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auditorium 7:30

May 19
• Multicultural Society program
9:30-10:50

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• Spring orchestra concert
7:30 auditorium

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• Jazz Band Concert
7:30 auditorium

May 28
• Memorial Day
no school

May 30
• Senior Awards Ceremony
7:00 pm



Photo by Mandy Clark

Clay Baseball Swings Into Action

Mandy Clark
STAFF WRITER

Clay baseball has kicked off this year's season. With head coach Chip O'Neil, and his assistant coaches Dan Kasper, Mike Timm, and Alex Parker, Clay's Varsity team has a good chance of success.

Lukewarm seasons in the past should see an end this year, as a new season brings renewed hope for a strong performance. Do they

have what it takes to come out victorious? "Yes," said Senior Matt Meyer.

We hope he's right.

At press time, the varsity record is 4-4 (2-1 NIC.) The team will be counting on production from Senior catcher Jeff Fox and pitcher/outfielder Tim Hudnall.

"We're inexperienced and lack baseball sense," Coach Kasper said. To overcome the team's green make-up, the coaches will need to rely on Seniors Matt Meyer (pic-

tured above), Ryan Glover, Dewey Parker, and Jim Wilkie. I think we're competitive and I think by sectional time we'll be as competitive as everyone else," Kasper continued. Junior infielder Chris Hurlbut also feels that the team has promise. "We hope that Clay will come out on top of NIC #1 and win sectionals," Hurlbut said.



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The Lost Letters

As we were looking through the medicine cabinet for ointment, we found these letters that were never sent.

® Dear Penn High School Walkout Participants:

Great protest you made, there. It was really creative and ingenious. That reminds us; there are almost 1300 students at Clay. That's 1299 times why we like Clay better than you (giving you the benefit of the doubt).

® Dear M.J.:

Please don't spoil it. Stay at home and cut the grass or something.

® Dear Christopher Walken:

You are a very stylish actor. So how come you get parts in *Puss in Boots* and other films we've never heard of?

® Dear *Saturday Night Live*:

You are not actually live, you are not actually on Saturday, and you are not actually funny.

® Dear Yoko Ono:

If John Lennon were alive today, he would be king of whatever music style he chose.

® Dear White House:

You were lucky to have the Duke and Lady Irish basketball teams gracing your floors. Still, even excellent representatives of excellent institutions couldn't scrub the dirt from you.

® Dear Bosses around the world,

When you say, "I see our organizational infrastructure heading in a different direction anon," why don't you just say, "You're fired?"



Something Big Comes Out of Clay

Jacob Schpok
OPINION EDITOR

Clay High School's own, Senior Zach Davis, has a future everyone dreams of. His band, Student Rick, was signed just a little while ago and is about to hit the road this summer. He's been playing the drums with many local bands and finally found one worth his talent. His band has been playing at Higher Grounds in downtown South Bend and will soon be touring non stop. Clay High School might have the most famous student they ever had in their building today. I spoke to Zach, and here's what he had to say:

Jacob: How would you define your music? Pop punk?

Zach: I like emotional rock n roll cause there is so many punk type bands. We have bad characteristic to define today's music. Pop punk does fit but it's more rock influenced. Yeah, emotional rock n roll.

Jacob: So what's the story behind the name of the band?

Zach: N*Sync was taken. So we went with Student Rick.

Jacob: How was SR started?

Zach: SR has been together for a few years...but went through

various band members, well...bass and drums and just this last summer they picked up a new bass player. When my other band Duncan was breaking up due to people going to college they asked me to sit in and ever since late august we've been that four. Two guitarists, that both sing, a bassist, and a drummer (that's me).

Jacob: What's your favorite song you do?

Zach: Probably October Skies, that or Yesterday. During Yesterday typically everyone starts to sing along.

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Clay Senior, Zach Davis, (far left) will hit the road this summer on the Victory records Tour. In the future, his band Student Rick hopes to tour Europe, Japan, and Australia. To find out more about Student Rick, check out www.poppunk.com/studentrick or www.studentrick.com

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A Serious Message to Girls: Date Rape Could Happen To You

Kurtis Meyers
STAFF WRITER

A girl, whom we will just call Judy for privacy sake, is a senior in high school. She is an attractive woman but has never attended a dance. Her parents condemned any dances until Senior Prom. So when April rolled around her senior year, she was looking forward to it. A boy, whom we will call Rudy, is a football player and who gets good grades and just got out of a long-term relationship. A couple of friends tell Rudy that Judy is available and asked her to prom. She says yes and they order tuxes and all that other prom-preparing stuff.

The big night rolls around, and Rudy arrives to

pick up Judy. They go out to the finest steakhouse in town, Steak & Ale. Over dinner, Rudy tells Judy that he rented a hotel and they and a couple of friends would be partying there afterwards. Judy isn't pleased and knows it's not right, but Rudy seems like a nice guy, right?

