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110,611 2000 food drive, a success

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and Abby Herreman

On November 27, the goal of 93,000 seemed like an awful lot.

23 days later, a goal had been surpassed, generosity was shown, spirit was in abundance, and a community was served.

It's been over a month since the last day of the food drive: 42 days since the student council was up at 7 a.m. boxing food.

"I was lucky to get the chance," said Junior Vijay Ramanan, vice president of the student council, and CEO of this year's canned food drive. "I do sympathize with whoever runs it next year, though," he chuckled.

The responsibilities involved in putting together this successful food drive were endless. It could not have been done without the support of everyone involved.

Math teacher Guy Morrical, who has been involved with the food drive for over 10 years, said he'd retire when the drive surpassed 100,000. That's a promise he won't be keeping: good news for whomever heads the drive next year. Morrical, as well as English teacher Dan Kasper have offered invaluable assis-

tance throughout the years. From providing hot-dogs at the mad dash, to encouraging friendly competition between his classes, Kasper has helped the drive go from being a small effort to a big event.

Thank yous are also deserving of Mrs. Stafford and Mr. Carpenter for all their time and support, and to Mrs. Short for taping the news broadcasts.

Devoting endless amounts of time and energy were senior student council members Sunjay Agtey, Jay Kitchner, Sarah Ansari, and Karrah Miller. Their help with the organization, bookkeeping, boxing, and much more was priceless.

These people along with many others, and a giving community, made the food drive the success it was.

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Since the 1980's, when the food drive began, Clay donated to South Bend's Homeless Shelter. This year, they were one of the 17 charities our food drive helped.

The Center for the Homeless began 12 years ago in the basement of the Marinatha Temple and offered the homeless a place to sleep. When the project became too big for its facility, the Center moved into



Seniors Dewey Parker and Sarah Ansari color the thermometer that marks the incredible success of this year's historic canned food drive.

a former clothing store. Since then, the Center continues to grow and meet the needs of the homeless. In 1999, the Center provided shelter for about 1,300 people; this year they expect to assist over 1,000 more.

"Being homeless is more than not having a place to sleep," said Sarah Cullinan, director of community and foundation relations at the Center. In its current location on South

Michigan Street, The Center offers more than just a place to sleep. There are six stages a resident can commit to. The first stage is called emergency situation.

"There is no one that comes in who doesn't have a dire need," Ms. Cullinan said of those who seek the help of the Center.

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The Crier

Feb. 5

- PCN Meeting, 7:00
- Market Day orders due

Feb. 6

- Junior class Flower Sale starts in all lunch hours
- Comedy Club in the Little Theater, 3-4 p.m.

Feb. 8

- HALF DAY

Feb. 14

- Multicultural Society in seminar 9:50-10:50

Feb. 15

- Market Day Pickup

Feb. 18-28

- German Club candy, food, and bath sale

Feb. 19

- Presidents Day school will NOT be in session.

Feb. 23

- Registration deadline for Mar. 31 SAT I only

TUTORING is available from the National Honor Society. If you're struggling with a subject, fill out a form in Mr. Good's room (EN 8).

Drop all your announcements in Publications room.

Coach Hupp is from Mars, Robertson is from Venus Clay basketball coaches lead quality programs



Vijay Ramanan
STAFF WRITER

Boys' basketball coach Joe Huppenthal probably chews his gum fiercely. Racing up and down the sidelines, his competitive enthusiasm for the game conjures up images of Matt Doherty—and Fred Astaire. Meanwhile, girls' coach Diane Robertson's cool exterior must lull opponents to sleep. She wouldn't hurt a flea—she would beat it into submission.

So how do these two coexist in the fast and furious world of high school hoops? Very

successfully, actually.

Heading into this year's campaign, Coach Hupp described his team as the quickest he's had in his tenure at Clay. They did anything but start off quickly, however. The season-opening grudge match against John Glenn turned into a debacle. Two more losses followed, and the Colonials' youthful talent was being overshadowed by their inexperience.

Ironically, a win against an overachieving Adams squad served as the catalyst for a successful mid-season run.

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Community Loses 'a good man'

Marco Sandusky and
Mike Brzezinski
STAFF WRITERS



Mr. Charles Black
(Oct. 21, 1947 - Jan. 14, 2001)

Mr. Black grew up in the LaSalle Park neighborhood, on the West Side of South Bend. A 1966 graduate of Washington High School, Mr. Black devoted much of his life to the youth of this community.

Black was always a big man. Science teacher Mary Short remembers watching him run track at Washington. "These little guys he'd run against used to think they'd beat him easily because he was so big; then they'd watch as he flew past them," she recalled.

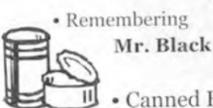
Mr. Black excelled in sev-

eral sports, and was named an all-state football player in 1965. He attended Mesa College in Grand Junction, Colorado and was married to his wife, Linda on August 21, 1964.

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The first stage allows the resident to get medical help and serves as an orientation into the next stages.

