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Zero Hour Zombies

The Clay band is participating in the All City Marching Festival on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 pm at School Field. Wish them luck. That way the sacrifice of your parking space will be worth it.

College Bound

Anyone wishing to take the Nov. 7 SAT I/II should register in Guidance before Oct. 2. Your future depends on it.

Wait!! You Can't Leave Yet!!

All seniors must have a photo taken for the yearbook even if they do not plan to purchase pictures. Root Studios will be here at Clay in the Auditorium from 7:45 am-3:15 pm on Oct. 5-6. Please see Mr. Krause in the Publications Room if you have not had your picture taken by Root Studios.

Raising Moolah

- Fund-raisers galore start off our '98-'99 year. The Clay Comedy Club will be selling candy from Sept. 28 to Oct. 9.
- The Flag squad is peddling Bean Sprouts, which are sort of like Beanie Babies.
- Cheerleaders are selling the Spirit Clackers at all football games and in the bookstore.

Say 'Aloha' to This Year's CHS Rookies

Elise Scott
STAFF WRITER

Incoming freshmen aren't the only new faces at Clay High School this fall; there are also six new faculty members this year. *The Colonial* will feature three of



them in this issue and three in the Oct. 9 issue.

There are never too many teachers for the English language. The proof: English department member Ms. Melissa Scherer (pictured left). A South Bend Native and LaSalle High School graduate, she finished her schooling at IUSB. When asked what inspired her to be a teacher she said, "I went to LaSalle and I had really good teachers. That inspired me."

In the Special Ed. Department is Mr. Marcus Harris (right), who also serves as Education/Transitional Coordinator. This area native attended Mishawaka High



School and graduated from IUSB. He spent his pre-Clay years as a bus driver, substituting part-time, and working in daycares. He enjoyed the children so much that he decided to become a teacher.

The new Physics teacher, Mr. Rick Roberts (below), came from the E.R Carpenter Co. where he taught apprenticeship. He liked teaching the apprentices so much that he decided to become a teacher. "I felt that teaching could be done better and that I was the man to do a better job," he said.



Photos by Justin Brandon and Elise Scott

Code WHAT?!?: Policies Explained

Dan Wolfe
MANAGING EDITOR

Just in case you were sleeping in homeroom the first two days, or didn't listen to Principal John Harris when he talked to your class, and you've already lost your nice little Clay handbook/calendar you might want to take a minute to look at some of the new policies implemented this year.

The first new thing is Clay's attendance policy. You can only have five absences

per nine week grading period. After that you go on no grade status. It doesn't matter if the absences are excused; five absences equal a no grade. Also, there is no more C.L.A.S.S. to make them up. You will be able to make an appeal, but don't expect them to be lenient.

Secondly, like the Starship *Enterprise* we not only have a code red alert, but a code yellow as well. A code red is a lock down of the building, you might remember. When a

code yellow is called, teachers are to lock their doors and are not to admit any students into class. The hallways will then be searched and anyone found without a pass will be given a two hour detention that will be served on Wednesday from 2:55 till 4:55. In short, it is now vitally important that your teacher gives you a blue admit if you will be in the halls for *any* reason.

The dress code rules remain the same. No spaghetti

straps, bare midriffs, or sagging pants are permitted. Although rules remain the same, enforcement is expected to be stepped up. In addition, the length of shorts and skirts must reflect a business, not beach, atmosphere.

You may not be in the correct grade level, at least in your opinion. In late summer, all students were assigned a grade level based on the number credits earned to date, not the number of years spent at Clay.

Editorial

Why is that each year we have a new attendance policy? It seems that each year the policy gets worse. This year's attendance policy states: On your sixth absence you go on no grade status. In the past, if you reached 6 absences, you could make up your time at C.L.A.S.S.

However, this year that cannot be done. You can appeal on your sixth absence only if it is a valid reason. Also, it has to be approved by the administration. Two tardies still equals one truancy.

