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The Crier Temica Moore & Kiri Nielsen OPINION & NEWS EDITORS

Play It Again Sam!

The solo and ensemble contest will be held on Sat., Feb. 6 at Penn High School. This will be an all day event. Club the Cavemen!

The next pep assembly will be held on Thurs., Feb. 11 to announce the Winter Homecoming C-ourt. Fri., Feb. 12 is the homecoming game against the Mishawaka Cavemen. Keep your eyes peeled for details Marketing Strategies!

Market Day orders are due on Monday February 8, 1999.

Half Day on Wednesday! Wednesday February 10, 1999 is a half day.

Cans, cans, cans! Juniors Win the '98 Battle

Libby Witkowski ADS MANAGER

It was said last year's total could not be beat. The canned food drive had collected a total of around 61,000 cans, breaking the record from the year before. This year, Clay High School didn't just break the record. "We shattered it," principal John Harris states. "It was like the school had been saving since last January. I was at a loss for words."

Clay High School collected a total of 79,277 cans this year. The Mad Dash itself brought in around 27,000 cans. Senior LeeAnn Searight was in charge of the annual canned food drive this year. "I was floored," she says. "Very impressed." She also has many people to thank. "Mr. Morrical, Mr. Kasper, Jenna Sousley, Colin Harding, and Glenn Nowak were a huge help. Without them I would have gone nuts."

All three local news stations covered the event. News 22 came twice. News Channel 16 came for a wrestling match originally, but when they saw what was going on they decided to get in on it. Many students collected much more than the average. Senior Aaron Corcoran collected around six hundred cans. Sophomores Jessica Aldridge and Erin Downey were among some of the top collectors, along with Juniors Colin Harding, Brady Foose and their group

Seniors Brian Keller and Judson Howard collected around 1,800 cans together. Brian explained, "We collected \$150 in donations from businesses. Some of those businesses were Afdent Dental Care, Chandler Sales and Service, Keller Engineering, Macri's Deli, Arbor Care Tree Service and Midwest Medical Group. Brian himself donated about eighty dollars, and Judson donated about thirty dollars. U93 radio station auctioned a Furby doll, which sold for \$350, totalling 1,400 cans that went toward the total for the senior class.

The classes competed against each other to see who could collect the most cans. Juniors came on top with 28,656 cans. Seniors came in a close second with 26,035. Sophomores had 16,132 and freshmen collected 8,454. However, LeeAnn says, "I think the juniors should drop out next year because no one will beat this record!" Weren't those the words of last year's seniors?

Just the Way You Are ...

Clay's scholars got their groove on at Midwinter. See for yourself!



Senior Dan Wolfe jokingly dances with Graduate Roger Janesheskii.





Sophomore Brandon Hopkins has a laugh with friends as Junior Adam Springer and his date watch.

Sophomore Lowell Blackwell and Adams student Chris Mead let loose and enjoy themselves. The dance was a great way to unwind after finals week.





Above: Sophomore Jimmy Vandy and Freshman Nora Fallon strike a pose. Many of the underclassmen checked out Midwinter this year.

Left: Senior Nathan Rupert and his date, Junior Meha Bhati give a quick grin before heading out to the dance floor.

photos by Kiri Nie



Have you ever asked yourself "Why do people cheat?" Many people think that they are taking a shortcut to success, but in reality they aren't. Many students often get away with cheating. They cheat on tests, homework, and/or their girlfriend or boyfriend. After reviewing this question over and over, we have came to the decision that people do this because they are just plain lazy. If you or someone that you know has been or is thinking about cheating, be a friend and stop them. If you choose not to they could get into a lot of trouble. They could get the person who gave them the answers into trouble.

Now to give you a little example of why we think that cheating is wrong and why we will never do it. It was fifth hour and one student had a test in sixth hour, knowing that he had not studied the night before, he knew that he was in trouble. On his way to class he happened to see a friend of his that had just taken the test. Without thinking about the consequences, he asked her for the answers. She gave him the answers. As he entered the room he felt confident that he was going to do well on the test. After he saw his fellow classmates he had decided to let them in on the secret.

