

The Craig Chronicle



The Craig School

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I Could Have Seen It All Night

On Thursday, March 20, the twelfth and eleventh graders went to see the musical *My Fair Lady* at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. This was truly an event to see.

The plot of the musical is based on a Greek myth called "Pygmalion." In the myth, Pygmalion creates a



O'Hare and Cazenove brought down the house.

statue of a beautiful woman and eventually falls in love with the statue. The musical is based on a play written by George Bernard Shaw, who was made famous by *My Fair Lady*. Shaw unfortunately died before he could see his play turned into a musical. The musical tells the story of a commoner named Eliza Doolittle, who sells flowers for a living. A linguistic professor named Henry Higgins and his friend

Colonel Pickering overhear Eliza's speech and deem it extremely hard to understand. The men make a bet that Higgins can teach Eliza how to speak properly and he eventually falls in love with her. In the musical, Higgins is to Pygmalion as Eliza is to the statue.

This performance featured Lisa O'Hare as Eliza, Christopher Cazenove as Henry Higgins, Tim Jerome as Eliza's father, and Marni Nixon as Higgins' mother. Ms. O'Hare's performance was really delightful. She was excellent at pulling off both of Eliza's accents, the more street-slang and the more lady-like. She hit those high notes that I can only dream of hitting! She stole all the scenes that featured her, which was almost every scene. O'Hare was truly a great actress to behold. Cazenove and Jerome were also very good in their performances. Cazenove gave Higgins life, and Jerome's portrayal of Eliza's father had everyone laughing. What is interesting about Marni Nixon, who played Higgins' uptight mother, is that she is a Broadway native. Not only

By Rachel Simon

that but she did the singing for the character of Eliza in the 1964 movie with Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison. The actors and actresses were very good and I must say that together, they were a wonderful cast.

The costumes and the sets were very realistic to the time period. The set was simple but clear enough to see where the scene was taking place. My favorite scene was with Eliza's father and his outrageous singing in the many bars throughout the town. The costumes were decent and you could really tell the differences between social classes.

I tried to interview a certain English teacher who maintains room number 12; however, all he said was, "I enjoyed the play." Since my pestering did no good, it appears Mr. Amorose liked the play and would rather tell me to do my essay for his class than talk about *My Fair Lady*. I was unable to interview any other teacher that was in attendance, but I believe everyone greatly enjoyed it.

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Sport Highlights

By Mr. Argenti

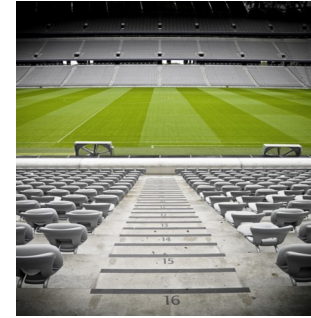
Soccer Season Summary

When a challenge presents itself to the Craig Badger soccer team, they just don't run to it, they kick the stuffing out of it. This year a young Badger soccer team played their hearts out not only for their Coach, (Mr. Argenti), but for the pride of their school.

The team was led by experienced seniors, but it was the freshman that came out blazing. Newcomer Brian Bekarogullari fought his way into the starting line-up to help out the over-worked defense that was being led by Tom Dovidio. Rya Dinsmore, Dan

Greene, Jay Schlossman and Keira Carter helped provide the offense this year, and continued to improve each week.

We gave several teams a run for their money this year, and Rya should be recognized for all the goals she personally scored. Next year will be a whole new challenge, and the young Badgers' are very eager to compete and bring home a well-deserved Victory.



The Craig Badgers are getting ready for next season.

Erin Go Bragh!

According to the local legends, early Ireland was arranged by tribes, or clans. Each clan was governed by a chief selected from its most important family. The clans settled in different provinces of Ireland, and each province had a king who carried out the desires of the clans, which were represented by the central district, called Meath.