Here is a little example for you: Little Johnny's Grandma dies and he misses three days of school. He is then sick one day. So he is already up to four excused absences. His locker gets stuck several times and he accumulates four tardies which equals two absences. Johnny is on no grade status now and he appeals to the administration.

The administration could deny his appeal because of the four tardies. So Johnny has now wasted nine weeks of school. What is the problem with this example? It is totally unfair.

The policy should be changed. Excused absences should not count against those six absences. Tardies and unexcused absences should be. There is a major flaw in the new attendance policy. Once people exceed six absences, they may decide not to come to class anymore, which would be the opposite of what the attendance policy is trying to achieve.

The administration needs to review the attendance policy and make some major changes.

First Year Counts Most

By Megan Tarbet
STAFF WRITER

High school says a lot. You don't know what to expect or you how to act. High school can be quite intimidating to those who have never been there. A lot of changes occur in one's self.

For those of us that were freshman at Clay we can all relate to the fears of getting lost, the penalty of being tardy, and having the risk of missing out on lunch just to master our locker combination. Maybe you were one of those people who got your lunch right before the bell rang for your next class.

Three freshman were interviewed about their first impressions and this is what they had to say:

What was your first impression of Clay high school when you walked through the doors?

"This is a big school, and when I walked through the doors, I hoped that their would be a lot of fine guys." -Nicole Boudreau, 15 years. old

"It was really, big, and there was way too many people." -Jessica Leonardo, 13

years. old

"I thought it was really cool, people were very friendly." -Kelli Austin, 14 years. old

Which sport seems the most appealing to you?

"Probably, football! I like to play football, and I just want to prove girls are just as good as guys." -Leonardo

What made you decide to come to Clay high school?

"I went to Holy Cross, but I chose Clay because I heard it was one of the best schools in the city and that the people there were a lot nicer than the people at St. Joe." -Austin

What's your favorite class during the day?

"Gym." -Boudreau

Your freshman year plays an important role in your high school career. The time has come to prepare for your future. The moment you walk through the doors, what you say and do counts a lot. It's a whole new year; make it count.

Going Back to the ABC's

by Elise Scott
STAFF WRITER

As this new year of learning and leadership begins, we here at Clay must be subjected to yet another questionable change. For years, the freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors have had their own halls but because of the all importance in total development, Student's lockers are now mixed. This will surely be the change that will expand our horizon. It will give us stronger character and broaden our sense of humanity.

Surely, if there's a space problem hall mixing couldn't have been the only solution. When we all had our own hall there was a space we as a class felt was ours. Each year we would move on as a class to another level of the school.

Perhaps, beginning my junior year here at Clay High School my view has become somewhat blocked by personal views. On that note other students felt the decision was cool and some thought it was just unfair. Because lockers are now assigned alphabetically, most siblings are paired together; so it seemed quite natural to question how siblings may feel having a locker next to each other.

Siblings Michael and Marleen Miller felt it was all right to have a locker right next to each other. Freshman Marleen Miller stated, "I feel more secure. I feel if I need something of I'm unsure of where one of my classes is, he's there to walk me to that class or at least help me out." Her brother Junior Michael Miller said, "I actually have a really tight relationship with my sister and being that we are very close, it makes me feel more comfortable when we are together talking and gathering books for our next class."

Some of the students opposed the situation. Junior Brad Willem said, "It's dumb! I hate walking upstairs after every class. I feel like a freshman. Upperclassmen should have special privileges." Junior Melissa Sulok stated, "It's not fair to the juniors who have already suffered from having a locker upstairs. We shouldn't be upstairs just because of our last name."

Whenever there are changes there will always be different opinions. Our opinions may be for the mixed lockers or against it. However, we are powerless to change it, so you might as well ADJUST!

Girls' Soccer Off and Running

Libby Witkowski
Ads Manager

Clay's girls' soccer team got a jump start at the beginning of their season. They had a 1-0 win over Adams High School, which has won the NIC the last three years. Senior captain Erica Schmucker stated, "Our team worked real well together. We wanted the win more."

