



# The Colonial

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**The Crier**

April 18, 20, 21  
• *The Mouse that Roared*  
Clay Auditorium 7:30 Price \$3.00

April 25  
• Performance Awards  
in cafeteria 7:45-8:45

April 27  
• Registration deadline  
for June 2 SAT

April 28  
• Jr. Sr. Prom  
Century Center 7:30

May 5  
Half day for students  
10:45 dismissal



## “Hilarious”

Clay’s Drama Club presents... *The Mouse that Roared*



Erin Lewis  
SPOTLIGHT EDITOR

“The boys in the mail room are up to their tricks again. It’s another of those crazy communications from the mythical European kingdom,” says Miss

Johnson to the Secretary of State. The letter in question is from Grand Fenwick, a tiny little country five miles long by three miles wide, who’ve decided to declare war on THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! Sounds crazy, doesn’t it?

How could Fenwick’s Duchess, Gloriana XII (played by Rachel Moore and Raychel Weaver) possibly expect to win a war? The simple answer: she doesn’t.

What?!? She’s fighting a war trying to lose? But... why? Well, the principal support of Grand Fenwick is the production and export of an excellent wine known to the world as Pinot Grand Fenwick. A company in California has started imitating their product, using their label, the picture of Fenwick Castle, selling it at half-price, and calling it Pinot Grand *Enwick!* This is beggaring the poor Fenwickians. They send letters of protest to America. The people in the Oval Office think it’s a joke. Would you believe protests from a country you’ve never heard of? Well, if the Americans won’t give Fenwick the money, it seems they’ll have to lose a war to them. Look at Germany and Japan!

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## Bengay IV

### Paradoxically Speaking

#### Nandhu and Sandhu

Here are some aches and pains that *Bengay* can’t even solve (subliminably, of course)

Ⓡ A certain local basketball team had the national player of the year, national coach of the year, a nearly spotless record, and Kelley Siemon *in shorts*.

Ⓡ Somehow the student section was never full.

∑ Based on sales from a recently released CD, the hottest music group in the world is a boy band from Liverpool.

∑ They split up almost 30 years ago.

q Someone said, “Everyone loves a winner.”

q Bob Knight hasn’t won a game in more than a year.

ÿ NBA players make millions of dollars a year.

ÿ NBA players somehow don’t have \$3,000 for child support?

Shaquille O’Neal calls himself “The Big Aristotle”.

Aristotle *found* the broad side of a barn with *his* free throws.

β One Congressional candidate put more than one million dollars of his own money into his campaign.

β The dude STILL lost.

∑ Violent material on the radio, television, and the Internet blamed for violence in American schools.

∑ There is a phone, television, and computer in every classroom?

? Did you notice the headline in the *South Bend Tribune* that said W. Bush was upset he could not clone Dick Cheney?

? That’s a shame, because then they’d have to kick W. out of the Vice President’s mansion.

“I” do not have time to give interviews to *The Colonial*.

# Pork.

Adam Sheer  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, March 23, during seminar, part of a pig was butchered in the home economics room. The pig was raised by Tom Fox a pork producer in the Michiana area. John Nesom, a Farm Bureau Fieldman, was on hand to slaughter the pig.

The pig had already been skinned, and the head and legs had been removed before it was brought to school. In order to make it easier to transport, they only brought half the pig, which still weighed around 100 pounds.

As the pig was being butchered, they explained to the students the different cuts of meat and where they come from on a pig. John also mentioned that pork is naturally

not salty so when you buy it in the grocery store, some cuts of meat have a lot of added salt. The meat that was cut up was then wrapped and donated to the school for use in the home economics classes.

Tom Fox owns a 400 acre farm on which he raises pigs. On average he sends 250 pigs a month to the meat packing plant. He receives around 50 cents per pound for the pigs that go to the meat packing plant. The pigs are usually six months old and weigh about 250 pounds when they are sold to the meat packer.

Tom and John also said that through genetic engineering pork producers have made raising pigs more efficient. They have reduced the amount of fat

on a pig by about 30 pounds and have also raised pigs with about 30 pounds more usable meat on them. They have also reduced the time it takes for a pig to mature by about two weeks.

They travel to many schools in the Michiana area to demonstrate how pigs are butchered. “We are trying to promote further education of agriculture in schools,” said Tom Fox. They are trying to teach students the importance of pork and how to get the most for their money at the grocery store.

