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"You sneaky rat!" Caleb Feist (Norman), Andrew Simmons (Arnold), and Ryan Unruh (Lucien) devise a plan to catch the rat in the bathroom. All three boys were in the winter play "The Boys Next Door" which debuted on March 11. See pages 6-7 for additional photos. (Photo by Skylar Nosker)

Around The Halls

Do you feel safe in your neighborhood?



Corey Srna, fr.

"No, because I don't trust anyone - you can never trust anyone."



Miranda Everhart, soph.

"No, I don't feel safe, because there are weird crazy people that live in my town."



Samantha Hargadine, jr.

"Yes, we don't have a lot of major crimes, and it's alot better than Solomon."



Alex Earles, soph.

"No, those we do not speak of come out at night, don't let them in."



Southeast of Saline

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Students shouldn't stress about future

By Jessica Conway

As the last seven weeks approach, so do the frightened and stressed expressions come to the faces of SES seniors.



Graduation is on its way, and so is...what? This is the question in every high school seniors mind right now: What comes after high school?

We are stressing about where we will go to college, what we will major in, and what we will do for the rest of our lives. While understandable, this stress is not necessary.

High school is a period of learning and growth but in many more ways than just class material. In fact, the focus is more upon growing in maturity and responsibility than in knowledge gained from the classes you take.

One lesson that is especially stressed at SES is being prepared. From the time

we start the ninth grade, we have been placed upon a path that determines the classes we intend to take throughout high school so that we can continue along that path after high school. We are offered the options of going to college, going to a vocational school, or entering the working world directly after high school.

While SES should be commended for preparing their students to the best of anyone's ability, the stress that students take from it is too much.

We should not expect ourselves to know what we want to do for the rest of our lives at the age of eighteen – or fourteen, for that matter. The average college student changes his/her major at least three times while working on a mere bachelor's degree, and even after college, the average working person...with a degree changes his/her occupation another three times.

Nothing in life is set in stone. We are merely expected to start along a path and follow it until that path changes. We shouldn't allow ourselves to be stressed, but we must make a plan. Even though we know our destination might change, it is still true that "a journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step."

Small town doesn't ensure safety

By Kelsey Colby

Take a second and imagine yourself sitting in front of the TV watching the evening news. Your house is quiet and cozy, and you never really have to worry about the dangers of robberies and murders.

Your attention is drifting from the anchorman, and right before you get up to leave the room to get a drink, you see your neighbor's face pasted on the screen. Out of desperate curiosity, you completely forget about your drink and sit back down to listen.



You hear the last of the anchorman saying something about breaking news and BTK being caught. Your mind is racing with excitement, and still, your curiosity about why your neighbor has anything to do with this is lingering in the back of your mind. Your attention is on full alert, and the anchorman goes on to say, "Dennis Rader, better known as BTK, has been caught."

What if that was really you sitting in your living room, one house down from where Dennis Rader lived? Can you even imagine the fright and insecurity that would be planted into your everyday life?

I live in the small town of Assaria. Most of the time, people go into town and just leave their doors unlocked or even wide open with just the screen door shut. I've never been worried about robberies, or some murder guy coming in at night and killing me. It's just something that has never been an issue.

But even the smallest towns can have surprises. Just recently there was a robbery in the small town of Assaria. In Assaria! It just goes to show that you can

never really be as safe as you think you are. Anything could happen.

A few weeks ago many neighbors and long-term friends were devastated, hurt, and betrayed all in a matter of moments. Television news reporters all across Kansas were reporting that the antagonizing BTK murderer was finally captured. The CBS Channel 12 News interviewed one of Rader's closest friends. He said that he had no idea about Rader and that he was hurt and felt betrayed. His eyes were wet and his voice cracked. These people had no idea that their friend or neighbor could be a murderer, and the shock that was placed in their lives will change the way they live every day.

Dennis Rader led a normal life by attending church, going to work, and making friends. Most people would have never guessed that this church-going, friendly man was alleged to be responsible for the death of at least ten people.

How would you feel to know that your best friend was a murderer? It would definitely change your life forever. Even the small robbery in Assaria kind of opened my eyes a little. It was something that's just not supposed to happen in my town. Though we live in a "safe" and small community, we

are not necessarily immune to the dangers of what we consider "big town" crimes.

The world is a crazy place and anything can happen, but a lot of people are oblivious to the fact that there are crimes taking place all around them. Of course, we shouldn't look at our classmates and immediately think AX MURDERER, but it never hurts to be a little cautious.

Religious reformer Martin Luther once remarked that "religion was never more endangered than when it was in the company of reverend men." He wasn't implying that every seemingly good person is actually a murderer in disguise. He meant to be shrewd. Question people, and critique their actions.