The goal came from senior Nicki Wrass, with an assist by Julie Joers. "It was a big thrill for all of us," coach Ron Zielinski added. "The team is more focused this year. They set both individual and team goals. One was winning NIC. Beating Adams was a big step."

Clay was ranked preseason in the top 25 in

the state by the magazine Soccer. They play seven teams that are also ranked, which, coach Zielinski says, "Will prepare us for sectionals and state." He also adds, "Elkhart Central and Penn will probably be two of the toughest remaining games," though he says all conference games are important.

Zielinski comments, "Our seniors and captains have good leadership. Erin Poe (our junior goalie) has had a really good year. The attendance is great. The entire team is really good." The senior captains consist of Jenna Sousley, Nicki Wrass, Julie Joers, and Erica Schmucker. They,

along with senior Allison Kitchner, provide great leadership.

Coach Zielinski's final statement was, "We should represent the school well."

Junior Kara Konstanty adds, "Our team is the bomb, so come cheer us on." Senior Jenna Sousley adds "We are going all the way, so look out."



Junior Courtney Harwell chases down an opponent against Penn last year. Currently the girls have a winning season, with 6 wins and 3 losses.

Coming Soon

On October 9, 1998, a new segment will be added to the *Colonial Sports* page.

It will be known as

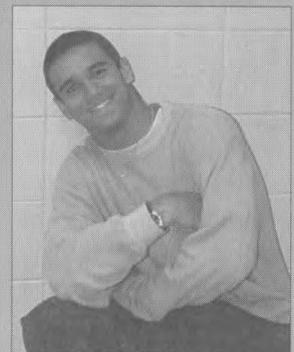
"THROUGH
DAVE'S EYES."

In this column I will be talking about various subjects related to sports. Anyone who has a specific topic that they would want to include see Dave Salinas or Mr. Krause in the Publications Room.

Featured Athlete Frank Vandy

Frank is a second year starter on the football team. He is one of key performers for the team,

Favorite Subject: Weight Training
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Kasper
Favorite T.V. Show: Sports Center
Favorite Cartoon: South Park
Favorite Movie: The Program
Favorite Sports Team: Colonials
Favorite Player: HarvDogg
Pregame Meal: Water
Favorite Restaurant: Outback
If I could live anywhere: Caribbean
If I won the lottery I would: Get a lot of Money
Prized Possession: Boots
Proudest Moment: lettering as a sophomore
If I could meet anyone it would be: my Grandpa
If I were on a deserted island I would want to be with: Cheese Fries
Whom do you admire: Jud Howard
Boxers or briefs: Boxers
Hobbies: Weights, Sleep, and women
Biggest High School Win: Riley
In ten years you see yourself as: a Surgeon



Jessica Sawicki
STAFFWRITER



Girls' Cross Country

Captains: Amanda Jones, Jenny Fitzpatrick, Brooke Wilken
 Newcomers: Mckenzie Elston, Adrienne Flowers
 Returning: **Amanda Jones**, Jenny Fitzpatrick, Lindsey Levin, Alicia Chambers, **Ana Keultjes**, Brooke Wilken, Katie Zientara
 Goals: Semi-State Qualifiers, Top seven runners under 17:45



Boys' Cross Country

Captains: **Nathan Rupert**, Paddy White, Mike Levee
 Newcomers: Chris Kolenda, Matt Wilson
 Returnern: Nathan Rupert, Paddy White, **Jason Jensen**, Mike Levee
 Mike Stefaniuk, Jay Kitchner, Lowell Blackwell
 Goals: State Qualifiers, Sectional and Regional champs



Boys' Tennis

Captains: **Glenn Nowak**, **Robbie Boyd**
 Newcomers: Vijay Ramanan, Kashif Shaikh
 Returners: David Staton, Robbie Boyd, David Harsanyi, Glenn Nowak
 Outlook: Should be a great year, look for them to be at the top of the conference, possible sectional champs