With all the recent diseases with cows in Europe and the possible spread of these diseases to the U.S. we could be eating more pork. In some European countries they are having to kill all the cows. If that were to hap-

## The Other White Meat

pen here, pork could become much more valuable and readily consumed.

Pork may be the future of this country and Tom and John are doing a good job at

educating the young people about an important food source.

If not ended soon, this article will hog this entire page.



Local pork producers, John Nesom and Tom Fox spoke to students on Friday, March 23 about the importance of pork. The meat was donated to Clay for use in the home economics classes.

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## Census 2000--Surprising Results

Sit in on a PTA meeting anywhere in America and you might hear the English proceedings augmented by Spanish — or Hindi, Korean, Swahili, Lao-tian.

The record 49 million students in the nation's schools are the most since 1971 and also the most diverse, the Census Bureau said Friday. It reported that one student in five has at least one foreign-born parent, and 5 percent of students were born abroad.

As families from abroad immigrate, U.S. schools are adapting to an increasingly diverse student body. The latest census paints the nation with a palette rich in racial diversity — 63 possible categories, as opposed to just five in 1990 — and the government calls it the clearest impression yet of America. The census data show that 48.7 million students, in public and private schools, were enrolled in first through 12th grades — slightly more than in

1971, when enrollment last peaked.

An additional 3.8 million students were in kindergarten in 1999, for a total of about 52.5 million.

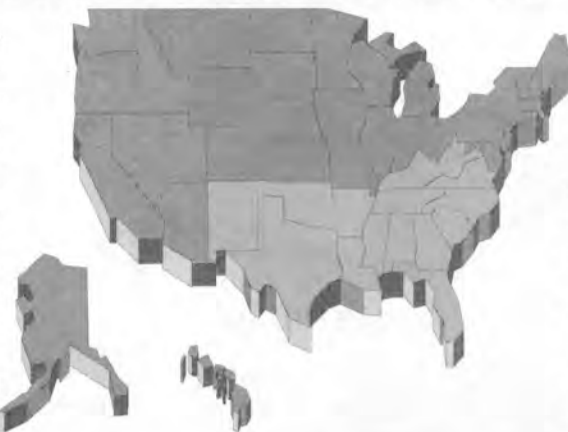
The Education Department predicts elementary and secondary school enrollment will reach 53.2 million this fall, and the number will peak in 2005 at about 53.5 million. That total covers public students from

prekindergarten through high school, and private school students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Yet census-watchers wonder whether all the racial categorization could end up obscuring distinctions it was meant to clarify, and whether,

as a result, programs designed to redress inequities could be hurt.

'We could end up diluting the reality that white



Anglos tend to be more advantaged than any other group," said Jonathan Entin, a demographer at Cleveland's Case Western University. He is among those who advised the Census Bureau on how to classify race.

The numbers showed

an America more diverse than ever, with rapidly growing minorities.

Hispanics now rival non-Hispanic blacks as the country's leading minority group, as the Hispanic population jumped by about 58 percent over the past decade to 35.3 million in 2000.

The number of non-Hispanic blacks may have increased by as much as 21 percent from a decade ago, to 35.4 million. The non-Hispanic Asian population surged as much as 74 percent, to 11.6 million.

The number of non-Hispanic whites was up 5.3 percent, to 198.2 million. Racial categories in the census have huge political significance, helping to determine \$185 billion in government spending from voting rights enforcement to classes in English as a second language.

The Census Bureau also estimates that men still far outnumber women in higher income jobs. Thirteen percent of full-time, year-round working

men age 15 and older--7.5 million workers--earned more than \$75,000 a year, compared with 4 percent of women--or 1.5 million--in the same category, according to census figures. A gap also existed among those earning \$50,000 to \$74,999 a year--nearly 19 percent of men, compared with 9 percent of women. About 24 percent of women age 25 and over--or 21.6 million women--had at least a bachelor's degree, compared with 28 percent of men, or 23.3 million. The percentage of women and men with at least a high school diploma was equal--84 percent.

### Census Results:

National population:  
281,421,906

St. Joseph County population:  
265,559

courtesy of www.apwire.org  
(Washington)

## Mad Cow Disease--Awaiting a Cure?

**Kyle Burkett**  
COPY EDITOR

In April 1985 the first case of what would come to be known as "Mad Cow" disease was observed in Britain. In a year scientists were able to diagnose the phenomenon as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy. BSE affects the brain and nervous tissue of a cow, and, in some cases, causes it to foam at the mouth. The U.S. noticed the scare caused by "Mad Cow" disease, and in 1989 the U.S. Department of Agriculture banned the importation of cattle from Great



Britain and other countries with documented BSE cases.

