



# The Colonial

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## Next Year's Senior Paper Cancelled

**Bob**  
STAFF WRITER

With times changing and the world becoming more computerized, the English department has decided it's time to move into the 21st century.

In the past the English department has made all graduating students do a Senior English paper. This paper has to be researched, outlined, and then typed. In past years many students have failed to graduate on time because they did not complete their paper. Due to the staggering drop in graduates, the English Department has made a momentous decision- to drop the infamous Senior paper.

Students are now expected to complete a book report. Using the Internet, students must find information about the book and then write out the report

using Microsoft Word. A normal student could have the entire thing done in one trip to the computer lab. This is much more convenient for students instead of weeks upon weeks of research and endless deadlines.

Senior Adam Patrick commented, "The Juniors are really lucky, I would feel like my year was over. They won't have anything to do."

According to Robert Krause, English Department



This group of seniors celebrated as they found out they would all be test subjects to evaluate changes in the Senior English Paper that will be formally initiated next year. They were all given waivers and did not have to do their senior papers. "It's great," exclaimed Senior Brian Cuskaden.

head, "We had to do something about the falling graduation rate." With less to do for a senior project and the fact that failing the project will only drop your grade about half a letter grade, this should help raise the graduation rate.

The Senior Film Fest will also be extended by an extra two weeks. Now that the senior projects will only take about an hour or so to finish, next year's seniors have some nice kick-back time to look forward to. It's just too bad for this year's seniors that the decision was reached so late. Since so many Seniors are near completion of their papers for this year they must still turn them in.

A few Seniors, however were used as test subjects for this project and did not have to turn in Senior papers.

## Clay's Own Stock Broker

**See 4**  
STAFF WRITER

It all started with just a game in Economics class. On the Internet MSNBC started a teen stock contest where the top broker will win 200 shares of the stock of their choice. Senior Travis Sameuls is first place in the nation, with a lead of over \$50,000.

If he keeps this up, not only will he win the shares, but NBC and other leading news programs will visit Clay High School to meet the winner. Travis says, "It really isn't that hard; all you have to do is watch the news and see what stock is going up. I just buy some shares of those the next day."

The stock contest is going to be ending soon; *Good Morning America* and *The Today Show* are already planning their trips to Clay.

## From Parking to the Lunchline; Inflation hits SBCSC Students

**Tom Green**  
STAFF WRITER

How much are you willing to pay for school services? Due to the rising gas prices, the trucking companies are charging more to handle our goods. As a result, the prices in our school will be rising. From pencils to bathroom passes, Clay High School will be seeing a dramatic change in the prices.

Lunches will be taking the biggest hit next year. The price of a plate lunch will be soaring to five dollars. If you crave a Billy's Best cookie, \$2.00. The Vendor of the Day will not be changing too drastically, but in order for the school to make money, they will be upping the price for the Vendors. Chips will cost \$1.25, and candy will top off at a \$1.50. They will also charge us around \$1.50 for fries, not to mention \$2.95 for sandwiches.

Due to lack of funding, SBCSC is forcing all the high schools to charge a \$50.00 fee to park in the parking lot. Not only will this bring down the lunch prices, but it will



Juniors Ian Nicolini and Miles Small give Lunch worker Mary Koach an unbelieving look as they experience the price increase first-hand.

the building to overlook the parking lot.

Twenty dollar Internet fees will also be added to the fees next year. Officials are also considering putting pay toilets in the student and faculty restrooms.

Mr. Percy Unglemoath, SBCSC Budget Director, estimates that students and parents should budget approximately \$500 more per child to cover the additional expenses next year.

To help students and parents monitor expenses and not have students bringing huge amounts of money to school, a SBCSC Debit Card will become available for each students to charge the school expenses. These will be sold starting August 1 at the Clay Bookstore. Price for the card will be \$15.00, with a \$5.00 extra charge for the Colonial logo.

also beef up security in the parking lot. This fee will give the school enough money to place cameras at every corner in the school, but it will also put five cameras outside

## The Crier

### Congratulations!!

The *Colonial* staff would like to congratulate Robert Fieldler for being **Martin's Bag Boy of the Year**. Bob received a reward of a year's supply of milk and cookies from any Martin's store.

