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Ashley Petitjean flaunts her winnings at After-Prom on the morning of April 2. Students could win money for certain events including Pop-a-Shot, bowling and poker. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Around the Halls

Would you eat a doughnut burger?



Doughnut Burger- Beef patty, bacon and cheese in between two Krispy Kreme doughnuts.



Britten O'Banan
Soph.
"Yes, but only if it was cooked on a George Foreman Grill."



Rachel Hoeffner Jr.
"Huzzah! I would totally eat that!"



Ryan Unruh Jr.
"Oh heck yes! I would eat that! I would eat anything."



Tony Kirkbride Soph.
"No! Are you crazy? It looks like something from Sci Fi."



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Unrealistic tardy policy needs change

By Klint Spiller

Imagine a hard-working student that goes to school, attends athletic practice, hurries to an after-school job, and then stays up until 3 a.m. doing homework. To top off this fun-filled night, the student wakes up to go to school again. Slightly sluggish from a lack of sleep, the student is two minutes late to his/her first hour class. The student then earns a tardy. If this happens twice in the course of a semester, the student receives a paper that warns the student that if it happens again, he/she will receive a detention.



The point of this is to teach students that they must be punctual later in life to their jobs and other obligations. This is a very important lesson that I believe should be taught in school, but the system to which our school adheres seems unrealistic.

With the current tardy policy, students are able to receive two tardies to each class that result in no punishment. Upon the third tardy, a student is given a one-hour detention. A fourth tardy is followed by a two-hour detention and so on, eventually leading to an in-school suspension and other increasing punishments.

This system is the same for every class with the exception of first and second block classes. Instead of having two free tardies for each first and second block, you have two free tardies for first AND second block COMBINED.

The reason for this is that the office controls the issuing of tardies to students in the first hour of the day.

So in short, students are allowed to be late to school two times without an excused absence in the period of a semester. This may seem to be completely fair and understandable, but a semester is a long time, and the morning tardy enforcement is different from the enforcement for the rest of the classes.

If the point of this system is to show that students need to be punctual later in life, then I do not believe our system is realistic. Two tardies over the course of a semester is the equivalent of being late once every 45 days.

I would like to suggest to our administration to be as lenient with their students as employers are with their employees. Students are already asked to spend more than 40 hours a week in the classroom or at home doing school work. I think it would be prudent to punish them as a full-time employee would be punished.

For this reason, I think it is necessary for two additional free tardies for first and second block classes so that each class would have two free tardies. Adding two free tardies would provide consistency with the other classes.

With this change, it would allow students to be late once every 23 days or five and a half school weeks. **A majority of jobs will not fire an employee for being two minutes late once every 23 days.**

This change seems much more realistic in comparison to the real world, and it would help relax the stress that is put on students' already overwhelmingly loaded shoulders.

“Whatever doesn’t kill you, makes you stronger”

By Chelsea Thorne

“Thank you so much for trying out!” that is what my slip of paper said telling me if I made the dance team or not. I wasn’t surprised. I forgot the dance the moment I saw the judges. I had a sore throat, headache, and a fever. (I had strep throat.) Still, I was disappointed. I had always wanted to be on dance team, and I have been taking dance class since I was nine years old. I didn’t dwell on it, though. I can always try out next year, and my family and friends still loved me, and



most importantly, I still loved myself.

I also had to deal with the jealousy issue. Five eighth graders were chosen over me. Instead of complaining and saying “How did she make it? I’m older, and probably have more experience dancing!” It didn’t matter that I have been taking dance classes for six years, and some of the eighth graders have been taking lessons for two years. The judges saw that they were better than me, and they chose the girls who would best represent our school.

I figured that it didn’t matter if I was chosen to dance on the field at half time: I could still dance with my friends and at

my dance classes every week. Dancing isn’t the only thing I’m good at, so by not making it, that gives me extra time to pursue other hobbies and interests. Life goes on and not making the dance team isn’t going to kill me.

I knew that I had done the best I could, and that is all that matters.

In fact, a small rejection helps us learn to deal with other rejection we’ll face in life. It doesn’t matter if Jack rejects my suggestion for dinner and a movie on Friday. Life goes on. The old saying goes: what doesn’t kill you can only make you stronger; and obviously, I’m still living.

Student stands up for new locker additions

By Jacob Simmons

We have the technology. We can make them bigger, wider, and taller than before. But we didn’t.

In light of our locker problem, it is easy for us to think that we lost space and that Principal Monte Couchman misled us when he said that they would be bigger and that they would also be taller.



But before we lose our student composure, we have to understand a few things. First of all, the model of lockers that we had doesn’t even exist anymore. The company we got the lockers from doesn’t make that model anymore.