Jesus said the same, "Therefore, be shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16) Don't be nonchalant about the world around you.

BTK seemed like an innocent person to the people who were around him. The tragedy of the BTK story should always be remembered and not set aside as just another crime in Kansas. Remember, even in the smallest towns, there could be criminal action lurking right under your nose.



Cartoon by John Henry

Superintendent offers opposite opinion: Assessment awards not bribery

Letter to the editor

Submitted by Superintendent Bob Goodwin

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Jessica Conway on her well written article in the March 2, Trojournal, titled "Schools Shouldn't Bribe for Scores." Her objections to President Bush's, "No Child Left Behind Act," (NCLB) are also held by many educators in Kansas. I, however, don't agree with her conclusions.

In her article Jessica takes issue with the fact that the expectation of (NCLB) is for all students to reach proficiency by the year 2014. She claims this is "preposterous and dangerous." I disagree with her assumptions because I think it is a noble expectation which we should challenge ourselves to attempt to attain. I don't believe we should leave any student behind simply because they don't learn things as quickly or easily

as their counterparts in school. I am hopeful that all students can learn and I believe we can show that they are learning through appropriately administered and monitored assessment.

There is also a logical reason for the administration and staff to offer a reward for those students who try to reach proficiency on the state assessments. Currently, students who take the assessments receive nothing for doing well on them. Unlike their classes in school they don't get an A grade for a job well done, they get nothing.

When we looked around the state at high schools that were scoring well on the state assessments we came across a plan that was being used at Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Kansas a community not far from Southeast of Saline. They have outscored students at SES and we wondered why because we simply don't think their students

are inherently smarter than our students.

We learned that the educators in Lincoln had devised a plan through which their students would be rewarded for doing well on the assessments. It was relatively simple and straight forward; it allowed the students to get out of school three days early if they did well on the test. It didn't cost a lot of money to enact and the students responded very well to the opportunity.

We appreciate our students at SES and we want to provide them with an incentive to do well on the state assessment. They won't look bad if they don't do well on the test, but their school certainly will. An A on the grade card is appropriate for a job well done in a class at SES. Call it a bribe if you will, but I don't think it is any more of a bribe than an offer of a few days off for the students who score well on the state assessments. Thank you.

Verhoeff discovers her artistic talent

By Sadie Myers

You may see Janie Verhoeff showing off her dance moves on the basketball court on Friday nights, but you will rarely see her showing off her exquisite drawings anywhere. However, Verhoeff is a talented artist and has received numerous medals and ribbons for her work. She first started drawing four years ago.



"My first good drawing would be my ballet fairy. It was just something I was trying to sketch out while watching TV. After that, I was introduced to others like oil paint and stippling, thanks to Mr. Emme and Mr. Krehbiel," Verhoeff said.

Although she admits she is gifted, Verhoeff confesses that she doesn't like to show off her artwork too much.

"I am low-key about it. I don't really do much with my art work. The only time it is shown off is when I do prom invites, programs, or T-shirts," Verhoeff said of her art.

She said that Mr. Scott Emme and Mr. Kurt Krehbiel have been a big influence in her life. She credits them for be-

ing great teachers and influencing her in art and life.

"They are really open-minded and help me a lot with making art better. They made me think more 'out of the box,'" Verhoeff said.

Verhoeff loves art and says it makes her feel good about herself.

"I love it when people point out what I need to fix about my drawing and then point out something they love about it," she said.

Verhoeff plans on furthering her artistic career in college as a Graphic Arts Major.

"Hopefully I will go to The Academy of Art in San Francisco or Denver, Colorado," Verhoeff said.

After college, Verhoeff may even make a living off of her artistic talents, as an art teacher or other art-related career.

"I really enjoy taking on projects for people and helping others out," she said.

Verhoeff said she is proud of what she has done.

"Sometimes a drawing turns out good and sometimes it doesn't, but when it does, you feel so proud of yourself. It shows a great accomplishment that I have achieved."



Tillman signs on to fence for Air Force Academy

By Chelsea Thorne

Senior Christina Tillman has the opportunity of a lifetime. She was accepted into the United States Air Force Academy.

Only 1,200 out of the 35,000 applicants get in each year. Her longing to be in the Air Force started her freshman year at a fencing tournament at the base.

“They have a wall there called the ‘All-American Wall,’ and I wanted my name on that wall,” said Tillman.

Admission requirements include filling out applications, going through interviews, and passing a rigorous military physical.

“I have always been confident about getting into the Air Force because the Air Force fencing instructor promised me that he would get me in,” said Tillman.

