



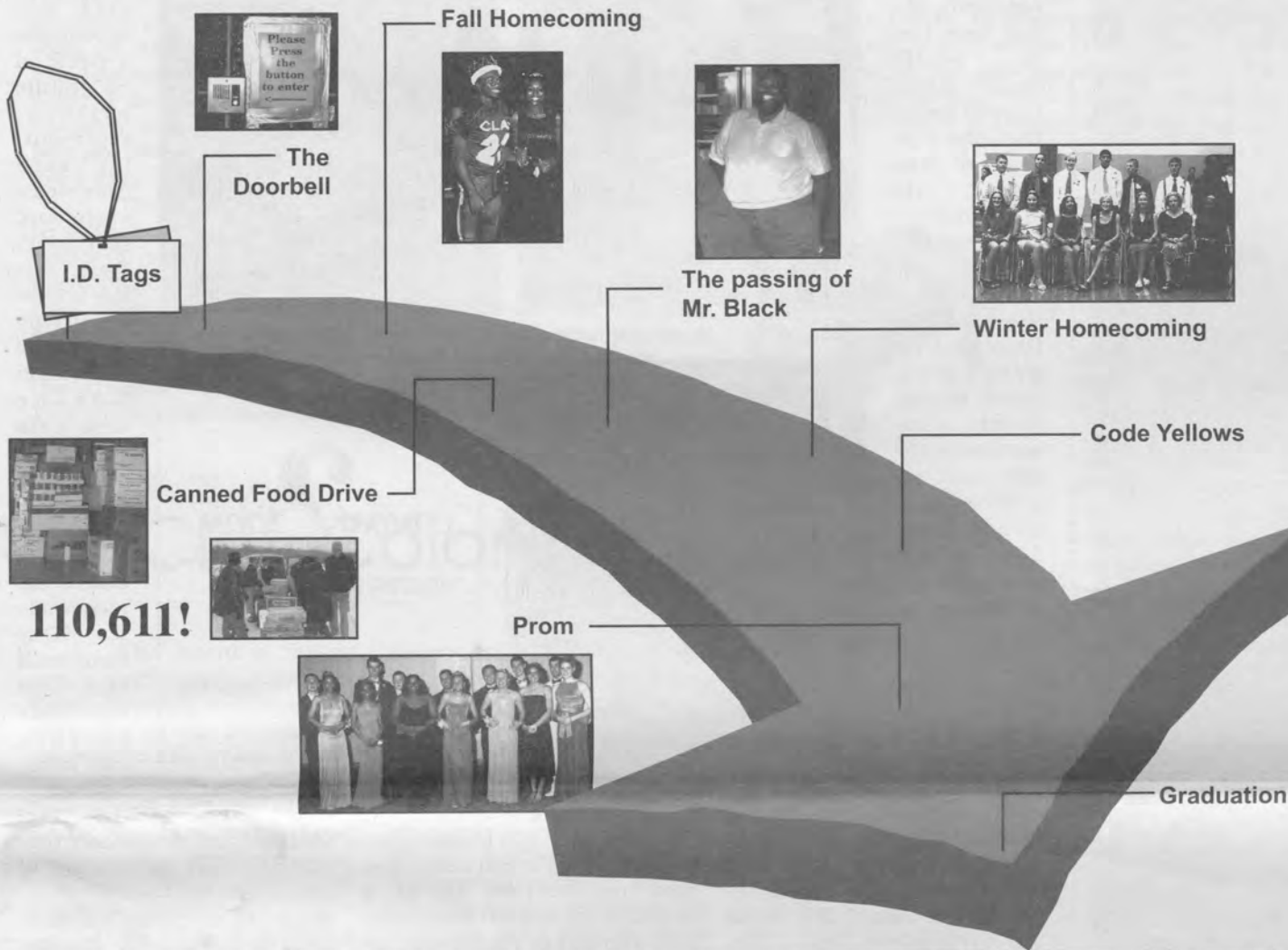
# The Colonial

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The Colonial congratulates the class of 2001 and wishes everyone a safe, and relaxing summer.

## 2000 - 01 REVIEWED



## Top 10 Clay Fans

Through rigorous debate, and hours of sifting through video yearbook footage, *The Colonial* staff has compiled a list of Clay's top ten sports fans. These individuals, we feel, have gone over the top this year in their commitment to the support of Clay's athletic teams.

1. **Derb**



2. **Dewey Parker**

3. **Sunjay Agtey**



4. **Jeff Fox**

5. **Ben Caruso**



6. **Erin Downey**

7. **Katie Zientara**



8. **Sarah Ansari**

9. **Jessica Aldridge**

10. **Kelley Carl**



## SOME PARTING THOUGHTS

**Aakash Chauhan**  
STAFF WRITER

No, that growling isn't T-rex. It's a stomach that has just eaten raw potato wedges. Four years of eating cafeteria food has taught my body and my mind a lesson. There is no reason to be eating it in the first place. So save yourself and bring your own lunch. 1<sup>st</sup>, you'll like what you bring; 2<sup>nd</sup>, no ptomaine; 3<sup>rd</sup>, no overpriced flat chicken strips. Another alternative to eating soup that looks like sewage is Taco Bell and Burger King. So, do yourself a favor and go eat there. Eating food is the most important factor for a good day. Eating raw potato wedges with cheese causes your stomach to go haywire to digest it. This is something not needed during a Gov-uh-ment or Physics test. So what's the deal?