“I know that the new lockers are not as friendly as the old ones, but they are more traditional,” Couchman said.

Another thing to ask is, “What did most of us use that top cubby-hole for anyway?” I know that junior Joe Pope used his top cubby-hole for Diet Pepsi cans and trash.

“Nine out of ten students just used that space up top for trash or small personal effects,” Couchman said.

Even though that may be true, some students are still moaning that the lockers *feel* a lot smaller. That’s understandable. These lockers are nine inches wide, and the next step up is twelve inch lockers.

Well, why didn’t we get those lockers then? We wouldn’t have the room. We barely had enough room for the nine inch lockers. Twelve inches is out of the question.

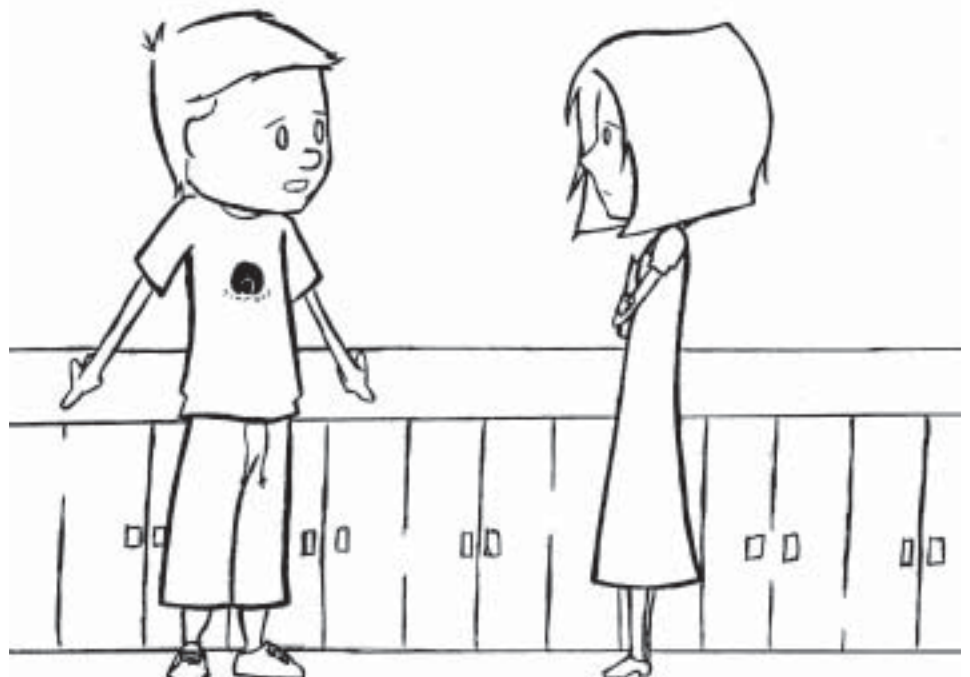
“I would have loved to have gotten bigger lockers for the students, but there just wasn’t any room,” Couchman said.

The fact is that the lockers are provided by the school for us to use to store

books and coats and a few other things. Granted, it’s nice to make them feel like home but students are just going to have to get over it. These lockers were expensive, and we probably aren’t going to get new lockers for at least 20 more years.

Instead of thinking of the situation in terms of lost space, let’s see the glass half-full and realize we have gained brand new lockers.

*I like the new lockers.
They make me feel as
big as a the high-
schoolers*



Breese to wrap up fifth year of teaching, looks towards sixth

By Andrew Bauer

As the bell rings for the start of class, 61 high school students bustle down the narrow hallway into the back of the band hall. They all need to pull out their individual instruments, assemble them, and jockey their way into their seats whilst avoiding knocking over any of the percussion equipment which is in the way because there is simply no place to store them. This image of a band bursting at the seams may bring worry to any sensible conductor; however, to director Quentin Breese, it shows that the band is on the right track.

"I think these are very good problems to have because it shows the program's growing and becoming more involved," said Breese. "Also (the increase in size) has raised awareness of the value of a good band program in the school curriculum."

Confronted with a band program on the slide in his first year, Breese's optimism and willingness to experiment were just the remedies needed.

"Breese was really gung-ho and intense when he started," said senior Rachel Moon. "He's always worked hard trying to make the band better."

The past five years have seen the Southeast of Saline band program undergo rapid growth. During that time the band has more than tripled in size, marched in various parades and football games, formed a drum line, and purchased several new instruments including: 10 tubas, five sousaphones, six baritones, seven saxophones, four piccolos, six French horns, three bassoons, three oboes, and a full set of marching percussion equipment.

