



## Another Book Bites the Dust

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STAFF WRITERS

Books, magazines, card catalogs—these are all features of a traditional library. What about computers, printers, and the internet? Well, these are the features of today's library, now also called the media center.

Many people have witnessed several technological advances in Clay's media center. Students and teachers both agree that there are fewer books on the shelves and more computers with high-tech programs, such as those used to access magazine articles.

Mrs. Barbara Humnicky, Clay's media specialist, is experiencing her first year of working in Clay's media center and said that she liked her work. "I like the variety of work and the different students and I like to solve problems as well as introduce students to word processing."

Humnicky has seen many technological advances in the library. She said, "Last year, there were only six iMac computers, but this year there are 12 of them. There is a high speed laser printer, a color

inkjet, and a card catalog on the Internet to be accessed anywhere in the school or even at home."

She also spoke about E Library, the periodical research program on the computer that provides access to more than 1,000 magazines, over 500 newspapers, television scripts, and other valuable pieces of information. Humnicky said that the media center also had a digital camera and other video equipment.

She said, "I think these advances are fully positive and advantageous because it gives students access to technology at school." She feels that the media center will continue to advance and says that they are pursuing a program called Distance Learning. One part of the Distance Learning program is the Historical Black Colleges and Universities that give scholarship information from 26 universities to high school students during student-teacher conferences/dis-

cussion groups.

The second part of the pro-

gram is the Michigan City Alternating High School program, where a high school in this vicinity can communicate with another high school in Michigan via satellites. Mrs. Humnicky states, "Hamilton is our alternating high school."

She went on to say, "Mr. [Tom] Hess, here in South Bend, had

ogy because "more and more students stay during lunch and after school." She said, "Last year, the library hours were from 7:45 am to 2:45 pm. Now the hours are from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm."

Several students at Clay enjoy working in the media center. Junior Brittney Dowdy said, "I enjoy visiting the library so that I can get my homework done." She also said that she has seen that the computers are technological advances in the media center and believes that the media center will continue to advance. Senior Azad Sabbaghi said, "I enjoy visiting the library because it is quiet and it is easy for me to concentrate." He said that he also liked the Internet and quoted, "I am surrounded by intelligence."

How often do you visit the media center? Have you used its latest technology? Do you think technology in the media center will continue to advance, and if so, what could it mean for the future? Oh well, we'll just have to wait and see!



Students make good use of all the new resources the Media Center has to offer. Many students find it a lot easier to find information with the computers and find going to the "library" a much more enjoyable than before.

Photo by Mike Symonakis

## They're Here.....

Clay's Newest Teachers Are Hitting the Books

**Shaun Palus & Marte Aase**  
STAFF WRITERS

As the second grading period begins, there are a few new faces here at Clay. In fact, there are five new teachers here at Clay High; mostly they could be seen around the Special Education Department.

Mrs. Michelle Conway went to Purdue University-West Lafayette and Bethel College, where she majored in Financial Planning and Education. Conway enjoys working with young people and now teaches Algebra, English, Spanish, and Learning Strategies for special education students. She stated one of her mottos, "Excellence can be attained if you expect more than others think is possible."

Another new addition to Clay is Ms. Mary Ford, also a special education teacher. She has attended Indiana University Bloomington and IUSB, and majoring in Criminal Justice. She is currently working on her certification for Special Education at IUSB. Although Ford is a new face, she is all-too familiar with Clay. She was a student here and she graduated in 1979, which is why she says Clay holds a special place in her heart.

Ford wanted to become a teacher because she says, "I wanted to work with today's youth. They are our leaders of tomorrow, we need to teach and guide them well." Ford teaches Physical Science, World History, Math, Pre-Algebra, English, and Careers. "I am hoping to get too know the school again, learn the Special Education program, teach students, and make some new friends," she said.

Ms. Faith Patterson has attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and is presently working on her Masters degree in Special Education at IUSB. Along with seeking out a degree in Special Education, Patterson has a Bachelors degree in Music with a concentration of Afro-American Music and Jazz. She says that, "Being a teacher gives me the opportunity to participate in an energetic and diverse atmosphere." Ms. Patterson is now teaching Life Skills for special education students.

