

The Gavel

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PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

“Pain is Temporary, Pride is Forever!” This is the Volleyball Pandas quote for the season, and was even more meaningful for the Playing for a Purpose game, held at Thomas More College on September 22, 2011. The student bodies from St. Henry and Notre Dame came not only to support their team, but to help support Breast Cancer Research with all proceeds benefitting the *I Have Wings Foundation*.

“The cheering section was filled with pink and Notre Dame spirit!” said Claire Hill after attending the exhilarating and intense game.

Freshmen and JV won in three sets and Varsity won three straight sets, playing best three out of five. The Crusaders put up a good fight, but they were no match for our pandas.

This is the fourth consecutive year for Notre Dame and St. Henry to participate in Playing for a Purpose and every year the Pandas have come out with a victory.

Congratulations Volleyball Pandas, and GOOD LUCK in your post season play!

CLUB ORIENTATION

On Friday September 23, 2011, we had our annual Club orientation. Club Orientation is a day when Student Council and club moderators present the different clubs Notre Dame has to offer. This year there were thirty-seven different clubs including a few new ones. Harry Potter Club, Respect Club, and Pop Culture Club are some examples of the new clubs that Notre Dame added this year. The clubs were presented to the student body in many creative ways: a skit, video, or by singing and dancing. With so many different clubs, many girls have the opportunity to be involved in the different activities Notre Dame has to offer.



“OUR TOWN”

Our Town took place this month at NDA. *Our Town* is a drama about everyday life in the early 1900's. The first act, which is called daily life, focuses on the tasks and duties through the daily life of the Gibb and Webb families. The next act focuses on the two leads, George and Emily, as their friendship grows and their marriage. They are young and scared but reassured by their parents and each other that with love they can survive. In the third act George is struck with grief by the death of Emily. The final act focuses on Emily's struggle to let go of the world she loved. The show was the premier for, Ms. Cathy Creason, the new director.

PROFILES

EXCHANGE STUDENTS SHARE THEIR STORIES

Gavel: What is your family like?

Ini: I have one sister, Lena, one dog, and two parakeets.

Mary: I have two brothers. The oldest is eighteen and the youngest is eleven. I also have a dog named Aki.

Gavel: What do teens do for fun where you are from?

Ini: Sports and hang out.

Mary: We have school Monday through Saturday and Friday nights we go to church teen group.

Gavel: What is the biggest difference between NDA and your prior high school?

Ini: We don't have clubs or uniforms, it isn't an all girl school and everyone has their own style; like punk.

Mary: The biggest difference is that we leave school for lunch at 1:00 and have the rest of the day for ourselves. School is just for learning in Italy and we don't have any school dances, clubs, or sports.

Gavel: What is the fashion like in your hometown?

Ini: The fashion is pretty much the same. My favorite store in the US is Forever 21 and back in Germany my favorite store is Forever 18.

Mary: The fashion is also pretty much the same in Italy. My favorite store in the US is Macy's and GAP and my favorite store in Italy is H&M and Zara.

Gavel: What is the most popular food from your area?

Ini: It is mostly the same kinds of food as here in the United States.

Mary: It is pretty much the same here as it is in Italy.

Gavel: What has been your favorite thing about the United States?

Mary: My favorite thing about the United States is how friendly and welcoming the people are here.

Mary Bertolini and Ini Guertle



Flashback

A day Across the Dixie Line: A closer look at CCH
by Tricia Blank, Tammi Carlisle, Connie Riedinger

The school: Covington Catholic High School

The date: October 6, 1976

The time: 8:05 a.m.

We were there...

While most Notre Dame girls were in bed sleeping on this free day, we three Gavel reporters visited CCH to do some private investigating.

Having received permission from Sister Mary Virginia Ann and Mr. Jon Gross, we attended the school for the purpose of giving a first hand view of a typical CCH day.

Our experience began with the distribution of our survey (see p. 9) and the meeting of our guide, Mike Schuler, senior. Next we followed a specifically prepared schedule for the day.

The first things we noticed inside CCH (besides 550 males) were the bright designs decorating the entrances to the classrooms. Lab bottles and test tubes were painted above the chemistry door. Blue lockers lined the walls.

Upon our arrival at our first class, we were greeted by a person in the familiar colors of black and white. This was not a Sister of Notre Dame, but Father Fedders. We were stared at curiously by his freshman religion class.

The atmosphere of the class was very casual. Father joked good-naturedly with the boys. All of the teachers we met that day seemed to have this personal relationship with their students.

As class continued, we searched the room to find a clock. Suddenly, we heard a noise which sounded like a doorbell. We were informed that this bell signified the end of a twenty minute period. At the sound of the third bell, the hour class ended. Aha! That solved the question of no clocks!