After 30 days for a single, or 90 days for a family, the resident may choose to leave, or to stay and continue through the next five stages. With each stage passed, a resident becomes more of a leader, gaining more and more responsibility at the Center.

"It's amazing to watch the transformation," Ms. Cullinan said of the rewards of her job. Residents who come into the Center need more than shelter. Often, they are angry or embarrassed; they need a friend and a hope that they haven't yet found. The Center offers hope.

This was Clay's 15th year donating to the Center for the Homeless. "I was so impressed by your efforts," said Ms. Cullinan. "It's great to see a community of young people doing a great thing. I'm just amazed by the results when

people come together."

Because we surpassed our goal by such a large margin, we were able to donate many food items, as well as money, which the Center will use toward the purchase of food. The donation from Clay's food drive is equal to about a 90-day supply of food at the Center for the Homeless. "The cook here is surprised more and more every year," Ms. Cullinan said.

When we visited, the Center was operating under their amnesty policy, meaning they allow everyone who needs shelter to have a place to stay. At this time of year they are in dire need of food. "It's good timing for us because we serve an extra 45 people per night in these times," Ms. Cullinan commented.

Schools, churches, organizations, staff, and many volunteers make the work that the Center for the Homeless does possible. "Your food drive is a hopeful thing for our guests and all of us," Ms. Cullinan concluded.

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Helping others is rewarding. "It's a good feeling to see the person pick up the food," commented Senior Jim Vandy who helped load food into the vans for the charities. "You see their faces. Their eyes are huge," he continued. When asked why he does it he said, "Extra credit is just an added incentive. It's the holiday spirit; it's about helping people."

Senior Ryan Riesenbergs also spent time loading the vans. "You see their faces and realize what a good thing we've done," he said.

"Giving them food offers hope," said a representative from the Mishawaka Advocacy Center, one of the 17 charities that benefit from Clay's food drive. "It shows that someone cares," he continued.

Economics teacher Paul Kingston, who stood in the front hallway watching the vans being loaded said, "It's good to see how proud the kids are of the food drive. It's great to see their spirit of volunteerism."

Athletic director Greg Humnicky, who has been at Clay since the first food drives, said, "Over the years the food drive has gained. There's always the challenge to beat the previous year's record. Every year more kids get involved."

We spoke with South Bend resident, Digger Phelps, who called us from the Pittsburgh airport, on his way home from taping for ESPN. Mr. Phelps is a former Notre Dame basketball coach who worked at the White House with the first Bush administration. Phelps has great interest in the nation's youth. He's a strong supporter of after school and mentoring programs. "From my work at the White House, I knew I wanted to do something in the schools," he said.

When the Center for the Homeless had a shortage of vegetables earlier this year, Phelps was quick to act. "I responded because I felt I could get others involved," he said. He contacted Dave Mayfield from Martin's supermarket,

and shortly Phelps, along with Martin's, was able to make a large donation of canned vegetables to the Center.

"I think it's very healthy to see high school students get involved with community issues," Phelps said of Clay's canned food drive. "What Clay has done is an example of what other schools can do," he added. Phelps would like to see all the community schools get involved.

Phelps applauded the spirit of competition that helps push Clay's food drive over the top, but he was quick to add, "Who really wins are the people who are going to be fed."

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"We could have sufficiently donated to the charities with 60,000 cans, but we just about doubled that," said Senior Sunjay Agtey, who was boxing the last of the canned foods.

At Clay, sufficient isn't good enough. This year, we went over the top, issuing a challenge for next year's food drive: to reach and surpass this unprecedented total.

Mr. Black (continued)...

Mr. Black was not only big in stature, but also in character. "He was warm, generous, and exceedingly kind," said Principal John Harris. Mrs. Short remembers his mild-mannered temperament. "He was a peacemaker. Whenever there were problems, he would stand in the back, take everything in, and then he would speak." Short remembered, "He was a good man, and a great loss."

Black was a member of Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church where he served as chairman of the deacon board. He was a man of

great faith and conviction. "He remained in the community because of his commitment to the children," recalls Guidance counselor Mr. Hairston. "Mr. Black was genuine, he did what he said and meant what he said," Mr. Hairston continued. "He was about giving and being a servant."

At Clay, Mr. Black was more than just a security guard. He was a role model and a friend. "Role model" is a word that is used frequently, but he was the true meaning of the word," Mr. Harris. Recalls, "Every person that knew him considered Mr. Black a role model." Resource

Officer Eric Kaiser says, "Mr. Black was one of my role models." Custodian Stan Williams recalls, "Mr. Black was a man who would do anything for you; he was a true friend."

On January 15, at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Appreciation Breakfast, Mr. Black was to be one of the 2001 award recipients of the Drum Major Community Service Award, presented by Mayor Steve Luecke. Dr. King called everyone to be a "drum major" for a cause—that is, to devote themselves to service. The award was accepted on the behalf of his family.