By June 1990 Britain had over 14,000 documented

cases of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy. The disease had exploded from virtually unknown to a major British livestock problem, and scientist still weren't certain of the

cause. Eventually a link was established between Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans and BSE; CJD was known, in small percent, to be caused by cannibalism. This knowledge prompted the FDA and the British Department of Agriculture to place a ban on ruminant to ruminant livestock feed. Before the feed ban, cows were being fed the waste materials of dead relatives.

Since the feed ban, the estimated number of BSE cases has decreased, but they still haven't been neutralized. Most cases recently can be attributed to genes, hereditarily passed from generation to generation.

A type of protein called a prion causes BSE. A prion, or "Self-replicating" protein, is

Somehow, when the PrP strand is reconstructed the conformation changes. The shape of the molecule shifts to PrP<sup>Sc</sup>. The PrP<sup>Sc</sup> form of the protein is the dangerous one.

A variant form of CJD has been connected to BSE, and the PrP protein. This means that there is a very small possibility of contracting CJD from "Mad Cow" disease, but it is very unlikely. Transmissible Spongiform En-



cephalopathies in humans are very rare, and CJD is the most common variety of TSE. TSE is transmitted in three known ways: 1. TSE is obtained through ingestion (mainly in cannibalistic funeral rituals) 2. Through iatrogenic routes (Surgery, injections, etc...) 3. Hereditarily. The other 85% of TSE cases are completely random, and normally occur in people over the age of 65.

## The Colonial

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The Colonial is a biweekly newspaper written and designed by the publication class at Clay High School. It upholds all the ideals of the First Amendment of the Constitution, namely freedom of the press.

Letters to the editor are welcomed and encouraged. They may be submitted to Mrs. Cynthia Brosnan, the Publications advisor, or to a Colonial staff member. Names can be withheld upon request but the advisor and editor-in-chief must know who wrote it. In print we reserve the right to edit any part of the letter that may be considered slanderous towards any person or group. The length of the letter may be changed due to space limitations but the intention of the letter will remain the same.

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carried in nervous tissue, and is nearly completely resistant to heat and other sterilization processes. The BSE prion is carried in the PrP strand of protein. The PrP strand appears to be completely useless; mice deprived of the protein are totally unaffected. The cause of harm seems to come when an animal digests a strand of PrP that has been in the same breed of animal.

## Academic Epidemic

**Charee Holloway**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The first half of the senior year of high school can be summed up in one word: stress. While there are so many things to look forward to, there are many things that seniors don't think of kindly. Filling out college applications, waiting for acceptance letters, keeping or improving your G.P.A., and selling class rank are just a few things that drive seniors crazy. Most seniors are able to tough out the year, at least until the infamous and dreaded research paper is turned in.

However, after four years of high school, homework, and class, seniors can begin to become a bit restless. After the first semester of classes ends, and G.P.A. and rank are set, many seniors begin to suffer from a nationwide epidemic called Senioritis. Some students begin to slack off a little in their academics and spend most of the time coasting through classes and pondering weekend activities. While mild cases of Senioritis are to be expected, some students let it go too far. Occasionally some seniors end

up losing needed credits and risk not receiving their diplomas. Some colleges and universities even revoke admissions if students perform poorly during their last semester of high school.

Senioritis is caused by a lack of motivation. Seniors are counting down the weeks until graduation and their respective summer plans. Unfortunately, too many students are graduating without knowing all of the things they need to know.

In college, when students are paying for every hour of class they take, slacking off can end up costing thousands of dollars. Senioritis is not a good habit to adopt, but with warm weather and sunny skies approaching, students find it extremely difficult to keep their minds on class. This is the final stretch for seniors. The smartest thing to do is not to give up. With only a few more weeks until graduation, and futures on the line, the beach can afford to wait.





## Quick and to the Point

Megan Tarbet  
FEATURE EDITOR

After going to St. Mary of the Woods with my mother for a college visit, I began to realize that college after high school is not necessary. It's the last mold that one goes through before they hit the real world. After financial difficulties and the realization of going through another four-year routine, made me carsick on the car ride home.

Some people believe that if you miss the first year of college that you may lose the incentive to go back to school. Just like high school you can

not label your college experience in only a few words.

When you look in the mirror, it's your reflection alone that you will either be pleased with or not. No one can make your decisions for you.