To ease the growing pains, the music department was proposed to be expanded with the additions of a new instrument storage area, practice rooms, recording studio, and additional instrument storage lockers: a proposal that Breese lobbied for with the school board. However, the proposal has been put



on hiatus.

"(The proposal) has been tabled to determine the needs of the entire school rather than the music department," said Breese.

Despite the setback, Breese continues to look toward the future and try new things. This year saw the formation of the drum line, the tuba and percussion ensembles, and participation in Kansas State Band Day. Breese has even more plans for next year.

"I'm particularly excited about doing our first marching show next year," said Breese. "It has eight or 10 marching sets and all new songs will be used, but I haven't decided on them yet."

With so much on the table and so many plans for the future, it's not a stretch of the imagination to picture Breese as a particularly busy guy. His load was further increased with the birth of his first son, Peyton Breese.

Fatherhood, Breese has found, involves quite a lot of work.

"The past few months have been hectic," said Breese. "His lack of sleep can be tedious. The morning routine has also been frazzled so I run later. I want to be home with him too, so I don't spend as much time working after school or on the weekends."

Breese's schedule conflicts finally forced him to drop some of the activities that were taking up time. He recently stopped giving private trumpet lessons.

"I wanted to focus," said Breese. "I taught a large number of students in Salina and other areas for additional income, but now my time for band members here is becoming more important."

With the recent solo and ensemble contest in Manhattan netting a total of nine superior ratings for SES, it would seem that Breese has juggled the added pressure pretty well.

"Breese totally rocks my socks off," said Kayla Hemphill. "I've learned so much under him and (his student teacher) Miss Ryff."

Bengston faces \$50,000 fee for dam reconstruction

By Max McClure

Who do you know that has \$50,000 to \$100,000 to give to a government agency? Rodger Bengtson, a district resident, says he can't.

Bengtson owns a pond one mile directly north of SES. The SES parking lot, along with 500 other acres of land feed into his pond. Bengtson bought his house and pond in 1991, when he and Mitchell Mugler's parents agreed to split a 160-acre tract. Each built a house, and the Bengtson pond now provides a spectacular view for the Muglers.

The pond was completely dry when Bengtson bought the land. After two rainy seasons, '92 and '93, it has enough water to have fish in it.

But there is a problem. The Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources says the pond doesn't fit their requirements. They say it could flood his house. It will cost more than \$50,000 for a permit and improvements. Bengtson says that he is certain that the dam won't break and flood his house.

"It has also withstood and worked as designed since 1959," Bengtson said.

Six inch rain didn't even phase the dam. But that didn't seem to matter to them; they still didn't change their minds he said.

"All they ever said was 'it's your problem,'" he said.

The Peels, who previously owned the pond, had a pond permit when they first were living there, but the records of the permits were lost from the earlier when Soil Conservation Service lost it moving to a new building.

If he had the prior permit, he'd have no problem, but since he doesn't, he's subject to newer restrictions. He said he couldn't believe that you have to make new specifications to a pond but not to an old building.



Roger Bengtson displays a trophy fish from his pond, which is located one mile north of the school. Bengtson is currently under pressure from the Department of Agriculture to make modifications that would exceed \$50,000. (Photo courtesy of Pat Haxton)

"It doesn't make much sense when you don't have to change a building to the new building requirements," he said.

Bengtson said he is just the "big fish to catch."

"There is a pond about a half mile away that has flooded all over the roads but they didn't say anything to that pond owner," he said.

After paying about \$6,500 of government regulation fees, Bengtson decided to hire a lawyer. Also, the legislature is considering a bill that would affect his predicament.

"Two weeks ago, I found out that a bill had made it to the senate. If this bill passes, than I'm completely out of paying more money," he said.

He had agreed to split the cost of permit, surveying and improvements, but the water resources official said it was his problem.

"I tried to compromise by splitting the cost in half, but they wouldn't agree. They said it was my problem. The last letter that I got from him said if you don't do our specifications, we will break the dam and fill it (the pond) in," he said.

He wanted them to split the price and they wanted him to cut the size of his pond. The legislature said if he reduced the size of his pond, it would

put him in a different category and they wouldn't charge him as much.

However, he also said the government would make him pay to fill in his pond.

"I wouldn't shrink my pond; that was the main reason I moved out here," he said.

Bengtson also said that the pond isn't only for him.

"Everybody that has asked to go fish, has gotten to," he said.

Junior overcomes shoulder injury to pitch again

By John Christie

Junior Tim Nicholson is back on the mound after an off-season of recovery. During the state competition of American Legion baseball this past summer, he got bicipital tendonitis and a torn rotator cuff while warming up in the bullpen.