"I used to call him a chameleon. He had the ability to adapt as well as maintain the standards of an institution such as Clay," Mr. Harris recalls.

Mr. Black's memory will be cherished by Clay's teachers, staff, and students. He will forever be remembered for his accomplishments, his deep (fatherly) voice, and mild (but authoritative) manner. "He's one of those people you can't replace. There will never be another Mr. Black," recalls Senior Karrah Miller. "He had a great concern for kids and was pleasant to be

around," she continued.

When we depart from this life, we hope to have left a mark on the world. Charles Black's legacy will be carried on in those who have walked these halls, and been greeted with his smile.

Mr. Black, you will be missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charles Black Scholarship Fund, c/o Clay High School. Contributions can be given to Clay until a permanent location is established.

The Writers' Group--A New Way to Express Yourself!

YaShekia and YaVonda Smalls
NEWS EDITORS

Letters lead to words, which then lead to sentences, which then lead to paragraphs, which then lead to stories,

which then lead to poems and novels. Here's a question for you—*True or False*: Writing can be interesting. Well, the answer is *True*. *Writing?* you might ask. Well, of course, writing can be fun, creative, and enthusiastic.

This is why the Writers' and Poets' Group was started. Ms. Hoover is one of the supporting coordinators of the group. Ms. Hayden, the other coordinator of the group, said, "It's a group for students who like to write

fiction and poetry and want to improve their writing skills."

The Writers' Group participates in a number of writing activities, including developing projects that students can work to accomplish before the completion of the school year. In addition, students can work on peer editing and workshoping both academic and extracurricular projects. Ms. Hayden said,

"Students are not given enough opportunities to go more in-depth into projects during school. The Writers' Group is for those who want to work on projects that aren't stressful and that they

don't have to be graded on." The Writers' Group had their first meeting on January 12,



Photo by: Jeni Carmichael

The Writers' and Poets' Group is looking forward to a productive year. The officers, from left to right are: Junior Rachel Weaver (Vice President), Freshman Mallory Wilson (Treasurer), Junior Vera Itkin (President), Junior Maaria Chaudhry (Publications Coordinator), and Junior Sarah Miller (Secretary).

2001 during seminar in the computer lab and will continue to meet at the same time and place on the last gold day of each week. Any student who is interested in joining the

group is welcomed to attend. The group's officers include Junior Vera Itkin (President), Junior Rachel Weaver (Vice President), Junior Sarah Miller (Secretary), Freshman Mallory Wilson (Treasurer), and Junior Maaria Chaudhry (Publications Coordinator). Vera Itkin optimistically replied, "We joined the Writers' Group because, prior to it, our school didn't offer a place where it was all about the students' writing. Plus, it looks good on the college resumé."

The primary objective of the group, according to Vera, "...is to improve our writing—whether it be essays for class or poems written at home or anything else." It doesn't matter what your interests are. They can vary from art to science to music to foreign literature. Vera quoted, "We have members interested in anything from science fiction to musicals to Japanese animation."

The Writers' Group is looking forward to completing projects this year in conjunction with the newspaper staff. They are also looking toward future publication and to an overall productive year. Just remember that writing *can* be interesting. The doors are always open, and you are definitely free to express yourself. Vera said, "We take anything and everything!"

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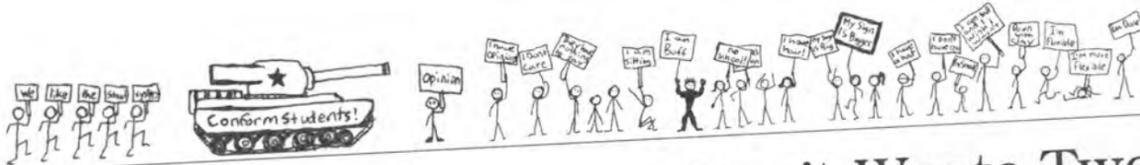
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Waste of Space

What is the most memorable moment in the year 2000?



"When we won State for track in the 4X100 relay." Senior Altarea Hall



"When Hupp snapped on Jon Bluth." Senior Wallace Scooniers



"I would probably have to say my brother rupturing his spleen in the football game." Junior Michelle Horvath



"Going to Semi-State for cross-country." Sophomore Meha Jain



"Three words... Matt Grayson's initiation." Sophomore Steve Mishel



"When Coach Flock got a ticket when driving us to the Fort Wayne Invitational." Freshman Matteo Sandusky



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Don't Waste Two Hours

Kurtis Meyers and Shahaab Uddin
STAFF WRITER

No introduction this time. Here are a few movies Shahaab and I have deemed worthy.

Cast Away

Chuck Noland (Tom Hanks) is a FedEx man obsessed with time. "Never commit the sin of ignoring time" he says early in the movie while lecturing a crew of Russian FedEx workers.

A plane wreck later, Chuck finds himself on a stranded island with nothing but a toothache (which is dealt with later on) and a couple of packages that washed ashore.