### Attention!!

**MTV TRL** to air live from Notre Dame April 12th, as part of their live campus program. Special guests include: KoRn, N'Sync, and Freddie Prince Jr.

### Working at the Car Wash

The Clay High School staff is sponsoring a **car wash fundraiser** for a new dartboard for the teacher's lounge. If you'd like to see your favorite teacher wash your car for only \$4.00, come by the Phillips 66 gas station on Saturday, April 1 from 9 am to 3 pm. See Mr. Gene Buczynski for further details.

### Important Announcement!

**Construction** on Clay High School is set to begin over Spring Break. Remodeling will be done to all the bathrooms in the school. New toilets and shatter proof mirrors are just a few of the coming improvements.

### News Flash!

Due to the citing of low attendance by the PBA committee, **Spring Break** will be shortened by three days. Instead of returning Monday April 10th, students will return on Wednesday April 5th. Sorry!

### Meetings:

The **Girl's Sewing Society** will be having a short meeting for all who are interested in joining on April 11th, in the auditorium during 1st hour. **The Abercrombie and Fitch Fashion Club** is having a meeting April 12th, in the Pods at 2:45. Afterwards, members will travel to U.P. Mall.

## Two Clay Students Declared Ultimate Fanatics

**N'Sync Stalkers #1 & 2**  
LUNCH SKIPPERS

You have seen it on MTV. Fanatic. Two weeks ago, two of Clay's very own were lucky enough to be selected to appear on the show. Molly O'Connell and Nasem Mojarrad got to meet the Backstreet Boys. How? You ask. Here is their story.

Molly's older sister Megan O'Connell called the show explaining their *fanatic* like qualities. MTV immediately knew

that these two girls had to meet the "Boys."

MTV surprised Nasem first. They caught Nasem at a rather awkward moment; she was fantasizing when she would *actually* meet these five FIRE guys. All of a sudden, MTV burst into her room. Nasem was so shocked she fell off her bed.

At her house, Molly was watching the MTV interview of the "Boys" that she had taped the night before. The crew appeared and Nasem screamed "We're go-



The Backstreet Boys, one of the hottest boy bands around.

ing to meet the Backstreet Boys!!!" Molly fainted.

They boarded the airplane to Orlando, Florida. They were on their way to meet Nick, Brian, Kevin, AJ, and Howie. When they arrived at the airport in Orlando the girls saw a limo waiting to take them to a five-star hotel.

The next day there was a knock on the door. Unbeknownst to Molly and Nasem, the five hotties were

planning on picking them up for a fun but romantic lunch for seven. When the girls opened the door there stood Nick, Brian, Kevin, AJ, and Howie on the other side. Completely paralyzed by shock they slammed the door in the boys' faces.

If you would like to know what happens with Molly and Nasem's adventure with the Backstreet Boys, tune in this Saturday to MTV's *Fanatic* on the new 10 spot.

# Editorial

In this age, with automobile accidents at an all time high, the school has received tons of letters and phone calls from the residents in this area complaining about kids driving with loud music, bad behavior, and littering. The parents are worried about their kids driving to school, especially on winter days. Students are not responsible enough to be careful about their own driving.

People don't pay attention in the school parking lot. According to our past article about teen drivers, the school considered the situation and the safety of all. There is going to be a new policy in the coming school year. Students will not be allowed to park in the school parking lot any more.

It's not only for our safety, but the school marching band also needs the whole parking lot for morning practice. From the national standpoint, gas imports are low and the prices are high. The government wants every school in the nation to help save the gas.

The school is willing to help the environment and help students to save a huge amount of money from paying for gas. For all the students' benefit, the school is going to provide special "Senior & Junior Only Buses."

The Clay Senior & Junior Bus will be a new benefit for the students. But one drawback is that students will have to get up really early to catch the school bus, probably between 5:45 and 6:15, so be prepared for the change. Although some students may not be totally in favor of this new policy, when they evaluate the advantages to the entire community, they will change their minds.

# The Dummies' Guide to The Colonial



**Kit-Kat**  
YAHOO STAFF WRITER

You've wondered for a while: you've talked about it in the halls; you've even asked the staff members themselves. Now I'm here to answer your question: "Exactly what *does* go on behind the scenes of *The Colonial*?"

