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The Graduates Return

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What do Eric Greer, Joe Singleton, Mike Ber- man, Doug Robins, Steve Malakoff, and Libby Wag- ner all have in common? Besides being graduates of Craig, they were all on a panel that addressed our Juniors and Seniors. The purpose of this panel was to let current Craig students know what to expect when they get to college.

Each graduate at- tends two and four-year colleges, and all said they did not know what to expect of their first year of college. Everyone was surprised at the amount of work many of their classes required. As, Libby mentioned, she sometimes has "100 pages to read per week."

What also surprised the graduates was the writing requirements in college compared to high school writing. "In col- lege, you may only have four papers to write in the whole semester, but those are 5-10 page pa- pers," commented Doug.

Mr. Amorose's ears must have been ringing during this discussion, because every one of the graduates had wonderful things to say about him and the SIMS strategies. The graduates agreed that what they learned in Mr. Amorose's class helped them greatly to complete short and long essays and research pa- pers, which are a must in college.

The graduates noted

that the skills taught in our academic workshops would have been a great help to them. Time man- agement, organization, and note taking skills were the top three things that each graduate said were needed to survive in college.

A very valuable sur- vival resource also men- tioned was the OSS of- fice, or Office of Special- ized Services. This office can help college students get their IEP accommo- dations honored by the professors and this office can also help with tutor- ing, when needed.

I think everyone had a great time, seeing the graduates again and lis- tening to their helpful advice.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Find out why Craig graduates love Mr. Amorose!
- ✓ See who is new to the road.
- ✓ Did your candidate win? Turn to page four!
- ✓ Check out what Dan Greene had to say about Eric Greer!
- ✓ Who do you want to go all the way? Check page three for some inside info.

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Berichtsturm

By Zach Gray

Night Watch

The book I am reviewing is an amazing story of good, evil, and shades of gray. The protagonist, Anton Gorodetsky, works for an organization of light called the Night Watch. It is an intense story that will have

you guessing till the last minutes. I give this book a three out of five stars due to it being slow in the be- ginning.

The Thirteen and a Half Lives of Captain Blue Bear

This book is magnificent. It starts with Blue Bear as a baby and continues his ad- ventures such as the Ballog Head, Nocterm Academy, and Genff. The Nocterm Academy Motto is "Darkness is knowledge." If you are intrigued, then go get the book!



Badger Soccer Updates

By Kevin May and Jeff Guariglia

The season has started for Badger soccer, and what a season it's been. With Dan Greene as the new goalie, the Badgers are ready to fight off everything coming at them.

The first game, against the CG Altimore Anteaters, saw a 4 to 0 score. But Greene managed to block 21 out of the total 25 shots taken on goal. Coach Argenti comments, while "Dan never played goalie before, he's stepped up for the best of the team."

Greene's new position is not the only difference in this year's Badgers. Several team members have remained the same, but now

they are more experienced and more aggressive. The Badgers don't let this experience go to their heads, however. Coach Argenti notices the team is still "eager to learn and get better."

And the Badgers certainly are getting better. The second match-up of the season was against the CG Fireworks. The Badgers made it on the scoreboard with a final score

of 5-2. The first goal of the game was scored by Rya Dinsmore, giving the Badgers the lead.



The Badgers are bringing experience and passion to the field this year.

Coach Argenti commented on Rya's performance. "She was able to change her position on the field, which resulted in her being able to score."

Goal number two was scored by Bobby Krueger.

The competition is intense, but Coach Argenti assures us that "each week [the Badgers] work hard to get better!"

Chris Kaman Can Do It, Man!

By Jeff Guariglia



Chris Kaman plays for the L.A. Clippers. When he was young, he was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder (ADD).

He does not showboat on the court and respects his teammates and opponents.

As a little kid, with ADD, he was given medication, and the

medication affected his ability to concentrate on the court.

Now playing with Los Angeles, Kaman wanted to get tested again. This time, he was told he does not have ADD. In an ESPN interview, Kaman said that he was very happy he could play again. He feels like he is able to concentrate, and he can run and keep up with the rest of his team.