After he realizes he's alive, the next 78 minutes are mostly dialogue free except for a few conversations with Wilson- the volleyball friend.

For other actors this feat may seem impossible, but Hanks' acting ability pulls it off. Despite the fact that everyone knows he escapes the island, special effects of the plane crash and the stunning visuals keep you in your seat for all of 2 hrs 35 minutes.

The ending, although it may not please some people, is realistic. This movie should be a shoe in for Best Picture of the Year. **KM: A+ SU: A+**

Dude, Wheres My Car?

The name of this movie allowed many critics to release their favor-

ite puns: Dude, Where's a Good Movie?, Dude, Why Is This Movie Bad? And my favorite: Dude, Why Was This Movie Made? Stupid puns aside, this movie was entertaining.

That's all I can say for it. The acting wasn't superb, but what to you expect from Stiffler and the guy from *That 70's Show*?

Family Man

Nicholas Cage has everything in life: a fancy car, permisscuous girlfriends, and a high paying job.

Until, that is, he saves the life of a convenience store owner from a gun toting Don Cheadle. It turns out that Don Cheadle isn't a robber, but a type of weird angel who has the power of giv-



Sophomore Kurt Siskel smiles as he defeats Junior Shahaab Ebert in a friendly game of chess.

The movie begins when the two wake up with vicious hangovers from a night of boozin only to realize that their car is gone (hence the clever title). The rest of the movie deals with their adventures finding their vehicle which takes them from hot girls to the police station. That's about it.

If you are looking for a easy laugh and no headaches, see this movie. If you are looking for the movie with all the Oscar Buzz, go see *All The Pretty Horses* or something. **KM: B- SU: D+**

ing people second chances by sending them back in time. He sends Cage back in time to experience how his life would have turned out if he had made different decisions.

Cage finds out he would have been a tire salesman, and he would have gotten married and had two kids. When he finally comes to love his job and his kids, he is sent back to his real life. Go see this movie to find out how it ends.

Overall it is a good, clean, family movie. **KM: B SU: B**

A Look At Some Other Flicks:

Traffic- a realistic look at the drug world and the search for a cure. Director Sodenburg will probably receive a Best Picture nod, along with his *Erin Brockovich*. If so, he'll be the first director since Francis Ford Coppola in 1974 to receive two Best Picture nominations in the same year.

Snatch- A hilarious crime caper involving a diamond, unlicensed boxing, and a group of gypsies. It's a lot like Guy Ritchie's earlier effort, *Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, but thats all right. *Snatch* is still raw.

Double Take This movie will not do well at the boxoffice. The actors are following in the footsteps of Martin Lawrence. Like earlier films *Nothing to Lose* and *Blue Streak*, this movie will be an okay film with a few laughs.

Finding Forrester- Finally, Sean Connery made up for that boxoffice bomb *The Avengers*. Full of good acting and an equally good plot, this is a very touching movie.

Hannibal- This one is questionable. Like the book, the movie is real gory, and the ending is...well, weird. Clarice Starling, one of the main characters, is no longer played by Jodie Foster. This movie will be open to mixed reviews and has high hopes.

Finals: From WWII to the Classrooms

Adam Sheer
STAFF WRITER

Finals are over for now...but when will it really end? In June? At the end of your four years of high school?

Finals mean you have to remember everything from the past 18 weeks in seven classes. It is possible for finals to help your grade, but it is

unlikely considering you are being tested over material you learned almost six months ago.

Studying for finals is difficult for people who aren't organized. You have to find all your old work and notes, which can be impossible. Even if you have all your notes you have to make sense of them.

If you've decided

that finals aren't for you, then you are in the majority.

You may even be wondering who is responsible for finals. Some believe finals were a tool for teaching soldiers in Nazi Germany previous to World War II.

Finals were adopted by our government in the 1950's to improve students' knowl-

edge so I've heard.

They figured students would learn more if they knew they would have a big test over all of the material at the end of the semester.

Finals are now used all over the country in high schools and colleges. They are feared by many young Americans, yet nobody is doing anything to stop them.

Clay Colonial Editorial

Clay High School needs a democracy not a dictatorship.

The government in America is enforced by judges, elected officials, normal citizens that took classes and tests that qualified them to take on a role like this. I think that this school needs to welcome a new class and a new system of government.

First of all if Clay can get a class like

American Government introduced into the Junior curriculum as an elective, it can teach the rules and rights of the American citizen.

A year later top students would make perfect candidates for a democratic student office where they could learn how to be judges, lawyers, or any other type of government official.

If this program is set up right and really

teaches students how to fulfill their roles, and if these students are mature enough, a government could be set up and enforced by the students.

Working beside the principal and other school leaders these students could handle cases of breaking the rules, like fights, to find the guilty party. They can also handle minor things like students that are late to class.

A program like this might seem obscene; this might seem like it's giving the students too much control.

In reality, it's giving students a chance to do something in school that has a positive effect, not just for themselves but for their whole school. I feel a program like this could work but I have a hard time believing that this school will take that risk.