As the test went on the teacher was walking around, he happened to see that this student was a little ahead of everyone else. He then grabbed the paper and looked at it. Not knowing that the teacher was smarter than he looked, he busted the four of them. The students paid a serious penalty for this crime.

This is just a little example of what may happen to you if yo decide to cheat. So next time you try take the easy way out, don't.

Party Like It's 1999

Megan Tarbet STAFF WRITER

We were lucky to get a few days off more then expected, but we're back, and something that has crossed this writer's mind is that none of us are the same. We're all different. Some of us have fallen in love, others have wanted to pierce the S.O.B. that ever created the word. Now that 1999 is here, don't you wonder what the new year will be like? I asked some people about what they predicted for the new year. Many of us didn't expect all of this snow. It's ironic because, at first, it looked like we weren't going to have a white Christmas at all, but we were wrong.

" I think that in this coming year, girls are going to have more power, because there is consideration of having the first female president," commented Freshman Jessica Leonardo.

"This is gonna be one crazy-retarded phatty party year. It's gonna be off the hook," said Senior Brian Blake.

"Positive energy creates constant elevation with the reminder of generation X. Think positive, fly high; watch out for crashing computer systems," commented Senior Joe Leone.

With every coming year many of us have tried to start a new, whether it was quiting a habit, like smoking, or deciplining ourselves to try harder to achieve our goals. But, what we must remember is that there is a reason for the new year: you get to start over. If we all started over, in what we said and did, maybe we wouldn't be in such a hurry to live so fast because of the fear of dying too soon. It would be really cool, though, is if we got our act together; maybe next year if I had to ask the same question, we would have a different response.

Things That Make You Say Hmm...

Temica Moore OPINION EDITOR

Life is filled with burning questions and interesting thoughts. Day to day living causes more and more questions to arrive. Although many of you may have never thought about these situations, I've decided to share them with you:

•If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?

•Last night I played a blank tape at full blast. The mime next door went nuts. lethal injections?

•If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

•If vegetarians eat vegatables, what do humanitarians eat?

•Clothes make the man. So do naked people have little or no influence on society?

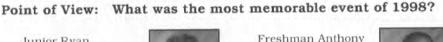
•Oil of Olay now claims to be 100% Oil free

•If corn oil is made from corn what is baby oil made from?

•Have you ever been to Always Open when it is closed?

•Why do stores that are open 24 hours a day have locks on their doors?

•Why do they sterilize needles for



Junior Ryan Candler, "When John Glenn went up in the rocket."

Senior Eugene Bonner, "When everybody 'player hated' the president."



Freshman Anthony Williams, "When I went to my first CHS homecoming dance."

Freshman Heather Ditson, "When I went to the Korn Concert: Family Values Tour."



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College Goal Sunday Returns to "THE BEND"

College Goal Sunday can help you take the steps necessary to afford college. Last year, more than 4,430 Indiana high-school seniors received assistance completing college financial aid paperwork at College Goal Sunday. This year, volunteers will again be available to help your family complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at College Goal Sunday '99. The FAFSA is the federal financial aid form required by most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools nationwide.

College Goal Sunday '99 will take place at 2 p.m., Sunday, February 7, at 36 sites in 30 Indiana cities. Local site is St. Joseph County Public Library, located 304 S. Main St. At the event, financial-aid professionals, primarily from Indiana colleges and universities, volunteer their time to help students and their families complete the application.

Students attending College Goal Sunday should bring a parent or guardian and either a completed IRS 1040 tax return, a W-2 form, or information about their family's 1998 income and benefits. Parents may attend on behalf of dependent students.

Educational prize drawing offers added incentive

This year, students who attend College Goal Sunday and complete an evaluation form are qualified to win an educational prize worth several hundred dollars to help finance a higher education. Three awards will be presented to students statewideone for northern Indiana, one for central Indiana and one for southern Indiana. The drawing will be held in early March. Winners will be notified, and each award will be forwarded to the college or university the winning student attends in the fall of 1999.