You're wrong. After a night of dancing, Judy and Rudy check into the hotel. A few other dates show up with some alcohol. After some coaxing, Rudy gets Judy to loosen up a little with a few drinks. Once she is good and wasted, Rudy takes her into the bedroom. He then proceeds to rape her in a drunken rage while she screams and cries



and wishes for more than anything to be home in the safety of her parents' home. After the job is done, Rudy leaves Judy passed out on the bed while he kills a forty and then goes home.

Does this story sound familiar? If so, chances are you or someone you know has been a victim to date rape. I don't want what happened to Judy to happen to you (besides the Steak & Ale dinner, of course). So I am here to share with you a few ways to avoid what is commonly referred to as date rape:

- 1. He seems like the perfect guy.** Rudy seemed like a nice guy--an all American football star with a 3.8 GPA. Not all rapists are white trash, Marilyn

Manson-like wierdos. Many cases of date rape include close friends or "perfect guys." The victim doesn't realize that even the most perfect guy could be capable of such a horrific act. So no matter how close you are, be aware.

- 2. Don't let him slip you a mickey.**

Wherever you are, watch your drink. Many unsuspecting victims have had pills slipped into their drinks while they are dancing, in the bathroom, etc. Word of advice is to never let your drink out of your sight. And never let your boyfriend mix your drink. Also, it isn't a good idea to drink alcoholic beverages. The more you drink, the easier it is to get you



into the other room for date rape.

- 3. Stay with friends.**

You are more likely to be sexually assaulted when you are alone. Try to stick with other friends. It is harder for a rape to occur with other people around. Be sure to be surrounded with other girls whom you trust and who won't let you make bad decisions (like drinking or leaving to be "alone" with your date).

Throughout this article it sounds like only girls are victims. But that's not true. Some boys are taken advantage also. Whatever sex, be sure to be careful and follow the three rules above, and you should have fun nights full of eating and dancing and free of date-rape.

McVeigh--Approaching Execution in May

Kyle Burkett
COPY EDITOR

On April 19, 1995, approximately 90 minutes after the Murrah Federal Building went up in cloud of smoke: a man was arrested for driving without a license plate. The man's name was Timothy McVeigh.

Born in 1968, McVeigh grew up in Middle America and was the perfect picture of mediocrity. He was a typical kid in high school, a bland underachiever, but he fostered a secret obsession with guns. McVeigh imagined himself killing communists in the third World War and obtaining unsurpassable glory. McVeigh secluded himself from everyone, especially girls, and stuck to his rifle collection.

At the end of highschool, McVeigh decided to join the army. It was a shock to almost everyone except for McVeigh himself, he had known he was going to join for the better part of his childhood. McVeigh applied at a prominent military station called Fort

Riley: his entrance scores were among the highest they had ever seen. McVeigh excelled at Riley, he was first in his platoon to make sergeant and the military psychologist described him as having the most potential and best leadership skills. By the time he was 20, McVeigh had begun to make homemade explosives. His knowledge of all forms of weaponry was expanding, and as Desert Storm approached it appeared the McVeigh's training would not be wasted. Unfortunately, the two bullets McVeigh fired in the Gulf War did not quench his thirst. After the war McVeigh tried out for the Green Berets.

During the Gulf War McVeigh had not been able to keep in his best shape, and when the Green Beret trials came around, he failed. He was devastated. His disappointment eventually led to return to the blue-collar work force from which he wanted to escape. McVeigh felt shortchanged as a white male returning to civilian life because of the recently adapted affirmative action laws. He felt that they promoted reverse discrimination. McVeigh was supported partially

by his sister Jennifer, who had taken a job as a bikini-clad wrestler facing off against men in a vat of jello. Upon his return to society McVeigh also met a man named Terry Nichols.

On April 19, 1993 McVeigh and Nichols watched together as David Koresh and 80 of his followers were consumed in a violent flame. The standoff between Koresh and the government had captivated Nichols and McVeigh. They saw Koresh as a martyr, and were determined to make an impact of their own; the revolution had begun. McVeigh and his merry band of backwoods survivalists were headed for the big-time.

On April 19, 1995, a date that McVeigh found appropriate, the Oklahoma City Bombing took place. It became the most significant act of mass murder in American history. McVeigh was arrested shortly afterwards and on June 2nd, 1997 McVeigh was convicted. He is currently scheduled for execution by lethal injection for next month.

China-U.S.--Who's to Blame?

Adam Sheer
STAFF WRITER

A United States' spy plane collided with a Chinese fighter jet on April 1st. The U.S. plane needed to land immediately. They landed on Hainan Island without permission from the Chinese.

Each nation blames the other for the incident, which resulted in the U.S. plane's 24-member crew being held on Hainan for 11 days. The crew was finally freed from Hainan Island on April 12, after the U.S. said it was "very sorry" for the loss of a Chinese pilot in the collision and for the plane's emergency landing at a Chinese air base without clearance from Chinese airport.

