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Introducing Clay's Newest Teachers

Dale Shafer
STAFF WRITER

If you're walking the halls during class, and an unfamiliar face stops you and ask for a pass, it's either a new security guard, or it's one of our new teachers. Last issue we featured three of them, so this issue we introduce the other three.

In the Health department we found Mrs. Sherry Sutton (pictured right). She came to Clay last year as a sub and the coach of the Clay girls' J.V. softball team. This is her first year actually teaching in the S.B.C.S.C. She likes to run and exercise, and she is married with two children. She also enjoys working with students and staff, and she plans to continue coaching

softball here at Clay.

Next is a new teacher in Special Ed department. His name is Mr. Jeff Cenova (pictured right). He came to Clay as a fresh out of college graduate at I.U.S.B. This is



photo by Ryan Ghiaseddin

his first year teaching. He is impressed with the professionalism of the staff, and sees the student body is interested in their education.

He likes working in the Special Ed department, but he hopes to move to a position teaching Social Studies. He plans to remain in the South Bend area and teach here at Clay.

Every morning at 6:45, the sound of drums and trumpets can be heard in the parking lot. In the middle of



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all of the drill charts and musical compositions stands Mr. Jeffrey Brath (above), who is the assistant band director this year. He came to Clay from the University of Illinois. He has been teaching for five years. The former New Yorker enjoys playing tennis and basketball in his spare time, and he enjoys playing jazz and classical music with his sweet sounding trombone.

Mad Mondays on WETL 91.7 FM

Temica Moore
OPINION EDITOR

Bouncing across the airwaves are three deejays with style. Shamarrah Pates, Shinell Poole, and Faundala Weymon are three Clay High School seniors involved in the radio broadcasting class taught at the Education Center in downtown South Bend. The radio broadcasting is a half day course taught by Mr. Jerry Limbert; students go on the air Monday through Thursday and Friday they do classroom work and learn about engineering and the history of radio. Together they work to form the PCB Show.

"The PCB Show is great. The girls have enough energy to light the city of South Bend and Mishawaka," commented Limbert. With the nicknames Marra P (Pates), Nelly C

(Poole) and Faundy B (Weymon) they bring you tons of your favorite R&B hits along with a few extra twist. "We broadcast live playing nothing but the phattest hits and a few 'oldies but goodies.' We're better than the Doug Banks show," commented Pates.

Being a part of this class seems to open lots of

doorways. "You get to meet a lot of new people, and your opinions are heard throughout and within fifty miles of South Bend," explained Poole. Former Clay student Earl Walker took radio broadcasting years ago, and is now an underwear model. He has even appeared on *Seinfeld*. and Jerry Springer Show Walker is

currently using the alias Egypt Dion Thompson. Poole and Weymon both plan to go into careers in television broadcasting. Weymon commented "This class prepares you for the real world."

The PCB show airs on WETL 91.7 FM Monday-Thursday from 2:00-2:30 pm. On Monday and Wednesday it also airs from 3:00-3:30 pm. Some of the key topics of the show are: Marra P's top ten, Nelly C's 2,000 careers of 2000, and Faundy B's galloping gossip and politically incorrect comments. The most popular topic is Mad Monday. Tune in and check it out.

Preparing to go on the air are broadcasters Shamarrah Pates, Faundala Weymon, and Shinell Poole. They share their views across the airwaves.



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Keeping the Faith

Dale Shafer & Justin Bandon
STAFF WRITERS

Those of you that were here last year may remember the Bible Club. You may not have attended a meeting, but those who did are welcoming the club back for another year. Many questions have been asked about the Bible Club. A number of teachers and students were interviewed and expressed varying opinions.

Principal John Harris expressed his concern for the student body involvement at school. He said "I can't by law support one religious group and not another. It was a tough decision for me to allow a Bible Club here at Clay, considering the situation at Adams last year, and the problems that their Bible Club had."