During the reign of King MacNeill, (428-463 A.D.), a priest named St. Patrick was carrying out what he thought to be a very important work. He was trying to convert the native Irish "pagans" to Christianity. Although this new Christianity had been successfully introduced into some parts of Ireland, St. Patrick encountered great obstacles, and this new faith was not fully established in the island until a century after his death.

The first attempt toward an Anglo conquest of Ireland was made by King Henry II of England in 1155. He received a promise from Pope Adrian IV that Henry II was authorized to take possession of the island. Some very minor attempts by the Irish were taken to reclaim their land, and in 1172, King Henry II visited Ireland with a very large army and tried to simply take

possession of portions of the island. The King and his army, however, encountered a lot of opposition from the Irish clans before they succeeded in taking the lands that they have claimed.

The Anglo influence remained in Ireland, and many of the British families began to take some of the customs and language from the native Irish. The Anglo-Irish Parliament passes a law in 1366 that would punish any British families that followed the customs of, or made friends with, the native Irish. In 1494 another law was passed that made the English and the Irish live apart from one another, and Irish laws and customs were made illegal. Tensions rose even further when the religion in England changed from Catholicism to the Anglican state church, of the Church of England. The entire Celtic population of Ireland remained Roman Catholic, and there was further tension between the British who were now under the Church of England.

In 1641, under the leadership of Rory O'More, a movement was formed to seize Dublin and get rid of the British. The Irish succeeded, and this was just the start of the Irish trying to reclaim

By Christine Park

"...Irish laws and customs were made illegal. Tensions rose even further..."

their land from the British. The spirits of the American and French Revolutions against Britain gave the Irish more hope, and they continued their fight. In 1801, on January 1, William Pitt knew the only way to solve the fighting was to proclaim Ireland as a union, separate and independent of Great Britain.



Ireland is a country rich with history.

SPOTLIGHT ON...Mrs. DeSimone

By Frankie Cierpial and Alex Sessa

Our reporters took a few minutes to talk with Mrs. DeSimone, our Post-Secondary Counselor.

What was your first career choice after high school?

I wanted to become a Special Ed Teacher.

What led to your current career here at the Craig School

It's a very long story. When my son entered high school, I joined a parent group for disabled students and became president of that group. I realize the biggest problem for parents is, "What will our kids do after high school?" So,

I decided to start my own business to help parents of LD students find colleges for their children. And through that avenue, I ended up at Craig.

What college did you want to go to during high school and did you end up going to the school of your dreams?

I wanted to go to a college near my boyfriend. And I did. That was a bad choice, because I only went there for a while. But the up side is I married the boyfriend, and when we moved, I trans-



Teachers are like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

ferred to another school.

Where do you think you would be if you didn't work here at Craig doing what you're doing?

I would do the same thing but as a private consultant.

We know you have children. Do you

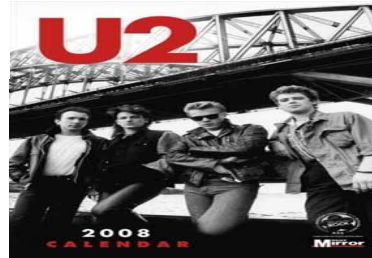
give them the same advice you give us?

Yes, especially my daughter, who is similar in age. But she doesn't always follow my advice like you do!

U2 By Frankie Cierpial

When you hear the words "Sunday Bloody Sunday," you think of the Irish rock phenomenon U2. They made a name for themselves that still shines in current times. Their punkie soft rock has touched many people with Bono's booming voice and The Edge's guitar solos always in the right place. U2 are rock legends forever and always.

It all started at the school that they went to in Dublin. Larry Mullen was looking for members for his band. From there he found the infamous Bono and The Edge. Dick Evans and Adam Clayton also joined the band in that particular school year. Little did these boys know they were about to take part in the most exciting ride of their lives to the top of the charts. At the time their band was not called U2; the band was called "The Hype". They persisted in their musical development, and became U2; the renamed band quickly gained popularity. That was their first big break. When they made their 7th LP entitled "The Joshua Tree," it became the fastest selling record in the UK. After many World Tours and numerous albums, they made it to be legends not only their time but now. People now still love them; they are still legends. They worked very hard for numerous years and nothing can take what they have away from them.



