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Sophomore Sunjay Agtey and Senior Libby Myers put their answer sheets into Clay's Compatability Test Box. Who will be their perfect matches?

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Proud to be a Colonial

Temica Moore & Kiri Nielsen **OPINION & NEWS EDITORS**

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Clay High is welcoming a few new faces this semester. One of them is Ms.

Merline Ballard, our new assistant principal. She wanted to get back into administration and is very happy to be here at our school. Ballard had been an assistant principal specializing in curriculum at South High School in Minneapolis and a Health teacher at Dickinson Middle here in South ing," she said. She likes the high school age

Because she is from out of town, she has had to adjust to Indiana state laws as well as Clay's policies of education. Since she has been here.



Bend. "I loved teach- Mrs. Merline Ballard gets to work quickly at her new desk as she assumes the job of Assistant Principal.

she has come to like the staff as well as the students who

came and spoke with her and were friendly. "I'm pretty impressed with all the teachers do and what Mrs. Kelly does." she commented. Ballard also

> said that the ideas for block scheduling were commendable because of the effort to improve education.

> Ms. Ballard expressed her enjoyment in working with 'students entering adulthood,' a group she sometimes feels is forgotten by many. Her goal is to do her part to help the students of Clay. A message to the students: "You have to perform to get credits." Welcome to Clay, Ms.

Ballard, and thanks for the advice



Ev'rybody Start to Sing!

The Circle the State With Song Festival will be in the choir room here at Clay on Sat., Feb. 13. Come on out and hear some cool tunes and support your friends from 8am-5pm at the home of the Colonials!

Thankyou, Mr. President!

In observance of President's Day, Mon., Feb. 15 there is no school.

To Market, To Market...

Market Day pickup is on Thurs., Feb. 18. Don't forget your goodies!

group and brings a diverse knowledge base with her.

The History of Love Day is Revealed

Justin Brandon STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day has been around for hundreds of years. There are various guesses on where and when Valentine's Day actually started. Some trace it to an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia.

Other experts connect the event with one or more saints of the early Christian church. Still others link it with an old English belief that birds choose their mates on Febru-

ary 14.

People in England probably celebrated Valentine's Day as early as the 1400's. Some historians trace the

custom of sending verses on Valentine's Day to a Frenchman named

Charles. Charles was captured by the English during the Battle of Azincourt in 1415. He was taken to England and put in prison. On Valentine's Day, he sent his wife a rhymed love letter from his cell in the Tower of London

Many Valentine's Day customs involved ways that single women could learn who their future husbands would be. Englishwomen of the 1700's wrote men's names on scraps of paper, rolled each in a little piece of clay, and dropped them all into water. The first paper that rose to the



woman's true love. Also in the 1700's, unmarried women pinned five bay leaves to their pillows on the eve of

Valentine's Day. They pinned one leaf to the center of the pillow and one to each corner. If the charm worked, they saw their future husbands in their dreams.

Modern day Valentine's Day celebrations are characterized by spending a bundle on candy and flowers for your significant other. The more you care, the more you spend is a common belief. This Valentine's Day rolls around on February 14 just like every other year, so if you haven't been shopping yet, you'd better get to it.



Senior Erin Black



that's their business.'

Junior Natisha Anderson



extent." Freshman Sunjay Acharya





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Swimmers doing their thing

Libby Witkowski/Judson Howard ADS MANAGER/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The boys' swim team may not be blessed with numbers. but the 13 young men act like an entire platoon. "Our younger swimmers have been coming up huge this year,' yells Bryan Cole during "C" lunch. At the beginning of the season Brent MacDonald estimated their record at 11-2 by the end of the season. Their current record is 6-2, so they are well on their way to a fantastic season.

"Our main goal is to win sectionals. We have to defeat Riley," comments Mac-Donald. Clay has a number comments Macof top swimmers in the area this year. The team had a number of first place triumphs at the all city meet the weekend of January 21. Cole won the 100 Fly, MacDonald in the 100 free, and the medley relay squadron of Cole, Noah Hopkins, MacDonald, and Nelson. Ryan Timm received second place honors in the 200 and 500 free. Noah Hopkins came in second in both the 100 backstroke and the 200 IM. The 200 free relay team consisting of Nelson, Cole, Timm, and Rob Irvine also received second place at the city meet.

Clay's boys swim team consists of the strongest leaders. The captains are Josh Hains, Reed Nelson, Brian Cole, and Brent MacDonald. Obviously, with the talent the team displays, they are expecting to go far. February 18 are the sectional trials held at Mishawaka High School. The next Saturday, Feb. 20, will be sectionals, so come out and support the guys!