Our week technically starts on Friday. We all pack together in the front room, sitting on desks and chatting about the fight in lunch or who is supposedly failing chemistry. After five minutes, our beloved advisor comes in the room yelling, "They don't do this at *The New York Times*," and tells us to get off the desks. We all slouch down in our seats. As he works on a few things in the back room, we return to our places atop the desks and continue gossiping.

Eventually, either the page editors, or anyone who is sick of waiting in class and is saunter to the board to put up new story ideas. That usually takes about 30 or 35 minutes due to the fact that we just

don't come up with ideas that quickly. I shouldn't say that... people do come up with ideas. It's just that some of them tend to be a little, well, corny or pointless, perhaps even downright idiotic. Staff members will have an idea that they think is the greatest thing ever and go on yelling sprees insisting that it go up, but it just doesn't work (Evan, give it up!). The potential story gets rejected and thrown out amongst the several hundred others from past issues.

The remainder of the hour is taken up by actually assigning them. That is when we get to see exactly how childish our classmates can be. We finally get good stories up, but no one wants to write them...surprise surprise! They complain, whine and even result to lying, saying, "Oh, you want me to write a story on bowling? Well, I already have a story...sorry."

It takes a couple of minutes, but everyone catches on and the liar is

forced to do bowling anyway. This, of course, results in even more whining and possibly a fit. By the end of the hour, everyone has a story, whether they like it or not, and we are set free to have fun over the weekend, forgetting everything that was said.

Monday rolls around and we slump in our seats, waiting for roll to be taken. We get a lecture on how we must make this issue our best one yet and how we're all good writers- we just need to be punctual. Everyone "listens" with a blank stare, even though thoughts of being snuggled up in our beds pass through our minds.

Then comes the inevitable "Get to work," and there is a rush to get to the back room...yeah right. The next couple of days are an array of chess games and trips to the cafeteria for "interviews."

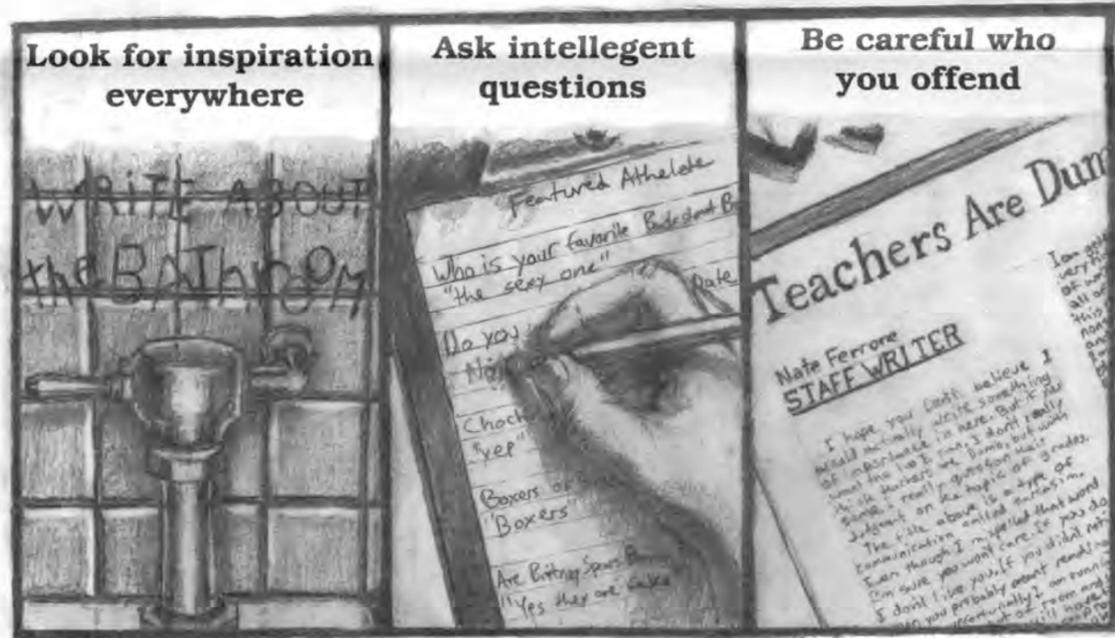
When next Friday comes around we know we have to have something to turn in, something the whole school will read

(haha). We all race to the computers to "finish" our articles. We look at the blank screen for about 30 minutes then type our name and title on it. "The Dummies Guide to *The Colonial*"... now we need some text. It takes around one and half-hours to get 500 words down.