Mr. Les Rassi, Biology teacher, said "I think that religious clubs are okay, as long as Constitutional laws are followed." Junior Keenan Beckwith commented, "I don't think religion should be supported at a public school. It's not Constitutional." Freshman Nikki Boits stated, "I didn't know that there was a Bible Club here. What do they do?" Here's what was learned:

-The Bible Club is not an official Clay High School

club.

-All meetings and activities are student led.

-The club meets on Tuesdays at 3 pm in FL2.

One of the two teachers who sponsor the club. Mrs. Kimberly Sipes, said "There haven't been any negative reactions from students or faculty members concerning the club." Mr. J. R. Penny, another sponsor, said "I felt led to participate because I can't say no to the Lord."

Young Life Michiana, which is part of a large nationwide community of high schoolers, also is based on religion. A non-school sponsored "club," members meet every week at a predetermined location. There is no official membership or anything of that nature; those interested may just drop on by when they feel like it. For nearly six decades, Young Life has been providing strong, positive influences in the lives of young people. They are active in more than 550 communities across the United States and in 36 countries. They have about 1,800 staff members and more than 18,000 volunteers, of which 8,600 work with kids and 9,400 who serve as local committee members.

The Colonial Crier



Kiri Nielsen & Temica Moore
NEWS EDITOR & OPINION EDITOR

I See Great Things In Your Future...

But only if you attend the following informative functions:

The St. Joe County College and Career Fair will be at Century Center on Oct. 12 from 5-8 pm. Over 100 colleges will be represented as will branches of the military and various vocational programs. Juniors and seniors are urged to attend.

All athletes graduating in the Class of '99 planning to be in college sports should attend the info night here at Clay on Oct. 14 at 7 pm. This will help you learn the qualification standards and requirements for collegiate athletics.

Financial Aid Night is Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7 pm in the CHS library. Everything you ever wanted to know about scholarships and student loans will be available.

Planning Ahead

If you have registered for the PSAT/NMSQT, it will be from 8-11:30 am here at Clay on Saturday, Oct. 17. Do not forget about it!

Munchies!

If you or someone you know has ordered things for Market Day, please urge them to come and pick it up on Oct. 15. Remember, if you don't get food from the Market, get food somewhere.

College Visits

Interested in seeing some of the visiting colleges? Sign up in guidance to get to know the following campuses: Ohio Wesleyan & University of Southern Indiana- Oct. 12

St. Mary's- Oct. 14

Rose-Hulman- Oct. 19

Millikin & Ohio Northern- Oct. 22

Butler & Indiana University- Oct. 26

University of Indianapolis- Oct. 29

Fall Homecoming Re-Cap

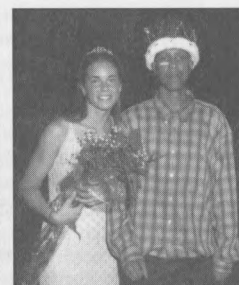


Clay cheerleaders show their spirit at the game.

Here's the '98 Fall Court getting ready for the ceremonies in the parking lot.



And the winner is... the Class of '99 and their dino float.



The Clay King and Queen are Jenna Sousley and Marcus Lee.

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Powder Puff Tackles Clay

Libby Witkowski
and **Jessica Sawicki**
ADS MANAGER &
STAFF WRITER

This year's fund-raiser for the junior prom is a little different. The idea is Powder Puff Football. Mr. Robert Harvey, the junior class sponsor, came up with the idea, and hopes to continue it through the rest of his years at Clay.

The idea is to use flags instead of tackling. However, if flags are not available, it will be two hand touch. The potential date right now for the game is Oct. 29, Thursday night. That will be the last day of the grading period, with no school on Friday. It is to be held at Clay Field, under the lights at night.

Mr. Harvey explains, "The seniors will play the sophomores. The juniors will play freshmen. Then, the two winners will play after that." He also adds, "Two football players from each class will referee, to be fair." "My two main worries are that players will try to tackle each other and that the guy coaches will be a little too social with the players."