Senior Neil Barth proposed two great ideas about what's the deal with Clay High School. "First of all, the school's budget is needlessly wasted on ridiculous items (school doorbell) when it should be used for better things (security cameras in the parking lot). Second, why is it that whenever I walk through different parts of the school I am surrounded by 10 different nasty reeking smells?" I agree, get some Lysol® Spray and air fresheners to help the pungent odor in our school. It's also time to buy a new air conditioning air/heating system so that the rooms aren't 20 degrees in winter and 90 degrees in May.

Seniors Ben Smith, Ryan Worth, and Scott Stirdivant feel, "The administration of the South Bend School Corporation is inconsistent in their enforcement of the rules." With only two weeks of school left, is there a need of strict enforcement of the banana ribbons around our necks?

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**Kyle Burkett**  
STAFF WRITER

Standing, bathed in the strange blue-gray light radiating from my computer screen, I realize that high school is complete and utter fraud. People enter, beautifully confused, like a million butterflies fresh from their cocoons, and expect to learn geometry and biology. I don't know where the misconception came from, why we expected to learn anything more than what we learned grade school? But high school isn't about that. High school is about interaction.

The most important thing I learned in the past four years was how to talk to people, and how to think. Actually, the process started when I was in eighth grade, when my grades went from straight A's to D's. You can call it the beginning of a trend. It was the most bizarre feeling in the world, to look down and realize that I had failed, but all of a sudden there were distractions. There were ideas in my head and words in my mouth. There were also girls; and they had grown breasts.

I remember my math teacher in eighth grade, a five foot four inch pitbull named Mr. Sherman, taking me by the ear and expelling me from class. The crime I had committed: talking. I was always talking, and always a little too loudly because I constantly found myself sitting in the hall. Then, one day, someone finally understood what I was saying; there were now two people sitting in the shiny marble hallway. The friends I made in high school were my friends not because I had known them since I was two, but because we thought the same. There is comfort to be found in someone who shares the same frame of mind as you do.

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"Dr. Raymond receives several requests for interviews from school newspaper writers. Since principals are kept current on events by the administration, these requests are forwarded to the principal of the high school. I have asked Mr. Harris to interview for your newspaper. He should be contacting you in the near future."  
Judy Tovey, Media Information Department, SBCSC

Dr. Raymond doesn't have time for student interviews



## To go to Summer School or not to Go! Options

**Jamica Womack**  
STAFF WRITER

Many students all across America go to summer school during the summer in all different subjects and lot's of different ages. Most elementary school children go to summer school because they have to, others go just to have something to do.

High school students often go to summer school to fit in extra classes that they don't have room for in their regular schedule, or make up a credit missed during the school year. Many people say summer school is a quicker way to earn your credit(s) in a class you have problems in or just don't enjoy going to.

The last reason why many students go to summer school is because they say it's something to do in the summer; you can also make new friends and meet new people.

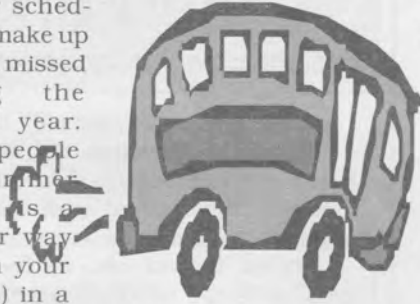
When asked if summer school last too long, it runs from 7:45am to 12:30pm, most students said no, it doesn't last too long. The first session is June 18<sup>th</sup> - July 11<sup>th</sup> and the

second session is July 12<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$20.00 per session, and this year South Bend Community summer school will be held at Riley High School and there are no school buses. But there will be city buses provided at \$0.75 each way or you can buy a monthly bus pass at \$25.00 for unlimited use during that month in which it was purchased.

Although, summer school is taking place this summer, Driver's Ed is yet far the most popular classes tipping off this summer. This year Driver's Ed will be taking place at two locations this year which are Riley High School and Clay High School at a cost of \$350.00.

Overall, Summer school isn't as bad as it may seem, even if it leaves you in South Bend for the summer, you still have your friends. So, DeAndrea Wright says "Summer school is a great experience and summer school's not that bad because you get to meet new people."

Well that's all folks for this year, have a fun summer and a great school year.