Girls' Golf

Callout meeting for Frosh- Juniors Wed. Feb.17 3:00 in pods. Any girl interested in playing golf next fall should attend

Through Dave's Eyes A Valentine's Day Special

planned ahead of you. And for you men out there you should have a great little something planned for your better half. O.K all of you young cute couples in love out there that are getting ready to spend your first Valentines Day together but have no clue on what to do or where to go, I have a little advice for you lovebirds.

First start the weekend off with a little pre-celebration. On Friday or Saturday take your girl out somewhere that she would probably never expect you to take her. (Perhaps maybe to a PLAY) that's right, take her downtown to the Morris Civic and watch a play.) After the play take her directly home. I know that this may sound a little harsh, but before she starts yelling at you say to her " I just want you to get some rest for to-morrow" After you drop her off, go home and start thinking of what you two are going to do the next day.

When Sunday morning finally gets here you should

Hello Ladies. I hope all of wake up and feel great, be-you have a great weekend cause if you don't then your day will probably be ruined. After getting all cleaned give your girl a call. When she asked "Where are we going" Tell her it's a surprise. When you go to her house be sure to have a nice bouquet of flowers with a card(girls usu-



Carmen Electra and David are caught entering a party held by Hugh Hefner.

ally dig that kind of stuff) While driving to the res-

taurant, the music that you listen to on the way is a very important role in making the day be a success. Listen to some thing that is romantic.

If you are a big rap fan like I am, you definitely should not play this. Maybe something along the lines of The Backstreet Boys, N'sync. or 98 degrees. If you really want to impress her buy the CD or tape of this group. Tell her that you bought it just for this occasion (be sure to keep the receipt so you can get your money back at the end of the day).

When you get to the res-taurant, talk to her about sweet things, even if they are false. Tell her how you fell in love with her the first time you saw her. If you really want to impress her sing a line out of your new cd that you just bought For example: You're my sunshine after the rain, you're my cure against my fear and my pain) O.K. that's enough.

Anyway what I'm trying to tell all of you guys is , just make the day a special one. So all of you men out there go and find your valentine, because as you can see I have found mine.

Featured Athlete Noah Hopkins

Noah is one of the top swimmers on the swim team. He is only a junior, so he still has one more year of success in the pool.

Favorite Class: U.S. History Favorite Teacher: I haven't met one yet Biggest Idol: Mr. Baim Favorite Group: 'NSync Favorite Movie: Billy Madison Favorite Cartoon: Celebrity Deathmatch Favorite TV Show: News Radio Pregame Meal: Girl Scout Cookles Prized Possession: I can't say (this is a high school newspaper) Proudest Moment: Going to State my freshman year Most Embarrassing Moment: When I jumped into the pool, and my suit fell off Biggest High School Win: When we beat St. Joe Michigan Superstitions: Listening to the Good Riddance CD before every meet

Theme Song You Want Played Every Time You Enter A Room: Abacadabra

If I Were Stuck On A Deserted Island, I Would Want To Be Stuck With: Fiona Apple

In 15 years, I see myself as: Noah Hopkins



Michael Hong FEATURE EDITOR



There are innumerable political and social issues that are spinning around in the news and need to be addressed in an editorial.

However, in the Valentine's Day Spirit we have decided to run a bit of poorly rhymed poetry instead:

Once every 14 days into February,

A day young men find quite scary,

Wallets once bulging, and lined with cash,

Are now quite empty, and a little bit trashed,

"Why are we suddenly so poor," they shout,

"Does it really cost so much to take a girl out?

Should love be determined on trivial gifts?

By the chocolates and flowers in our tight fists,"

Love should be more than material things,

More than teddy bears, candy, and rings,

It should, if you're lucky, be a lot more,

Gifts, after all, are not what this day's for...

To love and be loved back, simply that's it,

Baubles and trinkets don't mean.... a thing.

Happy Valentine's Day from the Colonial.

Elise's Dating Advice

Elise Scott STAFF WRITER

When you first walk into the doors of success of course you worry about classes and meeting friends, but one thing that rules the mind is dating. Who will I meet? Will I get asked to the dance? When will the star football player and I become an idolized couple? All those questions of dating go through the head.

What's so good about dating? Someone to grow with; someone to communicate with on an intimate level and someone you share fun, dreams and fantasies with. Most people may feel if they are in a relationship that they are in control of that person because that's her man or that his "shortie." The truth is you are dating and you are together to have fun and enjoy your time with each other. No one is in control of the other and no one should feel like they are being controlled.

Dating more than one person is great. If your honest with every person that you're involved with it should be all right. Making the best out of high school can be dating and if you're doing the right things and not misleading your dates and the people around you can avoid the risk of being exploited as something your not.