So far, there are at least thirty girls from each class signed up to play. Mr. Harvey is hoping for at least 100 spectators. He's also looking into trophies for the winners, that will be kept in the front trophy case. He wants to stress the need for male cheerleaders!! See him if you are interested.

The teams are currently practicing. The ladies are trying hard, so come out and support them.

Through Dave's Eyes

Due to lack of space on the sports page my column was unable to be printed. It will be on the next issue which comes out on Oct 29. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Also in the next issue, we will review the Boys' Soccer team, Cross Country, and Boys' Tennis.

Volleyball Spikes Opponents

Michael Hong
FEATURE EDITOR

Junior Casey Stafford brushes the sweat off her forehead as she prepares to ace the other team with her slammer serve. But she isn't the only one sweating; the other team is sweating too.

"I think we have come far," says the Senior captain, Brooke Wilkins. "In comparison to past years, the other teams that used to beat us by a lot now have to work up a sweat. They don't walk all over us like they expect. We give them a run for their money, and the games are really close."

The sport of volleyball at Clay High has changed as far as attitude and reputation. "Players on our team used to go into a game, automatically thinking we were going to lose my freshmen year," says the other captain, Senior Rachel VanderGriend. "Now our spirit is contagious. When we get excited, we do so much better. I think our class, as freshmen showed that volleyball was more than just an activity."

Attitude has a huge effect on a person's game. Optimism triumphs, and

even if you lose, you know that you went into the game determined to win, and did your best. After Rachel and Brooke's sophomore year sectional win, the volleyball team had reached a new height in terms of respect and attitude. More people began to pack the stands to watch the team play. Increased support in fans grew each game. "Last year, the seniors, such as Jesse Reinke and some other guys helped bring so much spirit into our games," explains Brooke. "Now it's up to the other classes below us to carry on the spirit."

When asked what her advice to the juniors would be, Brooke replied, "Make it your best effort. Give it all you have, because this is probably your last years of volleyball. I may never play volleyball again after high school, so I'm just trying to do my best and have fun. Put your best years into your last years, cuz that's all you have."



Senior Rachel VanderGriend gets up to spike a ball at a recent volleyball match. Rachel is a Division 1 volleyball prospect.

Photo courtesy Root Studios

Featured Athlete Amanda Jones

Amanda is a key component to the cross country team. She was second team NIC last year. She is one of the top runners in the area.

Favorite Subject: Being a Teachers Aide
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Harvey (Harvdogg)
Favorite T.V. Show: *Party of Five*/*Dawson's Creek*
Favorite Cartoon: *Scooby Doo*
Favorite Movie: *Contact*
Favorite Sports Team: Colonials
Favorite Player: Earl Wilson and Scott Randolph
Pregame Meal: Fries, water, and gummy bears
Favorite Restaurant: Chili's
If I could live anywhere: Maui
If I won the lottery I would: quit school and buy my own house
Prized Possession: Talking Elmo
Proudest Moment: Beating Anne Gartee my Sophomore year
If I could meet anyone: Ben Affleck
If I were on a deserted island I would want to be with: Dustin Swindeman
Biggest High School Win: Adams
In ten years you see yourself as: being a professional trainer and married



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Dave Salinas SPORTS EDITOR
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Behind the Scenes: Episode One: 'Sucked Behind'

Justin Brandon & Pooya (Ryan) Ghiaseddin
STAFF WRITERS

Behind the scenes will take you to the epicenter of Clay's oddities and atypical aspects. Have you ever wondered how the pool works? Or why the school is so hot or cold on certain days? How about those staff members that serve no perceptible purpose? "Behind the Scenes" will let you in on all of the secrets.

For this issue, we will cover those chrome plates which are strategically bolted to the floor throughout the school. At first glance one might assume that they are portholes to the secret labyrinth beneath the building. However, after observing the bizarre panels momentarily, we soon discarded the labyrinth theory. We then decided that a mere visual comprehension was far from enough to unravel this mystery. After a pit stop at Menards, we decided it was time to excavate the portals in question. Using the Binford XR-4000 power performance drill we were

quickly inside. The floor began to rumble as a spiraling gust of wind overwhelmed our strength and sucked us underground.