Mr. Gary Walsh went to school in Michigan and graduated from Saginaw Valley State University. He then

moved to South Bend. This is his first year teaching, and he really enjoys it so far. Walsh thinks this job is a big opportunity, and he gets new experiences every day. He believes that the students are good kids and have great attitudes. He also thinks that one of the most positive aspects of Clay is the fact that we have so much school spirit.

Mr. Aaron Sandock teaches Special Education, Math, and Learning Strategies. He just graduated from IUSB, so this is his first year as a teacher. He wanted to be at Clay because he graduated from here nine years ago, and because this is one of the better schools in South Bend and lives in the area with his wife and family. He enjoys all his students and teaching is a dream come true for him.

Principal John Harris stated, "They are very qualified teachers and because they are new, they have brought and will continue to bring energy and new perspectives to Clay High School." With that said, welcome to the Clay family!

## The Crier

### Listen Up!!!!

Support Clay and have an incredible evening of music at the All-City String Along on Nov. 9th at 7:30pm at Adam's High School.

### Congratulations

For all you athletes: Don't miss the Fall Sports Award Program Nov. 10th from 6:30 to 9:30pm in the cafeteria!

### Reminder!

Balfour Rings will be here during all lunch hours in the cafeteria. If you want to order a ring, you have to bring a \$50.00 deposit.

### Need some downtime?

Grab some friends and head out for lunch on Nov. 16th because we have got yet another half day; classes will dismiss at 10:45.

### It's a date.

Don't miss the band's Lollipop Concert right here in the auditorium on Nov. 18 at 7:30pm.





## Editorial

What motivates people to get involved? Do they have a desire to help others? Do they want to make positive changes within the community? Or perhaps they just want to have something to write on their college application. Whatever the reason volunteering your time to a project you believe in can be beneficial for everyone involved.

Many people cite that the problems are too large, and that they can't make a difference. But even donating a little bit of your time can really impact a few individual lives.

Helping out at a local shelter or serving at a soup kitchen are just a few of the opportunities presented in our community. Most organizations are very flexible. They will work with you and help you find an area of service that you enjoy.

Working within the community can provide life long benefits. Often times working with others who support the same cause as you can form strong friendships. Participating on projects in the community will improve the living condition for future generations. Serving others provides you with invaluable life experience.

Volunteering gives you a chance to look at life from another perspective. Many of these life skills are things that cannot be taught but must be experienced. Often times volunteering your time helps you discover yourself as person and maybe help you make decisions affecting your life. Helping others gives you a feeling of self worth and a sense of purpose.

The experience you gain from volunteering could become one of the most valuable of your life. So whatever your motivation, get involved for yourself too. Volunteer your time not only for the people's lives you will touch, but also for an experience that will equally enrich your life.

## Spirit Awards Spark Controversy

Justin Brandon  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In elementary school voting decides everything. "Raise your hand if you want to play kickball at recess," says the teacher. You raise your hand. Then the second choice: "Who wants basketball?" Your hand flies into the air again, this time waving uncontrollably. "You can't vote twice," says the teacher "it just doesn't work that way." The Newscenter 16 Spirit Awards should operate on the same principal.

Voting begins every Friday night after the high school football games. WNDU's website is bombarded every weekend with hundreds of thousands of votes; a problem. "It is a nice idea, but it's



Freshmen Mike Pierrat and Brian Harsanyi and Senior Alan Rubin display their Colonial Spirit during the Sectional football game against Adams.

worthless if everyone votes 100 times," said English teacher Jim Carpenter. Senior Casey Stafford agreed; "It was a good idea, but they need to regulate the abusive use

of multiple votes in each household"

"It all comes down to whoever has the most computer nerds in their school," said Senior Scott Randolph. A school in

Berrien Springs Michigan a few weeks ago racked up over 600,000 votes over the three days of voting. A student there supposedly programmed all of the computers in the school to vote continuously. How fair is that? Most people feel that it is wrong for people to vote more than once, but to set up a program for the computers to do all the work is ridiculous.