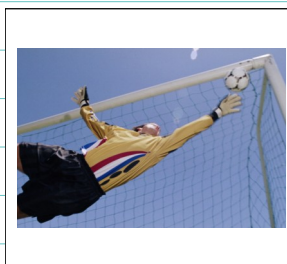
"Mean" Greene

By Kevin May

Dan Greene took a few minutes to talk to our reporter about his first soccer game of the season.

Were you nervous coming into the game?

Dan: I was a little nervous before the game. But once I got



Dan Greene shares his thoughts on his new position as goalie.

in to it, I was fine.

You took the place of Eric Greer as goalie. How do you feel about filling his shoes?

D: Fine. He is a good goalie. I think with hard work and practice, I'll get better as time goes by.

Do you have any overall thoughts for the season?

D: For the first game, I felt that I did a good job. I did block 21 out of 25 shots. I think I will do a good job as goalie for the rest of the season. We are a hard working team, and I know we will get better and win some games.

Thank you, Dan, for talking to us.

Rock Reviews

By Frankie Cierpial

Evanesence

With the vocal beauty of Amy Lynn Lee and the shredding style of new guitarist Troy McLawhorn, **Evanesence** plays rock based music that has a little pop thrown in. They have been on top since their debut album *Fallen* and quickly reclaimed their place with *The Open Door*. Whether it's the feeling of anger in *Going Under* and emotional pain in *My Immortal*, if you give them a chance, their music will touch you.

Evanesence was started in 1998 where Amy was singing for a prayer and worship group. Benjamin Moody (*former guitarist*) spotted her there and was touched by her heavenly voice. With their influences being **Living Sacrifice** and **Type O Negative**, they took the name **Evanesence**, meaning "disappearance." Quickly Rocky Gray of **Living Sacrifice** and John LeCompt of **Mindrage**

and Will Boyd joined **Evanesence** and they soared to the top with the hit *My Immortal*. Because of creative differences, Ben Moody dropped out, being replaced by Terry Balsamo. After *The Open Door* was released Rocky Gray, John LeCompt, and Will Boyd dropped out. They are now replaced by Tim McCord (Bass), Troy McLawhorn (*Guitar*); Will Hunt (*drums*). **Evanesence** has four new videos out and they are *Call me when you're sober*, *Sweet Sacrifice*, *Lithium*, and *Good Enough*. I'm sure if you listen to **Evanesence's** alternative dark sound, you will love them. To learn more about Evanesence go to www.Evanesence.com or HTTP://Myspace.com/evanesence.



SPOTLIGHT ON MR. CHIN

Mr. Chin, how long have you been teaching?

Mr. Chin: I've been teaching for 38 years.

What colleges have you attended?

I went to Rutgers for my Undergraduate work, and I went to Montclair for Graduate School.

If money were not an issue, and you could have any job in the world, what job would you have?

I would like to own my own school.

On a more personal note, what is your favorite color?

Blue.

What is your favorite food?

Prime rib.

Do you have any special talents?

I used to love running.

What time do you wake up in the morning?

I get up very early, between three and four a.m.

What time do you go to sleep at night?

It depends. I go to sleep between 7:30 and 10 p.m.

Post Season

by Kevin May

I took a survey on the team who may be in the Super Bowl. The four teams who are in the playoff are the New York Giants, the Green Bay, New England and San Diego. Most people I interviewed said they are not interested in football. Most people who do care about football want the Giants to win.

This week the Giants have it hard because they are playing the Green Bay. Green Bay is a good team. Green Bay defeated Seahawks 42-20. to make it to the divisional finals. Green Bay is 14-3. Green Bay defeated the Giants in the season game.

The Giants defeated Tampa Bay and Cowboys to make it to the divisional finals. The Giants lost to the Cowboys twice.

New England went 16-0, for a perfect season. New England

defeated Jacksonville to make it to the divisional finals. Some people think New England is going to win the Super Bowl. New England defeated the San Diego this weekend. And the Giants played Green Bay. The Giants defeated the Green Bay. The Giants defeated Green Bay to go to the Super Bowl. So the Super Bowl game is on Feb 3, 2008 on Fox 5. The kick off is a 6:30. The two teams in the Super Bowl are the New England Patriots and the New York Giants.