After regaining consciousness, we stepped out of a large steel dirt receptacle with globules of dust dangling from our clothing. Mr. Louis Ridenour, one of the school's engineers, approached us and explained what had happened and where we were. In fact,

the ports in question are an intricate part of the school's central vacuum system. Every day after school, the central vacuum system is activated and is utilized by the school's maintenance staff to clean the floors. A web of tubing sends dirt and grime off to a humongous dirt receptacle located nearby the band and choir rooms: from there it is disposed of.

We were lucky to have escaped with our lives and were grateful of our new found knowledge. From that point on, we swore to find out every secret that lies within the depths of the building, and share it with our readers.



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Pennybeer: CHS Musicians

Megan Tarbet
STAFF WRITER

Music is a big part of our lives. We can be in class with complete silence around us, but our heads can be filled with a whole other world. Our own heart beats have their own tune that keeps us going. It's not just the beat that we carry with us; it's the lyrics too. The words mean so much.

Sometimes you can feel a certain way, but there's no way to describe how you're feeling, and then you flip on the radio and somebody out there is screaming exactly what you are. Many of our actions have been determined by what we listen to. In fact, music can be so impressionable and moving that we start

to create music of our own.

At Clay high school we have a band of our own: Pennybeer. One of the band's members is Senior James Waymouth. James started playing the guitar when he was 13.

When asked what his inspiration was he said, "I wanted to be cool like Dexter Holland from Offspring." I also asked when he decided to be in a band. He said, "About a year ago, my friend asked if I wanted to start a ska band."

Before James was in Pennybeer, he was in three other bands: Lazy Grandmas, Flush, and Dead Klowns-before Insane Clown Posse (ICP)



'S'UP!

Ryan Ghiaseddin & Michael Hong
STAFF WRITER & FEATURE EDITOR

While listening to the melodic tunes of "Yanni" Ryan and I were examining earlier issues of *The Colonial*. We came across an engaging little article, titled "S'UP!" The bold letters beckoned Ryan's attention away from Yanni's aesthetic majesties: we decided it was time to share the wealth with the rest of Clay High School. With the assistance of shock paddles, we are bringing "S'UP!" back into existence.

Friday night. We were driving around da' Bend in Mike's 64 Cutlass, bumpin' the ol' Vanilla Ice Eight-Track on A-1-A BEACH FRONT AVENUE. Looking for a place to hang, Meijer wasn't as appealing as the previous Friday night: I had already bought my Quasar TV set, and Mike had enough Mighty Morphin briefs stocked away in his underwear drawer.

We needed a new place to chee-ill. Not being old enough to get into the "Vu," we searched for a place suitable for teenagers.

Our first stop was at J&N 24-Hour Restaurant. The pros of J&N are: it's open 24 hours, its menu has a wide selection, and you can run across a number of your

friends there. The fact that the food was edible was also a plus factor. We thus concluded that J&N is a good place to sit, eat, drink, and be merry. Other late night restaurants that many teens hang out at are Nick's Patio, Steak and Shake, or Bonnie Doon.

Hopping back into the Cutlass, we then stopped at Barnes and Nobles, but seeing as how Ryan is illiterate we changed our direction.

However, for those of you who are book, music, or coffee lovers, Barnes & Nobles and Borders are both good places to chill for a long period of



Photo by Justin Brandon

time.

Other places we stopped at were Leeper Park, which is a great hangout where you can socialize; Lula's and Higher Grounds, if you dig five bucks and a good conversation; and the 112 Club, if you have enough gas money. We also made a quick stop at Orbit so that Ryan could pick up his reserved copy of the new "Yablo" cd. (We be sheep-jammin'.)