"College Goal Sunday is a terrific opportunity for students," said College Goal Sunday spokesperson and NFL veteran wide receiver Bill Brooks. "I grew up in a tough neighborhood, and few of my friends even thought about college. This kind of professional help was not available to them."

A former Indianapolis Colt, Brooks and his family live in Indiana, and he is dedicated to helping Hoosier students realize their dreams of success.

In addition to helping all Indiana high-school seniors, College Goal Sunday focuses on assisting Indiana's Twenty-first Century Scholars. These students signed a contract in the eighth grade and pledged to graduate from high school, refrain from using drugs and alcohol, maintain a certain grade-point average and apply for college financial aid.

Upon successful completion of the program, Twentyfirst Century Scholars will receive state funds to cover their college tuition and fees for four years. Volunteers at College Goal Sunday assist Twenty-first Century Scholars in completing the FAFSA form and the other paperwork necessary to receive their Twenty-first Century Scholarships.

"The Indiana Student Fi-

nancial Aid Association is proud to be a cosponsor of College Goal Sunday," said John Fish, president of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA) and director of financial aid at "On Vincennes University. behalf of ISFAA and all the financial-aid professionals throughout the state of Indiana, we are pleased to assist families in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.'

College Goal Sunday '99 is a charitable effort of ISFAA. in cooperation with the Indi-Career ana and Postsecondary Advancement Center (ICPAC), the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI), and the Office of Twenty-first Century Scholars. It is co-funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and USĂ Funds, two Indianabased non-profits with a particular interest in higher education.

For information about College Goal Sunday '99, contact your guidance counselor, call the toll-free ICPAC hotline at 1-800-992-2076, or visit www.collegegoalsunday.org.

What Do you Think of Michael Jordan's Retirement?

NBA just won't be the same without him in it.

Senior Chris Brickley

Nobody will want to watch pro basketball anymore.

Junior Jay Ryans

I will never want to watch the Bulls play another game.

Sophomore Dean Catanzarite

Michael Who? Junior Shannon Radecki

Since he now has a lot of free time, maybe he can promote literacy and sponsor a reading program.

Mrs. Bonny Hoover

Featured Athlete Mary Patterson

Mary is in her first year here at Clay; she has made a tremendous impact on our basketball team. She is deadly behind the three point line.

| Favorite Class: Wt. Training Favorite Person: My Mother Favorite Coach: Mrs. Robertson | 6 |
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| Favorite Song: I love music in general | and the second |
| Favorite Pig-out Food: Fruit Favorite Sport: Basketball | 74821- |
| Favorite Team: Clay Colonials | hall the second |
| Pregame Meal: Fruit | |
| The Worst Place to Live: Anywhere it is cold | |
| Prized Possession: My Taz charm necklace Proudest Moment: when I broke the school record t | format |
| assists in a game | OFTIOSI |
| If I Switched Places With Anyone, It Would Be: Case | v Stafford |
| Biggest High School Win: Beating Riley | / |
| Biggest High School Loss: Adams in Sectionals | |
| In 15 years you see yourself as: Doctor or playing in | N WNBA |
| Hobbies: work, hangout w/ Poe and Brooke, I love | you guys |
| | Judson Howard |

Editor-in-Chief

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Wrestlers counting on successful year

Justin Brandon STAFF WRITER

This years' wrestling team has set its goals high. After upsetting the Washington squad last year, they continued on to win the sectional championship. Senior captain Earl Wilson

commented on the achievement "It was a great experience. We had lost to Washington during the year and nobody expected us to win but we knew we could do it and we c a m e

through and won." Head

coach Al Hartman said, "winning sectionals last year was really incredible. Every kid on the team contributed to that win. No one finished lower than third place."

This season is shaping up to be a successful one as well. The team is looking for its 7th sectional title in school history. "The seniors have really came through and some of the underclass-

men have stepped it up as well. The team has a chance to have a twenty win season if they stay on the same pace they have been, breaking the school record of 19 wins in one season," said Hartman.

more), and Ben Carrier (sophomore) all have chances to be champions." Matt Wil-son said, "I believe that we will win sectionals if we step it up in practice and out on the mat. We will prevail over Washington in

the Sectional."