The bad things in dating are putting to much of yourself into the relationship when the other person may not have the feelings that you possess. Many teens make the relationship their first priority and they begin to lose focus on what their really in high school for. If you do choose to date don't make it your life, enjoy it. Dating can add a lot of stress; don't let it. Enjoy your dating life the best way you know how if that means a steady relationship, dating more than one person, or being single. It's all how you play your cards, but deal them in the right directions.

www.Love Connection.com

Temica Moore & Dale Shafer OPINION EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

A new dating service has been invented. It sits right at most of our finger tips and we might not even know. To access it simply turn on your computer and log on to the internet. Once you've been connected, enter a chatroom, you've entered the world of computer love.

Age/Sex/Location is the first question asked in every chatroom. Junior Mike Murphy commented, "They (online

relationships) happen. It's just something to do for fun." He didn't seem too serious about it, so we doubt he was looking for that "certain somebody" online. Many Clay students are very familiar with the internet, and some rarely log on. Although the internet has many other sites, many people head straight to the chatrooms.

While in the chatroom we came across many interesting people. Almost all

of them were asking for hot guys or fine ladies. It's hard to trust people these days, especially on the internet with the reputation it has. For all you know you could be chatting with a guy claiming to be cute and fifteen years old when actually he is fifty-eight and just had his dentures replaced.

How many people have had relationships that were started online? Sophomore Sahrah Wagner and Freshmen Krysten Anderson and Stacy Rupert all have. Wagner and Anderson both said pretty much agreed by saying that they were weird but they could be bad. Rupert said "They're good for meeting new people

and for making

new friends."

friend who met a

guy from North

Carolina on the

net. The funny

thing about it is

that she just

met him in July,

and two months

married to him.

We don't know if

later

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she

Dale has



we could ever have a relationship that started online, but anything is possible, even on the computer.

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What About The Other 364 Days?

Temica Moore OPINION EDITOR

The card stores and flower shops have been invaded. Thousands of individuals are on an endless quest to find the "perfect Valentine's Day gift," the type of gift that really says "I love you." On this quest no one ever stops to think, "Am I really saying 'I love you' or am I saying 'I love to spend money on you'?"

Many people have gotten sucked into the "Hallmark hype." Every year flowers and balloons fill the main office, even if Valentine Day's doesn't fall on a school day. Majority of the ladies anticipate this day, while the fellas dread the very thought of the holiday hoopla.

Senior Marcus Lee commented. "I personally wouldn't do it, but if a guy has money, he should spoil his girl on Valentine's Day. It is the day of love." I bet the ladies are smiling as if they just won a new car right now. Ladies all want to show the world that her man doesn'tmind spending a little dough. Evidently men go out to find the phattestteddy teddy bear, the biggest box of chocolates (she probably won't eat



roses that will die two days later anyway.

Despite the disadvantage of things for the fellas, the ladies also experience a downside. Some females don't have a signifigant other. In order to fit in with the attached ladies, many will send themselves elaborate gifts signed, "Big Man" or "your secret admirer." Others may just mope around in fury and man bash all night long. Now, how pathetic is that? ladies that request simple gifts. Senior Rhunda Cleveland said. "I just want something that lets me know that he was thinking about me, nothing big." That's a girl that really has her head on straight.

Many people fall into thinking, "the more elaborate the gift, the deeper the love." That is the silliest thing I've heard in my life. Money can't buy love, but good personalities can.

Why is there a designated day to tell someone that you love them? What about the other 364 days of the year? Don't they matter? Why is everyone so excited about a naked toddler anyway? There are tons of ways to tell someone that you love them that don't require, "body bumpin" or money. It's up to you find out what those ways are.

Whatever you do for your sweetheart, make it special. Don't take it overboard. True love will be revealed in time.

Don't get me wrong; there are a few

Colonial Psychic Friends

Kiri Nielsen NEWS EDITOR

ARIES March 21-April 20

Been spending more dough lately? Try to start saving a bit. Watch out for those grumpy 'rents this week. Don't give in so easily and by the end of the month, you'll have it made.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

This month you'll want to be out with friends you haven't seen lately. Whatever you do, absolutely no fingerpointing! You've got to accept your responsibility if you want to get along with others.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Now is the time for adjustment. If you change dates like you change your undies, slow down. Those you left in the dust deserve just as much respect as everyone else (the people, not the Jockeys). A great time will await you if you consider those around you.

CANCER June 22-July 23

Though you've been busy playing the peacemaker, hang in there. Romance is in the midst. You'll get your much deserved rest once you've paid your dues. While being the middle-man. avoid the hot water.

