The Show gonna be all about?" we're about to tell yas. The Show is of the Saturday Night Live, MADTV genre. Boasting around 18 skits, with improv in between each, The Show is gonna be phat(Pretty Hot And Tempting), "I got my seats pre-reserved, yo," says Jun-ior Casey Stafford. "Them's cra-azv.

Anticipation for the event has already caused anxiety for many students. "I am hype for the Comedy Club show. It is going to be really really funny," says Senior Jenna Sously with immense enthusiasm. "Them's cra-azy." Se-nior Brooke Wilkins elucidates, "Comedy Club is the bomb-dilly. The best people of

Club. Keep it riz-eel. Them's cra-azy

S'up! It's M-Dogg and vises, "Don't hate. Participate.
Killa-G, Thuggin' in the Publications Room, we don't For all you haters out there, it...cra-azy.

Well, since about threefourths of our article is quotes, we're going to give you some facts about The Club:

1) There were no animals

3) Spike's gonna bathe just for The Show

4) We're letting BJQ out of his cage (unmuzzled) just for your viewing pleasure.

5) One word for the intermission show: Riverdance!

5a) For the intermission. we're playing nothing but the aesthetic majesties of Yanni. (Just for Killa-G)

6) The whole show is UN-CENSORED

7) Fact six is a lie

8) There is audience participation in The Show.

9) The Comedy Club is user friendly. (Except for that one time with the hula hoop and the metal rod with the...never mind.)

10) We will all be on Prozac the night of the show.

Fellow members of da' Club are: Spike, Wizza, PD, Ronnie, BJQ, TP, The Ambassador, Schpooky, Kitch, Bethy Boo, Stupid, Peach, Marra-P, Faundy-B, Tiff, Margarita, Blondie, Bee, Britt, Notia, Killa G., and M-Dogg.

Senior Amanda Jones wraps it up: "I don't know what to say. Them's cra-azy."



BJQ (Bryan Cole) will see you there!

Clay High School's Drama Club Presents Dur Town

Here are some scenes from the Drama Club's fall play, Our Town. If you missed it last night, tonight's the night!



Emily Webb (Shaina Taelman) reflects over her feelings for George Gibbs (Seth "Ronnie" Hendricks)

Stage Manager (Sarah Hendricks) narrates a morning in Our Town.



"Hand me some more of those beans..." says Mother Gibbs (LeeAnn Searight) to Mrs. Webb (Maria Smith)



If you missed Our Town last night, it's not too late! There's a show tonight at 7:00 p.m. and another show tomorrow (Saturday, Nov. 14) at 7:00 p.m. also.

TV's New Fall Line-Up

Eastern Scott STAFF WRITER

Have you ever been at home on one of those lonely weekdays and you have nothing to do. Well, the best thing is to watch TV. There's always something on and there is a line up of new shows that are funny. No matter what kind of person you are these shows are guaranteed to entertain anybody. Here's a few new shows that might catch your attention.

NBC- Jesse, Trinity, Conrad Bloom, Will & Grace, Encore!Encore! CBS- King of Queens, Becker, L.A. Doctors, Maggie Winters, Buddy Faro, Martial Law, To Have & to Hold

ABC- The Hughleys, Sports Night, The Secret Lives of Men, Two of a Kind, Brother's Keeper, Fantasy Island, Cupid. Costello

FOX- That 70's Show, Brim-

WB- Felicity, Charmed

These are the new shows for the fall television lineup. Don't touch that remote we'll be right back after these messages.

Editorial

I know people who have craved for freedom after high school. I've seen the same people, freedom obtained, asking for the captivity of a home's security.

Taking charge of one's life is one of the hardest changes we, as teens, must go through. Many of us take responsibility for granted: we wait for our parents to wake us up in the mornings, or procrastinate as much as we possibly can until our teachers take the initiative. What teenagers must realize is that there is a big step after high school they may not be ready for.

If you're planning on going to college, especially an out-of-state college, you're going to find yourself alone. When I say alone, I mean in the sense of there's going to be no one there to wake you up for classes (unless your roommate is a true friend); no one to make sure your essay is done; or whether or not you studied for tomorrow's exam. You're going to find yourself in your parents' shoes, making decisions and dictating your life for the better.

This editorial is just a friendly reminder that taking the initiative right now, may prepare you for what lies ahead. Freedom is bliss, but it comes with a heavy burden. You have to take the reigns of your own life, and guide yourself through what you think is right and wrong. Most of all, you have to take the consequences of the decisions you make. Your parents will only be a phone call away, but they won't be there 24 hours to hold your hand.

Hooked On Ebonics

Temica Moore and Eastern Scott OPINION EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

Have you ever walked down the hallway and heard phrases that you don't understand? Do you feel like you're learning a new language trying to keep up with all of the latest slang? Well worry no more. Eastern and I have decided to keep you posted on all of the meanings of the latest words. No longer will you feel ebonic illiterate.

One of the most frequently used words in ebonics is the word "bunk." This word is simply used to describe something that is not good in anyway. For example a party that is boring would be defined as bunk.

Another frequent word is "player hater." A player hater is someone who is jealous. They want what you have or they don't want you to have it. They will stop at no means to obtain what you have.

The word "grip" generally means a lot

or a long time depending on the context. For example the phrase, "I haven't seen her in a grip," would mean, "I haven't seen her in a long time." On the other hand the phrase, "I got a grip of homework," would mean "I have a lot of homework.

A more advanced phrase would be "off the barrel head." This is just another way of saying right this second or right now. Many students use this phrase in excitement.

Words can mean many things and be used in various ways. Hopefully this guide to ebonics will help you spice up your future conversations and help you understand other conversations. The next time you hear, "That's off the barrel head," That party was bunk," "She's a player hater," or "I haven't been there in a grip," you'll know exactly what it means.