Wrestling has a double structured tournament system including both team, and individual competition. Individual sectional qualifiers from the Lasalle sectional, the one in which Clay competes, can advance to the

The wrestling team celebrates its sectional championship last season. They hope to repeat as champs this year.

When asked who some key wrestlers are and what it will take to be a competitor in the tournament he said, "We have great seniors in Matt Wilson. Dan New, Earl Wilson, Aaron Corcoran and Eric Kelly! All of which expect to be sectional champions. The question is then which underclassmen can become champions. Scott Randolph (junior), Troy Swinderman (freshman), Thomas Bonds (sophoindividual regional competition.

The sectionals start on Sat. Jan. 30th at Lasalle High School. For the past eight years the team competition has been won by either Washington or Clay, developing fierce competition over the years. The winner will advance and compete against the winner of the Penn sectional in the regional championship meet.

Lady Colonials: Creepin' on a come up

Sawicki Jessica BUSINESS MANAGER

Though the record may not show it the girls varsity basketball team strives and pulls hard to improve the previous records from years before. The team has pulled off two winning games, one of the games being against St. Joe. Clay won by two. They also had two close games against LaPorte and Elkhart Central where they lost by only a few points.

Junior Casey Stafford, one of two captains on the team said, "One of our goals is to break even with the record from last year, as well as improving it. Another one

of our goals for the year is to do well in sectionals the season.

Casey also went on to explain some of the team's strengths and weaknesses. "Inside play, seems to be one of our weaknesses," says Casey. "And our biggest strength would be out side shooting." The team has improves its game every time they play they just need to be able to get all the elements of the game and put them together, then the team will be in good shape for sectionals.

Junior Erin Poe gets up for a rebound during a Basketball aame.

Through Dabe's Epes



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What's upper! hope that everyone had a great break and a happy hew year. I know I sure did. Anyway, I thought that since it was the beginning of a new year that I would give you people a few little tips on how to be successful here at Clay. So I have put together a little list of things that you should follow if you want to be successful at this school. So here we go.

10. Don't try and cheat on Mr. Hartman's on psychology tests, because if you get caught he will make you write a five page report on psychology.

9. Don't mess with Mr. Kasper

8. Don't start "The Chop" when you have a substitute. You will get one day of C.O.R.E. for this.

7. When Mrs. Davidson

talks..... Listen 6. Don't mess with Mr. Kasper.

5. Listen to Mrs. Henderson's writing tips. She is a bright women

4. Don't mess with Mr. Kasper.

3. Don't mess with Mr. Kasper.

2. Don't go to basketball games and yell out crazy things that may offend people. Before you decide to do this you should ask yourself: Will Kasper find out?

And the number one thing that you should not do here at Clay is mess with Mr. Kasper.

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One Last Look

Temica Moore **OPINION EDITOR**

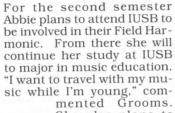
Who's that girl with the violin? It's Abbie! It's Abbie! Abbie Grooms is a multi-talented individual. She is considered to be an extraordinary violinist. She has

been an All State violinist for two vears.

Practice and dedication got her where she is. "I started playing because my older sisters played and I wanted to be like them. When they quit, I stuck with it. I've been playing for a

total of 10 years," explained Grooms. Abbie was a mem-ber of the Clay High School orchestra up until this year she is now currently taking private lessons.

Abbie is a seven semester senior at Clay. For those of you who don't know what that is, a seven semester senior is a semester graduate.



She also plans to work and travel to the Florida Keys.

A typical day for Abbie is going to school, then work and if she doesn't have to work she practices her music. Abbie also plays the guitar, and the keyboard.

"When I'm not work-

ing or practicing, I like to watch Wheel of Fortune, that's my favorite show. I also like to snowboard and my favorite game is You Don't Know Jack. School is my least favorite part of the day, Grooms expressed. By the time you read this article she'll be out of her misery. Farewell Abbie!