Now the U.S. is trying to get the severely-damaged plane returned home. China is not willing to discuss returning the plane, so the U. S. has suspended further talks with China until they agree to discuss returning the plane. A U.S. official in Beijing said there would be no resolution until the two sides could agree on what caused the April 1st

accident. China has called for an end to U.S. surveillance flights near its borders. The U.S. side had said it will not negotiate the point and wanted to talk about the repair and return of the Navy plane. The agenda for the talks with China included an American plan to retrieve the badly-damaged U.S. plane and China's demand that the United States stop surveillance flights near the Chinese coast. Talks ended with little progress on those issues. U.S. officials say the Chinese pilot flew too close to the Navy plane, clipping a propeller with its tail. As evidence, the Americans released video of Chinese jets. Some of the videos include the plane that Wang Wei, the pilot involved in this month's crash, was known to have flown. Wang Wei is shown cruising within a few feet of the slow-moving surveillance plane. The Chinese have fought back with videotapes of their own, reportedly showing American fighter pilots flying near Chinese planes. Some of these videos include images showing U.S. pilots taking pictures of Chinese pilots taking pictures of them.

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Moor: Respect for Teachers

Jeni Carmichael
PHOTO EDITOR

Recently, Project TEACH members had the privilege of speaking with South Bend Tribune columnist and former sports writer, Bill Moor. Why would a newspaper writer talk to future teachers you ask? Moor has been involved with teachers throughout his life.

He told Project members various stories of teachers from his past and how they've influenced him. For example, Moor's 6th grade teacher and track coach, Mr. Sheets, supported and consoled him when he lost All-City in long-jump by two inches. Mrs. Kern, Moor's 11th grade English teacher and newspaper advisor is now 92 years old, and still corresponds with her former student. Last, but

certainly not least, is Mr. Garrian--Moor's 8th grade math teacher. Moor was influenced in the ways of math--so much that he still comes in from riding his bike and averages



how many miles per second he traveled.

"Teachers are among the most unappreciated," says Moor. He should know; he's taught a few classes at IUSB, and his wife teachers at Eggleston Elementary. "She's always grading papers--even on the weekends," Moor says. "If I had to do it all over again, I would like to be a teacher--full time--and influence kids."

Moor's three children went to school here at Clay. All were active in sports; all three ran cross-country, two ran track, one played soccer, and one wrestled. The Moor family was, and still is, grateful to all the teachers and coaches involved in the kids' education.

Concluding the meeting, Moor wished all Project members a great year and lots of luck with college and with future careers.



Clay Colonial's Editorial

The point of view of the Colonial's Editors. This issue's editorial was written by Megan Tarbet, Spotlight Editor.

There is too much admiration in ourselves than thanksgiving within our families. There is too much ignorance when it comes to the holidays. It's all about taking. All we can think about is what will we look good in, or what will taste good. *How can we improve what we have?* This is the most asked question in our hearts.

How many people don't have a choice in what they will be wearing or eating for that day? We take things for granted. This country is lax in education, and our material possessions are exploited in envious faces. Everyone knows this though, so what am I getting at?

Look into how a small donation or service from you can better someone else's life. You're older, so you should be wiser. Be responsible for others. It doesn't matter how you met them. They might question your motives, but if you are better off than they are, then it will connect with them later. Cross that bridge of making a difference the best way that you know how. Don't take credit for it, but always be willing to do more, even if you do not have the means.

Do you feel bombarded by the world when it comes to donating to the poor? Is your response to such plies, "If I give a guy a few bucks, he's going to blow it on booze and nothing useful." Once a girlfriend and I were going through the downtown Burger King drive-thru. It was late at night, and we were tired, but most of all, we were hungry. We saw a tall, heavy man walk towards the car. Here we were, two young girls, with

a tall stranger approaching the car. We quickly locked the doors. When he saw our fear, he detoured behind a few bushes and a brick wall, separating us from the dumpsters.

A few minutes later he came toward us again. He was walking faster. The first thing that I noticed was his hand that was frozen at mid-section of his chest. His fingers were bent in different directions. I rolled the window down a margin and hesitated. He only came close enough so that we could hear him. In a congested yet soft voice, he said, "Will you buy me something to eat?" The look in his eyes let us know that there was a much younger person controlling that broad body. My friend Mary Nolan looked at me. Eating our food after this man's encounter would not be right. So I looked back at him and nodded.

Saying nothing but thank-you, he walked to the window where we would pick up our food. As the woman gave us our sandwiches and condiments, I looked at the man only five feet away, waiting for his dinner. My heart sank knowing that my refrigerator was filled with leftovers. I remembered that morning, going through everything, shouting to my mother that I was starving. Now, I stared at this man as Mary collected the food and I knew that I had never starved before.