**Congratulations to the National Honor Society for raising \$1400 for charity!**



## Building A Place For The Finest Generation

courtesy of [www.chronicle-tribune.com](http://www.chronicle-tribune.com)

President George W. Bush signed into law Monday [May 28] a bill calling for the creation of a national World War II Memorial, giving tribute to the 400,000 Americans who lost their lives in battle. Bush's authorization means that after eight years of planning, the monument's construction could begin as early as July.

Fifth District Congressman Steve Buyer, R-Ind., a co-sponsor of the bill and a member of the House Veterans Affairs committee, recognized the urgency to construct the memorial. "The World War II Memorial is just one small gesture of gratitude, but it will serve to let the nation know that our World War II veterans are truly special," he said. "It has been reported that about 1,200 World War II veterans die daily. ... The memorial (must) be built now."

The Senate approved the bill early last week, just in time for Memorial Day. Previously, it had been stalled in the House because of objections re-

garding its design and location. Critics argued that the memorial would eliminate an open two-mile area of the National Mall and create a barrier between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

ans, they're not going to get to see it," he said.

The memorial is to be erected off 17th street between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial and will incorporate the existing Rainbow Pool in its design.

A third of the memorial's 7.4-acre area will encompass a circle of 56 granite pillars, representing each American state and territory. Two 43-foot arches signifying the allied victories in Europe and Asia will act as entryways on the north and south ends of the memorial.

"Our American and even the world's history may never again see the level of

sacrifice and dedication that this greatest generation of Americans has made," Buyer said. "Their commitment to freedom for America and for the world is something that must never be forgotten or diminished."



Korean Memorial



Vietnam Memorial



Lincoln Memorial



World War II Memorial

Buyer was among the 400 House members who voted to end delays and pass the bill. Tony Brooks, a Desert Storm veteran from Madison, who was in Washington for Memorial Day, agreed with Buyer about the sense of urgency needed in constructing the memorial. "I feel that it should have been built a long time ago - a lot of the World War II veter-

## Is There Too Much Testing?

PRINCETON, N.J. - The answer to the question, "Is there too much testing in Americas schools?" is:

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Maybe
- D. Its not just a question of too much testing, but whether its the right kind.

Paul Bartons answer is "D." Barton, director of Educational Testing Services Policy Information Center, has written Too Much Testing of the Wrong Kind; Too Little of the Right Kind in K-12 Education. The new Policy Information Perspective supports his view about "the exploding use of standardized testing in a belief that testing itself is the principal instrument of reform, rather than a means of tracking whether reform efforts are having the desired results." Barton calls such an approach to educational reform a popular shortcut. "But it is, I am afraid, a shortcut across quicksand," he says.

Too Much Testing traces the history of this assessment trend from the early 1970s to the present. Ameri-

cans want numbers, he writes, when they look

at students, schools, state education systems, and how Americas students compare to those of other countries. Tests supply those numbers, but they are not adding up to good information, he laments. He is not against standardized testing in Americas schools. But if standardized testing is here to stay, Barton wants it to produce better information for teachers, administrators, policymakers and the public.

The approach has already resulted in strong progress:

-Math standards led the way, emerging from the work of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. By 1998, 42 states had math content

standards.

-Science is second with 41 states, and emerged from the work of the National Science Teachers Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Research Council.

-Social Studies/History standards have been created in 40 states.

-English and Language Arts standards have been adopted in 37 states.

About half the states have standards in foreign languages, health, and physical education. Echoing the words of the late Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, Barton says that we must move toward "less frequent but far better testing." Americans must demand higher standards in testing, as they are demanding higher standards in education generally, he concludes. "Standardized testing, used properly, may tell us whether the standards-based reforms are working," Barton writes. "In and of itself, testing is not the treatment."



## The Colonial

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The Colonial is a biweekly newspaper written and designed by the publication class at Clay High School. It upholds all the ideals of the First Amendment of the Constitution, namely freedom of the press.

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## Aakash/ CONTINUED from FRONT

One day a student will walk down the hallway without his ID, the next day he will be barked at by an official to wear it only to find that the day after, the same official will say hi and not notice that he isn't wearing his ID. Hmmm, make up your mind. Sophomore Kurtis Meyers says, "I don't understand why a teacher calls my name, and then tells me to snag my ID right quick so he can identify me. What's the deal?" I don't know Kurt but definitely don't worry about it because there are only a few more days of school left.

The truth of the matter is that I can handle two more weeks of prison-time. This is just a suggestive article to perhaps keep in mind that air fresheners and proper air-conditioning be implemented for the student's of next year. Well.... Who cares about them, not me!

## Kyle/ CONTINUED from FRONT

For me, girls didn't really come into focus until the end of ninth grade. I had crushes, but God knows they didn't have me; it had become a soothing sort of cycle: I asked and they rejected. The cycle continued until sophomore year, when I met a girl who was everything I was looking for; the only problem was that she was in love with someone else. He was an upper classman, a kid who had style and grace, and a car, things that I never had. But time changes everything, from rock formations to caterpillars, and the girl would be mine, oh yes, and I won her with my words.