Needless to say, they won that award. But what did they win? They were awarded for their hard work with \$10 Spiece coins, \$25 Spiece gift certificates, a donation to the school from Spiece, the traveling trophy, and an elaborate pep assembly. Who ever said cheaters never prosper?

## Clay Concessions Closed Indefinitely

Dale Shafer  
OPINION EDITOR

Wouldn't it be a tragic if there were no vending machines to run to during passing periods, or no candy in the bookstore, or not even having "The Bullpen" open during the

school day? Surprise... it just came true.

Mr. John Harris, Principal, warned students a few weeks ago that if the mess in the halls and classrooms did not improve, the machines and concessions would be

closed down. Apparently few students took his announcement seriously, as the trash recently became worse than ever. As a result, all have been indefinitely closed.

Who can we point the finger at? Everyone who

throws or has thrown trash on the floor can now pat themselves on the back for a job well done at making the appearance of the school look degrading--and making the midday munchies harder to take.

No one knows when we can have our vending privileges back, but they definitely have to be earned!

How can we earn them back? There's these tall grey containers in the hallways. I'm sure most of you have seen them... they're called trash cans. The concept is that if you have unwanted trash items, find one and deposit that trash into them.

And, if you see someone else trashing the school, let them know it's not cool. It's a really simple idea, so let's get that candy and popcorn back.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read the article from the Halloween issue "Women Invade a Traditionally Male Domain," which was written by Paris Clark, and what I figured out is that the so-called "men" are just jealous of women. Guys know that we are good enough to do

what they do, but they have a hard time admitting it. The "men" know that they would get made fun of for having a girl being better than them. That just goes to show that you know who the real "losers" are!

~ Freshman  
Samantha King



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## The Colonial

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## The Buzz...



Formerly known as "Hall Talk", "The Buzz" expresses the opinion of students from Clay High School.

## What wouldn't you do for a million dollars?

Freshman Sarah  
Philippsen



"I would do a lot for a million dollars... that's the problem!"

Sophomore Sunjay  
Acharya



"I wouldn't go through Mr. Wallace's class again."

Junior Rachel Brogle



"What wouldn't I do for a million dollars?"

Mr. Dan Kasper,  
English teacher



"I wouldn't read *Jane Eyre* again."



## Pierce It Up

**Bob Fiedler**  
STAFF WRITER

As high school students in 1999 we know of the many different styles and we also know they change over night. One fad that has been around for years is ear piercing, but over the past couple years, body piercing has become even more popular to the high school crowds. Some get their tongue pierced and some pierce their belly buttons, eye browse, and lips.

According to Junior Mark Trembath only the ears, tongue, and belly button are good places to put holes, everything else is gross. Trembath has an earring too, but nothing else. Many people think piercings are gross while others love them. Lindsey VanBellinghem said, "They are cool, I have nine". If you really want an earring, go to the mall. There are at least three places that pierce, one being Claire's, where Senior Jenny Burns works. She has told us that she pierces 10 people a day on the average, some cry and some even pass out. The prices range from \$10 to \$40 dollars for ears, \$50 for your belly button and \$60 for the tongue.

On the average, guys have

one to two earrings and girls have three. But as many of us know there are both guys and girls with more. Senior Becky Nicodemus, who has eight, including a tongue and belly rings is an example.

Many guys can not work with their earrings in. Nicodemus, who works in the office at Martin's Supermarket told us, "Martin's told me that it is against store policy, but I told them I was going to do it anyhow, so they said it was all right."

A tongue ring takes about six weeks to heal. In the first week and a half all you can eat is apple sauce and pudding and it takes about six weeks to heal. If you decide to get a piercing remember you must be 18 or with a parent and we at *The Colonial* suggest you go to a respectable business.

Medical authorities stress that those getting body piercing be aware of possibilities of infection. Dr. J. Devereaux, M.D. at St. Joseph's Med Center, said, "Your skin is an organ of the body and the main barrier against infection and anytime you break that barrier, you risk infection, even in sterile precautions."