Ask Dr.

In our next Valentine's Day issue, there will be an article on relationships and love. If you have any questions you would like to ask Dr. Love: send them to the Publications room, by Wednesday, February 3.



Behind the Scenes: And Behind Door Number One...

Justin Brandon Ryan Ghiaseddin STAFF WRITER

It attracts hordes of Clay High students for the after fifth hour dancing ritual. A once inside the complex, we young man stands against it. were disappointed to find that beating with his fist the tribal rhythms which

accompany the horrid dancing. The crowd

thickens as the dancing continues. Suddenly the bell rings and all of the dancing aborigines scatter to their respective classrooms. The final beats reverberate through the empty hallway until complete

silence is realized. Once again the big yellow door has lived through another session of the after fifth hour dancing ritual.

Introducing for the first time ever, the BIG yellow Door (BYD). Located next to the phones by the cafeteria. Standing at an overwhelming nine feet four inches and spanning an unbelievable four feet wide, the BYD is an amazing spectacle. It has stood through many fights and dancing rituals at its massive threshold throughout its life span, proving our theory that it invokes sinister animosity in our student body

Our original hypothesis was that whatever was be-



hind the door must emit mustard gas thus sending its helpless victims into a furious rage. This hypothesis was reneged after gaining access to the inner bowels of the BYD.

floor buffers and large metal gates.

The buffing machines did not explain the and fights dances that take place in front of the door. We decided to run some tests and to analyze different people around the door. We took a small sample of the BYD and,

with the help of Clay High's unparalleled science department, were able to elucidate the situation. The results of our test are as follows: the door consists of 24.36% African mahogany; 36.91% Mongolian black pine: 38.73% Nicaraguan balsa wood. This didn't help us at all.

In conclusion we have decided that the composition of the door is totally unrelated to our cause. Therefore, we have deduced that the door has no cerebral effect on the student body, leaving us with the undeniable fact that the demented dancers and fighters are in dying need of psychotherapy.





The 1st Annual Madarsag Awards

Ryan Ghiaseddin & Michael Hong COLLEGIAL COMPOSER & FEATURE EDITOR

Since the Oscar nominations will be released February 9th, Killa-G and M-Dogg are giving you our personal categories and nominees: The 1st Annual Madarsag (Look it up in your Farsi Dictionaries) Awards.

Many women portray strong, and independent characters: ranging from Audrey Hepburn to Susan Sarandon. The women in our first category do not possess these qualities.

ACTRESSES THAT WE ONLY WATCH WHEN THEY COME OUT AT DOROTHY'S

Posh Spice-Spice World Ginger Spice-Spice World Scary Spice-Spice World Sporty Spice-Spice World Baby Spice-Spice World

(They must be eliminated at any cost. This is our solution. Ginger didn't quit. We capped her.)

Some of the greatest voices. soothe our ears with their aesthetic majesties. The following category, can not match up to the standards of Yanni. SINGERS THAT

DE-SERVE TO BE DRAGGED INTO THE MIDDLE OF A TOWN SQUARE AND SKINNED ALIVE, SALTED ON THEIR WOUNDS, AND DIPPED IN 90 MOLAR SO-DIUM HYDROXIDE

N-SYNC

Spice Girls

Vanilla Ice (We like the old one, thank you very much)

All Saints (Their angelic voices deserve to be scorched in hell)

Hanson

Films move us emotionally and morally. These films make us cry, but for all the

wrong reasons. FILMS THAT WE DON'T MIND IF THEY'RE OUT OF FOCUS

I Know What You Did Last Summer

I Still Know What You Did Last Summer

Lost in Space The Avengers

Spice World

Actors can transform into different types of character. The magic of

their talents is applauded by a pleased audience. HOLD YOUR AP-PLAUSE R a l p h Fiennes- The

Avengers All of the

actors in male Starship Troopers Tobey Maguire-

Pleasantville William H. Macy-

Psycho Master P- Everv-

thing that he was in (no points for trying)

Television shows have also been known for some terrible acting. These women have

proved our point. TV ACTRESSES THAT **DESERVE TO BE BEATEN...** Tori Spelling. ...MANY TIMES.

