

Girls Flip for American Idol

By Lyndsay Mayer

On any given Tuesday night, every resident of Anderson's third floor piles onto Amanda Griffin's king-size bed. The credits roll, and the squeals are subdued as all eyes are on the television screen for another episode of *American Idol*.

Tara Jobson, an Anderson RA, is the ringleader of this Idol-crazed crew. "I am Kelly Clarkson," boasts Jobson, continually referring to herself as last season's *American Idol* winner.

Jobson hosts Thursday night Idol-themed dance parties in her room, which "are all the rage," says Griffin.

"In order to be the *American Idol* you need to be on Simon's good side," is Jobson's advice for Idol wannabes. "I showed Simon my spunky side and Randy was very attracted to my ghetto booty. But Simon recognized my inner beauty and vocal talent and realized I would fly higher than Britney Spears."

Human services major Allison Chrisco is very supportive of her neighbor. "I thoroughly enjoy living next door to Kelly Clarkson," says Chrisco. "I am the only person on campus who knows that it's really her."

Third floor Anderson resident, Liza Morgan, recommends her picks for next season. "[Freshman] Jenni

Sheets needs to be an *American Idol* next year. Kelly Clarkson is good, but Jenni Sheets is my hero." Morgan and Griffin also nominate the Grinch, to replace the sullen Simon Cowell.

Idol is becoming a bonding ritual, according to Jenna Hood. "It's really fun to watch Simon be mean to everyone and pick people apart and judge how everyone sings. It builds community on our hall. We all watch

it together."

Others are not so certain it's worth their time. "I think it's shallow, another attempt to suck people in and prey off their insecurities and dreams," says one student boldly.

"It's overrated and not worth my energy. If I want good entertainment, I'll go to a basketball game," says sophomore McGregor resident, Continued on page 4

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their stand, but are worried that Iraq is up to no good. These nations make up the European Union, (EU) which is struggling to maintain a united front despite differing levels of support for the US.

The situation in North Korea cannot be ignored. In short, there are five nations that were granted the right to nuclear weapons as of 1967. These nations are the US, France, the UK, Russia, and China. India, Israel and Pakistan never signed the treaty, yet have nuclear weapons capability. North Korea signed the treaty in support of weapons monitoring worldwide, but removed itself from the alliance in January of 2003. It felt the treaty was allowing the US too much power in the nuclear weapons arena. North Korea is opening several new

nuclear reactors, claiming they are to provide electricity to North Koreans. This makes neighboring countries, such as Japan and South Korea, suspicious and overly concerned.

In the face of a crisis emerging at lightning speed, American citizens have an obligation to remain informed as the heavyweight in the pending events we face as a nation on the edge.

We are citizens and residents of a nation that has bled to give each individual the right to an opinion. Your opinion may be to hide your head in the sand, or to support the war effort with prayers for justice and the eradication of terrorist regimes. Regardless of your stand on the ensuing conflict, your right to be informed transcends all opinion.

Creative Writing

...A Moment

By Jason Fisher

Upper Way

By K-Puppy

I've been through the worst of situations
I've been forgotten and mistreated
but no matter what my head's been looking to the
Upper Way

I'm pressing on to the
Upper Way to
Higher Ground

No matter what stones
Are thrown
Or who denies
MY Jesus
I'll be a witness
And continue to look to the
Upper Way

I'm a witness
for Jesus
Nobody but Jesus
He picked me up when
I was down
Nobody but Jesus

If ever there was a moment
that I felt safe:
-It was in your arms.
If ever there was a moment that I
felt joy:
-It was in your presence.
If ever there was a moment that I
felt peace:
-It was in your voice.
If ever there was a moment that I
felt warmth:
-It was in your eyes.
If ever there was a moment that I
felt Love:
-It was in your kiss.

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