If you do decide to get a piercing done, you need to be aware of all the facts before making this important decision.



## What's Your Pet?

**Nai-Wen Wong**  
STAFF WRITER

What's your pet? Do people put you down because you pet isn't a socially acceptable cat, dog or goldfish? Or is your pet unconventional? Such as hedgehog, monkey or wallaby?

Sometimes people just want to have something really special and really cool. Then they get those exotic animal as a pet just for fun, for them to show off. Maybe few months later, the owner can't afford it anymore. Then they start thinking about sending their pets to the zoo. And that makes for a lot of problems. So if you really love exotic animals you need to pay more attention because there

not like cats and dogs. Before you get an exotic pet, there's a lot of work to do. Make sure to check out if its legal or not. Some people buy a cute but weird pet. Then a few days later, they get arrested. Finally don't make your pets suffer from simple ignorance; exotic pets are often not for anybody. Especially when some day you bring a lizard home then everyone starts screaming... Go see someone professional that can help you together to fix the problems. At least surf on the Net to find out the right way to make their new home.

Due to the fact that many exotic pets bond closely to their first owner and are difficult to place in new homes. Be prepared to care for your pet for many years and make plans for their continued care. If you really have time and have the love for your new & special pet, do you "homework" first!



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## Locked Down At Clay

The World Turns Slowly for All Those In CORE...

**Nate Ferrone & Jacob Schpok**  
STAFF WRITERS

"Time goes way too slow. You have to work the whole time. If you turn around you will get into trouble. If you talk you will get in trouble." Think this is prison? Nope, this is just another day of CORE. One student says, after interviewing many students and Mr. Doug Scruggs, the supervisor of CORE, we came to the conclusion that CORE isn't quite as fun as it used to be.

Their day started just like a normal one. Instead of reporting to first hour then go to the CORE room to get assigned there set for that day. Mr. Scruggs starts the day by explaining the rules to the class, and making sure they know that it will be enforced. "But there is always one student who tries to outsmart Scruggs. Little do they know about the four security cameras lurking above their heads. If they are caught talking or sleeping, another day of CORE will follow.

"The rules are like this, you can't sleep, you can't talk, you can't even go to the bathroom unless it's at a break. There are two breaks at 9:00 and 1:00, but they aren't really the satisfying types."

Lunch starts at the wee hours

10:40, and students can only get a basic meal. They are not allowed to get a cookie or even a coke from the vending machine. After lunch its back to the same classroom for more "sitting". Sometimes during forth hour the students are allowed to talk, but remember you are being watched by those evil cameras. Mr. Scruggs told us that about 80% of the students who are in CORE during the year are regulars to the room. The main reasons that these students get CORE is by insubordination, forging pa-



Senior Evan Witt, *Colonial* photographer, laughs with Mr. Doug Scruggs in the C.O.R.E. room.

pers, and being late to class. Unless you wish to spend the day as described above, you should refrain from the above infractions and keep away from CORE.

## The Bottom Line: Dating

**Mike Szymanski & Evan Witt**  
STAFF WRITERS

How many times have you been on a date and messed something up? Dating is a major part of high school, and we know nothing about it. There are a couple options that you need to consider before asking that special someone out.

•Movies are always a safe bet for a date. They are a classic way to get your date, well...alone.

•Phone calls: these have been the makers and breakers of many relationships.

How often is too often? Why must we get in trouble with the ladies when we don't call enough? We don't want to look like stalkers.

•Parties: why the guilt trips when we wander away with our boys? Although we do love to show up with our ladies.

•Public Displays of Affection: They all depend on the time and the place. In school they need to be minimized. Outside of school is a different story.

We asked some students around Clay how they went about finding dates and the tactics they used to get them.

Freshman Ian Bunker said, "I like to take my dates to White Castle for some sliders." How do they get there? Bikes?

Then we made the mistake of asking Senior Scott Randolph about his experience with women. He said, "Spittin' game is a fragile thing, handle it with care." Well, Scott, from the looks of your dance card, you broke that fragile thing a long time ago.