Way to Go, GIRLS!

Jamica Womack
STAFF WRITER

January 15, 2001 was the national Martin Luther King Day. In the South Bend area schools were closed, as were government offices and many businesses. Down town the Martin Luther King celebration was held at the Century Center. This included a competition essay that was called the "McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow." The writers had to write an essay on how black people can impact the future.

The first place winners were juniors, Yavonda and Yashkia Smalls. They received one thousand dollars and McDonald's stock. In addition to their first place win, Clay High School received two hundred and fifty dollars, which was accepted by Mr. Kingston, Junior Yavonda Smalls

said. "We must continue where the past has left off, employing mindset of impartiality and establishing a primary objective of societal progression throughout the community."

The second place winner, Sarah Thompson, who attends Bethany Christian High School, in Goshen, was awarded five hundred dollars.

This event also included Mayor David Luecke and congressmen Tim Roemer. WSBT and WNDU were also at the event.

In February there will also be a commercial featuring the contest winners airing on television. Several young adults were honored for their community service. This event takes place every year, and with each year there's something new. Good Luck to the essay winners.

New Year's Resolutions: How long will they hold?

Julie Kselman
Staff Writer

"This year is gonna be different!" Even now that New Year is long since passed, the memories linger, as do, the rarely made and even more rarely kept New Year's resolutions. That's right, you know the drill. You stay up until midnight, and when the ball drops, you might make a promise to yourself to improve in the upcoming year. Senior Amanda Burton said "I don't bother making resolutions, because I can never follow through with them." Teacher Paul Kingston has similar feelings towards resolutions. When asked about his New Year's resolutions, he laughed and said "I'll be successful in keeping them one of these

years!" His resolution for the past few years has been to lose weight.

A few resolution statistics: out of the 90% of people who go kick it with friends on New Year's, only 9% make resolutions. Of the 9% who make resolutions less than 1% keep them. The most common resolutions made: To quit smoking, to lose weight, or other random lifestyle improvements. A few Clay students shared some of their goals for this year. Sophomore Sam Levin said "I resolved to get over my intense fear of driving, now that

I have my driver's license." Freshman Adam Kruzel said "This year I'm going to be nicer to my sister." Coming from a Freshman, that isn't surprising. Senior Kevin Chen said "Uhh, maybe I'll actually get a job this year!"

Before you start worrying yourself, thinking "Gosh, I'd really like to stop eating whole jars of grape jelly in one sitting...but I can't, New Year's is past, I guess it's just too late." My friend, you're wrong! New Year's resolutions can be made any time. All it takes is a little will power, and being detained in a penitentiary probably wouldn't hurt.



BLURRED VISION: Shout it Out

Megan Tarbet
Feature Editor

This will be the last issue of Blurred Vision because one of our fine writers, Sarah Vice has headed out and is no longer with the Colonial staff.

We are looking back on Mid-Winter, and preparing for the spring. The days are starting to get longer, and it is sunnier when you walk out of school at 2:45p.m. As we step into the second semester and we day dream about the summer days to come: what is the main question on your mind? Are you asking yourself what college you would want to attend in the fall? Will you be working instead?

Maybe you're not even thinking that far. Perhaps, only if you are an upper classmen

girl, you are sketching your prom dress that no other chick has, but is going to stun them all when you walk in with your date. Maybe your thoughts are just thinking about the your plans after school. Whatever is on your mind, I bet the last thing that you are thinking about is how to improve the Colonial.

Well, we're going to give you a quick reality check. If you are a student at Clay High School only your opinion, within school guide lines, counts. If you have anything that you want to be changed, improved, or deleted from this paper than it is up to you to tell us.

The truth is that we have an idea of what you guys

want to read about. However, we're not sure, and we know that you are tired of reading about things that are bound to be on the announcements many times throughout the week.

If you enlighten us with a light bulb or two about what has come to your mind, than you have to inform us. It's natural to believe that the people who are reading this are thinking that it is full of kids that just like to hear themselves talk, and have very little, if any, involvement with the student body.

You guys have the power to change, in fact, improve *The Colonial*. Please tell us your ideas.

Now and Then The Colonial Shares Their Comic Relief From Past Times

Charee Holloway
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In early 2000, an article was written that threatened to destroy the very core of *The Colonial*, its staff. A staff writer, who honestly felt she was being true to what goes on within this class, wrote an article "A Dummy's Guide to the Colonial". The article described what went on in between issues of *The Colonial*.

Some staff members thought this article was offensive to them and chose to start a civil war among the class. Names were called, water bottles were thrown, and innocent by-standers got caught in the middle (i.e. Shahaab, Shut up Shahaab, and Sit down Shahaab!). We were all forced to choose sides and make alliances. Those were dark days for that publication class.

As a result of this bickering, deadlines were often

missed and poor Mr. Krause was often in frenzy and drowned his troubles away in cans of Slim-Fast.