U2 have made their name known with fans of all ages.

Shut Up and Stop Whining By Tom Dovidio

People who obsess over getting dumped are annoying. I'm sure you know who they are. They just won't let it go. They keep talking about it and talking about it.

They should just stop whining and get a new, better-looking, funnier, nicer boyfriend or girlfriend.

Once you are in your new relationship, you have two options. You can quietly think to yourself that you have upgraded and bask in your glory, or you can be jerk and rub in it your ex's face.

"I wanted to go to a college near my boyfriend...Bad choice!"

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

By Alex Moretti

Be sure to wish the following people a happy birthday this month!

March 1- Kevin May

March 3- Tom Dovidio

March 10- Christina Spears and Mrs. Blanchard

March 20- Nicole Miller

March 22- Charlie Suthern

March 26- Mr. Blanchard

Is this your “Plan of Attack”?

By Alex Sessa

I had the time to interview the lead singer of the band *Plan of Attack*, Frank Cierpial.

OK, for those who don't know, what is the name of your band?

Plan of Attack.

How long has your band been together?

We've been playing for about three years.

So, how many people are in the band? And how old is everyone?

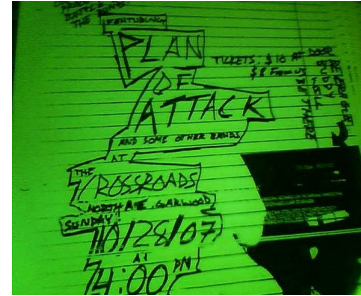
There are three people. Jim, our drummer, is 23. Ray, on guitar, is 15, and I'm 17.

Generally speaking, what genre of music do you compose?

We play whatever we feel, but usually rock.

Though you probably don't care what people think, how do you feel about people who don't support the band?

I think that some people are jealous and just to be clear, I don't brag about being in a band. But the great time and effort I put into this band has led to my accep-



Plan of Attack rocked the Crossroads last year. Come out and see them do it again.

tance that everyone has their own opinion.

Does your band have a web-site?

Yes, <http://www.myspace.com/poattack>.

When is your band going to perform next?

We are playing a battle of the bands April 13th at the Crossroads in Garwood, NJ. If you are interested in attending, you can see me for tickets. They are \$8, and will be more at the door.

Interview with Senior and Editor-in-Chief, Rachel Simon

By Josh Kitts

Thank you, Rachel, for talking with me. Ok, DDR or Guitar Hero and why?

DDR because I'm really bad at it.

Are you involved in any physical activities outside of school?

Yes, I watch television a lot and use the remote. I also type a lot on the computer.

What is your description of the sexiest man alive?

A red-tailed hawk, who is really a boy named Tobias.

Do you think this interview is insane?

Yes, but I like your questions, so let's continue.

OK, if you were on a plane coming from Australia to America and your plane crashed on an uncharted island with other weird people living on the island, what type of character would you be?

I would be the type of weird girl who says she could start a fire because she was a girl scout in the third grade, but really can't start one at all.

What is your favorite music group or singer?

Death Cab for Cutie.

If you could destroy any place in

“What is your description of the sexiest man alive?”

the world, what place would it be?

Definitely Hitler's grave.

Is this the last question?

(Pause) No?

WRONG!

HAIKUS

It's Saint Patrick's Day
Everyone is wearing green
I see a clover

This is a Haiku
In form five, seven, and five
Poetry's best form

Flowers wilt in Fall
Deep slumber in the Winter
Bloom again in Spring

Trapped inside a school
Information being taught
I want to create

By Josh Kitts



Spring puts magic in the air.

The snow is melting
The green grass comes into sight
Spring has just begun

I want to know...