If none of the previous places appeal to our readers, we suggest calling up a few friends or that certain partner, and heading out to catch the latest four-star movie. But in the end, Ryan and I decided to head back to Meijer which welcomed us with open arms.

ever came out. Pennybeer is the only band he has stayed in for more than a week. James said he'll play for anyone who wants to listen. Many of these people are found at the Hoi Polloi, which is a Christian center that's blood line is punk, ska and a sprinkle of hardcore.

On Oct. 2, Pennybeer will be performing for the first time together. They will be playing at the Hoi, and it will be a talent show: The Battle

of the Bands!

Because there are new members, there have been second thoughts about the name of the band. The band will yell out a few names, at the Hoi, to see what gets the crowd, and whichever name gets the most attention will be the new name of the band.

Two names that they were considering were The Shanghais or The Joe Friday Band. You can see them on Fridays at the Hoi Polloi.

Editorial

Pros and Cons About Condoms

Temica Moore
OPINION EDITOR

Sex is everywhere! It's in the movies, on television, on the radio and even in classic novels. Then to top it all off the Clinton scandal makes it almost impossible to escape. This leads us to the conclusion that condoms should be distributed freely in a public high school.

Some of your eyeballs are probably bulging out of your heads right now, but if you want to correct a problem you've got to take risk. We as young adults are told to abstain from sex, but not all of us are listening. Some of us may even counsel younger teens to abstain from sex but, not all of us are practicing what we preach. Since we were 13 years old, we've always been told, "Don't have sex but, if you're going to have sex protect yourself." A sophomore boy commented, "Condoms should be distributed because it encourages safe sex."

Another reasons condoms should be distributed in a public high school is because many individuals are either embarrassed or can't afford to buy condoms in the store. A sophomore girl said, "A lot of people are embarrassed or afraid to go into a real store and buy them because they are afraid of what people will think."

Administrators are concerned that the distribution of condoms will encourage sex; however condoms won't encourage sex because people have their own minds are going to do what they want regardless of what they see. Postponing Sexual Involvement Teen Educator Bill Gallipo commented, "I think condoms should be distributed in a public high school but, there will be a few loopholes to work out. If people had more access to condoms they would be more prone to use them."

To make a long story short, condoms should very well be distributed in a public high school. They would increase people's awareness of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Condom use may also help prevent unwanted pregnancies. Just because they are provided doesn't mean everybody has to use them.

Elise Scott
STAFF WRITER

There are so many risks to having sex. You can get a sexually transmitted disease or get pregnant. Even though it may be all right to many of us, distributing condoms can cause many problems with the school board, parents, and how students focus at school. When you're able to come to school and get free condoms you don't think about getting your homework done.

Clay principal Mr. John Harris commented "I think it enters into a realm of parenting and morals that I wish we did not have to deal with as a school. I realize that activity is common and frequent, but the activity should be ideally reduced. Most teens don't realize the consequences until it's too late. This could also cause a problem with how parents may feel in raising their child."

Nurse Mrs. Carol Stasiak stated "I personally don't think the distribution of condoms will have an impact on pregnancy. We can give the condoms to the students but we can't be sure that they will use them. Just giving them out can not prevent pregnancies and Sexual Transmitted Disease's. If they use them that's their personal choice. Most boys do not get as emotionally involved in sex as girls do. Most girls do it for love and affection."

Condom distribution is not good for teens with no idea of responsibility. Many teens are not ready for the risks or the emotional package that comes with sex. It can cause problems with how parents feel. That's something the school board may not want to deal with. It may cause kids who aren't involved with sex to become curious. A senior girl stated, "I think it's influencing them to have sex and saying it's okay and that could cause a problem."

The consequences of sex are serious; there is no kind of complete protection except abstinence. No method is 100% safe. Any teen who thinks of sexual activity should really think about what they are doing. It's nothing to play around with. The safest sex is no sex at all.

How many people died in the Swiss Air crash? What countries did we blow up terrorist factories in? Does anybody remember? Does anyone care? All the news media seems to care about is one lady, Monica Lewinsky.