High school is about balance. It's about learning to deal with more than one thing at a time, about what you think and who you are. In its simplest, high school is four years of time in which you learn from

interaction, make plans, grow, think, breathe, dance, yell, and maybe even learn how to kiss. I don't know what else I can say, maybe it's different for other people. Maybe, just maybe, high school is hell, like they say, but what is the rest of your life? I'm inclined to think that it is whatever you make it. If you're a nerd, be a nerd. If you're an athlete, be an athlete. Be whatever; ultimately, it is your decisions that make you who you are. Remember to trust yourself; have confidence and you'll be alright.



## Clay Colonial's Editorial

The point of view of the Colonial's Editors. This issue's editorial was written by Jakob Schpok, Opinion Editor.

The world is falling apart, everything is destroying itself. Nothing is stationary, nothing is forever; nothing is all we have to fully grasp on to in this self-indulging world. Scientists across America, Europe, and Russia came with a theory that space has stopped expanding and is now starting to collapse inside itself.

Maybe humans will see our Sun die causing itself to expand larger than the solar system destroying Earth. Maybe we'll see the pour of CFC's and toxic waste into our atmosphere eventually dissipating the ozone layer, creating the heat to raise temperatures across the world, creating prime locations for crops and plants to grow to become harsh wastelands, creating lack of food around the world.

Maybe we could see the force of nuclear weapons. If

anyone invades America and takes our country over we have bomb shelters all across the countryside for the important government officials and their family. With a simple switch, with the permission from whomever is left in the senate, we can destroy the world. If America can't withhold, then we have the force to let no one, not even our allies survive. Hopefully, sooner than this we, as a generation, will all reach an old age and die from cancer or some virus.

What does this all mean? Why waste your time reading this? The one thing I never was taught in my four years of high school is that sooner or later everything will be dust. Sooner or later, the farther down the line you go the less important your life becomes.

Give up.

Let go.

Stop trying.

Do what makes you happy. Do what will lead you in the direction that will make your life the most fulfilling to yourself. The meaning of life is simple; the one thing everyone wants and is fighting for isn't a huge mystery. Everyone wants to be happy.

BE HAPPY! Stop crying over the history. Stop crying over poverty. Stop crying over social status. Do yourself a favor and stand outside in the rain, eat with no regret, clear the space in your heart where the ones that hurt you infest. Stand beside your beliefs, your actions, your way of life and listen to yourself.

Be what you want. Let nothing affect your life but yourself.

Good bye Clay High School I wish you all the best.

## Summer Movie Preview: What's worth the \$7 this summer.

Shahaab Uddin and Aakash Chauhan  
STAFF WRITERS

the past year. This movie has promise and should be another summer hit.

The mania surrounding the summer movie season has finally arrived, and it has already had its first big hit, *The Mummy Returns*. Some of the movies that are summer blockbusters are shunned from the hype but prove to be money-grabbers at the end. The movie *Sixth Sense* came out of nowhere last summer to then become one of the highest grossing movies. This summer movie's craze will be mostly dealing with sequels: *Jurassic Park 3*, *Dr. Dolittle 2*, *Scary Movie 2*, *Rush Hour 2*, and *American Pie 2*.

**Pearl Harbor**- The scene of the trailer in which they show a bird's eye-view of a bomb dropping from a Japanese fighter jet only makes it more interesting to watch this movie. This movie has been predicted to be this summer's biggest hit. The budget of this movie was 135 million dollars and should have some of the best special effects of the year. Besides the special effect, there is an all-star cast: Josh Hartnett, Ben Affleck, Cuba Gooding Jr., and Kate Beckinsale. This movie will definitely live up to its hype.

**Scary Movie 2**- Even though Marlon Wayans and his brother promised not to make a sequel, the amount of money that they made from the first one was more than enough to force them to make a second. This movie will be a replica of the first one, in which they will make fun of the biggest movies of

**American Pie 2**- Not there isn't another scene with a pie, but definitely more of Stifler, Finch, and the whole gang. This time the movie focuses on the return of all the main characters from college. Obviously they haven't change and girls are their main focus. This movie should contain a lot of humor but really have no point to it. This movie should live up to expectations and give a good laugh.

**A Knight's Tale**- YEAH RIGHT!!

**Jurassic Park 3**- It's about time they stopped the production of this movie. Even if this movie will make a load of money, it will also be a big flop. There is no way that these dinosaurs can keep on coming back again and again. I've had enough of T-Rex and his raptor friends. This movie will be a blockbuster flop but will still make a quite a lot of money.

The amount of movies that are going to come out this summer will cause much confusion. Just because a movie is a sequel doesn't mean its good and as all sequels do will suck. Look for movies that are original and have hot girls in them. That will do you better in the long run!