Instead of giving some guy change, buy him a sandwich or coffee. Do you believe that people were born poor and that they never had a chance to make it. Maybe that chance

was taken from them? Maybe they were not aware, or too young at the time to realize that life was going to get harder from that point on. Are you "broke as a joke," because you don't have an extra 60 cents for that chocolate cookie following your chickenburger, fries, fruit, and milk.

When we look down at that arrangement of food provided by our school, we immediately complain. The quality or the quantity is just not satisfactory to what we really desire. So we can't have the double-decker cheeseburger. We can't order a frosty, and we will never have the smell of Nacho Bell Grande lingering in the air. We are still guaranteed a meal every day.

In conclusion, if you have ever done something charitable, which isn't just cash, guys, but volunteering your time in someone's life, you get a high off it. You get high because you know that your actions are responsible for the brighter day that someone is feeling at that moment. If your parents donate to different functions, then rock on! When you step down for someone else to step up, you will be higher. Your heart is that much bigger. If you help someone else eat, your food will taste better.

When you clothe someone else, your clothes are worn with a higher appreciation. When you comfort someone else, you will be more confident when you are in weird situations. Everything in your life will be fuller, when you give to those who have less than you.

Okay, here's the deal. I had a little white space to fill and couldn't think of anything clever to put here and I hate clipart. Our teacher had this joke about Quasimodo (Did you hear about the Quasimodo look alike contest? They had to end it short because the crowd began to look ugly.) I know, I know, it's a sick English teacher joke but it's the best thing we could think up.

So instead of boring you with an explanation of this wasted space I'm just going to say sorry and hope this wasn't the best thing you read in the paper so far this year.

Thank you,
Jacob Schpok
Opinion Editor

Crafton's View

As a few loyal readers may have noticed, my column was absent from the last issue of *The Colonial*. It's not like I was stressed for time or out of ideas - I just didn't feel like writing. Hey, it's my column and I'll neglect it if I want to. Besides, the added free time allowed me to recuperate from my Spring break hangover, thus allowing this week's column to actually be legible. That said, I'll refrain from writing a log this issue and instead focus ahead to the summer.

I used to hate summer. Back in middle school, my dad would send me away to "professional" sports camps. For two weeks at a time, I'd be sent off to remote locations in the U.S. and basically be tortured until it was time to leave. I actually wouldn't have minded so much if the things we had to do at these camps weren't so USELESS.

For example, at a soccer camp in Denver, we had to wake up at 5:00 in the morning every day, jog about a mile to a gym, and do something called "Soccer Aerobics" (it was basically an attempt to mix yoga with a soccer ball...) for an hour and a half. I couldn't see the point in waking up at some obscene hour so I could "become one with the ball," so I decided to sleep in one morning.

Looking back, this was a really stupid thing to do. The camp was run by a bunch of German soccer players who

had played for the national team in the World Cup. They obviously took the whole "soccer aerobics" thing more seriously than I did. When one of the coaches came into my room and found me sound asleep in my bed, he pulled out his whistle and blew it directly into my ear. I woke up so startled and surprised that I didn't even realize where I was for a couple of seconds. After a brief session of being cussed out in German, the coach grabbed my arm and pulled me all the way out the dorm.

Dressed only in a pair of boxers, I was forced to run the mile to the gym with the dude chasing after me, constantly shoving me forward. Once there, I was given a soccer ball and told to do my stretching over on the girls' side. For some reason, I couldn't help but feel self-conscious when every time I had to do an awkward stretch, the girls around me seemed to be... unfocused. I felt if one more pair of eyes focused on my backside, it'd burn a hole in my boxers. I'm not a frickin' piece of meat!

Yes, my summers were filled with such traumatic experiences as the one described above. Fortunately, my Dad grew out of the "turn your kid into a super-athlete" phase that parents go through. However, some of the jobs I've worked at the past two summers have led me to believe that maybe those camps weren't so bad after all.



Nathan Ferrone
ART DIRECTOR

Waste of Space

How do you get your groove on?



Junior Dustin Marciniak
"I groove like a super freak."



Sophomore Alan Miller
"I flex at the females."



Mr. Baldwin
"Eat a lot of sugar. I wake up groovy."

Clay's Curtain Call: The Mouse that Roared

Carrie Kush
STAFF WRITER

Few things can draw crowds to Clay High like one of our plays. *The Mouse that Roared* is the newest in a list of fine theatrical performances by our many talented actors and actresses. In case you weren't fortunate enough to see the play, it takes place in a small Duchy named Grand Fenwick. An American company threatens their livelihood, wine making, and their economy suffers. A plan is formulated by the Duchess to declare war on America, hoping to lose, and profit from the rehabilitation aid often supplied by the United States. By a fluke, a tiny mouse of the country becomes the most powerful in the world and has the United States at its mercy. In the end the conflict is resolved and all is well. The part of Duchess Gloriana was played by Rachel Moore and Rachel Weaver. Christine Lass, Junior said, "I was impressed by Rachel Moore's portrayal of the Duchess. She was great."