The Opinion page also suffered when its beloved editor mysteriously disappeared. However, Junior member Jacob Schpok came to the rescue and took his place. We had hope of a new beginning when the Bottom Line Headquarters were destroyed, but yet the battle raged on. It was appropriate that our theme song became "WAR". Even our faithful Editor-in-Chief was rendered helpless by our quarrels. Mice balls went missing.

Our defenseless artist was often found wandering the halls afraid to go back into the classroom and exhausted from his countless cheeseburger runs. After months of trying to end the war, one lucky staff member stumbled into the old darkroom and discovered a

plethora of mysterious chemicals. Soon afterwards the fighting began to die down, coincidence? We don't think so. We were all working hard to live up to the same standards of the *New York Times*. As the year drew to a close, we were serenaded by the soothing, yet depressing melody of *Krause Shady*.

We bid farewell to Mike's Love Shack (otherwise known as the closet), senior members, and looked toward the future. We had new page editors, a new editor-in-chief, and a new advisor for the next year.

In August we made our way back to the publications room: things were different. We had over thirty members. Of those thirty, only eleven were former staffers. On top of that we had the new block scheduling to deal with, which wrought havoc on our distribution

schedule. New and old staffers had to learn to co-exist. Our first few issues were marred with simple lay out mistakes; we also had some problems with grammar. *The Colonial* was expanded from a four-page publication to six-pages. New editors had to be trained to pick up the slack. The staff worked extremely hard to put out an issue every two/three weeks.

Before Winter Break the staff attended a workshop at Notre Dame, where Marco and Vijay discovered an idea for a new lay out. We decided to give it a try. This is the first time we have used it, in case you haven't noticed. The 2000-2001 school year is half over and *The Colonial* is determined to satisfy our readers.

This semester we lost four writers, but we have many dedicated and creative writers and editors, not to mention Christmas lights, a drive through sign courtesy of McDonald's, and a really groovy Pulp Fiction poster. The Pub room has been a mecca for problems, disagreements, and stress. However, even with the baggage of year's past, this year's staff has succeeded in completing over seven issues.

Whether or not you understand the jokes of this ar-

ticle, or are even a regular reader of this newspaper, I hope you understand the effort that is put into every issue. I thank this year's staff for the countless resource and lunch time they have sacrificed, the numerous times they have had to sit through less than interesting staff meetings, for putting up with each other, and most of all for not overthrowing their editor-in-chief.

I hope that the student body of Clay High School takes the time to read *The Colonial*, there's actually some interesting stuff in here.

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Mid-Winter 2001: A Tradition Continues

Sarah Lauer
STAFF WRITER

If you're not one of those freshmen or sophomores lucky enough to get invited to prom, Mid-Winter has become the premiere event for you. It is the only dance that can be attended by all high school students regardless of grade. Mid-Winter is the only big lalapoloosa before the frenzy of

ception. The night everyone was waiting for finally arrived. Girls were worrying about their hair, dresses, and whether or not to stay with their dates through out the whole night. The guys... well, who knows what goes on in their heads? Whether you go to Sunny Italy, Tippicanoe Place, or Arby's, dinner is a valued tradition before the dance begins. Senior Kevin

spark. Dates anxiously lined up one by one for their pictures to be taken. Couples, groups, and even some brave souls, who went stag, were all gathered together for the event.

One great thing about Mid-Winter was the diversity. Rock, rap, oldies and pop were all played during the night. This made many people happy. With all of the music styles there

Laweki. Whether it was a slow romantic song, a bump and grind rap song, or...well let's not go there, you could count on seeing lots of people getting on their own personal groove.

place where you didn't have to worry about looking stupid or dancing weird or even smelling bad, because we all did. Well, most of us.

After the dance, most



A group of Clay students grab some enjoy some fine dining before heading to Mid-Winter.



Photo taken by Megan Walker

The long awaited night was not at all underrated. It was a time to spend with a loved one. To hold each other close during a slow hypnotic tune. It was a time to be with your friends, dance crazy, and just let yourself go. "Mid-Winter was fun. It was much better than last year's. There was more space and it was a lot of fun," stated Sophomore Kiersten Kamman. It was a

people continued the fun by heading to a party, a friends house, or home.

The night wasn't over right after the dance. Friends came together again to look back on the fun they just had. Mid-Winter is definitely something everyone is looking forward to for next year.

prom. Mid-Winter is known for being an awesome event, complete with decorations, music, and a generally exciting atmosphere. This year was no ex-

Kruzar said, "Dinner was cool. Sixteen of us went to Hanayori. It was great."

The dance was where the magic really started to

were definitely many dancing styles as well. "The music was okay, but it they didn't play enough slow songs," commented Sophomore Ashley



Crafton's View: The Good and Bad of Last Semester

Andy Crafton
STAFF WRITER

Half the school year is already over. Maybe it's just me, but the first semester seemed to go by quickly. Hopefully, the next semester will go by even faster so the snow melts. As much fun as it is to drive on these icy roads in South Bend, I'm ready for Spring to get here. I've decided that this week's column will focus on what was good and bad of last semester.