Girls' Volleyball

Captains: Brooke Wilkins, **Rachel VanderGriend**
 Newcomers: Sasha Elliot, Erin Downey, Kristen Stemmer, Emily Cochran, Miranda Yeager
 Returners: Jessica Sawicki, Brooke Wilkins, Rachel VanderGriend, Alicia Dregits, **Casey Stafford**, Courtney Dale, Melissa Levy
 Goals: Sectionals and NIC



Boys' Football

Key Returners: Too many to list.
 Outlook: The football team is already off to a great start. They are 2-1 (2-0 in NIC). The team has the potential at winning the sectional title this year. Starting quarterback is **Joel Steele** and the defense is strong fronted by Seniors Frank Vandy, **Nick Stokes**, Ian Flowers, and Ian Nelson.



Boys' Soccer

Key Returners: Seniors Josh Hains, Reed Nelson, Chunk, Judson Howard, **Dan New**, Omid Sabaghghi, Dan McCoy. Juniors Seth Ponder, Rob Irvine, and Luke Dillon.
 Top Newcomers: Junior **Colin Harding**. Sophomores Justin Rupers, John Lehman, and Ben Caruso. Freshmen Ken Mikals-Adachi, Nathan Hyde, and Adam Ponder.
 Outlook: This year's team is very young, but experienced. Nelson is the only returning defense. The team is trying a new defense this year with three new players.



Girls' Soccer

Key Returners: **Jenna Sousley**, Nicki Wrass, Julie Joers, Erica Schmcker, Erin Poe, **Kristen Rodick**, Kara Konstanty, Courtney Harwell, Loren Carlton, Kristen Kearns
 Newcomers: Jamie Temple, Rachel Brogle, Kaley Humbert, Katie Dennis, Allie Kitchner, Sara Ward
 Outlook: After the big Adams win, the girls soccer look to continue their winning season.

Freshmen: Everything you've ever wanted to know, but were afraid to ask...



Jud & Dave
THE EDITORS

As we start another school year (also our last), Dave and I have already received numerous of questions from freshmen. One day, I went to open the Editor-in-Chief file cabinet and happened to find a bunch of questions. So I went to my sidekick and Sports Editor, Dave Salinas, for some help and advice.

Freshman Adam Ponder asks, "This place is a lot bigger than the middle school. How can I find the quickest way to go to classes?"

Well Adam, that is a very good question. We really have no clue. Is it just me, or are the hallways much busier than last year? So we have

come up with a hypothesis. After approximately three weeks of school when people have exceeded six absences they will be on a no grade status. Thus yielding, people will not come to school anymore. This will help with the congestion in the hallways.

However, we do not recommend skipping school or exceeding six absences in one class. Even if you are on a no grade status, still come to school because you will learn something.

An anonymous freshman asked this very interesting question, "When do we have recess?"

Recess? Jud and I were taken back by this question. The last time either of us had recess was about six years

ago. Well, we have come to the conclusion that there is no recess. However, Dave and I are going to start a petition for a nap time class. So if anyone wants to jump on the bandwagon with us, let us know sometime in the near future. We have C lunch, but since there are so many people in there, you more than likely will never find us.

Our last question comes from another nameless student. "Ya, I am really a junior, but since they scrambled the lockers, I have still been unable to locate my locker.

It is locker number 817."

I hope you didn't say locker 817. If you did, we regret to inform you that you have the world's smallest locker. Everyone that was here last year knows what we are talking about. Let's just say that you got a bunk locker. You have enough space to fit your book bag. Sorry about your luck. As for Dave and I, we have a lockers twice the size of yours.

That is all of the room that we have for this issue. If any other freshmen have questions for us, drop them off in the Publications Room, if you can find it. Later.

Blade Cuts Through

Pooya (Ryan) Ghiaseddin
STAFF WRITER

In the past, many film makers have attempted to create movies that combine a fantasy world with the real world through computer generated visual effects. Movies such as *Godzilla*, *Lord Of Illusions*, and *Wishmaster* were among the many movies that attempted and failed due to excessive visual effects in combination with terrible blue screening; a problem until now.