Movies to Consider:  
Shrek the Ogre  
Tomb Raider  
Diablo  
Evolution  
Die Hard 4  
Final Fantasy

Krysen Abnderson  
STAFF WRITER

## Waste of Space

What are you doing on the last day of school?



"Hang out with Drew and friends. Party!"  
Freshman Kaitlin Hendricks



"Go blading to Niles with Severin"  
Freshman Karsten Anderson



"Party!"  
Sophomore Adam Rothballe



"Giving tests, correcting tests, cleaning out my desk, planning for August, and sighing!"  
English Teacher Miss Emge

## Blurred Vision

### Seniors Graduating: Clay High School's Teachers Made the Deadline

Megan Tarbet  
Feature Editor

This last issue goes out to all the seniors that will be walking across a stage collecting a diploma in June. Congratulations, you made it. Perhaps you never thought that four years would go by so quickly or maybe you were waiting to graduate after freshman year. Instead of planning for college or looking into the new job you're going into, try to spend these last few days making memories.

I can relate to how exhausted you might feel when you think about your schedule of waking up early, making the deadlines, beating the bell, coming home to go to work, and then crashing on your bed haunted to study for that Economic or Government test the next day. You're thinking about the beach, your friends, and how you'll consume your freedom before entering the next chapter of becoming a young adult. You know the school grounds, the hallways, the security guards, and our indestructible lunch ladies. What's

your relationship with your teachers, though?

We are saying good-bye to some great teachers that only wanted us to give our best, or at least realize that our best was not impossible to give. There were times when we might have missed important notes while we were sleeping, or skipping school. It wasn't just these four years that made you a Colonial, but it was the supreme re-charge in academic energy that was pushed on us so that we would succeed the drive-thru job twenty years down the road. We can appreciate

excellence because the

was parental intercession. respect.

There are too many parents out there that send their kid on the bus and are not involved at all with their school life. Some parents could care less if a backpack is brought home.

I have had more than a few teachers that have refused to let me blow away my grades like dry leaves.

If you plan on pursuing your education in college then you'll have another flock of teachers that are going to "wow" you.

Just don't walk out of here not telling these teachers that after four years that not once did they make you want to take that extra step. This article is not an attempt to give shiny-apple smiles to teachers that I do not

My mother is a teacher and has taught all grades for the past thirty years in Niles, Michigan. Watching her at home with her lab top on, glowing at her blood shot eyes, the piles of unmarked papers that grow in our living room, and the parents that call at all hours, made me realize that you have to be a super hero to be a teacher. You have to be patient and demanding at the same time.

You're not a loser for saying thank-you. You're not the class pet by telling your teacher that you appreciated their time that they put into you to be the best.

I don't see teachers brag about how much they get paid. How can you be resistant to someone that will go out of their way to push you past all limitations? How can you be reluctant to listen to someone who wants you to be your own boss? Congratulations, class of 2001, you made it.



Clay High School's teachers smiling proud. From left to right is Mr. Morriscal, Mr. Kasper, Mrs. Stafford, Mr. Carpenter, and Mr. Pajokowski.

teachers of Clay High School said that we had it.

The difference between public schools and private schools are not just religious classes and uniforms. A teacher told me once that the difference

## What you NEED to know about the military

James Witt  
Staff Writer

Each year the military recruits thousands of people that are young and old: Most of them are either prior service, still in high school, or just out of high school. So what draws so many young people to join the military?

The Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force target young people through advertisements, and benefits such as money for collage.

The Army offers full medical and dental benefits, accompanied by 38 days paid vacation. In addition is the grant of up to \$50,000 for collage or further education. They can reduce the price of travel expenses.

Cash bonuses up to \$12,000 are granted. They offer a loan repayment plan of up to \$65,000 for a four-year enlistment. If you are interested call a recruiter at 1-219-252-5319.

The Marines offer full medical and dental benefits, with 30 days paid vacation. They also offer reduced travel expenses. Up to \$50,000 can be

awarded towards collage, if you enroll in active duty you can receive 100% tuition paid with the Montgomery G.I bill. Students can receive up to \$12,000 for collage. For a student who scores a 50 or higher on the A.S.V.A.B test another \$50,000 can be

the Montgomery G.I bill. Seventy-five percent is paid for a maximum of \$2,500 per undergraduate course taken and \$3,500 for each graduate course taken. If you are interested call a recruiter at 1-219-252-5532.

The Air Force offers full medical and dental benefits plus 30 days paid vacation. There are 123 jobs skills offered. \$50,000 can be received towards collage after 3 years of service. In addition, 75% of tuition can be paid. If you are interested call a recruiter at 1-219-252-5239.

Clay High School offers Air Force J.R.O.T.C as an elective credit. In this class students from grades 9-12 learn the value of military life.

A.F.J.R.O.T.C cadets make up 8.2% of clays student population. 21 cadets take part in extra curricular school activities. If you are interested in joining the military, J.R.O.T.C and R.O.T.C are excellent courses to take. They both teach students the honor and dignity of military life. They both also promote students in rank if the student does choose to join the military.

awarded. For more information talk to a recruiter at 1-219-252-5495.