Tillman will major in aeronautical engineering, and after her education is finished, she will be required to serve five years in the military although she won’t be able to fly a stealth jet because her eyesight isn’t good enough.

Tillman said she has a very optimistic outlook for everything. She isn’t worried about hazing, or scandals, and she isn’t worried about being deployed to Iraq.

“I am very patriotic and would die for my country,” Tillman said.

Tillman said that at first her dad was a little hesitant about her going into the Air Force, but now he is 100 percent supportive of her decision.



Christina Tillman smiles with the Colonel Ron Williams, admissions liason officer, during her signing ceremony for the Air Force Academy. (Photo by John Christie)

Say it to Sam

Girls find problems in lovers and friends

By Samantha Elsasser

Dear Sam,

I am constantly being bothered by this girl who annoys me so much. She calls me at least four times a day and always wants to hang out. I’m always nice to her, and I hate shrugging her off and finding excuses not to hang out with her. I don’t want to hurt her feelings, but I don’t know if I can stand her for much longer. What should I do?



Annoyed

Dear annoyed,

Wow, I’m really sorry you have to go through that torture. Well, a really easy way to deal with this is to tell her how you feel about her calling you too many times a day. Also tell her that her constant bugging must slow down.

The best way to tell her how you feel about it is by having her come over to your house. Sit down with her and express your feelings.

Another thing you could do is to stop and think why she may act like that. You might regret what you were thinking about her if you walk around in her skin. She might be really excited to have a friend because she may not have ever had one before. Just take this nice and slow, and I wish you lots of luck.

Sam

Dear Sam,

My ex-boyfriend might asked me

out again, and I really do like still like him, but I also like this other guy who might ask me out too. Who do I go out with? I don’t know what to do!

HELP ME

Dear HELP ME,

You really should think about all this before you jump into another relationship so people don’t say anything about you. If I were you, I would take the new boy you met so you don’t have to worry about the ex anymore.

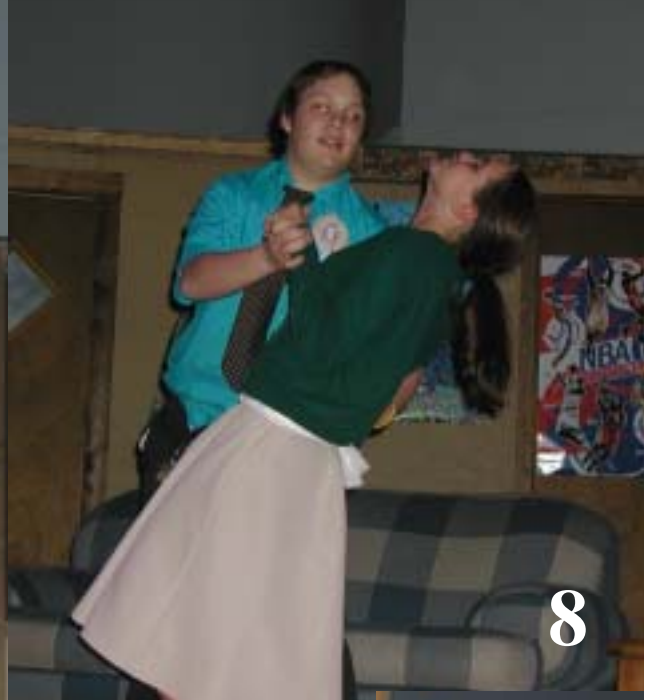
If you do decide to go with this new guy you met, you might want to be careful not to go out somewhere where you might see your ex-boyfriend. He might get jealous and do something stupid to try to get you back as his girlfriend.

Sam

“The Boys Next Door”



1. Britten O'Banan (Mr. Kempler) hits his son Alex Earles (Barry Klemper) with a box of chocolates.
 2. Andrew Simmons (Arnold Wiggins) waits for the train to Russia.
 3. Ryan Unruh (Lucien P. Smith) and Lacy Bruggeman (Jill Palmer) make their case at the Senate hearing.
 4. Lacey Bruggeman (Jill Palmer) helps Ryan Unruh (Lucien P. Smith) read.
 5. Chelsea Thorne (Mrs. Fremus), Taylor Garretson (Sheila), Alison Burt (Clara), Caleb Feist (Norman), and Megan Luthi (Helen) socialize at Jill's "surprise party."
 6. Ryan Unruh (Lucien P. Smith) shows Andrew Simmons (Arnold Wiggins) his library card.
 7. Britten O'Banan (Mr. Corbin) tells Andrew Simmons (Arnold Wiggins) that men and women have different needs.
 8. Caleb Feist (Norman Bulanski) dips Taylor Garretson (Sheila) at one of their dances.
 9. Ryan Unruh (Lucien P. Smith) lifts his head out of the sink after checking to see if the water was dirty.
 10. Caleb Feist (Norman Bulanski) and Kassie Bethe (Mrs. Warren) sit on the couch together.
 11. Ryan Unruh (Lucien P. Smith) rehearses his Senate speech.
- (Photos by Sadie Myers, Skylar Nosker, John Christie and Klint Spiller)