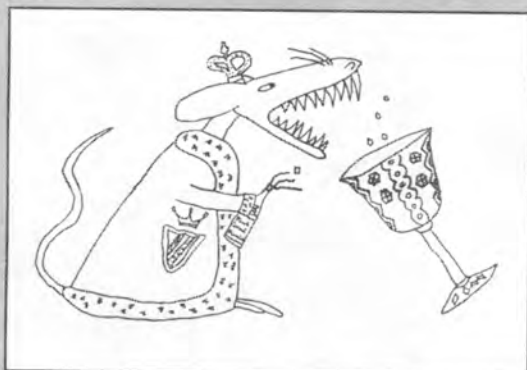
The cast even featured some of our multi-talented Colonial staff. Charee Holloway, Editor-in-Chief, played Mrs. Bascom, mother of Tully Bascom (Ashley Ghiaseddin/

Matt Thomas). Charee has "very good acting ability and was very believable," according to Colleen Dorn, Junior. Staff writer Sarah Lauer played both Mary and a WAC named Jill. "Sarah

set was incredibly professional looking," said Mrs. Gerhold. The production featured an intelligent blend of humor, both slapstick comedy and political satire.

Junior Sunjay Acharya and Sophomore Ryan Yates were exceptional in their portrayals of The Secretary of State and President of the United States, respectively. The set crew also rose to the challenge of the scene changes. The play ran smoothly because of their incredible efforts. The audience seemed to enjoy the show. From older adults to young kids, everyone was into it.

Unfortunately, for the seniors in the cast this was their last production. However, judging by the reaction to the show, this was a great note to end on. Their talents were evident during the entire performance. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew for a job well done. The ending tied the theme of the play together by featuring the symbolic mouse. Though it was a bit "cheesy" it left the audience roaring with laughter. (Pun intended).



Compliments of Karlikeya Bhat

brought a hilarious quality to the play with her portrayal of Jill. She acted like she was on steroids," said Mr. Kingston. Erin Lewis, Spotlight Editor, played an assistant to Professor Kokintz, played by Adam Peters and Dean Heintzelman. "Dean's hair style was quite extraordinary. He did a wonderful acting job; his accent was very well done. I was impressed," Junior Megan McGrew stated.

The Mouse That Roared is a wonderful story and the cast did an excellent job of bringing their characters to life. "The cast was excellent and the

Joey Ramone

Kyle Burkett
COPY EDITOR

On Easter Sunday, 2001, the world lost another great man. Joey Ramone, singer of the always progressive and highly influential punk rock band *the Ramones* died of lymphoma. After being hospitalized for nearly a month, his death was confirmed on the morning of April 15th. The punk rock god was only 49 years old.

songs were never longer than three minutes, but to the inner city kids of the day they were musical geniuses. *The Ramones* rose, along with bands



Compliments of Yahoo

The Ramones started in 1972 when the four members met and decided to build a band designed to destroy disco. The band named themselves in honor of Paul McCartney, whom they had seen touring under the name Paul Ramone. At the height of the disco-pop era, *the Ramones* started an underground club scene that emerged when the Ramones first played at a club in New York called CBGB's.

The Ramones, who apparently had no prior musical experience, picked up instruments and played through horribly distorted amplifiers. They didn't play solos and their

like *Television*, *The Dead Boys*, and *The Talking Heads*, and established themselves as kings of the underground scene. The musical form was given a name when the first issue of *Punk* magazine was distributed among the fans.

The Ramones played their final farewell show in Los Angeles. The show featured members of bands such as *Pearl Jam*, *Motorhead*, and even the boss-man, Bruce Springsteen was in attendance. *The Ramones* have influenced everyone from *Liz Phair* and *Public Enemy*, to *Nirvana*. The music industry and fans alike will sorely miss Joey Ramone.

Blurred Vision:

He knew no boundaries
He just had faith

Megan Tarbet
FEATURE EDITOR

There is always someone in your life that you will remember as your mentor. Someone that was always able to give to you all the time. There is a very special man that I know by the name of Denis Nolan. Mr. Nolan is a father of eight and a grandfather of six children. This man has dedicated most of his life to young people by ministering for the Catholic Church. I have known this family for the past two years. This man has been a light to me when life became too dark for me to understand all the things this world wants me to succeed in. Almost every time that I have come to the house to pick up his daughter Mary; he has always given me papers and pamphlets about saints and martyrs. He has been mailed letters from around the world about the Blessed Mother, and the latest news from Bosnia.