The Navy also offers full medical and dental benefits as well as 30 days paid vacation. Bonuses are awarded, as well as travel expense reduction. A recruit can receive up to \$50,000 for collage in combination with



## Summer Blues

Megan Walker and Abby Herreman  
Business Manager and Ads Manager

So, you've hit mid-July and you can't think of another thing to do. Well, Abby and I thought we'd help you out in that department. Here is our list of things to do this summer so you can have the time of your life, when all else fails.

10.) **Ben Caruso and Aakash Chauhan.** Enough said.

9.) **Go sea kayaking** with your closest friend in British Columbia, Canada. But to add to this experience you can't bring any toiletries. You'll become super close when you realize just how bad your best friend's smell can be without showering and deodorant.

8.) **Have a picnic** at the nearest landfill. This will give you a once in a lifetime experience. After this you will never complain about your mother's cooking again. Smoked Salmon Stew will smell like roses!

7.) **Have a dance party** to Caribbean polka. Invite your friends and tell them to wear their favorite yodeling attire with a Caribbean twist. (A hula skirt or bikini top.)

6.) **Eat at Ed Debevic's.** Before you go remember to dye your hair purple and dress like a clown to make it a day you'll never want to remember or forget.

5.) **Go to Chicago.** Take the South Shore into Chi-town and meet up with Vijay and Kathy for a double date at the Palmer House.

4.) **Slip N' Slide/Slip N' Mudding.** Have you heard of the Slip N' Slide? Well, this is even better. Put on your Sunday Best and wait until a big huge rain-storm. Find a big muddy puddle and start running. When you get to the puddle, slide. Remember to take a shower afterward.

3.) **Have a race around the block.** But remember to put bologna in your pants.

2.) **Have a Mr. T. Movie Marathon.** Self-explanatory. And the Number 1 thing to do this summer is:

1.) **Snood!** Never hear of it? Well, go to [www.snood.com](http://www.snood.com) and download your own version. Snood the summer away.

## Bullpen

Check out the Bullpen before school gets out!

Located near the main office doors  
Across from Clay High School's  
lass protected wall of fame.

# Another Boring Year-End Review

**Kurtis Meyers**  
STAFF WRITER

As the newspaper year is coming to a close, I was struggling to come up with article ideas for the last article. Not another movie review. Another column with Aakash? Yeah, like that would ever get done. After hours of wasted energy, I realize that I have a lot of things that happened in the past year that I want to get off my chest? Then it hit me; why don't I write about? So here it is.

First off, the entire television industry is going downhill. Why is every television show getting serious on us? In *Dharma and Greg*, Dharma is cheating on Greg with Kevin Sorbo from Hercules. Although I find the thought of a girl finding Hercules attractive very

amusing, why do they have to throw this affair at us? And *Frasier*: "Frasier must chose between women," screams the ads on TV. I miss the rest of the ad because I was too busy barfing. The last scene showed Kelsey Grammar with his shirt off. And *Friends*, what is going on there? It used to be a fresh comedy with new faces. Now it's a bunch of thirty somethings getting married. Why can't they all just follow the golden rule that Seinfeld set forth by saying "no growth"? Just think how funny television would be without all these marriages and deaths. I hope they realize soon because I don't think I can put up with another "Very Special" *Boy Meets World*.

And reality shows! I'm glad *Survivor* did well, because that idea was reasonably original,

but now every money grubbing loser is trying to jump on the bandwagon. Thanks to the gay fat guy's success, we now have *Temptation Island*, *Big Brother*, *Road Rules Challenge*, and one where four guys are chained to a girl and after 72 hours of being together she must choose one. How does she go to the bathroom? I don't get it. And after *Millionaire's* success, we now have this British grandma insulting people on *The Weakest Link*. I watched about ten minutes of it, and after hearing the catchphrase "You are the weakest link, goodbye" about a million times, I switched to good ol' Rege.

As I sit here in the publication room, I am sweating bullets on the keyboard. But last week, there were icicles growing on my nose. Why this ex-

treme change in climate? We didn't get AC until May 15<sup>th</sup> and when it did show up, it was so unreliable you didn't even notice it was there. I would ask Raymond to work on that, but she probably wouldn't get to it with her "busy schedule". So I'm just going to tough it out for the rest of the year.

This advertising problem has even infiltrated our movie theatres and DVDs. You know what Disney has done? They put previews on when you put the disc in. No problem, you'll just fast forward. Wrong. They have rigged it so you can't change it. You have to watch the twenty minute promo for *Lion King 3* to get to the real movie. And at the theatres. Instead of just previews, we now have to sit through car commercials. I don't think I

can sit through another Pontiac Aztec ad again.