The Good:

Notre Dame Sports- Attending N.D. athletic events was actually a fun thing to do this year. There were several exciting football games (Nebraska, Purdue, Airforce) as well as one of the first night games in a long time (Boston College). We can overlook the Fiesta bowl. The women's basketball team is ranked #1 at the

time of this writing, following a home win over UConn. The



Ruth Riley and "The Headband" lead the Irish to number one.

men's basketball team is pretty

good this year as well.

Block Scheduling- I'm one of the few students who actually seems to like the current form of block scheduling. Having different classes each day just seems more interesting to me than having the same classes every single day. Although seminar could have been planned out better (read: different class rules), it is still useful to be able to go to a class and finish work, or at the very least take a break and read a magazine or book.

Mr. Hartman's Classes- Anyone who has been in one of his classes can tell you that Mr. Hartman's teaching style is a bit different than any other teacher at Clay. He possesses the ability to make U.S. History, Psychology, and Current Problems actually seem interesting. And if all else fails, he may do a handstand on top of his desk.

The Bad:

The Buzzer- The "doorbell" at the front entrance of the school is trash. I know that it was placed there to protect us from outsiders who wish to cause trouble in the hallways of Clay, but the buzzer system in place now does nothing but prevent Clay students from entering the school without someone opening the door from inside.

I.D. Tags- Besides the few teachers who literally

chase down students walking by in the hallway without a tag on, there is next to zero enforcement of the rule that all students must wear them at all times. Nobody wears them anyway, so why not just go back to the old wallet school I.D.?



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Coach Hupp is from Mars, Robertson's from Venus

Coach Hupp said that the high-scoring shootout was "ugly-but it got the job done." More importantly, winning when they did not play their best infused confidence into the boys. Wins over perennial powers Kokomo, Chesterton, and Huntington North followed. Despite a sprained ankle, Junior Chip Joers has supplanted the scoring of Super Soph Sylvester Mayes. Sophomore point guard Jeff Davis has clamly and admirably filled the shoes of graduate Pat Malloy.

Tim Hudnall and Mike Macellari have been invaluable post presences. David Franklin and Drew Dixon have also displayed their immense talent at times.

In addition to his team winning seven of eleven, Coach Huppenthal recently enjoyed the birth of his second son, Timothy Lawrence. *The Colonial* wishes to congratulate the Huppenthal family.

Coach Robertson must have thought this season would be like childbirth-plenty of pain, incessant yelling, and good

speaking. After losing Casey Stafford, Doye Bird, and Erin Poe to graduation, sharpshooter Erin Downey and Ball State signee Jessica Aldridge were left to direct the team. As the phrase goes, it takes two to tango.

And tango they did. The emergence of Freshman Tarrah Miller as a third scorer has been a nice surprise for the squad. Most pundits expected the girls to finish somewhere in the middle of the NIC race. However, following a blowout

win over Elkhart Central, the girls stand at 11-5. Fatigue may have played a role in losses to Penn and St. Joe. Despite those setbacks, a showdown with conference leader Riley fast approaches.

Offensive consistency will be a key to late-season success for the lady Colonials. Robertson's team must also control the tempo of games and keep Downey and Aldridge out of foul trouble. With their two anchors out of the game, the Colonial's inexperienced middle

order becomes exposed. Simply playing hard cures many ills, though.

With a coaching style many have compared to Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw, Robertson has awakened a dormant program. While she and Huppenthal look to enjoy the trimmings of success, they must remember one thing: they could lose their jobs to the Coed Coach.

Keep on Dancing

Krysten Anderson
STAFF WRITER

Keep rollin, rollin, rollin, into the New Year for the Clay High School Poms. The Pom squad has performed during half time at almost all the basketball games. The routines these girls do are extremely difficult. Some of these girls take dance classes in addition to Poms. They take ballet and gymnastics outside of school.

On January 13, 2000, the Squad took a trip down to Indianapolis for their division competition. While in Indy, the girls performed two different routines. The first routine was a funk routine. The Varsity squad finished 1st out of a possible three places for their first routine. In their second routine the girls finished 2nd out of a possible three places. They had ten points taken from their score for doing a turn that has been outruled since the beginning of the year. The girls would have still fallen short of a first place by two points. The Junior Varsity finished 3rd out of a possible three places. That may be due to the fact that it was their first time competing, and

the girls were a little nervous.

Senior Kelley Carl of the Varsity squad says, "There is a lot more work put into a routine that most people expect. It usually takes three to four days to learn a routine, but about a week to perfect one. Regional competition is February 17th and state is February 24th. Right now we're re-learning all our routines."

Freshman Sara Nelson of Junior Varsity says, "It takes a lot of time, but it's a lot of fun. Sometimes it takes a really long time to learn a routine because we go over it again and again until it's perfect and we get it right. I'm still deciding whether or not I want to continue my career as a Pom."