We ran into Junior Kevin Chen and asked him for some pointers on how to get the ladies and he commented, "What are you talking about, Evan?" From the sounds of that we can all guess where Kevin spends his Friday nights...

Well, to conclude we all have our own methods of finding significant others, and some work better than others do. And we'd also like to say that we have no love for Jim Gray of NBC sports, stay off Pete. We'd also like to apologize to all the Braves fans on behalf of the New York Yankees who once again proved that they are raw.

Senior Mike Szymanski shows his affection by proposing to Senior Casey Stafford. Unfortunately, he still has a lot to learn.





# Lee Nailon Starts His Professional Career

Dustin Schmitt  
STAFF WRITER

Clay has something special to brag about because of former basketball superstar Lee Nailon. Lee was the leader of Clay's 1994 State Championship team. At 6'9", 230 pounds, he has always been a force to be reckoned with. During his time at Clay, other teams thought that all they had to do was get him in foul trouble, but most of the time it backfired. With Nailon out of the game, the team was able to spread out the floor and attack from all over. This created a pick-your-poison type of offense that was good enough to win the State Championship. Lee was always the top scorer and defensive presence down low. Which made him the only state All-Star in Clay history.

Lee struggled a bit in school, but he had great support from family and friends. He would be the first to let you

**"Lee is a great person and possibly the best player in Clay history."**

ior year he set TCU single season records for both points score and field goals made breaking Kurt Thomas' marks in 1995. In his senior season he became the fastest player in school history to scored 1,000 points in just 41 games.

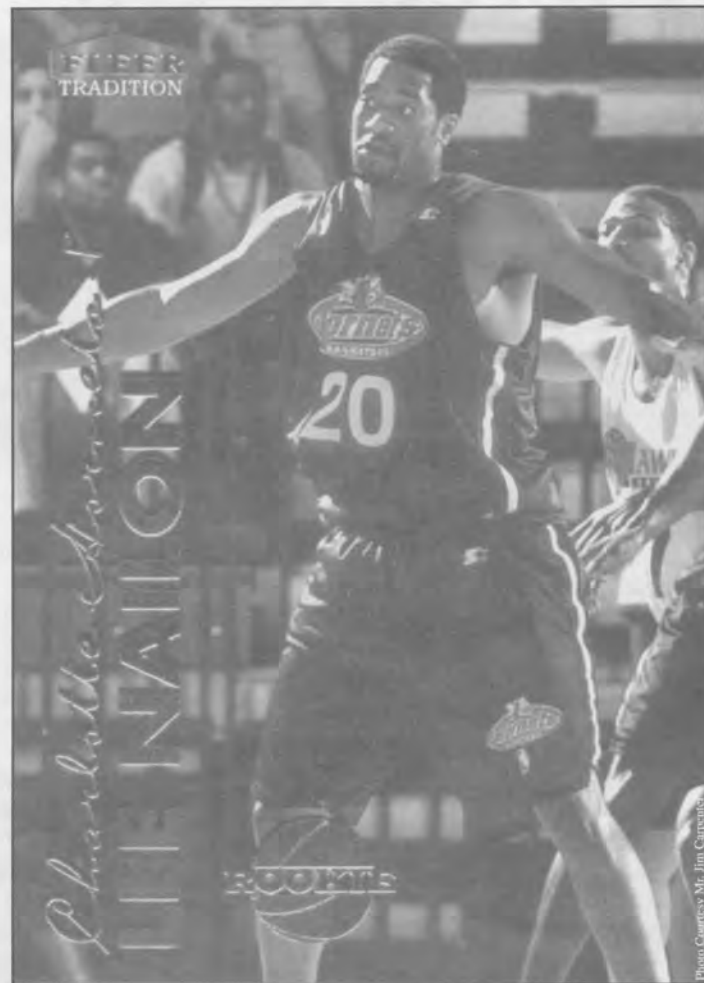
Lee ran into some legal trouble before his senior season, which dropped him down to the 43<sup>rd</sup> pick in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round

of the 1999 NBA Draft by the Charlotte Hornets. He will be joining a great front line with Derek Coleman, Anthony Mason, and Elden Campbell. Power forward will probably be his position, maybe even small forward.