When the Starr Report came out the internet was getting a record 200,000 hit per second. Most people spent hours just trying to get access to the lurid details. Since then the report has hit the newsstands with no less than three different printings.

In addition to the report, President Clinton's testimony is now on home video. So now the public can not only read about the fall of our chief executive, but watch his public humiliation as well in the privacy of their home.

I know I'm not the only one who feels this matter should never have been pursued while Clinton is still in office let alone have this barrage of evidence released.

The issue of lying under oath about an affair seems immaterial compared to what some other presidents have lied about. Presidents Reagan and Bush both denied their involvement in the Iran Contra mess and yet we now know for a fact that they were involved, but neither was ever penalized in any way. Lying about illegal arms deals seems far more serious than lying about adultery.

Many feel the country has shot itself in the foot. The American people have never seemed to really trust politicians, but the recent events in capital will turn off anyone to the two parties. Democrats will be in trouble if they are associated with Clinton and Republicans can expect a public backlash from their pursuit of impeachment.

Impeachment: that's a big word. If impeached it only means charges will be brought against him. Then a hearing with the speaker of the house presiding would need to take place. Whether or not he's kicked out would depend on the verdict. Never the less in many senses his presidency is already effectively over. There can no longer be any trust or cooperation between the Administration and Congress. The only sane thing for the president to do in this situation would be to resign and spare his family, staff, and the American people any more pain.

Driving Under Restrictions

Elise Scott
Staff Writer

We all wait for the day we turn sixteen. You're two years away from being an adult and you get your Driver's license.

Well as of January 1, 1999 there will be a few restrictions to getting your license. The probationary law. It is a new law being passed to insure the world of safer drivers. Most driving accidents occur at ages 16-21 years of age. There were over a million car accidents involving 16 year old teens in the year of 1997.

This new law states that you cannot drive after curfew, for the first 90 days you must drive with a licensed 21 year old driver. After the 90 days you must still ride with an 18 year old licensed driver until you have turned 18. Every passenger including in the back seat must have on a safety belt at all times in the car.

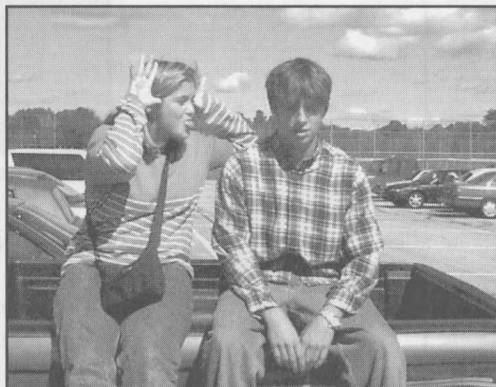
This law is to insure safety and prevent accidents that occur daily by reckless driving. Principal John E. Harris stated, "Most teenagers are careless because of immaturity. When you are older and more mature you are less inclined to take risks."

Junior Redgina Norris said, "I would be filled with hostility because I've waited 16 years to get my license and they give me laws on how I have to drive." Others felt they didn't have a law for driving before why should they have one now.

It is true that more accidents are caused by reckless, careless drivers most under the age of 21. If we have to make laws to make teenagers realize the safety of driving so be it. Many teenagers

are putting themselves in danger. To them it may just be having fun, but its not so fun when someone ends up injured or killed. So this law may upset a few, but it will not

upset me when it can save my life and yours.



Senior Libby Myers teases Sophomore Dean Catanzarite about her driving privileges.

Point of View

If you had 24 hours to live, where would you go and what would you do?

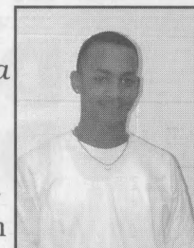
"I would go visit my boyfriend in college."

-Senior
Allsion Kitchner



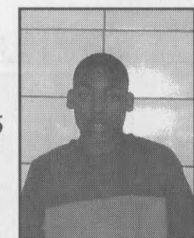
"I would take Raini Boone on a date."