The Poms have made a big impact on the halftime show during Basketball season. Though Poms is not considered a sport, the girls work as hard as any athlete. The squad appreciates everyone who supports the squad by purchasing raffle tickets. Come out to the boys and girls basketball games and watch the Poms perform!

Julie Kselman
STAFF WRITER

The Girls' swim team has had a successful season. Their record so far is 12-3, with Sectionals coming up this weekend. The girls have a good shot at making it to Regionals this year. Their success however, is hard earned.

This year left the team without the help of many of last year's talented seniors. Luckily, many

skilled freshmen joined the team this season; helping gain wins for Clay. The new talent of Freshman Lauren Shive and Stephanie Smucker balanced with the skill and experience of Seniors Zoe Brickley and Meghan Cole.

Practices began in October. The girls get up at 5 A.M. for an hour and a half of practice every morning before school. In addition to morning practice, the girls practice after school from 3-5 p.m. "We never see daylight in the winter," said Sophomore Sara Phillippsen. "We get up before the sun rises and don't leave until it sets."



Freshmen Lauren Shive and Stephanie Smucker and Senior Meghan Cole watching their teammates' race.

Why do they do it? One Clay swimmer said, "It's the thrill of the competition. It's a total

The Whirl of the Pool



Junior diver McKenzie Elston gets ready to perform her next dive.

Besides the daily practices, the girls also practice on Saturday mornings. At 7 A.M. every Saturday, the girls get up and dive into a freezing pool.

rush, when you're done, you've beaten your opponent, and you know practice has really paid off. that makes it all worth while." The girls are feeling good about their fame and appreciation. And why not? With all the hard work, they deserve it! Sectionals will be held at Mishawaka on Saturday starting at 11 o'clock. Make sure you get out there and support our girls to Regionals!

Sports Commentary

The Fiesta Fiasco

Aakash Chauhan
STAFF WRITER

At 4:00 A.M., I woke up to watch what I thought would be a "great game." At the time, I was in India, and it was January 2nd. But in America, it was January 1st and that meant Notre Dame was playing. I have been a Notre Dame fan since I can remember. That is proven by the fact I was the only person out of a billion people who was watching the game in India (I'm surprised they even televised it).

At the beginning of the game, I felt a bad omen coming on. Bob Davie ran out smiling, telling the sportscaster how he felt good (mentally feeling good about his contract). I felt this just wasn't the right thing to say. Perhaps his ego was a bit inflated, because it was shot down 41-9. Before I left, I remember reading an article about how ND was unfairly put as the underdog of the Fiesta Bowl. Hmmm, I wonder what the writer is thinking now. Another important fact, offense is for scoring, not for defense. I don't think the coaches understood that either. When you are playing one of the quickest teams

in the country, running a pattern up the middle won't get you anywhere. Matt Lovecchio was glocked enough times to hammer a nail into 10 layers of steel. He probably hates football by now (and his offensive line). By halftime I was ready to switch the game off, but a renewed spirit of a comeback remained in my head. Yeah right! They were hammered even more.

There is talk that next year will be "the year" for Notre Dame. However, your final ranking is determined by your Bowl performance, yet Notre Dame's bowl performances have looked like bowel movements the last few years. An important side note to this article is that after watching this game I felt extremely ill. To have a 103 fever in a foreign country is not an enjoyable experience. Maybe I am even angrier because I wasted 2 hours watching the "Fiesta Fiasco," then immediately fell sick from lack of sleep. Whatever it may be, the game was a disaster and tradition was smacked by transition offense.

Featured Athletes Ben Carrier and Ryan Riesenber Football and Wrestling

Nickname: Ben: Spidey, Stormin' Mormon.
Ryan: Berg, Batman, Ries.

Most Memorable Moment: Ben: When I stuck the Penn kid.
Ryan: Beating Adam Ecker.

Pre-Game Food: Ben: 64 oz. Powerade, sandwich, granola bars, pop tarts, blueberry muffins, cookies, then wash down with a 32 oz. Gatorade.

Biggest High School Win: Ben: Beating Washington to win Sectionals.

Ryan: When my brother and I, sealed the deal in the Penn meet with two back-to-back pins.

Favorite Subject: Ben: Weight Training with Coach Scott.

Ryan: Team Games.
Favorite Teacher(s): Ben: Mr. Morriscal, Coach K.

Ryan: Mr. Hartman.
In 10 years, you see yourself: Ben: Having 7 wives, one for each day of the week.

Ryan: Married to Megan and having a great job.

Love Life: Ben: Strugglin' hardcore.
Ryan: The best it can get.

Boxers or Briefs: Ben: Commando.
Ryan: Boxers.

If you werestuck on a desert island, who would you want to be stuck with: Ben: Joe Dub.

Ryan: Megan.
Personal Quote: Ben: There are two things one must never pay for: sex and water.
Ryan: Fudge Mister.

Megan Walker
BUSINESS MANAGER



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