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FCCLA

⊖ April 3, 4, and 5 - STATE FCCLA LEADERSHIP SHOWCASE, Wichita

⊖ April 3 - Kansas Peer Ed. Reception, Culinary Arts Mandatory STAR EVENTS Mtg.

⊖ April 4 - State STAR EVENTS, DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING for 05-06; STATE OFFICER BANQUET

⊖ April 5 - State Leadership Showcase, Century II; Installation of New officers; Recognition of STAR Events Competition; Keynote Speaker



Miscellaneous

- ♣ Prom April 2, 8pm
- ♣ Trojan Choice Awards April 6
- ♣ ACT Testing April 9
- ♣ Science Fair April 11
- ♣ After Prom April 18, 6:30pm
- ♣ Golf Tourn. @ The Municipal Golf Course April 23
- ♣ CPR Training for Freshmen April 27

⊖ April 23 - Track Special Olympics here; SES; FCCLA Conces



CONGRATULATIONS!

Mr. Anderson's Clubs

Alex Earles has been named the State VP of Membership for 2005-2006!

♣ NEA Forensics April 7 @ Beloit

♣ Border Wars April 14

♣ Regional Speech Drama Special April 16

♣ Play April 23



Ryan Unruh takes care of Meaghan Ryan's Living On My Own "baby" at the Peabody Forensics meet on March 5. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

*Note: The title is in a simple substitution Cipher; e.g. A = Z, G = T

Crew for Global Flyer more than just pilots

By Brian Dow

Cars lined State Street for miles. People waited on the runway in the cold for more than three hours. Several SES students' parents signed them out of school to watch the historic event. The round-the-world flight of Global Flyer captured the attention of Saline County residents and national media alike.

Now that the Global Flyer crew has successfully completed the mission, media attention has dwindled.

However, more of the story remains to be told. Not much is widely known about the three key personnel involved in getting the GlobalFlyer off the ground and through its successful around-the-world flight. These three people — Steve Fossett, the pilot of the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer, Sir Richard Branson, the man who is responsible for funding most of the GlobalFlyer project, and Burt Rutan, the owner and founder of Scaled Composites, the company that made the GlobalFlyer — are such unique characters that their names are sure to surface again and again in future flight record attempts.

STEVE FOSSETT

Steve Fossett is no stranger to breaking or making world records. In his most recent flight, he set the first record for solo, non-stop, unrefueled, around-the-world flight.

In addition to his around-the-world flight record, Fossett has set the record for fastest journey around the world in a hot air balloon and in a catamaran. Fossett's determination knows no bounds; to get the record for fastest, unrefueled flight in a hot air balloon, Fossett made six tries until he was successful. So it is no surprise that Fossett decided to take on the task of creating the record for first solo, unrefueled, non-stop, around-the-world flight. Fossett has also participated in the grueling Le Mans 24-hour race twice.

SIR RICHARD BRANSON

Many people might describe Sir Richard Branson as "quite a character," but one thing is certain: Whether a "character" or not, he is a force in the business world to be reckoned with.

Sir Branson started his business empire when he was 16 years old, when the dyslexic teenager dropped out of school to start his own magazine, "Student."

His headmaster told him, "I predict that you will either go to prison or become a millionaire." Sir Branson has done both; he did a short time in prison for smuggling currency, and he was threatened with more jail time after he was discovered to have been exposing and abusing a tax loophole in England to benefit his small business of a mail-in record store. Those experiences have shown him that he does not want to be on the wrong side of the law again.

He has made a name for himself in the business world by challenging the major companies and winning. His company, Virgin, has its name on everything from electronics to soft drinks, and Sir Branson has no intention of stopping anytime soon. Sir Branson has a reputation as a man who can sell salt to a slug. He has shown his company can sell anything, and he personally can negotiate anything with anybody.

Even Sir Branson's own cousin does not like to enter one-on-one negotiations with him. Sir Branson has a way of negotiating with

people, that ensures that he always comes out on top. In 1984 Richard formed Virgin Atlantic Airways and in the last two decades has grown the airline into Britain's second-largest carrier.