-Junior
Lamond Brown

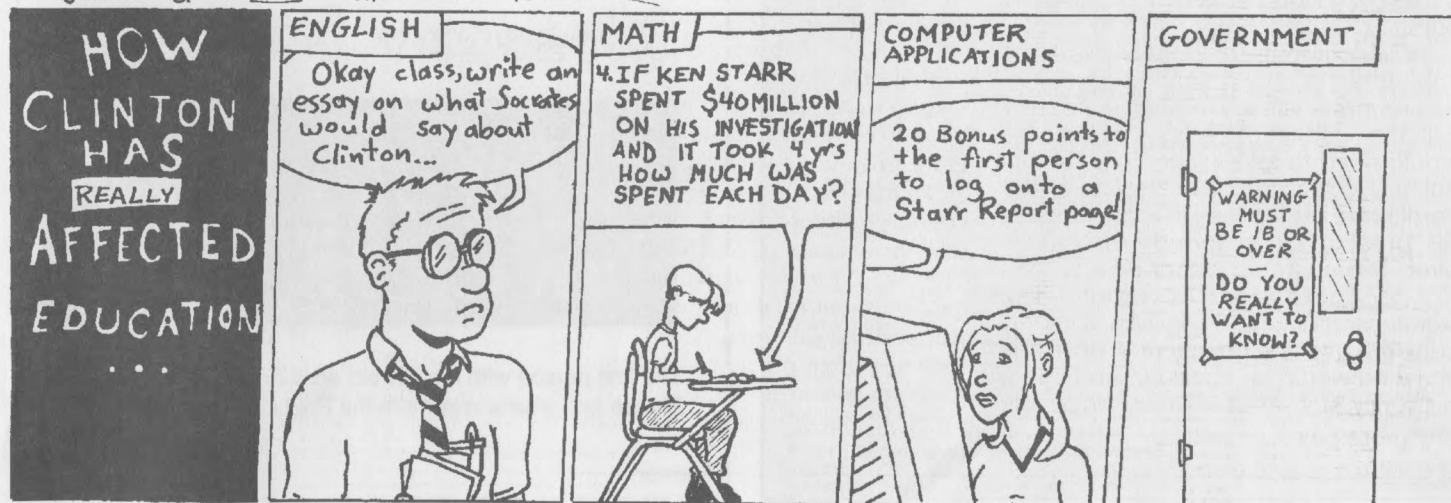


"I'd chill for 19 hours and spend the last 5 hours praying."

-Sophomore
Dionte Howell

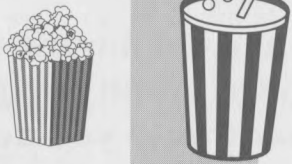


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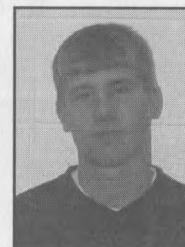
WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CLAY HIGH ATHLETE?

BY JUDSON HOWARD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Junior Casey Stafford

"Judson Howard is my favorite athlete. Since he plays soccer and football I get to see him compete three times a week. He is an all-star!"



Senior Matt Damon

"Dave Salinas since he is a bomb baseball player."



Freshman Jamie Temple

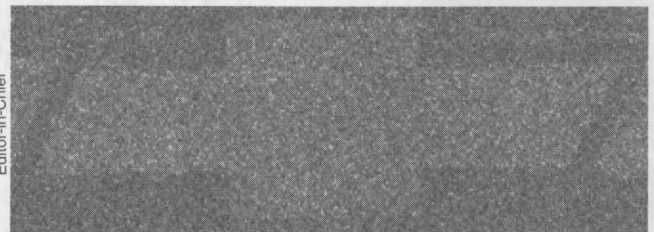
"My favorite athletes are Chip Joers, Kyra Cretella, and McKenzie Elston. They are the best."



Senior Marcus Lee

"My favorite Clay High athlete is Myself!!!"

MYSTERY PICTURE



The first person with the correct answer will win a Clay Buck. Please turn your answer into the Publications Room.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____