If you need to take a year off and travel, then go for it. If you want to work a year instead and save money for college, then who can tell you that you are irresponsible when you are merely trying to get a better head start on your cash flow. There are many things that people can do before they go off to college. If its your life then why should anyone else be calling the shots?

## Letters To The Editor

Letter Concerning Sarah Lauer's Homecoming article from issue nine.

I write this letter in support of Sarah Lauer's recent article on Homecoming. It is nice to know that there are people who see through the fog of school spirit.

As might have been expected, there were certain individuals offended by the article. Their displeasure was stated in the form of two angry letters to *The Colonial* newspaper.

As I see it, the "offended senior class members" are upset because someone saw Homecoming as it really

is. The entire concept of Homecoming is just another example of the Great Rotarian Democracy in action. The Court consists of popular people, many of whom exhibit little deviation from the societal norm in terms of their views and attitudes. I'm not saying they aren't smart, and I'm not saying they aren't basically good people. But Homecoming, spirit week, and the pep rally all promote conformity.

To address a point made in one of the letters: It's true that Miss Lauer's obser-

ervations on the Court's racial imbalance weren't the nicest or the most politically correct. But they were accurate in many ways. How often do we see Hispanics represented? Asians are rare at best. And how often has a mulatto ever been on the court?

I know my views aren't commonly held. And I know a fair number of people probably won't like this letter. But I stand by my opinions, and I am more than willing to sign my name.

Dave Walker

## Still Scared To Be Free

Sarah Lauer  
STAFF WRITER

Today, like any other day, a teenage boy walks into his school cafeteria. Innocently, he walks in line to buy some fries. He receives malicious looks of disgust. As he walks to his barren table, horrendous words of persecution are spat at him. Why does this happen to him so exclusively? Why is he hated and excluded?

For one reason alone, this young boy is homosexual. You may not believe it, but this happens everyday right under our noses. No one should be so ill-treated because of one's sexual orientation. This happens so frequently due to prejudice, bigotry and stereotyping. This is not only an issue here at Clay, but all over the nation.

Think back to the generation of your grandparents. When the Nazis were in control. They would take men presumed to be homosexual arrest them, beat, torture and execute them.

How could you even bear to let yourself be compared to such brutal people? The age of World War II made men and women want to conceal their true identities and live as someone that they were not. This caused many unhappy marriages and torn lives.

Now, in society, where

there is so much conforming, and people hate to be looked at as different, weird, or not the norm, we have courageous souls out there. These people live for who they are and what they believe. And what does society do? It pushes them down and tells them that they are wrong and despicable. Who are we to judge?

We get so caught up in materialistic things and the outer limits of people, even our friends. We should look on the inside instead. We need to befriend people based on personality and similarity, not sexuality or how "cool" a person is. That is what should be considered wrong. When you pick and choose people stereotypically with a closed mind.

We have even changed the true original context of the word gay. Previously known as happy or blissful, it is now the worst and most frequently used insult around. Everything we dislike or don't agree with, even inanimate objects are "gay."

All men and women are created equal. We live under the same laws, we breathe the same air, and we love the same love.

Stop treating people as though they don't have feelings and show some respect. Just try, even once, and put yourself in other shoes. Maybe now, we will all see a little clearer.

## Why I Will Miss Block

Kurtis Meyers  
STAFF WRITER

To my dismay, block scheduling will not be returning next year. Dr. Joan Raymond claims it costs too much money, so it will be no more. I will miss block not only because there will be no more ninety minute classes of Geometry, but I will miss Seminar. Let me count the ways.

Whenever I need help with a test or homework, I can go see the teacher during seminar for the first hour. This is incredibly helpful when you don't understand the material. For example, last week I was having trouble in Geometry so I got up to Mr. Morrical's room and got a little help. On the next test I got a "B", which was a big improvement from my prior "F".

Second, seminar is good to just get a little "kick it" time in. You've got all your homework done, so you got an hour and a half to do what you please.

I know some of you are under a tight wrap with some strict seminar teachers, but for mine, it's a different story. You can snooze, talk, or, as some girls in my class do, sing. If that gets a little old, which it does, I can go to the library for a friendly game of euchre.

The best part of seminar is skipping. Skipping is like a lost art. There is no better time to show your skills than during seminar. The security guards don't like skipping too much, which I don't understand.

If we have nothing to do during resource, than why shouldn't we be able to leave?

I am not saying that I am a skipper. I admit I have skipped seminar once, that's it. I'm too much of a sissy to do it every time. I went to Nicks Patio to grab a bite to eat before heading to American Studies. Skipping seminar ensures a good time, but good luck trying to get past Kaser on your way back in school.