Nicholson is the top varsity pitcher for Southeast of Saline's boys' team. Last year, he had an ERA of 1.037. Even though Nicholson spent all fall and winter rehabbing his shoulder with stretches and lifts, he is feeling good about how he is pitching so far this season.

"I'm absolutely as good this year as last year, if not better," he said. "I've thrown harder and more accurately every year especially as the year progresses into American Legion. This year is no exception."

Nicholson said that doctors believed his shoulder was sim-

ply worn down by how much pitching he did last season. Nicholson estimated that he pitched somewhere around 30 full games between April and August.



Junior Tim Nicholson pitches in the game against Smoky Valley in the opener of a double header. The Trojans won the game 21-8. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

He added that it appears that his shoulder is holding up so far this season, but he has not yet given it a test to see just how many pitches it can stand to throw, nor is he sure it will hold up for all of his season.

"I'm feeling good so far, but I suppose we'll see how it is holding up come August when I've thrown all summer long," he said.

Nicholson's aspirations are to play baseball in college. He doesn't think his injury will hinder those dreams.

"If it is re-injured, then yes, it will likely hurt my chances because it will require surgery. If it stays

healthy, then it shouldn't have much effect on my future," he said.

Students defeat teachers in charity scholars competition

By Klint Spiller

On March 29, the Southeast Student Council held a teachers vs. students scholars bowl charity event to raise money for Guin Jackson, the three-year-old granddaughter of Southeast superintendent Dr. Bob Goodwin.

Tragedy struck Jackson's life when her mother was murdered by her father. If you would like to donate money to aid Jackson, you can give your donations to student council sponsor Terry Anderson or contact the school.

The match was composed of two rounds. The first round was moderated by scholars bowl coach Bob Sauber, while the second round was moderated by student council president Chelsey Mueller.

The first round was made up of the junior varsity student scholars bowl team vs. four teachers. The students lost the round 40-50.

The second round was between the varsity student scholars bowl team vs. the varsity teacher team. The students won the round 60-50.

The charity event has so far raised approximately over \$200. Donations are still being accepted.



(Top) Junior Klint Spiller buzzes in to answer the tie breaker question while the rest of the team shows their lack of faith in their teammate. After a long suspenseful pause, Spiller answered the question correctly, winning the match 60-50 against the varsity teachers.

(Bottom) The varsity Southeast teacher team was made up of social science teacher Todd Baird, English teacher Terry Anderson, math teacher Bob Sauber, and FACS teacher Juanelle Garretson. (Photos by Sadie Myers)

FCCLA hosting dinner at Martinelli's

By Cassie Schlesener

On April 30, the Southeast of Saline FCCLA chapter will be hosting a Family Night at Martinelli's in Salina. Honoring all of the students for their achievements and installing new officers for the next school year will be the main priority.

FCCLA members, members' families, past honorary members, foundation members, school board members and administrators will be in attendance.

The theme for this big bash is Planet FCCLA (similar to Planet Hollywood). FCCLA will be paying for half of the meals; the rest will be paid for by the individuals attending. Also, an auction will be taking place to help raise money for either the students participating at nationals in Nashville, TN or Relay for Life.

Relay for Life is a fundraiser sponsored by the American Cancer Society. This event will help raise money for the cancer patients in need all across America. It will occur all night on May 6 at Salina Central Stadium. FCCLA member's RanDee Platt and Alex Earles are on the county-wide committee and will be helping keep this Rockin' for Relay night going.

Starting at 6 p.m., the luminaries (a paper bag with a candle in it) will be lit in the Salina Central stands spelling out "hope." The luminaries are to help the fundraiser and are purchased by people willing to donate money to honor a cancer patient or the fight for cancer. Victims and patients will be honored at this time.

Then around 7 p.m., they will start the games and music start. There will be karaoke later on in the night and lots of "good food," Platt said.

Also on the agenda will be a shopping cart parade that will involve all of the members from their camps competing to see who has the best decorated shopping cart. Another item that will be taking place will be the box races. Competitors will get inside a box and walk around the track. This race is supposed to represent a cancer patient driving to receive treatments at the hospital.

People who are not signed up on a team are allowed to come and participate in all of the fun but have to leave at 11 p.m. All people who are involved in Relay for Life from Southeast are selling luminaries and are also taking donations. Each person has an individual goal of \$100.

"It will be a lot of fun! There will be so many different things going on all night to try and keep everyone awake, but everyone should have a great time!" Platt said.

Not only that but the SES FCCLA chapter competed at the state competition on April 10th and 11th in Wichita for an opportunity to earn a gold medal and a

trip to nationals. The chapter brought home three gold medals, one silver medal, and three bronze medals.