Look, I love sequels as much as the next guy, but what were they thinking? How many are there this year? *American Pie 2*, *Rush Hour 2*, *The Mummy Returns*, *Scary Movie 2*, and even a third *Jurassic Park*. When will movie producers realize that sequels suck? They should just take what they got with the first and walk away. Other than *The Godfather II* and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Secret of the Ooze*, all sequels are lame. Who remembers the sequel to *Arthur*?

With all of this said, I feel a little better. But then again, saying all of this reminds me of how mad I am. I think to avoid a summer of let downs I am going to lock myself in a closet and hope things are better next year.



## The Final Address

### A Tribute to the Class of 2001

Bengay is not needed, because the senior class is already great. Here's why:

- Lauren Sylvester
- ▲ T-Hud's bombs to left-center
- Wacky Paki's pigtails
- m "Te the geck, te the gock, te the geuok."
- ▲ WATCH my VIDEO!
- ▼ AP Tests:
- ◆ Aakash's smile (when it shows up)
- Flynn's two-handed backhand (with and without a tennis racket)
- Nandhu, Jeff, and Matt trying to do a Physics lab.
- The one "tough guy" in the school (Ben Smith) is actually really cool.
- Shaun Palus is nine feet tall, and he still runs like a rabbit.
- ▲ Sal is three feet tall, and he runs faster than a rabbit.
- ▼ Kelley Carl is the model of balance; she's involved in every club and sport imaginable, does pretty well in class, and has fun doing it.
- ◆ John Lehman is the nicest guy you'll ever meet. Enjoy it while you can.
- Jay Kitchner is almost as nice as Johnny, and that's saying something.
- Allie Pernic looks much better than ALLY McBeal, and thinks much better than CoPERNICus.
- Katie Zientara

□ In fifteen years, water cooler discussions are going to be about Karrah Miller.

▲ Notre Dame sure got it right with Catalina, Charee, Eli, Erin, Jan, Jim, Kevin, and Sandhu.

▼ Notre Dame sure got it wrong with Foxy.

◆ Agtey is the first normal Indian to hit North America and the only Indian who Nandhu got along with for three years.

□ Dean Catanzarite's Catalina pickup lines

● Nandhu knows what Noel did on weekends.

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□ Matt Meyer is going to make more money than all of us.

▲ David Wilkinson could have played any sport he wanted and been good.

▼ Mike converted to Judaism.

◆ Nandhu, Sandhu, and Katie Z. are going to shack up next year.

□ Whichever God gave Sarah Wiley her voice, we're praying to That One.

● If there was ever a girl you'd want to bring home for dinner, it would be Molly, Kippy, Abby, Abby, Flynn, Katie, Rachel, Jan, Meghan, Megan, Erin, Lindsey, Yolaine, Candace, Nasem, Melanie. . . .

○ Lauren Sylvester

□ Ben Caruso chasing after Lauren Sylvester.

## Good Advice From A Good Person

**Jamila McMorris**  
STAFF WRITER

Once again I am sitting in front of a computer, marveling at how fast this year went by. I myself had a few months full of senioritis and I'm not even a senior. Well, faithful readers (this is the last Colonial newspaper of the year and most likely the last time you will be hearing from me. Unfortunately, I know, so I would like to leave you all with some humble advice to keep in mind for the rest of the year, the summer, next school year, and the rest of your lives. Keep in mind who I am and that I am not a professional. All the advice I give you is real and from the heart. So here it is:

1<sup>st</sup>- To all the freshmen don't start getting into bad habits. Skipping, for example, not studying until the last minute, and last but not least not doing your homework. I know this is the same crap your parents tell you all the time. But Dear Peers believe me they are right when

they tell you all of this.

2<sup>nd</sup>- Don't let jealousy, envy, and hate cloud your mind: It doesn't matter whether you are the one hating or the one getting hated on. For the haters: it only makes you look bad, jealous, and ignorant. For those being hated: hold your head up regardless, people's jealousy only goes to show that you are doing bigger and better than those who hate you. Keep walking, talking, and doing what you were doing.

3<sup>rd</sup>- Stay out of Core and try to stay out of the assistant principal's offices. For the most part, if you are on time to class, behave respectfully, and do your work staying out of their offices should be no problem.

4<sup>th</sup>- R. E.S.P.E.C.T. I don't care who the teacher is or how dumb, mean, silly, or boring he or she is, respect them! The teachers at Clay and other high schools across the country walk into class everyday with great things on their minds, ready to brighten all of our horizons.

They are here to teach us, learn from us, and grow with us. Allow them that. Our teachers are some of the sweetest, smartest, and funniest people in the world. Get to know them. They might inspire you to do great things and work harder.

5<sup>th</sup>- The last and most important thing about high school is this: have fun. This means go to football games on Friday nights, get a group of friends together on a weekend and have a water fight or play hide-and-go-seek. Go to slumber parties. Don't get so caught up on grades you forget about just being a kid. None of us are as grown as we like to think we are. If that were the case we wouldn't be in high school, living with our parents, and whining when we need the new Jordan's or Hush Puppies.