By Josh Kitts

This is the fifth poll I have conducted, and I would like to know:

How do you like my polls so far?

“Stop asking me these questions”: 12

“OK, I guess”: 8

“Undecided”: 6

“I should punish you for making me endure these”: 5

“Greatest thing since Chuck Norris” AND “Hate them”: 3

“Love them”: 2

“I hate the world”: 1



Be on the look out for her new album. Does this mean she will be touring again? Keep reading The Craig Chronicle to find out.

TRAVEL: PARIS By Frankie Cierpial

If you are looking for a vacation filled with history, beauty, and intriguing landmarks, Paris is the place to go. Paris is the most romantic city you will ever see. Paris is the capital city of France, and it is split by the river Seine. The population of Paris is 2,167,994 and the dominant language is French. When you go, the one thing you might want to do is see Notre Dame. Another fun day out is the Eiffel Tower. Right by the Eiffel Tower, you can take a boat ride on the Seine and see all the beautiful bridges built for numerous reasons. If you are looking for a cultural experience this summer, from experience, I recommend Paris.

Madonna to Release a New Album By Frankie Cierpial

The queen of pop is back since her last album entitled *Confessions on a Dance Floor*. She has been the queen of pop since the 80's and has not stopped reinventing herself. She has played almost every form of popular music, accompanying her songs with controversial videos and lyrics. The new album will be called *Hard Candy* and will feature Justin Timberlake in the song “Four Minutes”. The album is planned to be released April 29th and the “Four Minutes” single is in stores and iTunes now.

“The new album...will feature Justin Timberlake...”

HAIKUS

By Zachary Klarberg

and

Gili Traster

I went in the house
I could sense danger near me
I ran for the hills

I go to a school
I feel so left out sometimes
I wear cowboy hats

I am like a mouse
I run when danger appears
I run with power

I am like sunshine
Always burning everyone
I am very mean



Who could leave out this guy?

A good friend once said
Baseball bats fly in summer
The koala knows

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**You keep reading,
we'll keep writing!**


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STUDENT INTEREST POLL

I'm doing another poll for the newspaper. What do you think?

(First responses to the above statement and questions were recorded)

"What's the question?" - 26

"OK" - 9

Complete silence - 3

"Let me see" and "Not another one" - 2

One vote for each of the following:

"NO!", "Am I supposed to be thinking?",
"YAY!", "For what?", "Sure.", "You're
doing another poll?", "Go away."

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- ☞ The first weekend in March brought a medal to the Craig School Student Body. Kim Botwinick placed 4th overall in her tri-state diving meet. Way to go Kim!!
- ☞ Geoff Shaiman played an outstanding role in the musical *Bugsy Malone, Jr.* performed at the YMCA in Wayne. Let's keep our eyes on this upcoming star.
- ☞ The March Stepping Out was to Medieval Times. Everyone had a wonderful time, even without cutlery or a winning knight. Huzzah!
- ☞ Ms. Wincey Terry and Mr. Victor Burks are keeping spirits high at the Craig School twice a week. These very talented musicians are teaching our students about musical genres, finding meaning in lyrics, and how to have fun while learning something new. Keep up the good work, Wincey and Victor!
- ☞ The Million Calorie March is in full effect! As of April 4th, our total calories burned is 192,441.
- ☞ Congrats again to all the students who made the honor roll or high honor roll! We are proud of all of you! Keep working hard.
- ☞ The Science Fair final deadline is April 17th. We are looking forward to viewing all of your projects.
- ☞ Ms. Toonkel's art students have been very busy. Not only has she helped them complete the Auction Invitations, she has also inspired many of our students to enter *Blick's 2008 Linoleum Contest*. We find out the contest results in April.
- ☞ Mel Levine will be speaking on Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Mendham Township Middle School. Anyone interested in attending his lecture should visit www.mendhamtp.org.



Don't miss the opportunity to see this Educational Leader speak in NJ.