Nailon might not be playing quite as soon as you may think, though. In a conversation with Clay Athletic Director Mr. Greg Humnicky, Lee said he is strongly considering going to play in Europe to improve on his game.

His major flaw is not playing straight up with his face to the basket. Once he fixes that, he plans on coming back and making his mark in the pros.

Mr. Humnicky also added that Lee is a great person and possibly the best player in Clay history. He hasn't forgotten Clay, and Clay definitely hasn't forgotten Lee.



## Bump, Set, Spike!

Megan Walker  
STAFF WRITER

"To turn the season around and play better," Senior Emily Cochran commented on her outlook for the season. The volleyball team has had a tough sea-

memorable moment was when they won a game.

This year the girls work together as a team. Miranda Yeager explained why the team is different than last year's team. "We are more of a team. We mesh well and there isn't any competition



Volleyball team rallies together before starting another match.

son; they have won two games. That fact doesn't put a damper on any spirits of the team though. They seem confident and ready to win at least a couple more games.

Coach Becky Stafford is proud of her team. Stafford is the coach of the JV volleyball team. Stafford has been coaching here at Clay for 5 years. The JV team seems to want to win. Her players work hard and it is starting to pay off.

The team has had a few fun times also. The team agreed that their most

between us." Coach Stafford said, "We make sure everyone is cheering for each other during practice and during the games." The team gets along well together.

Sectionals ended on a tough not for the team. "To be competitive," Casey Stafford replied when asked about her goals for sectionals. The volleyball team had goals set high goals for sectionals but fell a tad bit short, but more importantly to be aggressive.

Coach Stafford laments "We need to continue to work hard and it will pay off."

## Clay's Awesome Girls Swim Team

Megan Walker  
STAFF WRITER

The girls swim team has had a history of being one of the top teams in the city. Senior Captain Crystal Abou-Khaled comments about the winning city this year "It will be tough but we know we are defending champs, and if we all come together and have a positive attitude we can win." The team has high hopes of winning this year. Last year the girls were co-champs with St. Joe.

The season has just begun and already the team is excited for the future. With 11 seniors



Seniors Marcy Hummel, Melissa Sulok, Courtney Elliott, Crystal Abou-Khaled, Michelle Jackson and Jennifer Wyckoff take a break from their grueling practice.

the team has a strong leadership. The head coach, Brittany Bakes graduated from Clay and holds the school's record for the 100-yard backstroke. She is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> season coaching at Clay.

The girls swim team is "up before the chickens" says Coach Bakes. The girls have practice at 5 am and then again after school on most days. "They are a little harder to discipline, but I love 'em anyway." Comments Coach Bakes on the differences between Clay and St. Joe.

## Featured Athlete Miranda Yeager

Paris Clark  
SPORTS EDITOR

**Nickname:** Chuck

**Sports Played:** Volleyball, Tennis

**Favorite Team:** Clay Colonials

**Favorite Opponent:** Myself

**Biggest High School Win:** LaVillie Tournament

**Favorite T.V. Show:** Ally McBeal

**Favorite Song:** The whole Monster Rock CD

**Favorite Movie:** Cutting Edge

**The thing I like about the sports I play is:** you can't rely on just one person, everyone has to work together as a team.

**Favorite Quote:** Eat, Drink and be merry, for you know what tomorrow will bring.

**If I were stuck on a deserted island, I would want to be with:** Brad Pitt

**Pets:** My dog "CC"

**In 10 years you see yourself:** 10 years older

**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Harvey

**Favorite Class:** American Studies

**Pre Game Meal:** Chef Boyardee

**If I could live anywhere, I'd live in:** Colorado

**If I won the Lottery:** I would leave South Bend

**Who do you admire the most:** My cousin Jen

**Favorite Restaurant:** Chili's



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