Blade is, by far, a benchmark in visual effects. Boasting marvelous cinematography, the visual effects and actors blend beautifully to bring the demonic vampire world to life. Wesley Snipes stars as *Blade*, a half-human, half-vampire who hunts vampires to seek vengeance on the one that bit his mother, converting her and infecting him.

Blade was adopted by a man named Whistler (Kris Kristofferson), and together they fight the lonely war against vampires. Their arrangement is simple as *Blade*

states: "He makes the weapons, I use them." These vampires meet at after hour dance clubs, where they lure their victims to the dance floor, only to bite and transform them. *Blade's* main adversary is Deacon Frost (Stephen Dorff), a former human who was bitten and converted.

Frost wants world domination for himself and his fellow vampires. This, of course, prompts *Blade* to go on a vampire hunt.

Blade, directed by Stephen Norrington, is the third in a recent group of New Line Cinema films that combine fantasy worlds with unbelievable effects. It is an improvement over both of its label-mates: *Dark City* and *Spawn*.

Similar to its predecessors, *Blade's* weakness lies in its plot. Like *Spawn*, *Blade* was originally a comic book, and appreciation of the film requires some appreciation for comic book story lines.

"*Blade* has the rawest visual effects of any movie, second only to the clay-mation wonder, *IT*," said Senior Neil Carmichael.



Bike Changes Life

Justin Brandon
STAFF WRITER

A little over a year ago Elliot Farnham first entered the halls of Clay High School. Elliot moved to South Bend in the summer of 1997 from Ames, Iowa: Home of the Iowa State Cyclones. His first night in the Bend had a profound effect on how he interacts with people. "I was jumped, and my bike was stolen at gunpoint," he says. "That experience has made me more cautious around people."

Elliot is number eight on the varsity soccer team and with his spare time he likes to walk his two german shepherds in Leeper Park. When he is not playing soccer or walking his dogs, you might find him riding his bike, but since it was stolen, you probably won't.

Some insignificant facts about Elliot include his favorite television show,

Dawson's Creek, and his interest in "Borderline alternative" music. His prized possession, a light blue truck, gets him where he needs to go. Back in Iowa he used to rollerblade and ride bikes a lot, but he hasn't done much of that in South Bend yet.

After high school Elliot hopes to attend Michigan University in Ann Arbor to pursue

a career in math. "I'm not sure exactly what I want to do, but something with math," he says. "Math is my favorite subject."



Amid Fall Day's Dream

Michael Hong
FEATURE EDITOR

"Sugar plum fairies are groovin' to the euphonious sounds of Enya, man," says Senior Margaret Belton, when asked about daydreaming. "I daydream often in my classes, but I won't say which ones because I don't want a preconceived bias towards me when I walk into their class after this article comes out."

Many students at Clay suffer from Temporary Mental Disorientated Astral Projection Syndrome. Or for those of you, who need a translation: wanting to be somewhere other than the place you are presently. If you are one of these victims, you can relate to Margaret's afternoon drifts.

"OK—I'm in class now and it's long and tedious, and I'm about to fall asleep, but I don't wanna be smacked on the hand with or ruler or something." Margaret sees herself in Europe: Northern Italy, in a small town somewhere, living in a small cottage with her mom.

The house comes with a trellis, grapes, the whole deal. It's located between mountains and a large ocean, or sea, or some big body of water. "Everything is intensely beautiful and mystical," she says, blankly staring at the puke yellow wall in her classroom. When asked what she

would be doing in Italy, she replied, "Painting pictures of sunsets and goats."

It's hard to adjust from an uninhibited, eventful summer, to a routine schedule. Sometimes Margaret daydreams about her vacation: Being at Deer Creek for a week long music fest and listening to the lyrics of musicians, doing all the things she likes to do.