No seminar next year will create a problem for those who have jobs. Some people who work late don't have enough time to complete their assignments, so they do it during seminar. Next year they will have to do it during lunch or during another class.

The one advantage I do see in returning to regular scheduling is shorter classes. I don't think I could stand another ninety minute block of Newspaper.

## Clay Colonial's Editorial

The point of view of the Colonial's Editors. This issue's editorial was written by Shaun Palus, Sports Editor.

Well, seniors only one more grading period left! We have so much more to look forward to prom, senior picnic, the senior movie fest, and graduation. Junior, you're just one grading period away from being the kings of the hill. The sophomores will no longer be underclassmen and the freshmen will be picked on less.

After spending nearly four years here at Clay, we have been blessed by wonderful teachers and advisors. We have been blessed with spending three years of our high school

life with Mr. Black. Basically, we were spoiled to have a security guard that actually cared about us, and he is sorely missed.

Good luck to the juniors, you guys will now run the show. A word of advice, maintain the senior cafeteria so that it doesn't get taken away and you guys better start stock piling cans to break the record again next year. Sophomores, congratulations, you are no longer underclassmen. You guys get to go the prom! Way to go freshmen, you guys made it

through your first year here at Clay. Only three years to go! Good luck!

We as seniors are about to climb the next stepping stone in our lives and we are about to make important decisions on how we will live our lives. Many of us will miss Clay. There are a lot of people here at Clay that I'll miss, both upper and underclassmen. I know that Clay has made a lasting impression in my life. When I'm old and nearly losing my memory, I'll remember the great times we had here at Clay and I'll laugh.

## WASTE of SPACE Who Is The Weirdest Teacher At Clay?

Andy Crafton  
STAFF WRITER



Junior Natalie Mitchell

"Mr. Hartman because he does hand stands on his desk."



Sophomore Allen Miller

"Mr. Carpenter, he looks like Louie Anderson from Life With Louie."



Freshman Jasmine Outlaw

"Mrs. Chambliss because she stops in the middle of class and starts talking nonsense"



Senior Anoynous

"Mr. Groves because he loves government too much and the John Glen School Corporation."



Senior Jim Vandy

"Mr. Hupenthal because he is totally out of control and gives Jon Bluth googily eyes."



Junior Maggie Freemole

"Mrs. Nantkes because she is wacked."



Custodian Stanley Williams

"Mr. Baim starts to get a little crazy at the end of the year."



## Stop Playing With Your Food

**YaShekia and YaVonda Smalls**  
NEWS EDITORS

As you sit in your second or third-hour class, your stomach growls ferociously while you wait for your lunch hour. As the time nears, your eyes remain glued to the slow-moving hands of the clock. The time seems to drag by until you reach the last few minutes of the class hour. Finally, you are saved by the lunch bell, so you hop to your feet and pace down the hall toward the cafeteria. Passing through the doors, your focus instantly shifts to the table you and your friends occupy daily. In disgust, you view soda, food, and trash all over your eating area—on the table, the bench, the floor....

Does this anecdote appear to be somewhat familiar to you? Well, many people have

been placed in the same situation during the past few weeks. The amount of food and trash left in the cafeteria recently has greatly escalated.

Not only has the amount of trash increased, but the number of food fights, especially in the senior cafeteria, has also significantly heightened. Junior Brooke Szumial, when confronted with this issue concerning the trash increase, quoted, "Yeah, it's pretty gross. I think it's pretty funny, but it's not cool to clean it up. The number has definitely increased."

In the midst of such an increasing problem, however, could we possibly find an effective solution? One of the first



Photo taken by Kerl Coonrich

resolved for this issue was to have security guards slowly pace the floor with trash cans so that students would not have to get up to throw their trash away. This has seemed to cut back on some of the trash that has been scattered on the tables and has thus remained an ongoing procedure. Nonetheless, even with a solution for this problem, what about the issue concerning the senior café food fights?

A while ago, cable was removed from the cafeteria, which was later shut down for a few days in order to prevent further food fights. Recently, however, the café has been open again. Only seniors have been permitted to enter, and the senior café overall has seemed to improve. Brooke continued to say, "I think it was a good idea to shut down the senior cafeteria. We all know it wasn't seniors who had the food fight,

however. The security guards are now checking ID'S—they finally got smarter."

Overall, many students are acting irresponsible during lunch hours. Brooke stated, "Some of the students are really sad throwing food and running and attacking people in the cafeteria. Most students are just lazy and refuse to throw their trash out." This opinion is pretty synonymous to the opinions of other students who witness similar situations in the cafeteria.