To promote the Virgin Atlantic name, Richard became involved in a number of high-publicity record-breaking attempts throughout the 1980s and '90s. In 1986, his boat Virgin Atlantic Challenger II crossed the Atlantic Ocean in the fastest-ever recorded time. A year later he flew the Virgin Atlantic Flyer balloon, the largest hot-air balloon ever built, across the Atlantic.

BURT RUTAN

Burt Rutan is the owner and founder of Scaled Composites, a company based out of Mojave, California.

Dick Rutan, brother of Burt Rutan, is a co-owner of the world record for un-refueled, around the world flight with two pilots.

Scaled Composites has developed the full-scale flying prototype for the VisionAire Vantage business jet and has built three NASA X-38 crew return vehicle structures. Scaled's newest flying prototypes are the White Knight (an airborne launch aircraft) and SpaceShipOne (a three-place, high-altitude research rocket). Scaled is currently developing a new composite manufacturing processes for application to general aviation, fighters and new space vehicles.

The Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer, designed and built at Scaled, made its maiden flight in March 2004. It is a single-place turboprop round-the-world-capable aircraft built for Marathon Racing.

Sources: <http://www.virginatlanticglobalflyer.com/Team/index.jsp>

Losing My Virginity: How I've Survived, Had Fun, and Made a Fortune Doing Business My Way By Sir Richard Branson

Business the Richard Branson Way: 10 Secrets of the World's Greatest Brand-BUILDER by Sir Richard Branson



Steve Fossett and Sir Richard Branson pose next to the Global Flyer before takeoff. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Kim Colby)

Lady Trojans lose in the second round of sub-state

By Amanda Harding

As the SES girl's season ended short of state, they did put up a fight till the very end. The girls began sub-state playing against Northern Heights where they won 64-53, outscoring them 16-6 in the third quarter.

In their second game of sub-state, they lost 59-44 against Riley County, ending the season 11-11.

There were many highlights of the season such as seniors Chantay Seim and Jessica Swanson making all tournament team, Chantey breaking three records, and having six seniors in basketball this year.

"I have been playing with most of these girls since the first grade and it's a great feeling that I finished my high school career with them. There have been some good times and some bad times but we have

Boys' basketball ends season 13 - 9

By Skylar Nosker

After knocking off a team that hadn't been defeated at home all season, the SES boys' basketball team fell to the eventual state runners-up Minneapolis Lions last week in sub-state basketball play.

The Southeast boys had high hopes when sub-state got underway, and they took on Beloit on March 1. The problem to overcome was that Southeast had to play at Beloit, where Beloit hadn't lost all season. Well, the problem was solved as Southeast won 63-54.

They then looked forward to Friday, March 4, when they took on Minneapolis in the semi-finals.

Like the game before, there was one problem: the Trojans had lost three times to the Lions during the regular season. On the upside, the Trojans had home court advantage and had already beaten the only team who beat the Lions, in Beloit.

The upside wasn't enough.

The Trojans had chances of taking this game, but Brandon Crum and the Lions kept the Trojans from making a run. Crum scored 20 of his 26 points in the first half, putting the Trojans in quite the pickle, losing 42-31.

Sophomore Bryson Flax scored a team high 22 points as the Trojans fell to the Lions, 81-58.

The Trojans finished the season with a record of 13-9, three more wins than last year when the team finished 10-10.

been together through all of it and that is what made it so special," Seim said.

Senior April Ptacek also said she has many memories from her senior year of basketball.

"Playing basketball for the last four years is something that I will never forget," Ptacek said.

Coach Wayne Sager was also very excited about the girls season and having six seniors.

"I think the girls played well. We were hoping for a little better record, but I think our league was as tough as it has ever been. The six seniors were tremendous assets to this ball club, and they have represented our school very well. We will miss them tremendously next year, but other girls will now have to step in and take their turn at the varsity

level," Sager said.

Junior Sam Hargadine said she'll miss the seniors but is looking forward to the upcoming season.

"I am excited for next year even though we are going to be missing six awesome seniors. I think it will be fun, and we definitely have some shoes to fill," Hargadine said.

With this being Jessica MacDonald's first and final year playing Trojan basketball, she is sad to see it end.

"This is my first year of basketball here at SES, and I really enjoyed playing with such a good group of girls and with such an awesome coach. It was actually a team sport," MacDonald said.

Although the girls wished for a better record, they finished the season with a hopeful look towards next year.



Justin Schroppe shoots a three-pointer in the sub-state semi-final game against Minneapolis. Southeast lost 81-58. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Haxton looks forward to solid track team

By *Klint Spiller*

Head track coach Pat Haxton acknowledges graduating some key competitors from last year's track team, but he's still excited about the prospects for this year.