We leave the proof-reading to the editors. After two days of actual work, we sit back down to enjoy our recess after lunch.

We normally have a staff meeting the day the editors get the articles. So what if it's not done? So what if it looks *that bad*. It's turned in, isn't it? Besides, it will probably get shortened to half that size.

For the next four days, the editors read, re-read, edit, cut, add and criticize the articles. During this time period, the only thing the writers can do is sit in the front room and resume their previous tasks.



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# The Buzz...



What would you think of a six day school week?

Freshman  
Zach Reinebold



"It'd be great!"

Sophomore  
Jamila McMorris



"I think it is so wonderful because that's one extra day I get to see all my great teachers."

Junior  
Freda Felcher



"huked on foniks workd fur mi. That's Whoa!"

Senior  
Angela Turner



"It would be a great improvement to the school system."

## Latin Teacher on Way to Riches

**Nate Ferrone**  
MILLION DOLLAR MAN

You may see him in the hallways, you may have him in class, but unless you're a good friend of his you're probably not likely to know his biggest secret. It just so happens that he has the opportunity to win a million dollars! Although it would be funny to drag out the "suspense" further, the person in question is Latin teacher Ralph Radecki.

Mr. Radecki was urged on by one of his students to try out on the online contest sponsored by "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" After some quick consideration, he decided to try a round. "By some stroke of good luck, I placed 1<sup>st</sup> out of 118 online contestants! I figured that winning 1<sup>st</sup> out of that many people would suffice enough to tell me that going on to the next round would certainly be a good thing," he stated.

So on he went, plowing through the competition and finally placing third in the second to the last round. Unfortunately for Mr. Radecki, he had to go out of town for the last

the TV show. Then Mr. Radecki would check in within the next 20 minutes. The plan went exactly as they planned, and fortunately for him, Mr. Radecki won along side the other finalists.

Everything fits perfectly with Mr. Radecki's schedule because according to him, he will take a flight to the filming of the show during spring vacation and plans to be back before school starts.

When asked what he wants to do with the cash if he actually wins the million, he said he would like to start his own popcorn company.

His major passion in life besides Latin, of course, is eating popcorn. Although he realizes that starting a popcorn company isn't a very realistic goal, he said it would be a lot more interesting than investing in real estate.

So the next time you see Mr. Radecki around school, you might want to treat him very nicely because who knows how much money he could be carrying around with him.

round of the competition. So at that moment, he decided to put an enormous amount of trust in one of his students, Dan Waggoner.

The plan was that Dan would call Mr. Radecki when he heard the online answer from

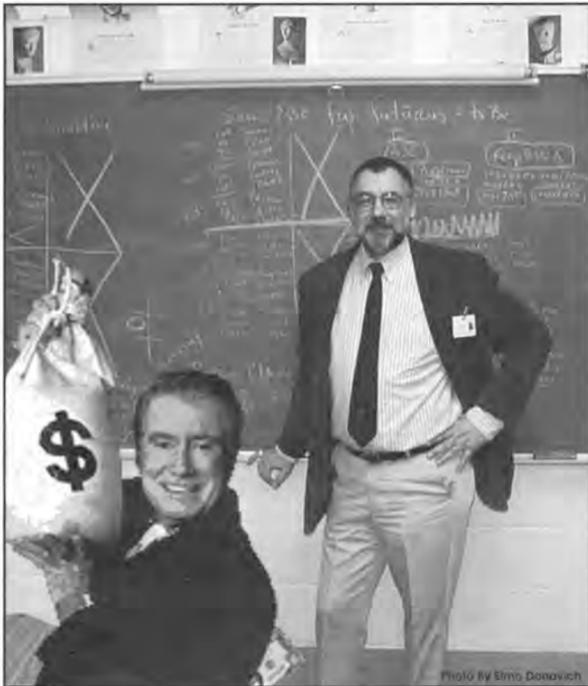


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## From Curtain Calls to Hollywood

**Ms. Dragon Lady**  
DISTRIBUTION

After Clay High School's amazing performance of *The Pajama Game*, fame has sprung into action. On the night of March 18, the last night of the musical, an agent by the name of Alfred Hitchingway was in the audience. He is one of the many producers of NBC's TV show ER. What was he doing in South Bend? He came down for his sister's wedding. For the few days that he was here, he came to see his younger stepbrother Jay Kitchner play Hines in *The Pajama Game*.