Even though minor solutions have been effectively proposed to solve the ongoing problems in the cafeteria, it is still up to the cooperation of the students to help keep the cafeteria clean. Although cleaning up after yourself may not be fun, it will help you to earn new privileges and to keep those you already have.

## "Hilarious!" Continued

As soon as they surrendered, the US rushed over money and foreign aid, to avoid ruining their economy. What a brilliant idea!

Well, of course the troops can't know they're supposed to lose, so as their leader Gloriana chooses the idealistic Tully Bascom (played by Matt

Can right prevail against any odds? The answer seems to be an obvious no. But with a little luck, an eccentric Professor Kokintz (played by Adam Peters and Dean Heintzelman), and his mysterious project who knows? The Mouse that

**Jamila McMorris**  
STAFF WRITER

Many students take this class to better their writing skills while others just have a passion for writing. I am one of the few, the proud, the writers. I love to write whether it's a note, a paper, or an article. Whatever it may be, I just want to write. Here's a shout-out to all the poets, the novelists, the note writers, and other pen-and-paper-loving people at Clay.

Now on to bigger and better subjects, PROM! What a lovely subject! So many people all around South Bend are buzzing about this well-anticipated night. Seniors are worried about making this their best prom, and juniors are worried about looking great for their first. I am personally very excited. I'm going with my baby, partying all night in a gorgeous gown, making after-prom super hype, and spending the



next day at Cedar Point. What girl isn't up for that?

Great places to party after prom are as follows: Leeper Park (the moon hits the duck pond and sets a most romantic mood), in your date's car with the top down riding down the highway, at your best friends house with everyone in pajama's pigging out at 3 a.m., Nick's Patio (you'll be hungry after all that dancing,) and last but not least HOME (you'll need rest for the next day and Senior skip day).

On a serious note, please do not drink and drive on prom night. I want to remember my prom as the best night of my life, not the night someone I know got paralyzed. Just be safe. If you must drink, wait until you're in for the night where you can keep yourself safe.

Okay, a question for everyone: Why are people

spending hundreds of dollars renting limos when they can share a rented car with some friends for half the price? You can have fun with your friends and still be in the height of fashion. Besides, who wouldn't want to be rollin' in a 2001 Expedition for the weekend?



Photo taken by Nicole Ferguson

Thomas and Ashley Ghiaseddin), who believes right can prevail against any odds. Of course, due to Fenwick's current economic troubles, they can't afford much... So, in a Marseilles fishing boat, their forces set out to attack New York City... armed with longbows!

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## Bon Appetit: *The Colonial* Restaurant Guide Gives the Inside Scoop on Prom Dining

**Julie Kselman**  
STAFF WRITER

As Prom approaches, many excited Juniors and Seniors are rushing around, ordering corsages, making hair appointments, and making dinner reservations. The question often comes about, "Where can I go for dinner and get the best price for good food?" Last year *The Colonial* did a rating of the best restaurants in the Michiana area to go for Prom dinner. We continue with this rating system this year in order to help out many frazzled prom goers who haven't made a dinner decision yet. Some restaurants are being re-rated from last year and we have also thrown in a few new ones.

Whether your willing to spend a little or a lot, hopefully this will help finding a great restaurant a little easier. Some of the restaurants were left off the chart, but we'll still give you a quick overview. If your looking for a good meal at a fairly moderate price with a pleasant atmosphere, you may want to try **Doc Pierce's** or **The Morris Inn**. Other favorites among teens include **Papa Vino's** and **Olive Garden**. "Papa Vino's is the best restaurant in South Bend or Chicago," said Senior Jacob Schpok. If you want an affordable traditional meal like, prime rib and a baked potato, you may want to check out **Steak N' Ale**. If you're looking to dish out a little

more cash the **Knollwood Country Club** could be a good place to go. They encourage Prom goers, but a least one person in your party must have a membership.

What follows is a rating scale from 1-5, 1 being worst and 5 being best. After glancing through the ratings, we hope you are able to reach a decision more easily.