The Senior Parliamentary Procedure team qualified for nationals with a top gold championship. Members are Shannon Wilson, president, Sadie Myers, secretary, Shayla Seim, treasurer, Elissa Stein, Sarah Anderes, Chelsie Green, and Brent Sweany, members at large. This team of students will be representing the state of Kansas in July, at the National FCCLA meeting held in Nashville, TN.

"We have a very strong team this year, we can compete with the best of them, and have fun doing it" said parlaw member Brent Sweany.



(Clockwise from top) Sophomores Brent Sweany, Elissa Stein, Sadie Myers, Shayla Seim, Shannon Wilson, Sarah Anderes, and Chelsie Green compose the Sr. Par-law team that qualified for Nationals. The National FCCLA meeting will be held in Nashville from July 9-13. (Photo by Susan Wilson)

Recruits join dance, cheer

By Cassie Mosher

The votes are in and the decisions have been made. The 2006-2007 Dance Squad and Cheerleaders have been chosen.

Nineteen girls tried out and only twelve made the dance squad after the March 29 tryout.

New dance squad members include freshmen LaCrista Brightbill, Megan Kincaid-Heidel, Christina Thompson, Olivia VanBlaricon, Amanda Wilson, and sophomore Kristi Hargadine. The new members will join current Sparklers Shelby Meyer, Trel Peterson, Chelsie Green, Sadie Myers, Jessica Ward, and Chelsey Kincaid.

The judges for the tryout included Coach Tanya Srna, Kristina Lenz, Christina Sparacino, and Aubre Nisbeth.

Cheerleading tryouts were on Thursday, March 30. Decisions were made by cheerleading coach Rosetta Wiles. All of the nine girls who participated in tryouts made the new squad.

The new members to the Cheerleading Squad include freshmen Krisanna Graham, Chelsea Hanks, Sutton Sanders, Breanna Spaeny, and junior Cassie Mosher. They will join veteran members Sarah Anderes, Taylor Short, Amber Barnett, and Kristy Mendenhall.



Sophomore Jessica Ward helps junior Chelsey Kincaid stretch. They were warming up for dance team tryouts. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Students qualify for state FFA competition in Manhattan

By Clint Spiller

From the end of March to the end of April, FFA is active every week from competing in district competitions to giving class presentations.

On March 28, FFA members competed in a livestock judging competition in Clay Center. The team placed second out of 18 teams. Medal winners included freshmen Tyler Herrington and Ryan Hahn, who placed fifth and 10th respectively.

"They judged cattle, sheep, and swine and gave oral reasons," FFA advisor Brandie Disberger said.

FFA teams competed at Riley County on April 5 in an Advanced Ag Mechanics competition and a horse judging contest, where both teams received fourth place.

On April 11, students in the Ag Science class gave a presentation at the USDA office in Salina. In this presentation, they spoke about the pros and cons of animal cloning in agriculture.

On April 17, FFA members competed in a dairy cattle judging competition in Hillsboro and a floriculture competition in Salina. The dairy cattle team placed 9th, and the floriculture team placed 5th.

State contests for FFA will be held on April 30, May 1, and May 2 in Manhattan. FFA members that qualified include--the horse judging team (Kajsa Thelander, Tyler Herrington, Gracia Johnson, and Jacob Fehlman), the dairy cattle judging team (Brent Sweany, Greg Peterson, Kajsa Thelander, Taylor Short, and alternate Bria Sweany), the livestock judging team (Jacob Fehlman, Sarah Anderes, Charley Staab, Ryan Hahn, alternate Greg Peterson, and alternate Chelsea Weaver), and Ag Sales team (Brent Sweany, Taylor Short, Layton Everhart, Tyler Herrington, and alternate Sadie Roesner).

Seniors of Troy



Christina Sparacino

1) This senior enjoys playing World of Warcraft in his/her free time.

2) This senior can't burp.

3) This senior knows every word to the Beatles' song, "Help."



Chelsey Mueller

4) This senior is planning on being a fireman after going to college at Hutch.



Ivan Jovic



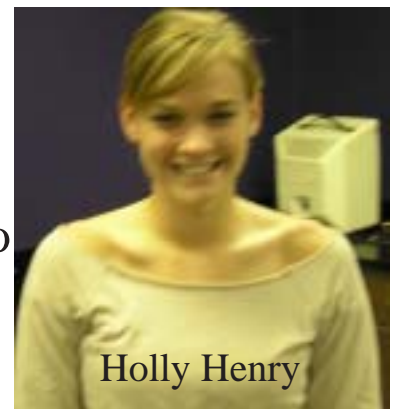
Heidi Mauersberger

5) This senior said that he/she enjoys Russian Lion Taming.