Which team has what it takes to be the '08 Super Bowl Champions?

Landmark Volunteers: Youth Across America

By Alex Sessa

For high school students yearning to get out of the house, make friends, and touch lives for a summer of adventure, Landmark Volunteers is the ideal summer program. Landmark Volunteers is a non-profit organization that gives teenagers the opportunity to travel across the country and perform community service at various locations. High School students from different parts of the country are put into groups and are assigned projects that will benefit others.

While some of the volunteer locations may be indoor restoration projects, others may include park preservations and/or historical site cleaning. Although the experience is rewarding, students considering the program must be prepared to embrace manual labor and meet the challenges that are expected of all participants: cooperation, group participation, and hard work. Each group is assigned a "team leader" who is

an adult with some type of expertise in the location to which the group has been assigned. Although the team leader is responsible for the group, he or she can also serve as a mentor and friend.

Aside from traveling across the country and making interesting friends, students can complete required community service hours and have something impressive to put on their college applications. Although students work from Monday to Friday, there will most definitely be time for fun. Students can participate in activities in the area they are in, go hiking and/or swimming, or take a trip to the nearest downtown area.

To apply, all students must submit an essay, explaining why they want to participate in the program, accompanied by a letter of recommendation. Anyone who is interested in the program should see Mrs. DeSimone or visit www.volunteers.com.



It's a close race for these two candidates.

Primaries Aren't Just for Kids Anymore

by Rachel Simon

The upcoming election is approaching faster than we think. Even though the world is more preoccupied with Britney Spears' latest antics, they should really be informing themselves with what is going on with the presidential candidates.

The Iowa caucus was the "first step" for the U.S. presidential nomination process. It took place for many years without the public really knowing about it. It was first brought to national attention in 1972 in a New York Times article. The Iowa caucus is when people who live in Iowa go to their local schools, churches and public libraries and vote for who they want to

be their parties' candidates. The Iowa caucus this year took place on January 3, 2008. That night, Barack Obama (Democratic candidate) and Mike Huckabee (Republican candidate) claimed their victories.

The Iowa caucus starts off the presidential nomination process, which then brings us to all the other states, where the 'caucus' is called a primary. The first state to hold their primary was New Hampshire. In the New Hampshire primary, which took place on January 4, John McCain (Republican candidate) and Hilary Clinton (Democratic candidate) took the lead. The following week, on January 19,

in Michigan, Mitt Romney (Republican candidate) and Hilary Clinton won, with Obama following closely behind. In this case, Clinton won the most popular vote but Obama won one more delegate.

In the next few weeks, there will be primaries in the states of South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah and of course our home state, New Jersey! This will all lead to the convention where a candidate for each party will be nominated.



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Dear Readers,

As Chief Editor of The Craig Chronicle, I applaud you for reading this newspaper. On behalf of the newspaper staff, we are very excited to have the first edition out. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to come up and tell us.

Love,
Rachel Simon



STUDENT INTEREST POLL

By Josh Kitts

Who would you vote for in the Primary Election?

Undecided: 18
Barack Obama: 11
Rudy Giuliani: 8
Hillary Clinton: 4
John McCain: 2



The Future President?

Newsletter Highlights

Some congratulations are in order for Chris Pearce and Jay Schlossman. Both of these young men are licensed drivers! Good job guys, and keep it safe!

Kevin May helped lead his Westwood Wildcat roller hockey team to a victory against Wyckoff. With Kevin as goalie, the Westwood Wildcats are 3 up. Looks like a great season!

The Holiday Party at Space Odyssey raised the spirits of over 100 Craig family members. A good time was had by all.

The Craig Billiards Club begins

this week. This will be a four week session, so keep your eyes open for some pool hall highlights!

The teachers enjoyed coming to work on January 17th. This special Dress Up Day for the students was a result of the teacher victory in the Student/Teacher Basketball Game. Sorry students, maybe you'll win next year.

The Cirque de Soleil Stepping Out was a big

success, for Craig students and actors alike. This final performance was a treat for everyone there!



REMINDER: The ACT and SAT will be administered at Craig in April and May, respectively. Be sure to register early so you don't miss your chance!

Everyone had fun participating at this year's Winter Spirit Day