So my friends this is the end. I hope all of you take some of what I have said to heart, mind, body, and soul. And Seniors we'll miss you.

## Crafton's View



Summer is inching closer and closer. My junior year has gone by relatively slowly, and each passing day seems to grow a little longer than the previous. Although I'm anxious to get my summer vacation started ASAP, I admit there are a few things I'll miss about the 2001 school year. With that in mind, I'll make the focus of this week's column the top five things I'll miss from this school year.

1) **Mr. Hartman's classes-** Both his Psychology and U.S. History classes were some of the most entertaining

I've ever been in. Notes sessions sometimes seemed more like standup comedy routines, making the typically boring subject matter actually interesting. Proof of Hartman's teaching skills: Through all the fun and games, everyone was still learning.

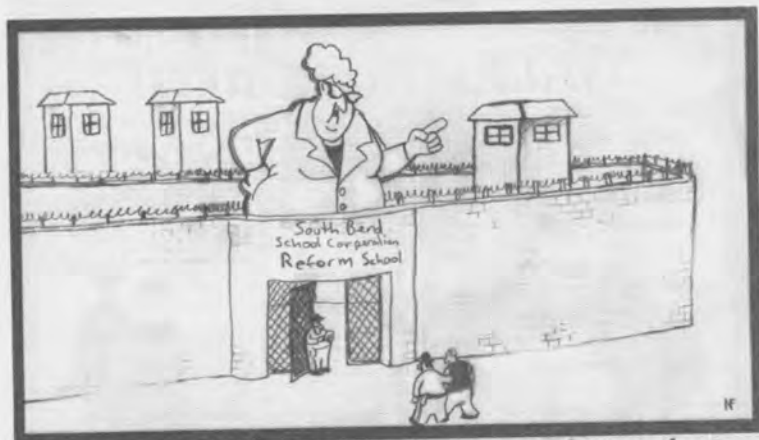
2) **Block Scheduling-** I wish the school system would have given block scheduling at least one more year to work out its problems. Besides having almost twice as much time per class period, we were able to take seven courses each semester, and generally experienced less stress with only three to four classes a day to deal with.

3) **Mr. Roberts' Physics Class-** Known by many for chasing down students who weren't wearing their I.D. tags in the upstairs hallway, Mr. Roberts is actually a very laid back guy. While the class did drag on at times, more often than not there was an interesting video to watch. The trip to Great America at the end was

easily the best field trip I've ever been on, more than making up for the few boring moments in class.

4) **Mrs. Emge's English Class-** Probably the best word to describe this class would be "different". While I couldn't get into too many of the books we had to read, there always seemed to be entertaining discussions about them, usually ending with Mrs. Emge wishing she never brought certain subjects up. Although I had a habit of getting on her nerves, Mrs. Emge is usually pretty easy to get along with.

5) **CHERI!**- I'm not sure how the paper will survive next year without head editor Cheri "Cheffy" Holloway. Always early to class and constantly impressing the entire staff with her ability to keep the paper functioning like the well oiled machine it is, there will be no greater task in the world than to fill the socks once worn by Charee.



Dr. Raymonds plan for next years naughty students

## The Year in Review in Clay Sports

**Shaun Palus and Mike Brzezinski**  
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The "Swarm Stampede" runs out on the field before the game.



Junior Vijay Ramanan returns the serve.



The boy's soccer team gets ready to play.



Senior Leah Carroll tees off.



The boy's cross-country team huddle together to do their cheer after their run-out.



The girl's cross-country team get ready to line up for the race.



The girl's volleyball team congratulate each other after the game.



Senior Abby Herreman runs after her opponent.



Sophomore Kevin Hartman sets up for a take-down.



Junior Ryan Rafferty is in lead in the his event.



The girl's basketball team and Coach Robertson huddle together.



Senior David Wilkinson sinks the putt for birdie.



Sophomore Sylvester Mayes goes up for a dunk.



Freshman Kady Elliot catches the ball after her last pitch.



The girl's swim team members cheer on their teammates.



The baseball team gets pumped before their big game.



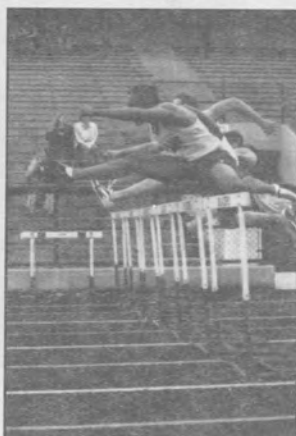
After the end of a period, the hockey team gets ready for the next period.



Senior Lauren Sylvester is ready to return the serve.




Senior Altarea runs the last leg of the 1600 relay.



Freshman Lorenzo Swanson shows perfect form in the 110 high hurdles. He was the Sectional and Regional Champion in the 110 high and the 300 intermediate hurdles.

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