Hearing the flowing sounds of Mozart, we were lured into a class of art students. Peering over the shoulders of these concentrating males, we were amazed at the complexity of their projects.

Students at CCH are able to take art for four years, which enables more progress in development and preparation for college art courses.

Growling stomachs reminded us it was close to lunch time, so we followed our noses downstairs to the cafeteria. The lunches served were similar to those of grade school. The hot plate lunch for the day consisted of chicken, mashed potatoes, fruit, rolls, cookies and milk at the price of 55 cents. This "what-we-serve-is-what-you-get" lunch was a definite change from NDA's variety of food.

Our stomachs contented, we continued our exploration of classes. Our guide led us to the chemistry lab. We spoke to Mrs. Nichols, a science teacher, about electives. Physiology, Theoretical Chemistry, and Earth Science are a few of the course offerings.

After science we ventured to journalism class. Here we gave a short presentation about "The Gavel," and learned about their school paper, "The Colonel Gable." (cont.)

At one-thirty we were caught off-guard by a voice through the intercom. The principal, Mr. John Gross, relayed the dismissal announcements. Puzzled by this, our trusty guide informed us that this was done for the sake of the early leaving seniors. As in the morning, the announcements were devoid of Brian Rutemiller, Student Council president.

At 2:30, the last bell sounded and school was dismissed. During the mad rush for the front door, we happened to catch the opinion of Dave Macke, junior. When asked how he felt about going to an all boys' school he replied, "I miss the girls."



What were boys thinking in 1976?

A survey was distributed to the Junior and Senior Class of Covington Catholic inquiring about their opinions on the opposite sex (that's us). One answer was selected for each point on the questionnaire.

The results from this poll were carefully calculated and compiled by computers, locked and hidden deep in Notre Dame's basement. At long last we now present to you "the all around girl".

"Foxy" girls led the pack followed closely "cute" and "good looking" chicks. A "super-personality" was a definite must for the "all-around girl," while "good looks" seemed to have some significance, too.

In the line of physical characteristics, a shapely blonde, 5'5"- 5'7" tall, with medium-length blonde hair and blue eyes, would be ideal. Brown hair and eyes were second on the list, a long with long hair, a height of 5'1"- 5'4", and a slender figure. The "shapely" physique was chosen nearly unanimously, so start those exercises, girls!

The last question of the survey asked for their favorite girl's name. The variety of names gathered leads us to believe that each guy had someone special in mind. Names such as Mary, Sue, and Nancy turned up more than once. A "supposed" liking for some rather unusual names was also found in the form of Hildegarde, Lulabell, Freida, and Ethel!

Stay tuned: Publications class plans to revisit the boys across the Dixie Line and see their views on boy/girl relationships today along with their experience of school at an all boy high school.

Movies, Quizzes & More

Movie Releases

October 7th:
The Ides of March (R)
Real Steel (PG13)

October 14th:
The Big Year (PG13)
Footloose (PG13)

October 21st:
Paranormal Activity 3 (R)
The Three Musketeers 3D (PG13)



The Ides of March in Cincinnati!

In February of 2011, Cincinnati hit celebrity status. We can credit this fame to our hometown success story, George Clooney. Clooney, graduate of Augusta High School, decided he wanted to bring some excitement back to his hometown and film part of his movie, *The Ides of March*, in Cincinnati. In the movie, locals will recognize Fountain Square, the Robeling Suspension Bridge, the Ohio River, and parts of Covington. In addition to these places, Xavier University and Miami University's campuses will also be showcased throughout the movie. Hundreds of people gathered around the set in hopes of seeing Clooney or the other leading actor, Ryan Gosling. The movie was released October 7th across America and is hopefully in the running for an Oscar. It's safe to say all of Cincinnati will have their fingers crossed!

The Gavel is Moving to the Internet!

The Pandas are moving to an online newspaper! The publications class has been hard at work trying to create a more eco-friendly form of the Gavel. We will be sending out e-mails to the links for the newspaper, so you'll still have access to the wonderful Gavel!

The Gavel has been a part of Notre Dame Academy for most of our 106 year history. We are trying to update The Gavel to make it more appealing and easier to access with all the technological changes we are going through. Parents and Alumni will also have access to The Gavel. We are going to strive for a more magazine layout, and we will have current events through the school and also what's happening in our world.

Keep a lookout for our new and improved Gavel!

The Most Popular Halloween Costumes of 2011!

Miss Scissorhands
Alice in Wonderland

Charlie Sheen
Zombies
Royal Couple
Politicians
Katy Perry
Angry Birds
Harry Potter
Black Swan



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