Mr. Hitchingway enjoyed the production very much and had never seen Jay perform so well.

So can you guess the big news? Jay Kitchner is going to be out of school for a while because he will be rehearsing for a new episode of ER! He is going to play Carter's cousin, who's visiting from Yale to mend past rivals between the two.

You don't want to miss ER or Jay while he is still with us! This is just one of those things that's nothing short of extraordinary. Kitchner is very excited and is thinking about college transfers, just in case this is the start of a successful profession. There's no doubt about it, though. For Jay Kitchner, *The Pajama Game* was the start of something big.

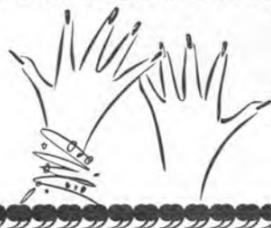
We all wish the best for Jay Kitchner who has been a part of Clay for the past three years, but now he's off to bigger and better things. In weeks to come, you can catch him every Thursday night at 10:00 P.M. Eastern time on



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NBC.

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## Sophomores and Freshmen: Penn Awaits

**Shahaab Uddin**  
STAFF WRITER

It is a school that Clay fans hate with a passion. It is something we all hate to see on our sports schedules, but it has finally happened. Penn is going to rezone their whole district! With a joint decision with the South Bend Community School Corporation, the Penn Harris Madison School Corporation made a ruling. After six hours of deliberation, they came up with the decision that everyone east of Ironwood would attend Penn High

School. This will be in effect during the 2001-2002 school year, which is the year after next. Current sophomores will spend their senior year at Penn.

Penn Principal Oscar Meyer said, "This will enhance our athletic program and give better diversity to the school." We asked fellow Clay students what they thought about it. Roger Podactor said, "Going there would be like working for the other side, giving your soul to the devil. I will forever

be a true Colonial fan. I don't want to be a sellout." Another student said, "There would be more opportunities to meet cute guys. It would be cool to be in a huge school and have more people to get to know, rather than seeing the same walls and people every single day."

Whatever the case is, if you live east of Ironwood, get used to looking at an enormous school and getting lost in the mass of humanity at Penn.

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## Featured Athlete Matthew Qualey

**Nickname:** Q, JunkYard Dog  
**Pets:** I don't like animals  
**Favorite Movie:** *Casino*  
**Favorite Subject:** Physics  
**Favorite Team:** Notre Dame  
**Biggest Win:** Beating U-Conn twice  
**Favorite Free Time Activity:** Playing pool  
**If you were stuck on a deserted island:** *Baywatch* girls  
**Pre-Game Meal:** Knollwood chicken-fingers  
**Favorite TV Show:** *Seinfeld*  
**Prized Possession:** Cadillac Fleetwood  
**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Walker  
**Favorite Quote:** "Cause the rock said so!"  
**Superstition:** Kiss an egg  
**Favorite Zoo Animal:** Qualey bear  
**Future Honey:** Yo mama  
**Sports Played:** Basketball  
**Something that People do That you Hate:** Clowns  
**Future Occupation:** NBA star  
**Favorite Musical Artist:** Tupac  
**Favorite Song:** "Get Rich to This"



## Alan Rubin Takes Wonder Drug to Enhance Height

**B.B. Brandon & Tom Green**  
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
 & STAFF WRITER

People always judge you by your height. Little guys make good tackling dummies and wrestlers, but they don't get much respect. One Clay senior has been putting up with jokes and nicknames his whole life. "I'm tired of being the shortest guy wherever I go. The jokes were funny at first, but they get old quick. I'm confident that this new procedure will improve my overall outlook on life, especially with the ladies," said Alan Rubin.