Denis Nolan has obtained great wisdom from the Church. He has been a fighter through and through. After many obstacles, Mr. Nolan continues to love his neighbors,

and his enemies. He remains selfless in all circumstances and has been brave in the face of fear.

The reason that I write about this man is because he has been diagnosed with cancer. My life has been very blessed with his intercession of peace and charity. In every struggle that I have had and shared with him, he has taken it in his arms like an infant, and cared for each detail that needed mending.

This man has been a father to countless people. His laughter has invested warmth during the holidays creating unity in his family that will never unravel.

I can't really describe this person because he has touched too many people, and has given so much of his time to those that never asked, but he was able to see through their eyes and into their heart that made him appear indestructible to them. He will remain in the most sacred part of my heart. I recognize him as an awesome servant of God that only knows how to sacrifice, and love un-

der all conditions.

This article has nothing to do with our school or any activity connected to the school. I wanted you to know, however, that there is a man right now in a hospital bed that is so honorable, that I could not let this issue go in without sharing this part of my life with you.

I'm not a part of his family bloodline wise, but he has made a seat for me in his life as a daughter in Christ. This man has taught his children that there is nothing that they can not do with Jesus Christ in their corner, and because of that lesson they will become the best parents, the most fearless explorers, and the most opened hearted individuals.

I am so grateful that this family came into my life. I never did anything to deserve these life long friends. Anyone who knows this family has must of thought the same thing. This isn't school related, I know, but this man is timeless in my eyes. I wanted you to know about him, because he will remain faithful and holy in my eyes for a very long time. Thank you.

Graduation Announcements!

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PAPYRUS

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The Bullpen

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doors and the main entrance



(Zach's Band, cont'd. from Front)

Jacob: There are some of your tracks on Napster, is that you drumming in all of them?

Zach: Not for all of them. Like I said they went through different drummers, but for *October Skies* that was me, we redid *Yesterday* also so I don't know what version is online.

Jacob: So, what's the name of the label?

Zach: Victory Records out of Chicago. They're very big in Indie. They have signed bands like Boy Sets Fire, Snapcase, Thursday, Catch 22...

Jacob: What's going on about your record deal?

Zach: We signed for four records and we are happy with the deal. I can't really get into specifics though. We plan to record our first C.D. early July in Colorado at the Blasting Room. We will work on production with many great people for a week and then head out to record. People like Trey Grey of Faith Hill, that's her drummer, is going to help. A lot of other great musicians are going to help also. Our first release is going to be amazing. It should be in stores before 2002, if not sooner. We are planning with the label to have it out by late October 2001

Jacob: You're touring all sum-

mer. When are you leaving South Bend? After school?

Zach: Once graduation hits we plan to tour with all of the great Victory Record's bands on the Victory Records Tour, then tour nonstop for the next year or so. In the next few years we will be hitting up Europe and hopefully Japan and Australia.

Jacob: You still going to play at Higher Grounds then?

Zach: We play there a lot and love playing hometown but we're not going to be playing there in the near future. All of our concerts now are out of town; we are going to be part of a mini tour with Showoff, a band on Maverick's label. We are also writing new material and working hard on our upcoming release.

Jacob: How are your parents taking all of this?

Zach: They are excited for the band and me. It's an opportunity very few get and they realize that it's something that I

don't want to pass up so they are very supportive; they always have been. They are at every local show we have. Ha, they're my biggest fans.

Jacob: Is there anything fans can do to help out with your successes?

Zach: We are setting up a street team. We have a web site now www.poppunk.com/studentrick, but soon it will be www.studentrick.com. We work very hard to include everyone who wants to be involved. Right now fans can contact us through our guest book and mailing list. I'd like to say thanks to all of our fans and the ones who've supported us. We love you all, well, the fans.

Jacob: "and we won't forget South Bend on a tour"?

Zach: Totally, that's the main thing we stress and tell everyone. This is our scene. It is started here and we love it here. We want to make South Bend a great place over the next few years, known for its music.

Thanks Zach for your time. We all wish you the best of luck.



Clay Students Show Their Talent!

Krysten Anderson
STAFF WRITER

This spring the students at Clay High School will show off their talent skills at the Multicultural Society Talent Show which we have every year. In May, fellow students will show off their ability to act, dance, sing, recite poems, or perform tiny skits.

Students like Marleen Miller, Jetaun Gordon, and Kia Styles are going to show off their talent by dancing in this year's show. Marleen Miller has performed in the Multicultural Society Talent Show for three years. When she was a freshman she rapped on stage with her older brother, Clay graduate Michael Miller. It was exciting to see a brother and a sister perform together on stage. Not many siblings at Clay even talk to each other through out the day, let alone rap together.

When asked about why she likes to express herself in the talent shows, Marleen commented, "Besides the fact that I've been in it since my freshman year, I feel that I have a talent in which I don't want to

go to waste."