6) This senior can play the Mario theme song on the guitar.



Brady Srna



Holly Henry

7) This senior can do ten consecutive 360's on a knee board.

8) This senior rode his/her bike to school three times this school year.



Kyle Maine



‘John Lennon and Me’ hopes to



Nurse Janice (Shannon Wilson) sings “Puff the Magic Dragon” for her patients at Heart House. (Photo by Skylar Nosker)



Courtney (Taylor Garretson) asks her boyfriend, Tom (Kaleb Feist) about how geometry is going. (Photo by Skylar Nosker)



Courtney (Taylor Garretson) and Star (Christina Sparacino) talk and giggle about their boyfriends. (Photo by Skylar Nosker)



Jeff Levine (Brent Sweany) reads "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." (Photo by Jessica Ward)



Dr. Scott Rhodes (Ryan Unruh) shows off his "body of death." (Photo by Jessica Ward)



Star's Flunkies (Kaleb Feist, Trell Peterson, Kolby Balthazor, Bria Sweany, Cierha Berry, and Shelby Meyer) pose after their opening number. (Photo by Sadie Myers)



Courtney (Taylor Garretson), Star (Christina Sparacino), and Julie (Chelsea Thorne) dance to "She Loves You." (Photo by Skylar Nosker)

"John Lennon and Me" continues tomorrow

By Chelsea Kelley

Come one, come all--to see the spring play, *John Lennon and Me*, written by Cherie Bennett and performed by the Southeast of Saline drama department.

The play will be in the SES theater. It premiered last night and will also be held tomorrow, Saturday, April 22 at 7:30. Tickets are \$5.

"John Lennon and Me" is about a friendship that develops between two girls while living in a home for sick children called Heart House. Star (Christina Sparacino), the narrator of the story and a Beatles fan and suffers from cystic fibrosis. Her new roommate, Courtney (Taylor Garretson), suffers from heart problems due to having rheumatic fever.

The rest of the cast consists of Sadie

Myers (Sally), Chelsea Thorne (Julie), Kaleb Feist (Tom), Brent Sweany (Jeff), Heidi Mauersberger (Claudia), Kolby Balthazor (the Torturer), Ryan Unruh (Dr. Scott), Shannon Wilson (Janice), and Kaleb Feist, Bria Sweany, Kolby Balthazor, Shelby Meyer, Cierha Berry, and Trell Peterson as Flunkies.

In the play, the main character, Star (a.k.a Stella Grubner) has her sights set on Hollywood. She decides she is not going to die even though cystic fibrosis is always fatal. Courtney is an innocent, naive cheerleader that gets to know and love Star well.

Conflict is a given as the lives of the two from different backgrounds get to know each other through visitors and conversation. Star hates Courtney when they first meet but there is a major plot twist at the end, where things are not what they seem.



"Everyone's against me!" Sally (Sadie Myers) whines. (Photo by Skylar Nosker)

Teacher deals with identity theft

By Rachel Nicholson

Every year about half a million people get their identity stolen. It will never happen to you or anyone you love; it's always someone you'll never meet, right? Wrong. Just look towards the front of your history class and you'll be proven wrong. Before spring break 2006, social science teacher Todd Baird discovered that someone had stolen his credit card number.



On March 12, Baird was checking his credit card balance online, as he does regularly, and noticed that the money kept rolling out, and he had not even been using the card. Minutes later, Baird called Discover to find out where the card was being used and had them take care of it. The card was accessed five times and about \$1800 was spent.

"I was really mad that someone had stolen it but also relieved because Discover has a zero credit liability policy, so I wasn't held accountable for any of the money that had been spent," Baird said.

Baird suspects that it happened this time because of a restaurant employee who copied the information off of the card or someone picked up one of his store receipts. Because of this incident, Baird said he will be using his credit card less and not using it in restaurants anymore.

Identity theft is damaging society in many ways. For example, Jane Doe gets a credit card with no identity theft insurance and Diablo Smith steals her credit card and buys a new washer, drier, and Ferrari. Jane will be held accountable for the purchases made on her card, and now she will be in debt for the next several years and her good credit history will be ruined. People get their bank accounts accessed by someone they probably don't want getting into them about every 79 seconds in the USA, so it could happen to anyone; you, your parents, or one of your

friends.

"This isn't the first time someone has gotten a hold of my card number, but I will definitely be more careful in the future and try to prevent this from happening again," Baird said.

Baird also offers advice on keeping your identity a secret to students who use (or will use) credit or debit cards. He suggests using cash or checks over your credit/debit card as often as possible. He also recommends shopping online as little as possible and shredding documents bearing your credit/debit card number.