Another place she would rather be is back at the Smokey Mountains. "I've traveled, many times, to different places, but the Smokeys are like home to me. I've never come across a more beautiful place."

Staring down at her textbook, Margaret imagines sitting on top of the world, looking down, seeing nothing but the aesthetic aspects of nature. "I remember, I sat on that route for at least two hours, breathing in the atmosphere around me." Now the only aesthetic aspect of nature she can see is a window with a pulled shade.



Illustration by Michael Hong

Guten Tag: Adventure in Berlin

Megan Tarbet
STAFF WRITER

Now that we're back in school, I know that many of us wish we were back on vacation. But do you wonder what your fellow classmates did over the summer, while maybe you soaked your toes in your younger siblings blow-up pool? One of our newly titled seniors, Brian Blake, spent his summer in Germany. Brian Blake was part of the foreign exchange program for Miss Kazmierzak's class.

When I interviewed Brian about his overseas adventure I asked him, "Did you always want to take German as a foreign language?"

He said, "No, it was more of a spur of the moment type thing. Everyone was taking Latin, French, and Spanish. So I thought, why be like everyone else?"

"How long were you in Germany?"

His reply, "I was there for five weeks. I got to stay an extra two because I became close friends with Anja."

I asked Brian what was the most memorable experience that he had in Germany, and he gave me a story that was unbelievable, but true. In the streets of Berlin, Brian got lost for four hours. Why was he in Berlin? He went to LOVE PARADE '98: a rave that took place in the great outdoors, filled with bands, music, and their theme, love.

This event takes place every year where the average amount of people range from 500,000 to 1,000,000 people.

It was here that Brian and his companions: Jule, Danielle, Patricia, and Anja, were chillin before their little mishap. Somehow, during the parade, Jule got separated from the group. When they noticed that she was gone, Brian bravely attempted to find her amongst the massive group of people. Soon Brian, himself, got separated.

He finally found Jule, who was on the other side of the street looking for the rest of the group, and he told her where the other girls were (supposedly). Somehow, because of the huge parade, Brian was separated again. For four hours Blake wandered the streets of Berlin. There were so many faces, but none of them his friends.

Finally, he got on the train, back to Sonderhausen, in Eastern Germany. This train ride was eight hours long, and right before he got off the second train, Brian saw Danielle and Patricia. Unfortunately, Jule and Anja stayed in Berlin to find him!

After hearing this amazing story, I would have gladly traded places with Brian, just to say I had gotten lost in Berlin. Brian also went to places like, Kasel, and Erfurt, he said, "There were a lot of other places, but I can't remember the names."

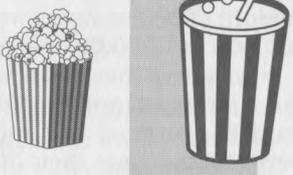
I asked Brian if he would ever want to go back, his reply, "Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes!!!!!"

Brian was accompanied by his other classmates that were also part of the exchange program, these people also went to Germany, and had a German student come over here. Their names were, Michael Kearns, Amanda Herzberg, Nathan Rupert, Tara Fleming, and Jason Fritz.

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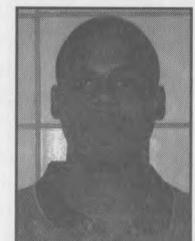
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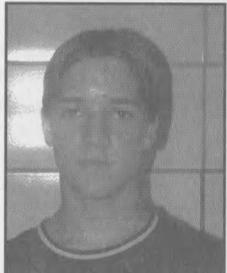
Junior Robert Jackson

"My boy Sammy Sosa is going to prevail."



Sir Brady Foose

"Man, my home boy Mark is gonna win. Ain't nobody gonna hold him down. Word."



Freshman Brian Rodick

"I think Mark and Sammy are going to each hit 65 homers, so there will be a tie."



Sophomore Flynne Weingarten

"Who are Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire?"

MYSTERY PICTURE



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

Name: _____ Grade: _____
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