Miller also wanted to add that many different people act and show their skills at the talent show and anyone who wants to get



out there and show it should. Mr. Marty Irwin is the director of the talent show. If you have any questions about the talent show, you can set up a meeting with Mr. Irwin or watch the announcements and find out when the next meeting is.

You'll find more information on the talent show coming in May in *The Crier*. So tell your seminar teacher to sign up so that you can go. Come out and support your fellow students as they show off their talent.



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No Fun at Prom?

Megan Walker
BUSINESS MANAGER

Did you not have as good a time at prom than you had expected? Not planning on going next year? Wondering what to do instead of getting all dressed up to go to dinner and dance the night away? Well, here are a few suggestions.

Have an anti-prom party with all of your friends who aren't going to prom. At the party, you can talk about how much more fun you are having at the party then you would have had at prom. Have the guests wear their rattiest, dirtiest attire and tell them not to bother to shower. You are guaranteed to have a blast!

Maybe you are more interested in polynomials and

the Pythagorean theorem or quadrangle angles. Well, you're in luck. There was a massive math competition the same day as prom this year. So, if you are planning on majoring in math or even business plan on attending an educational alternative to prom.

Consider just chillin' with your closest friends. Maybe take a trip to Nick's Patio and drink the night away. (Coffee, of course.) Not going to prom is an excellent opportunity to hang out with your friends from other schools.

Take a road trip to nowhere special. Just start driving and see where it takes you. Who knows where you'll end up? Maybe you'll find a new vacation spot for you and your

family. Visit the World's Largest Ball of Yarn or attend the Lumberjack Competition and bob for pigs' feet or walk on a log in the water.

Take a group of non-prom goers and go bowling. Those smelly bowling shoes are one hundred times more comfortable than any shoe you would wear to prom anyway. Plus, you can wear comfortable clothes, too! Bowling is much cheaper than prom also.

No matter what you do on prom night, have fun and you won't regret not going to prom. There are many alternatives to shelling out hundreds of dollars for just one night of pleasure. Finding the right alternative is the hard part.



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Erin Lewis

Crafton's 2001 NFL First-Round Draft Projection

Notre Dame Players Taken in the Draft

Name	Position	Round	Team
Mike Gandy	OG	3	Chicago
Brock Williams	CB	3	New England
Jabari Holloway	TE	4	New England
Tony Driver	S	6	Buffalo
Dan O'Leary	TE	6	Buffalo
Anthony Denman	LB	7	Jacksonville

The two-day holiday known to football fans everywhere as the NFL draft was held in Madison Square Gardens on April 21 and 22. Before the draft even began, San Diego surprised experts by trading the #1 overall pick (which happened to be the electric Michael Vick) to the Atlanta Falcons for their #5 pick. Although many were confused at the time, the Chargers proved they knew what they were doing by drafting the best RB in the draft (LaDainian Tomlinson) and the second best QB (Drew Brees).

Miami (Fl) caused the largest buzz in the first round with four players being drafted. Also attention grabbing were the number of defensive linemen (9) and wide receivers (6) taken.

Six Notre Dame players were taken, all coming in the 3rd round or later. This helps make up for last year's bust when only one ND player, QB Jarious Jackson (7th round), was taken.

Five Best Draft Grades:

1) Seattle fared the best of any team in the draft, filling its three biggest holes by taking WR Koren Robinson, OG Steve Hutchinson, and second rounder CB Ken Lucas. When you combine the drafted players with the off-season acquisitions of QB Matt Hasselbeck, DT John Randel, and LB Levon Kirkland, it's hard to not consider the Seahawks a likely Superbowl contender next season.

2) St Louis had the best offense and the worst defense last season. Obviously, the Rams' goal heading into the draft was to try and fill as many holes in the defense as possible. They executed their plan almost perfectly by picking up DT Damione Lewis, S Adam Archuleta, DT Ryan Pickett, and fellow Florida State LBs Tommy Polley and Brian Allen. The addition of CB Aeneas Williams ensures that the defense will be fast and aggressive this season.

3) Although they didn't fill every need, San Diego arguably made the smartest move in the draft by cashing in their Vick chip. Had the Chargers not done this, they would have had to settle for an only average RB in the second round. Now, they have both an excellent RB and QB.

4) Kansas City made its impact in the draft by dealing its 1st and 2nd round picks to St Louis for QB Trent Green and WR Tony Horne. They used their third round pick to grab WR Marvin "Snoop" Minnis. The weekend was capped off by picking up RB Priest Holmes. The Chiefs' only real holes heading into the draft were on the Offensive side, so all the wheeling and dealing paid off.

5) Following last year's horrible free-agency deals, Washington headed into the draft looking to smooth out its rough edges. The Redskins addressed their two biggest concerns by taking WR Rod Gardner in the 1st round and CB Fred Smoot in the 2nd. It's not clear if Deion Sanders will leave football for baseball, so picking up Smoot is good insurance.