Not everyone will get their identity stolen; but to make sure that you're not one of the 500,000 that do. You need to exercise extreme caution with where and how often you use your credit or debit card. Checking your account balances regularly is another wise thing to do to make sure that your identity hasn't been stolen.

Student tells tales of deception

By Chelsi Hemphill

Recently many different scams involving anything from kidnappings to pregnancies that result in sextuplets have been popping up in news headlines. While some people fabricate their stories only to persuade the gullible, others create complex hoaxes to help them run from their problems, or to trick people out of their money.

It isn't yet certain exactly why 16-year-old Kelsey Stelting made up her story about being kidnapped, but it has now become obvious that the entire story was just a big hoax.

Sometime around 6:30 a.m. police in Independence, KS received a 911 call from Stelting, saying that she had been kidnapped from her family's driveway at gunpoint. In the 911 call, Stelting told police that a man approached her with a gun, forced her to run several blocks while he followed her, and when they approached a lumberyard, the man forced her into a white van.

Stelting then told police that the man led her to a wooded area behind three baseball diamonds that were less than a mile from her home.

She then proceeded to hit the man with a glass, and run up the street to a nearby home. It was suspected early on that Stelting was lying about her disappearance, and on Thursday morning, April 13, she admitted that she had lied about her kidnapping.

Police believe that, in reality, Stelting had jogged to an area southwest of Independence, made the 911 call, and stayed there the whole time.

While Stelting was "missing," Independence residents papered the area with missing-person fliers, and at least two churches held prayer vigils. When Stelting returned, many friends and family members gathered on the streets jumping and screaming with excitement. For some, their excitement was turned into anger.

Although authorities won't say why she did it, it was suggested that she was under pressure, and the family asked for privacy. Federal criminal charges are not expected; however, Stelting may be prosecuted in juvenile court for filing a false police report. An adult facing the same charges could face up to a year in jail, and a \$2,500 fine.

Apparently Stelting wasn't the only one under stress.

On March 8, 2006, Sarah and Kris Everson of Grain Valley, Missouri, announced that Sarah had given birth to six new babies. Or had she?

The story started when *The Examiner* in Independence, MO ran a photo of the couple holding up six new baby outfits as its front-page picture. Mrs. Everson even showed the associated press the nursery that was awaiting the new babies, pictures of her in maternity clothes, and even sonogram pictures that she claimed were of her infants.

Mrs. Everson also talked about two of her sons and the surgeries they

were preparing to have, and how the story of her children's births were being kept secret because of a court order that was in place because a member of her husband's family was trying to kill them and their sextuplets.

Those who heard of the Everson's story, and their tight finances had set up a website for the family, asking people to send money to help the family pay their bills.

When the Everson's story started to become shady, detectives started questioning them. Within a few hours, it was revealed that the story was a scam. The Everson's were released, pending charges.

That wasn't the first time Mrs. Everson had pretended to be pregnant with sextuplets. According to Fox News, David Raasch, an Independence engineer who knows the woman and her former husband through church, has said that several years ago, Everson claimed to be pregnant with at least six children. She then claimed to have lost them all to a miscarriage.

Prosecutors have not yet determined how much the couple profited from the scam or what the criminal charges will be.

Another recent scam involved a couple eating glass. You read it right. This is exactly what one Boston couple did to cheat restaurants in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Maryland out of thousands of dollars.

According to an AP story, Ronald and Mary Evano filed false insurance claims saying that they had eaten glass found in their food in restaurants, grocery stores, and hotels. The Evanos used aliases, fake identification cards, false social security cards, and had even eaten glass intentionally to help support their insurance claims. Prosecutors said that the glass did not come from the food the couple had bought.

Between 1997 and 2005, the couple filed fraud insurance claims, to receive more than \$200,000 and have left over \$100,000 in medical bills unpaid. The Evanos have been charged with conspiracy, mail fraud, identity fraud, social security fraud, and making false statements on health care matters.

Another way to make some quick cash is by writing hot checks. One Missouri woman wrote hot checks in several states for expensive merchandise. She then returned her newly-purchased items for cash before her checks ever cleared the bank. The woman also used many different aliases to try to fool authorities, thinking she wouldn't get caught. She did eventually get caught and her scams were unveiled in both the state of Missouri, and in Salina, KS. Three years in jail was the sentence for her crime, and probation will follow her jail time.

Passing hot checks – like faking a kidnapping, faking sextuplets, eating glass to scam insurance companies — seems to be "hot" in today's culture.

