



Getting to Know the Counselor Secretary: Mrs. Clift

By: Jace Pratt

Mrs. Clift sits at her desk typing as a student walks up to her wanting to enlist in a different class. She is exactly the person to help. Mrs. Clift is an office secretary who works in the counselors' office. She does attendance and changes students whenever they need to be placed into a new class or a different school. Mrs. Clift says, "The things that I mostly do is our attendance. I also enroll people or withdraw them." She puts excuse notes into the school system and sometimes she disciplines students and deals



with write-ups. She says, "I help assist the counselors and if they need anything from me or want me to do something, I can help them with that." She says her favorite thing about her job is seeing the students all day because they make her day. Mrs. Clift chose to be a secretary so that she could have the same

hours as her son, who was currently in middle school at that time. She likes helping the counselors and the environment of the counselors' office because it's nice to work all day. Mr. Meade, one of our three counselors, says that "Mrs. Clift is the glue that keeps the counseling office together. She is vital and very helpful when we need help done." He loves working with her and says that she is generally a joy to be around. Mrs. Clift is very helpful to a lot of students and staff in need of her.

Stories of Tony "The Tonster" Morton

By: Lexi Hunt

Some people just have some crazy, unbelievable stories. One of these people is a freshman named Tony Morton. Tony has many crazy stories that just seem like they cannot possibly be true: "One of my favorite stories to tell is the Golden Corral story. I took a tinkle in the ice cream machine one time when I was like six or seven." He also has a couple stories with hamsters: "My mom ate a hamster in front of me once, for no reason. I also tried to eat one before just because I was hungry." These stories may seem absolutely unbelievable, but, according to Tony, they are all real. Tony has told many of his friends and teachers about his favorite intriguing stories. He's told Mr. Martinez many stories in his AP Human Geography class, and he's told Mr. Berkeley many stories in

Musical Theatre. Sailor Bivens, a freshman, is very familiar with these stories, as she's heard them multiple times. When asked which of Tony's many stories is Sailor's favorite, she responded with, "The Golden Corral story." She also says that she doesn't believe his stories at all. It's hard to tell if these stories are true or false, but they are definitely entertaining.



Above: Tony Morton, a freshman at Carter High School

Left: A hamster that Tony has owned

Opinion: Lefties Left Out?

By: Rebecca Lavender

Lefties are normally forgotten about, left out, and completely disregarded whenever it comes to their needs in schools. 90% of the population are right-handed people, which leaves 10% of people lefties. In Carter High School, that leaves roughly 80 kids to be left-handed. Andrew Stiles, an 11th-grade student at Carter High School who is a leftie, has shared his struggles with being an outsider. Andrew shared that “being a left-handed person is good, fun, and interesting.” Being left-handed definitely comes with many questions like, “Wait, you’re left-handed?”, “Can you write with your other hand?”, “That’s weird!” Different people, but the same questions occur. It was also shared that “smudges for days” while writing is probably one of the most annoying things that left-handed people go through, besides the school desks. Left-handed people’s hands get tired so easily while writing, especially sitting at these desks for eight hours.

Mr. Browning, the senior principal (who is right handed), stated, “If a student, parent, or teacher requests a left-handed desk, they can get one.” If you would like a left-handed desk, you can contact Mr. Browning so he can put in a request. It would take roughly about 1 week for it to arrive, and you’re able to get one in every class you have. This includes the 8 classes for the new school year next year. I also talked with Mrs. Dottely, the senior class English teacher, to get a right-handed person’s perspective. She agreed that left-handed students are left out. In Mrs. Dottely’s eight years of teaching, she shared that she has never seen a left-handed desk. She also shared, “I think that I don’t have to think about things the way lefties do.” Even though being a lefty is tough through many things, I’ve personally adapted to use my right hand for many other things, which makes me ambidextrous. I do struggle as most lefties do, but I can get by fine using my right hand for

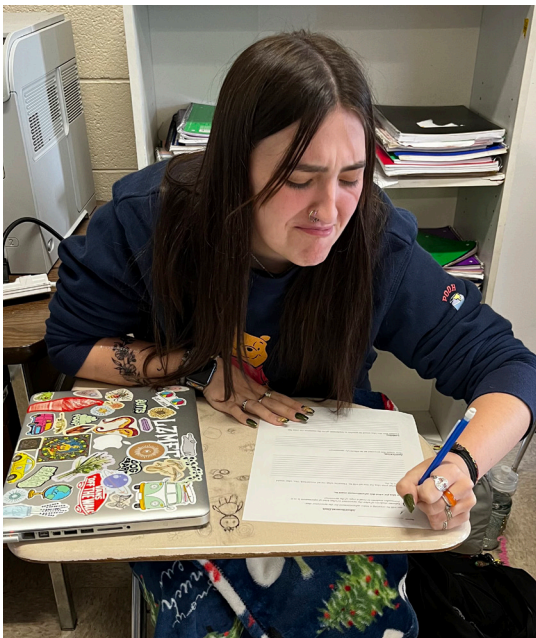
scissors, throwing and doing various activities in the gym, and sometimes even writing if I ever were to hurt or break my left hand. It’s just preferred to use my left hand. I may be ambidextrous, but it really is a pain to write in right handed desks, and in notebooks with pens because we smudge everything. The schools have left-handed desks but don’t use them, probably because no one ever had a problem with it until now. Left-handed students should still get equal care like anyone else. It’s not thought about, but it would be very much appreciated. I genuinely advocate that the administration of Carter High School should be inclusive towards left-handed people, and not discriminate. Even though there may be few left-handed students, it doesn’t mean we don’t exist.

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Rebecca Lavender, who’s left handed, sits sadly at her right-handed desk



Mrs. Dottely, who’s right handed, has no trouble