"We'll be pretty solid in all of our track events," Haxton said. "I'm really excited about all of our relays, boys and girls," he said.

The team lost several key seniors, including Jason Mann, who represented Southeast in the shot put at State and also threw discus throughout the season. Other key senior losses included Kristi Roe (Shot Put/Discus), Nick Ryan (Hurdles/Triple Jump), Klay Spiller (Shot Put/Discus) and Jason Zeller (100M/200M/400M).

In the empty events that the seniors left open, the Trojans have several emerging, yet inexperienced athletes that plan to fill the void, such as sophomore Colby Douglas and junior Alex Bunger.

"Our sprinters will be better than everyone thinks," Haxton said.

Though the guys lost several athletes, they are returning four State qualifiers in mid-distance and long distance with their 4x800 meter relay team, which was made up of seniors Ian Hughes and Matt Short and sophomores Clinton MacDonald and Ethan Komp.

MacDonald also qualified in the 1600 and 3200 meter run. On the girls' side, they are returning four state-qualifying sprinters that include juniors Brooke Kent, Brandi Pounds, Holly Henry, and sophomore Chelsey Kincaid, who made up the 4x100 meter relay team.

Kent and Pounds also represented Southeast in the 100 and 200 meter dash,

and Kent also placed third in the triple jump at State.

"All the girls will do very well in the sprints, mid-distance, and long distance," Assistant Coach Kendall Lynn said.

The team hopes that they will improve upon their performance from last year and qualify even more athletes for State.

"I want the team to work hard and improve every week," Haxton said.

Returning all but one of their state competitors, the Southeast of Salina track team appears to return this year at full strength.

The first meet is home on April 8 at 3:30 p.m.



Jimmy McDowell explodes out of the starting blocks at track practice. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Golf team tees off on April 5

By *John Christie*

A new coach, tryouts and one unavailable course; this is just a sample of what awaited Southeast golfers this season. The golf program saw the start of a new season come with a looming tryout that was intended to cut the team down to about 15 members.

The tryout, however, was a needless fear because the team only had 15 players come out making no need for a week of tryouts. The team's practice schedule without the use of the Country Club puts them at the municipal course Monday, Tuesday and Friday. They spend Wednesday at Elks Country Club and Thursday at Riverbend. The

golf team is without access to the Salina Country Club due to renovations being done to the course.

The Southeast golf team has four seniors: Coy Cox, Alex Mutschler, Scott Wolford, Nicolai Robertson and Cory Krager.

The team was also introduced to new coach Zach Harris.

"One of the main goals for the season is improvement among the golfers. I think we have a few golfers with chances at state too, but mainly, I want to see the improvement," Harris said.

The Trojan golf team opens the season April 5 in Herington.

Sports Box

Boys' Basketball

Dec. 3 Centre	56-34	W
Dec. 6-11 Blue & Gold Classic		4th
Solomon	45-43	W
Minneapolis	37-45	L
Sacred Heart	41-61	L
Dec. 14 Ellsworth	39-51	L
Dec. 19 @ Beloit	61-66	L
Jan. 7 @ Minneapolis	47-66	L
Jan. 11 Russell	63-30	W
Jan. 14 Belleville	83-71	W
Jan. 20-22 Salina Inv. Tourny.		4th
Sacred Heart	59-40	W
Abilene	49-50	L
Smokey Valley	40-47	L
Jan. 25 @ Sacred Heart	51-37	W
Feb. 1 @ Russell	53-31	W
Feb. 4 Chapman	40-39	W
Feb. 11 Beloit	55-36	W
Feb. 15 Minneapolis	58-78	L
Feb. 18 @ Belleville	65-50	W
Feb. 22 Sac. Hrt. (Sr. Rec.)	64-40	W
Feb. 24 @ Ellsworth	57-50	W
Upcoming Games:		
Sub-State		
State		

Record 12-8

Girls' Basketball

Dec. 3 Centre	75-34	W
Dec. 6-11 Blue & Gold Classic		2nd
Solomon	69-19	W
Minneapolis	52-36	W
Sacred Heart	40-51	L
Dec. 14 Ellsworth	55-45	W
Dec. 19 @ Beloit	46-64	L
Jan. 7 @ Minneapolis	49-44	W
Jan. 11 Russell	63-48	W
Jan. 14 Belleville	36-47	L
Jan. 18 @ Sacred Heart	35-53	L
SES Invitational Tm.		
Jan. 24 Abilene (OT)	56-54	W
Jan. 27 Chapman	50-42	W
Jan. 28 Salina South	37-50	L
Feb. 1 @ Russell	55-50	W
Feb. 4 Chapman	42-52	L
Feb. 11 Beloit	44-47	L
Feb. 15 Minneapolis	50-42	W
Feb. 18 @ Belleville	59-71	L
Feb. 22 Sac. Hrt. (Sr. Rec.)	53-64	L
Feb. 24 @ Ellsworth	57-73	L
Upcoming Games:		
Sub-State		
State		

Record 10-10

For wrestling scores, see page 13.