The University of Pittsburgh has recently been studying growth patterns in rats. Dr. Dee Snutts is leading the study of the new growth hormone Xenopituitan that has caused extensive growth in rats when injected into their throat.

For the initial human trial, Dr. Snutts has hand picked Clay senior Alan Rubin. "We had short guys from all over the world write in and ask to be included in the study.

For liability reasons, only one test subject could be chosen. My old college roommate called me up and told me that

he had the perfect specimen," said Snutts.

Rubin's hoop dreams have influenced his decision to undergo the radical hormone injection treatment. One March afternoon of last year, Alan was



Senior Alan Rubin stands next to one of Clay's tallest teachers, Mr. Thomas Hess, to demonstrate his new stature.

discovered as the next great center to play for the IUSB Titans basketball team. Rubin and Seniors Josh Gobel and Matt Vogt were playing a pickup game in Senior Joel Steele's

driveway. IUSB basketball coach Lou Hickey just happened to be driving by at the right moment.

Hickey said: "I saw the little guy jumping off the Ford Escort Station Wagon. I've never seen a guy fly that far before. He dunked over two of his friends. That night I thought to myself, 'if that kid was a foot taller, he could be an all-American player!' I had heard that my old college roommate Dee Snutts, whom we called Itchy, had been doing research on a new growth hormone. The next day I gave Alan a call, and the rest is history."

This past weekend Rubin completed the treatments. "I've missed a lot of school, but it's all been worth it," said Rubin. The procedure took just over a month, but problems could still arise. Dr. Snutts said, "Since the injection was in his throat, lasting voice distortions could result. Some other side-effects include terminal diarrhea and shortness of breath. These could affect his basketball skills, but that's a risk we are all willing to take."

"I can't wait to hit the courts!" said Rubin.

## Cross-Country Croquet May Win State

**Sha-boo-boo**  
 BUSINESS MANAGER

What a year this season's been for this group of Clay High athletes! Not only was a new sport added to the many other sports of the ISHA cross-country croquet this year, but this team may win State.

For those who don't know all of the details about this newly popular sport, here are a few basics. Cross-country croquet is a lot like regular croquet but much farther--3.1 miles to be exact.

The rules are the same as croquet, with only a few hazards. Big hills, steep downgrades, and the ever-treacherous gopher holes are some of the hazards of this very exciting game.

This sport is also a co-ed sport, in which at least ten girls made the team. Junior Melinda Rowe says, "I'm so happy that cross-country croquet is a co-ed sport. I've been playing this game since I was a child."

Senior Tom Balasa says, "I've been waiting for three

years for cross-country croquet to be a Clay sport, and I'm glad to be a part of this great sport!" Coach Nigel Hogan, a former Ball State University croquet player, said, "With a new sport and young athletes wanting to learn the game, I'm a little surprised that we might win State." This team has put a lot of work into this season from two-a-day practices in the one hundred-degree plus summer heat to practice in below zero weather.

With their hard work, Clay has a 25-0 record including big wins against 4 and 20 Penn and State runner-up Washington. Clay competes against No. 1 ranked LaSalle on Saturday April 8 at St. Patrick's Park.

Sophomore Bob Lattimer exclaims, "Come on Saturday and watch us whack our competition!" Come cheer on the Colonials at St. Patrick's Park at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday April 8. Bring signs, posters, noise-makers, and yourself to St. Pat's Park. I'll be there. will you?

## Michael Miller Decides to Enter NBA Draft

**Dustin Schmitt**  
 STAFF WRITER

Clay's top basketball player, Michael Miller, has decided to pass on college and jump to the NBA. Miller has passed on scholarships from Duke, North Carolina, and Cincinnati to pursue his dream right out of high school.

Miller is expecting to be a top ten pick in the 2000 NBA Draft. With other great players like Mateen Cleaves and Kenyan Martin in the Draft this year, it'll be hard to break the ice and get some attention next year. Throughout this season, seven NBA scouts

have come here to Clay to watch Miller, and four have sent recommendations to their teams to draft him this year. These teams include the Chicago Bulls, L.A. Clippers, New Jersey Nets, and the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Miller is hoping to have the success out of high school that Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnet have had. Surely, being on a team as pathetic as the Bulls or Clippers will allow him a good opportunity to shine.

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