Restaurant	Atmosphere	Opinion	Cost	Quality
<i>Hana Yori</i>	<b>Atmosphere:</b> Oriental. The décor is nice, but the lack of windows may leave you feeling a little claustrophobic.	<b>Opinion:</b> "I like it!"-Senior Mike Brzezinski	\$\$\$\$: about \$15-20 for a main course	Rating: 3 ★ ★ ★
<i>Basil's on the Race</i>	<b>Atmosphere:</b> Basil's has Italian décor which is nice, and yes, they do have windows!	<b>Opinion:</b> "It was nice, but more than a little pricey."-Senior Shaun Palus	\$\$\$\$: about \$20-30 for a main course.	Rating: 5 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
<i>Sunny Italy Cafe</i>	<b>Atmosphere:</b> Like Basil's, Sunny Italy is classically Italian, with drippy candles and old chandeliers. Sunny Italy is more dressed down than some of the other restaurants, and is also cheaper than many of them.	<b>Opinion:</b> "The service was great, but the food wasn't to be remembered."-Senior Nathan Ferrone	\$\$\$\$: about \$7-15 for a main course	Rating: 4 ★ ★ ★ ★
<i>The Emporium</i>	<b>Atmosphere:</b> Romantic. The lights are dim, and you can request a table that looks out over the river.	<b>Opinion:</b> "The view of the river is beautiful and the atmosphere was enchanting."-Mrs. Cynthia Brosnan	\$\$\$\$: about \$25-40 for a main course.	Rating: 3 ★ ★ ★
<i>LaSalle Grille</i>	<b>Atmosphere:</b> Everything is pristine. The walls, table cloths, and floor are white. Its very elegant, and enjoyable.	<b>Opinion:</b> "It's costly, but good."- Senior Marco Sandusky	\$\$\$\$: You can find things on the menu as low as \$6, and some as expensive as \$30. Most of the items are in the teens.	Rating: 4 ★ ★ ★ ★
<i>Tippecanoe Place</i>	<b>Atmosphere:</b> Old fashioned. Tippecanoe is an old, renovated mansion from the 1800's. The décor takes you back to a time past.	<b>Opinion:</b> "The restaurant is beautiful and the service is good."-Senior Charee Holloway	\$\$\$\$: \$15-30 for a main course.	Rating: 4.5 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

## Guten Tag: Spotlight on Life in Germany

**Mandy Clark**  
STAFF WRITER

Since I have never been to Germany and don't know much about it, I had to get a little help writing this article. I asked foreign exchange student Sara Patrowski to inform me on life in Germany. She came from Germany to go to school here in the United States for the year and is returning home in July.

She said the food is pretty much the same in Germany as it is in the United States. One difference is that we have so many fast food restaurants here that we don't have to go far to find one, while in Germany it takes a while to find one. Sauerkraut and Bratwurst are also enjoyed in Germany as well as in the United States.

The style of clothing in

Germany is also about the same, except they don't run around school in their pajamas and slippers. Although Sara thinks that this is a trend Germany should adopt. Who knows maybe she will start a trend. I'm sure they wouldn't criticize her too much for showing up in her P.J's. They seem to be very nice people if they're anything like Sara.

The majority of Americans practice some kind of religion while in Germany many people do not. There are some churches, but nothing like here in the U.S. According to Sara there are more religious people in Southern Germany than anywhere else in the country.

Germans like to drink. If you go by what the law says, you have to be 16 years old to buy alcohol. Also, you have to be 18 years old to get your driv-

ers license, so you can't drink and drive for a couple of years.

The biggest thing that sets Germany apart from the United States (besides the language) is the educational system. You have to go to school for 10 years, after that you choose where you want to continue your education (vocational, professional, or college prep schools) for 3 more years. The schooling is more difficult too, so if you think you have it hard here, maybe you should take a trip to a German high school. It's been fun informing you about a different culture, and thanks to Sara for her help.

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## 2001 March Madness Re-Cap Boy's Track Running Towards The Top of the NIC

**Jamica Womack**  
STAFF WRITER

There are many basketball fans all across America—fans of both men and women's college basketball.

Most people who watch the NCAA know that "March Madness" just took

place, and there are many college basketball games. In the beginning of the very first "March Madness," only the men got to participate in this event. Now, women are also playing basketball and have a "March Madness" of their own. There is also the WNBA for women, which began almost five years ago. One of the greatest women basket-

ball players of all time is Cynthia Cooper, who has retired after four seasons in the WNBA with four championship rings. She will now be replacing the Phoenix Mercury's head coach Cheryl Miller in the season of WNBA 2001.

Ok, back to college basketball. Notre Dame's women are having a tremendous success this season with Muffet McGraw as head coach and seniors Niele Ivey and Ruth Riley. This team has made it all the way to the top, and now are the 2001 champions. No one was expecting that the Lady Irish would come this far.