Ptacek claims 100 percent confidence in all positions

By Chelsie Green

Overcoming some bumps, this year's softball season is off to a great start.

Mrs. Pesh Ptacek and Mr. Mike Moran will return for another year of coaching, accompanied by Mr. Kevin Noonan who will be the varsity team's assistant coach.

With an above average amount of people out this year, Mrs. Ptacek says she is "100% confident" with all the positions this year even after losing some of the key players from last year's 21-2 record team.

Seniors lost include; Jami Osbourn, Madison Meyer, Rachael Flax, Amy Mendenhall, and star pitcher Shauna Baldwin.

Some of the key returning starters are Christine Pauley, Shelly Hillyard, Dani Weese, April Ptacek, Erica Stein, and Chan- tey Seim. Leading the way will be veteran pitcher Christine Pauley and new additions,

Sylvia Prater and Kylie Anderson.

Anderson, who transferred from Salina South, hopes to be a great addition to the team.

Along with pitching, Ptacek said she is really confident about the team's potential.

"We have really dynamic batting, solid defense, all around very solid, very tough to beat," Ptacek said.

Though it seems like they have not come across a problem yet, there was a bump along the way that could have stopped them dead in their track if it weren't for Coach Ptacek's willingness to keep coaching. This bump we're referring to is Mrs. Ptacek's baby on the way. Ptacek is about 18 weeks along but doesn't seem to be too concerned about it.

"Not worried a bit, but the girls are very protective," said Mrs. Ptacek.

Along with Mrs. Ptacek's coaching, Mr. Noonan is an addition to the coaching staff. In 2003 and 2004 Mr. Noonan coached the Varsity State qualifying South Softball team.

After coming to Southeast he says there isn't much difference.

"Girls are the same. They all work hard.

Baseball hits off season

By Skylar Nosker

Spring is here and it's time to play ball.

The baseball team is coming off of a 10-10 record last year and looks to improve.

The team lost just two seniors last year, Travis Penn and Troy Terry. They will have no problem with inexperience as the team returns eight starters.

"We have a lot more experience this year. We only lost two seniors so we hope to turn that experience into positive results on the field," said Coach Mike Garretson.

"The nice thing about experience is everybody kind of picks up where we left off. I feel like this team has already been together for quite a while instead of just a couple of weeks of practice."

The team will have a lot of senior leadership as seven seniors are out this year. They consist of Matt Myers, Austin Barnes, Garrett Mugler, Jordan Dupes, Joe Rollins, David Gray and Scott Sauber.

Sophomores Nick Hardesty, Tim Nicholson and Joel Pengra look to make in impact again this year as well.

Although there is a smaller coaching staff, they do a lot of the same things," Noonan said.

With coaches adding the last details, they are getting ready for their first game which will be on March 29, at Smoky Valley at 4:30 p.m.



Kylie Anderson throws a fastball at practice. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

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Wrestling

Dec. 3 @ Ellsworth	54-12	W
Dec. 4 @ Lincoln Quad		2nd
Dec. 10 Beloit	15-54	L
Dec. 11 @ Minneapolis Inv.		4th
Dec. 16 Minneapolis	64-3	L
Jan. 8 @ Ellsworth Inv.		4th
Jan. 13 @ Lincoln Double Dual		
Lincoln	40-33	L
Minneapolis	49-15	L
Jan. 14-15 @ Halstead Inv.		6th
Jan. 18 @ Haven Triangular		
St. John's	54-6	W
Haven	38-34	W
Jan. 27 @ Hesston Triangular		
Hesston	45-23	W
Remington	50-24	W
Feb. 3 @ Belleville	51-9	W
Feb. 5 SES Inv.		
Remington	50-24	W
St. John's	66-12	W
Marion	48-21	W
Hillsboro	57-18	W
Feb. 10 @ Russel	58-10	L
Feb. 12 Remington Inv.		1st
Feb. 18-19 @ Beloit Regional		
State Qualifiers: 125-Adam Spaeny 3rd		
140-Coy Cox 4th		
Feb. 26-27 State @ Fort Hays		
125-Adam Spaeny 0-2		
140-Coy Cox 1-2		
Dual Record: 10-5		

Science fair: Coming to a high school near you!