LEO July 24-August 22

Don't be afraid to try out new things this month. You may find that you are a better person for it. Try not to neglect those close to you, they offer valuable insight you wouldn't otherwise have.

VIRGO August 23-September 23

You'll be beating those bad habits left and right this month. Don't put things off, though, or you'll pay for it later. Hey, maybe Feb. 14 will be your lucky day afterall...

LIBRA September 24-October 23

Putting your best foot forward this time will help your image later. You'll also reap the rewards of your hard work. Don't worry if there's a communication failure someplace along the line. It'll fix itself easily in no time.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

Be cautious in your endeavors this month! Things you say will often be taken the wrong way. so watch out. Time with your friends will bring lots of laughs. Keep an open mind while with others and think before you speak. SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

You're a team player, so don't be afraid to give your ideas away. Even though people around you are a bit intolerable, try to remain focused on your life. Don't jump to conclusions, but don't assume everyone is innocent, either.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20 Off the wall ideas just might do the trick this time. When problems arise, don't be afraid to give your solution. If anything goes wrong, just pick yourself up and keep going.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 19 Communication is the key this month. Don't worry about not being understood— your point will get across somehow. Try not to let others manipulate you into doing things you're opposed to.

PISCES February 20-March 20

Quiet time at home may be what you need this month. De-stressing will be your primary concern. Don't try to take the easy way out of those important tasks. It'll backfire and you'll have to start from scratch,

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A Blast from the Past Valentines

Since Dr. Love did not receive any letters, I was out of a story. After reminiscing about past Colonial issues at Josh's on Super Bowl Sunday, we decided that Dan Corcoran and Wes Steiner wrote the best articles our freshmen year. Enjoy!

Only three weeks into the new semester, we find our-selves in the midst of yet another holiday. About this time every year we notice an abundance of romance blossoming in the hallways. Personally we object to these grotesque displays of affection. Why can't men just be happy eating hoagies and watching football. Or why can't women be content with shopping and doing their nails. This chemistry between the sexes could

only exist in a utopia. Even the most hardened caveman gets lonely in the off season. The fact that men and women will be together is inevitable.

Therefore, we have come up with this list to help you win that special sweetheart on Valentine's Day:

Serenade 1. vour lover in the nude. The recipient will be impressed with your ability to resist the cold.

2. We can't leave out those traditional favorites: chocolates

and flowers. 3. Everyone enjoys being publicly humiliated, so take your mate to the mall and

Intriguing People of the Week: Two Hendrickses and a Searight

Elise Scott STAFF WRITER

LeeAnn Searight Senior- Can food Drive, Vice president Drama Club; VP swing Choir; VP Student Council; National

Honor Society; Goal is to meet Tom Cruise and break him and Nicole Kidman up, so that when she becomes an award winning actress he'll marry her. her quote "Touch as many her. people you can in your life.

Sarah Hendricks Senior-President Drama Club; Officer Comedy Club: Swing Choir; Student Council; Active in Church national Honor Society: Will Study being a wildlife biologists. her quote "Leave everyone with a smile.

Seth Hendricks Se-

nior-Secretary Swing choir; Cross Country; Drama Club; Comedy Club; Church Active; Will study pre-dentistry. His quote "All children should join hands and sing Kumbaya."

depants them.

4. For all of you with exlovers, play this dirty little trick on them. Go to the nearest supermarket and find

the juiciest pig's heart available. Us-ing a knife, attach a note to it that reads "YOU!!!" Then drop the pleasant suprise on their doorstep. Enjoy.

Three 5. words: I love vou.

6. Pray to the almighty Cupid to shoot everybody with his love arrows so there will be peace and harmony.

7. Go to your nearest ille-

gal fireworks dealer and pur-chase some M 80's. At the precise moment pretend to whisper sweet nothings into their ear. Then quickly retrieve an M-80 and light it. Now your sweetheart will think of you constantly as the ringing in their ear is.

8. Treat them to a romantic candlelight dinner at Ma's kitchen.

This concludes our list of how to win that special heart someone's this Valentine's Day. If you follow this eight step program and don't get results, keep trying until you hear those three endearing words, "Stop stalk-ing me!" Have fun.

Taken from a previous Colonial issue, written by Wes Steiner & Dan Corcoran

A Couple For Valentine's Day

LONDON

Megan Tarbet Staff Writer

It's the month of February, and for these past two weeks, everyone is either fleeing or hunting for love. After all the snow, we're going to have Avery comments, "I asked roses, teddy bears, bags with her out a lot, but she always gifts misterious

Victoria's Secret, and the anonymous notes of secret admirers that have waited for their day.