Tennessee Lady Vols, is another team that worked hard this year, but lost to Xavier 83 to 65. Sr. Tamika

Catchings and, Jr. Michelle Snow, with Coach Pat Summitt, are the heart of the team. The Lady Huskies are also staying at the top in Connecticut.

College basketball has a great following in the United States because of the great players that play in the NCAA today. Duke's Jason Williams is one of the top players for this season, along with Notre Dame's Troy Murphy. One of the most upsetting moments of the Madness was North Carolina's lost to Penn State. Duke and Maryland took place in the final four this year.

When asked if there were any teams over-or-under-estimated, everyone had his or her own opinion. So, Jeffery Davis, says, "Notre Dame girls were under-estimated because no one knew how good they were until now." So, Kyalah Jones says, "Gonzaga was under-estimated. I don't think that people saw their potential." So, Viliami Vanuku says, "People underestimated Penn State," and So, Jason Britton says, "Indiana was over-estimated."

The true basketball fanatics relished "March Madness" 2001. While eagerly waiting for 2002, they may even enjoy the WBNA in the summer, as well as the NBA.

Good luck next season to all the college players and coaches.

**Mike Brzezinski**  
STAFF WRITER

On you marks, get set, bang. These are familiar sounds for the members of the Clay High School Boy's Track Team. With just a few track meets behind them the Boy's Track Team is preparing for the next meet like it is their last. Under the leadership of Senior Captains: Shaun Palus, Michael Stefaniuk, Sal Shabazz, and Kevin Kuruzar, the team looks for promising results from all of the runners.

"We are a young team that has a promising future," states Senior co-captain Mike Stefaniuk. With only seven seniors on the team and a large representation of freshman, the boy's track team is hoping for the underclassmen to step up and become a major

power for the team. "This is a year of rebuilding and strengthening," Senior Nathan Konopinski.

The track team has many strong returners, Shaun Palus and Mike Stefaniuk being a reckoning force in long

is also strong in their field events as well. Nathan Konopinski has a hopeful future in the high jump and Ryan Fitzpatrick is looking to dominate the pole vault. Sophomores Jason Brown and Mike Macellari excel in both the shot put and discus events.

The boy's track team is going to be a strong force that will be recognized in the NIC. With many new talents under the leadership of

distance events. Sprinters Sal Shabazz and Kevin Kuruzar, hurdler Freshman Lorenzo Swanson, and the four by eight team of Nathan Konopinski, John Lehman, Mike Stefaniuk and Shaun Palus are all powerful contenders.

The experienced seniors, there are to be many more victories for the team. "We are going to have a great and promising season," said Senior Mike Stefaniuk. Seniors Abby Herreman and Megan Walker added, "We love boys in short shorts; they have awesome Gluteus Maximus'."

The boy's track team



Shane Battier leads Duke to the NCAA Championship.



Senior Track Stars (from left to right) John Lehman, Nathan Konopinski, Sal Shabazz, Mike Stefaniuk, and Kevin Kuruzar.

**Megan Tabet**  
STAFF WRITER

### Featured Athlete David Wilkinson



Photo by Adam Sheer.

**Nickname:** Dean likes to call me Feliz Davidad, but that's only Dean.

**Pre-game food:** Whatever I can get.

**Best win:** When I chipped in at Sectionals last year on the last hole to tie for low score.

**Favorite car:** Not mine.

**Love life:** I've dated the same girl throughout high school.

**Who would you want to be on a deserted island with:** Someone who could get me off the island.

**Personal Quote:** In a freak accident in the team's hotel room Tuesday night...

**Ten years after high school you will be:** Doing crazy stuff in the Wasatch Mountains.

## The Pom Competition

STAFF WRITER

Clay High School's Poms competed at the beginning of March and finished in second place! After three years, Marian took first and Clay no longer has the trophy in case?

Marian's coach is a Bethel College student and a Bethel pom. Because of her experience and active participation in the sport, Marian's coach has been able to choreograph up to date routines.

Several of the members of Clay's Pom squad are feeling the agony of defeat. Senior Kelley Carl said, "We worked our hardest and we all know we should have won." Some members of the squad questioned the objectivity of one of the judges who is a member of the Bethel faculty, feeling that there might be favoritism.

We congratulate Marian on their first place finish. They are terrific competition, and Clay looks forward to a rematch next year. Go Poms!

Baseball

Track & Field

Good Luck from *The Colonial* to all spring sports teams as their seasons commence!!!

Tennis

Golfing

Softball