By Shannon Wilson

White lab coats, beakers filled with bubbling contents, and student wearing big protective goggles. This may not be exactly what you will see at the Southeast of Saline high school science fair, but there is one thing you will surely see — high school scientists exhibiting their science skills.

The science fair will be held on April 11 in the high school gym. This will be the first science fair held at SES for the secondary students. Students from several different science classes will be participating. These classes include biology, physics, anatomy and physiology, and chemistry.

Science Teacher, Mr. David King, came up with the idea of the science fair. Mrs. Peshia Ptacek, Mr. Bob Sauber, and Mr. Scott Peterson also helped support the idea. In putting the event together, the teachers will have to set up the gym, assign judges, and help the students with their experiments.

“The most difficult part (of organizing the science fair) is helping with the 90 projects because they are all different,” said King.

King explained that the students are required create an experiment that has to do with the science class that they’re taking. For example, a student from biology’s experiment will have something to do with living things.

Junior Ashley Spaeny and Rachel Nicholson are doing an experiment on effects of antibiotics on E-coli bacteria. Their experiment involves testing different antibiotics to see which one will work better to kill the bacteria.

“I wanted to do something that had to do with both classes I

Chapel claims \$100 for mock job interview

By Kelsey Colby

Senior Katie Chapel claimed a the \$100 scholarship when her name was pulled out of a hat after her mock job interview on March 15.

The hat was filled with names of students in Mrs. Juanelle Garretson’s LOMO (Living on my Own) class and Mr. Bill Gies’ Applied Applications class. The students were given a chance to role play a job interview.

The event was sponsored by the Entrepreneurship Club from K-State Salina. The

students were asked business questions and also behavioral questions by two college students from K-State Salina. When the students were through with the interviews, they were given a survey to fill out to rate their experience they had on a 10 scale. No students rated it under a seven.

“I think it was a great experience because every chance that we can give students to practice real life learning is very important. It’s crucial that the experience is real,” Gies said.

Students participate in upcoming art contests

By Brent Sweany

Southeast participates in games, meets, and contests for many events — football, basketball, baseball and softball, and many more, but there is one event that SES participates in that not many know about. The SES art department instructor, Mr. Kurt Krehbiel regularly sends art pieces in to many different contests. The first contest that SES has entered this year was a contest at KWU.

Upcoming art contests are slated for April 20 and May 4.

The Gerry Newstrom Young Artist Challenge - Salina Art Center will be held at the Central Mall on April 3-24, an art contest at Ft. Hays

am taking, so I wouldn’t have to do two experiments. And this had to do with both living things and chemicals so it worked well,” said Spaeny, who is taking both Chemistry and Anatomy.

The experiments must be completed using the scientific method. Students will display a board at the science fair that explains the results of their experiments.

King expects to see a broad range of experiments from the students.

“We will probably see experiments ranging from the effect of different antibiotics on bacteria to the effect of different recipes in the production of soap,” he said.

Gracia Johnson, a sophomore in King’s Biology class, is doing an experiment on DNA fingerprinting. She was interested in doing an experiment on genetics, and King suggested experimenting with gel electrophoresis.

Parents of participating students will be invited to the science fair, along with any member of the community who wants to see the students’ exhibits.

Awards will be given to students with excellent experiments. There will be several judges, including science teachers from surrounding schools and college students who are studying science.

King hopes that several people in the community will attend the fair to support the students participating.

“I am hoping that parents, students, and the community will be excited about the work that our young scientists at SES are doing,” he said.

The K-state representatives also gave the students feedback. They told them what they did right, and what the needed to improve on.

“The interview was very nerve-racking, but we got experience of what we’re going to go through for a real job,” said Hannah Zerbe.

“I’m really proud of the students’ sincere effort for this experience, and it was also great practice for the upcoming Careers 2005 competition on April 20,” Garretson said.

will be on April 20, and League, in which all league schools participate, will be here at SES on May 4.

Southeast has entered in the Newstrom contest for two years and at Hays and League every year.

Blue, red and white ribbons are awarded for first, second, and third places respectively at contests. SES enters all different kinds of art pieces, 2-D, and 3-D. SES does well in all forms of art that are taught here like ceramics, photography, mixed media, sculpture, drawing, painting and jewelry making. Art contests are open to all schools across the state of Kansas who chooses

to enter.

Krehbiel said that SES has many multi-talented artists who place well in many contests that we have entered. Some of those students are Devin Long, Becky Breere, Ryan Unruh, and Ashley Houchin.

Jurors judge art pieces during the contests, and these jurors decide who gets what ribbons at contests.

Krehbiel said that SES usually does very well at contests.

“You never know how well you will do at a contest. It always depends on the juror and what types of art that juror likes,” he said.