Television shows have also been known for just being terrible. The following have qualified for this prestigious award.

SHOWS THAT WERE AP-PARENTLY WRITTEN, PRO-DUCED, AND DIRECTED BY WILD MONKEYS FOR RE-SEARCH

Dawson's Creek-I'm sorry, no teenager has a vocabulary over ten words.

All of the Fox Shows that have the words "Scariest ... Police...Animals...Attack...1...2...3...4..." Chicago Hope- It's called ER. Watch and take notes.

What's with all the cloning? Every half-hour sitcom on Fox (excluding Simpsons)- it's no wonder why they have to use reruns of other networks' shows for ratings.

Jesse- It's by the creators of Friends. It's written by the writer of Friends. It's after Friends. Do you see a trend

here? There are many hit songs on the radio. And they hit you. and they hit you, and they hit you...

SONGS THAT ARE **OVERKILLED** BY OVERPLAY "From This

Moment"-Shania Twain

" I Don't Want To Miss a Thing" -Aerosmith

'I'll Never Break Your Heart"-

Backstreet Boys "Jumper"-Third Eye Blind "Are You That Somebody"-

Aaliyah

We are always haunted by the fear of our favorite actors getting killed in movies. But sometimes we cheer.

ACTORS & ACTRESSES WHO CROAKED AND WE LAUGHED (Actually, Ryan laughs every time anyone dies in a movie.)

Ryan Phillipe- I Know What You Did Last Summer Every actor in Starship

Troopers That annoying chick in

Speed who kept yelling WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF US? I CAN'T STAY!

That dude on the toilet in

Jurassic Park

We have advanced so much in the computer age, graphically, and the following people have not utilized this age

SPECIAL EFFECTS THAT WE CAN DUPLICATE IN OUR OWN BACKYARDS WITH JUST A CAN AND RUBBER BANDS

IT-sucked

Lost In Space-pinnacle of garbage

Lord of Illusions-wasn't

The Mighty Morphin Power Ranger Movie-Our vocabulary isn't large enough to express our malevolence of this movie. Our newspaper isn't either.

Godzilla (The original one was better)

Directors create and envision stories of triumph, tragedy, comedy, suspense, and basically anything that they dream up

DIRECTORS THAT WERE TRIPPING ON ACID WHEN THEY MADE THESE MOV-IES

Kevin Costner-Waterworld & The Postman (take your pick)

We had more categories. but due to the fact that this issue is only eight pages we were unable to voice our disdain for other things that were lacking in the talent scene.

Killa-G and M-Dogg would like you to voice your animosity towards these insipid categories by placing your vote on what bit the most. The winners will be announced in the following issue. If you vote and your vote wins, you will win a Clay franc. Thanks for your participation.

*Les francs du Clay sont valides dans les magasins français seulement. Tu n'as pas de chance. C'est la vie!

Intriguing People of the Week: Omid and Paddy-They Smart By Elise Scott

Omid Sabbaghi Senior-Quiz Bowl, 4 yr Soccer: 4 yr Orchestra, 4 yr Quiz bowl: National Honor Society: Hoosier Boy State Delegate: Principal Leadership: Math Team placed 2nd in math competition: 1st place in State Orchestra Contest. Will study International Econ with concentration applying mathematics and statistics in college. Favorite quote "Unexamined life is not worth living.

Paddy White Senior- Treasurer Comedy Club: Captain Cross Country and Track: Drama club: placed 1st in Math Competition; Secretary Senior Class: Future Problem Solver; Cap-tain Quiz Bowl; Will study Pre-Med concentration in Biochem in college. Favorite quote "Unlived life is not worth examining."





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"Heck yeah it should be a sport. I would be bustin' some caps at everyone in sight. I would be the state champion. Can't nobody hold me down, oh no, I've got to keep on moving."