Looking Forward to Thanksgiving

Justin Brandon STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving Day is defined by The American Heritage Dictionary as: A U.S. national holiday set apart for giving thanks to God, celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. The holiday is still celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, but the purpose has been long forgotten by many people.

On the first Thanksgiving Day the pilgrims did not stuff themselves and vegetate on their La-Z-Boy recliners. They surely did not witness Barry Sanders running through the Pittsburgh Steelers' secondary on that cool November day, but they might have enjoyed a good NFL

contest if there was such a thing back then.

"I look forward to lots of food and football on Thanksgiving." said Junior Alan Rubin. That was the answer given by many clay students interviewed. When asked what Thanksgiving means to him Senior Matt Damon said, "Food, family, good times, and days off

school." Senior Abbie
Grooms got right to the
point, "We be grubbin'."
Lauren Barker who is
also a senior says that
"Everybody likes it when
a turkey shakes
something." In School
Suspension Supervisor
Doug Scruggs said, "I
am thankful for the
Lord's Goodness."

How you will celebrate Thanksgiving Day this year is up to you. Maybe you will go see a movie, or look forward to the big shopping day following the holiday, or maybe

sleeping in sounds good to you. However, the Lions are playing the Steelers this thanksgiving and that over stuffed La-Z-Boy recliner is calling out your name.

Casting your ballot

Megan Tarbet STAFF WRITER

From the age 13 to 20, we are what you could say "a blossoming age." When we go to college, everything that we have been taught and has come into our lives will have prepared us for that moment. The moment when you will realize, you're an adult.

Many teenagers, look forward to two ages that will give them the right not to be carded for cigarettes or alcohol. However, not all teens reach the age of 18 consider that they can buy cigarettes, but that they can vote. Because the month is November, everywhere you look, whether it's on the TV, on your radio, or even in your neighbor's yard, signs of politicians campaigning are everywhere.

Being 18 means that you're accountable in the results for who will

be our future leaders. We won't be voting for a new president until the year 2000, but the election time is now for school board members, sheriffs, county prosecutors, and congressmen.



Senior Chris Brickley tries make up his mind on whom to vote for. For many seniors and some juniors, this was the first oppertunity for them to vote

Many young adults could care less either way, but personally, I would consider the thrill that what I had to say counted toward choosing the people who represent us. After being ignored or

silenced by one's authority, turning 18 and being heard by adults vote would create a feeling of making a difference.

Two teenagers, who wished to remain anonymous had something to say about young people being able to vote. One student said, "I chose not to register because I'm a Democrat, but I do not support the candidates." Another student said," I think that people who have the opportunity to vote, should vote, because we always complain about our restrictions."

We count a lot, and when it comes to a future that will involve all of us, being seen and heard, just makes our future more exciting.

Point of View

If you were stranded on a desert island which would you not want to be without: a bar of soap, a toothbrush, or your radio?



"I would take a radio because you need a source of entertainment if you're on an island by yourself." -Senior Erica Anderson

"I would take a bar of soap because the other two are useless." -Sophomore Justin Hauska



"A toothbrush because if all of your teeth fall out, you can't eat solid foods." -Senior Matt Wilson

"I don't need any of the three. I'm a real man." -Social Studies Teacher Al Hartman



New Greenbacks in your pocket

Dale Shafer STAFF WRITER

About a month ago, I was performing my daily duties working at Meijer. The new twenty dollar bills had just been issued by the Federal Bank of the U.S. I had just received a few of these new Jacksons because it was payday. Many people feel that these new bills look like 'play money,' including an unknown shopper who got one out of the ATM in the store. She came in demanding that we exchange that bill for a real one. She wanted to complain to the bank, but it was closed for the day. She, among many other people in the nation feel that the new format looks fake. According to Newsweek magazine (November 2,

1998), the "gnarly 1812 war hero looks more like a blow-dried romantic poet. With all of the confusion, do you think that the Federal Bank was concerned with the bills looking counterfeit? Newsweek says no. Here's why:

-The new seal on the left front of the bill represents the Federal Bank. (in case you were wondering)

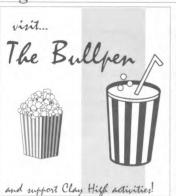
-Jackson's portrait is off centered, and the 'ghost face', or watermark on the 50's and 100's is displayed on these new bills.

-A polymer thread glows under ultraviolent lights. (it is made as a part of the bill, found on the left of the bill, vertically above the signature of the Treasurer of the U.S.)

-The number "20" is green when seen straight, but black from an angle. (good luck re-printing that!)

-There are fine lines behind the portrait. (Try copying that on the office Xerox. Well, maybe not. You could get arrested for counterfeiting.)

Almost everyone that I talked to, including Mrs. Dawn DeFreeuw, a cafeteria worker at Clay said "They look phony because of the color and the face being off-centered." Others think that the new format is pretty cool. "The new twenties are pretty tight because they look like play money" commented Sophomore Ian Clark and Senior Ryan Riggle.



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POINT OF VIEW

SHOULD PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES RECEIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT?



Mr. Bob Harvey, Geography Buff

"Obviously no. However, I think their personal lives should be kept out of the media."



"No. They are normal people like the rest of us, they just make more money."

Senior Shamarrah Pates



Unknown Senior

"After looking up preferential in the dictionary. I know the definition. I think athletes should. If the people are happy, then the society would be happy, thus yielding a just society.'

"We don't know what preferential means. Does it mean looking out of the corner of your eye?"



Juniors Art Cafiero, Rob Irvine, Nicole Rufuku, and Michelle Ebersol

School Days Left



Freshmen: 669 Sophomores: 488 **Juniors: 307** Seniors: 123

This does not include weekends or vacations.