Then there are those of us that might be alone on Sunday, thinking of that someone, out there, waiting for us. If it's not some-

one who makes the word love sound beautiful, then it is the dream of someone.

There is a couple that has been noted to me as cute and definitely feeling the vibe. You might see them in the hall walking hand-in-hand, their arms filled with each other we all know who they are. Shevlin Thomas and Avery Minor!

I was talking to Shevlin in the cafeteria one day, and she told me that her and Avery

first met in band, last sum-mer. It was at Clay where their sparks flew. She said, "At first, we used to cuss each other out, and mess around with each other all the time.' Flirting.

Avery comments, "I asked from turned me down." However it was Avery's person-

ality that won Shevlin over to him. They started going out on November 30. Two months and eight days later, things have been sweet. They both agree that the good points of their relationship is that they trust one another.

"Also, there is good communication between us." they both state.

One day, Avery plans to take Shevlin to her most desired place in the world, Paris, France. Avery is the romantic type. For their one week anniversity, he got Shevlin a white rose, for no reason at all. This Valentines Day, if you see them at a restaurant, it was Avery's surprise. He's keeping her in suspense for the following days!





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I can't believe he finally asked me out. This is so exciting! I can't believe she agreed to go out with me. This is so exciting!



He took me to a movie with subtitles: this shows he's intelligent and philosophical. Man, I'm glad I took her to this boring, retarded movie. Now she'll want to make out.

He put his hand on my shoulder. This shows he's caring and considerate and ready for a commitment.

Not too far from first base.

TEAN

Comic by: Michael Hong Photos by: Ryan Ghiaseddin Featuring Casey Stafford & Lindsey Van Bellegham

S'UP Clay High. We are proud to present you with S'UP LUV. To avoid bias and to cover all basis of a relationship, we have two guest female writers. Of course it's only temporary, and our next issue will bring back our chauvinistic views of a modern day existential society.

OUR IDEAL DATE:

Ringing the doorbell, the date starts off on the right track: they are on time. We are overwhelmed by the bouquet of power tools each of the Doublemint Gum Girls hand us. Ryan's date, ironically named Chastidy, is decked out in the latest Victoria's Secret Centerfold edition twopiece, and Kelli (with an "i"), Mike's date, is sportin' Calvin Klein's new Seran Wrap mini dress.

As Chastidy opens the door to her 600 Benz for Ryan, Mike gets comfy in the trunk with Kelli: Out of Sight was all sorts of inspiration. We pull into LaSalle Grille.

We are seated at a table placed right next to the piano. The mood is set, as the pianist plays the aesthetic majesties of Yanni. The girls, trying to keep their girlish figures, feed us. And how nice of them to pick up the check after we casually stepped into the bathroom as the waiter came to hand it to us.

Next on the agenda is a trip to Circuit City. Unfortunately as we step to the counter, we realize that our wallets had been misplaced:) To our astonishment, the females' benevolence shine through their tight userfriendly outfits. We cart off our 12,000 CDs. 200 inch wide-screen TV set, DVD systems, and Yanni's 12-disc anthology.

Our finale is a stop at Ryan's pad. We sit back and relax, as our women massage our feet. But due to Ryan's foul odor, the women get offended and decide to jet. The date is not a complete disaster: we call up our S'up gals: Casey and Lindsey. And together. we walk off into the sunset, headed towards Meijer for some free sausage samples. OUR IDEAL DATE:

Everyone thinks Valentine's Day is only about loviedovie, kissykissy crap. That makes us want to vomit. Blah! We think it's the perfect day to go out and have some good old-fashion fun. With that in mind, we would like to tell you readers about our Valentine's Day Fantastic Voyage Bonanza 1999.

We first pick up our two escorts in our personal helicopter. We fly to New Orleans to attend the Phatty Boom-Batty World Class Circus. After the circus, we rent a four person shagadelic banana seat bike and ride down Burban St. to Mardi Gras.

If you ever plan on going to Mardi Gras, be sure to bring a mask. We made the mistake of only bringing hot pink feathured boas and when the fuzz (police) caught up with us, we got kicked out. Our boys, not knowing where to go, decide to ditch us and go on a beer splurge. (MEN!)

Though disheartened after this incident, we lift our chins and get on our shagadelic bike and ride off into the sunrise.

After arriving in the Bend at 6:30 a.m. we knew we were in big trouble. We had forgotten about our curfew. Ooops! But it's all good. We get a call in the middle of the night, and it's Ryan and Mike. double-double disappointed about their dates as well. So we head on our four-person shagadelic banana seat bike down Grape Rd. to Meijer.