Team	Player	Position	School
1Atlanta	Michael Vick,	QB	Virginia Tech
2Arizona	Leonard Davis	OT	Texas
3Cleveland	Gerard Warren	DT	Florida
4Cincinnati	Justin Smith	DE	Missouri
5San Diego	LaDainian Tomlinson	RB	TCU
6New England	Richard Seymour	DT	Georgia
7San Francisco	Andre Carter	DE	California
8Chicago	David Terrell	WR	Michigan
9Seattle	Koren Robinson	WR	N. C. State
10Green Bay	Jamal Reynolds	DE	Florida State
11Carolina	Dan Morgan	LB	Miami (Fl)
12St. Louis	Damione Lewis	DT	Miami (Fl)
13Jacksonville	Marcus Stroud	DT	Georgia
14Tampa Bay	Kenyatta Walker	OT	Florida
15Washington	Rod Gardner	WR	Clemson
16New York	Santana Moss	WR	Miami (Fl)
17Seattle	Steve Hutchinson	OG	Michigan
18Detroit	Jeff Backus	OT	Michigan
19Pittsburgh	Casey Hampton	DT	Texas
20St. Louis	Adam Archuleta	S	Arizona State

Baseball con't

We can't forget about J.V., they are just as important as Varsity and will determine the team's future. Two key players on J.V. are Sophomores A.J. Horvath and Mike Stemmer. Not much is written or said about J.V. so I can't inform you about their status. I can tell you that they did beat Washington 9-5 on April 18.

The game on April 18 against Washington epitomized what the Varsity team needs to do. Dewey Parker hit a two-out, two-run single to win the game for Clay and Tim Hudnall struck out eight batters and walked just one.

Our team has a great deal of talent, but needs the support of our student body to make it all the way. Until next time, LET'S GO COLONIALS!

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Girls' Tennis: Off With A Strong Start

Julie Kselman
STAFF WRITER

The Girl's tennis team began practicing at the beginning of March. The girls have been practicing their hardest since then, working towards what they are sure will be their greatest season. Practices start after school at 3, and run until 5:30. Practices are every day of the week. Many of the girls take private lessons in addition to the team practices.

The Varsity team is strong this year. All of the girls playing varsity played last year, and have only gotten stronger. Seniors Flynne Weingarten, Sarah Ansari, Lauren Sylvester, and Ellie Sevova have all been playing at Clay for four years. Their leadership and positive attitudes are a great influence on the new players.

The season opened with a game against LaVille. This was an easy victory for the squad. The second game of the season was against Marian. Flynne Weingarten (number one singles) and Allison Winegar (number three singles) both won their matches. Even though the rest of the squad gave their best effort, the team lost the match.

The next week

the team took on Adams. They won easily. The Adams' team took on Penn later that week, and won. This gives Clay a good chance of beating Penn.

The team followed up the Adams' victory with a loss to St. Joe. The team was not disappointed with the loss. St. Joe is ranked #4 in the state, and the team was very close to beating them. Coach Cheryl Flock said "St. Joe had fear in their eyes the moment we stepped onto those courts." The team has been working hard at practices since the St. Joe match, and is ready to beat them in Sectionals on May 18th.



Senior Flynne Weingarten warming up before her match against Adams.

Featured Athletes Nathan Konopinski & Kay Pancheri

Abby Herreman and Mike Brzezinski
ADS MANAGER AND STAFF WRITER

Nickname: Nathan: Nate, K-nop.
Kay: K. P., Kay-dog.

Boxers or briefs: Nathan: Both.
Kay: Neither.

Pre-game food: Nathan: A Caesar salad, 12 Oz. Fillet baked potato, an assortment of mixed vegetables, a slice of chocolate pie, and a glass of wine.

Kay: Subway with K-Roll and Sarah.

Favorite track moment: Nathan: Playing frisbee.

Kay: Winning state last year, or getting the regional record.

How is the love life treatin' ya: Nathan: Good as usual.

Kay: Wouldn't you like to know.

Funniest moment on the team: Nathan: When Chen quit for the second time.

Kay: RE-Re and I fight all the time.

Your most klutzy moment on the team: Nathan: As a freshman, the seniors took my shorts and hung them in front of the girls' tennis courts.

Kay: I don't know.

Who would you want to be on a deserted island with: Nathan: Caruso, stop telling me to put Lauren Sylvester for this one.

Kay: Brad Pitt.

One thing you want to accomplish between now and graduation: Nathan: Be able to list all 50 states in less than six minutes.

Kay: Nothing, I've got senioritis, big time.

Personal Quote: Nathan: Life's a garden, dig it.

Kay: You can always shoot too high, but you can never shoot too low.

Ten years after High School you will be: Nathan: Catching up on the sleep I never got during high school.

Kay: Married with a good job.



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