Poetry.com scams for gullible poets' money

Opinion

By Sadie Myers

Dear *talented, mind-boggling, witty, remarkable, unique, amazing, and extremely poetic*, (insert breath here) Poet,

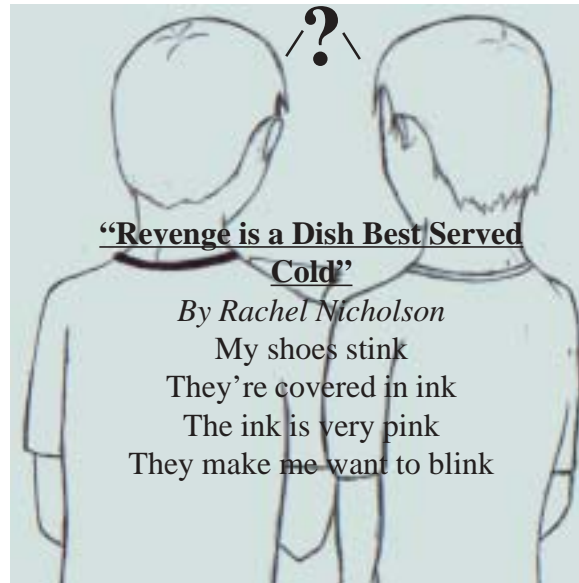
After carefully reading and discussing your poem, our Selection Committee has certified your poem as an *excellent, artistic, original, and exquisite* piece of work. You are now eligible to receive one of 104 cash or gift prizes!!

This is the greeting of Poetry.com's letter to their "selected poets" that have sent in their work. I will admit I exaggerated the letter's content a little, but the letter is a scam to get gullible poets to pay money for a "handsome addition to any library, a treasured family keepsake, or a highly valued personal gift." (aka an over-priced book of poems) The whole letter reeks of flattery and deception, attempting to trick millions of people into buying a 50 dollar book with their "poem featured on a page by itself in a beautiful Coffee-table Edition!"

Poetry.com has thousands of poets submit their work every week. To see what the judges thought of three poems by members of the Trojournal staff, we experimented by submitting work from Jacob Simmons (The Trees Have Ears and Other Love Stories), Rachel Nicholson (Revenge is a Dish Best Served Cold), and Max McClure (Fast Life). Jacob and Rachel purposely wrote poorly to compare with Max's poem he wrote for his eighth grade English class. About two weeks after I submitted their work, all three received the same exact letter, complimenting their work and including an order form to buy their book entitled Immortal Verses.

This shows exactly how much the International Library of Poetry is making. If five people buy one every day, they are making \$250 per day. That's close to \$8000 a month. I didn't calculate the cost of actually making the book, but I'm sure they end up with a hefty profit.

If you would like to donate to the Poetry.com scam foundation, then be my guest and fill out those forms then send them in! But my advice to you is that you save your 50 dollars and buy a tank of gas, save it for a rainy day or give it to the needy. Whatever you do with *your* money, Poetry.com will still be scamming millions of writers out of theirs. To those millions of people that aren't pleased with the book they get in



Student tells about e-mail hoaxes, urban legends

Opinion

By Chelsea Kelley

You won a billion dollars, and you didn't even enter! All you have to do is send me your name, address, all of your bank account information, and an arm and a leg. Everyone that has ever had an e-mail address has received an e-mail like this one. What do you do? You delete it. These are just internet lies that someone created to access personal information. There is an overabundance of internet hoaxes, but I'm going just going to talk about financial scams.



The following is a paraphrased e-mail hoax that some people have fallen for.

"I am the prince, high-priest, minister and Grand Poo-ba of one of many foreign nations that you stupid Americans have never heard of. There is over a billion dollars in an account here that rightfully belongs to my family, well me now, I guess. Due to some bloody affairs in which my entire family (excluding me, of course; you dummy), several

accountants and various goats lost their lives, I cannot reach this money. But you can. Just pay a small fee of \$5,000 so I know my money is safe and I will get it back. For your trouble, I'll give you a few million because what's a few million between confidential best friends who have never actually even heard of one another?"

Who would fall for that, you ask? Well, maybe no one, but a lot have fallen for similar stories.

Another one goes something like this: "I would like to ask for your help to save future dying children from an illness that has not yet been identified. I would like you to donate \$50 to my research foundation. Just send an e-mail with your bank account information to i'm_gladd_i'm_knot_az_stoopid_az_u_r_@ujztgottjacked.com."

It's not hard to be misled by people who sound convincing. I'm not saying trust no one, but just be careful. Never give out your bank account information, credit card number, social security number, or any other information that is confidential. That's how to stay

safe. Some of these are so obvious it's funny if someone happens to believe them. Here's an example.

"There's a sneaky way to keep a traffic ticket off your driving record. Just send me five dollars so I can send you the information." Don't do it. The "information" says that if you pay a little more than the amount on the ticket, they will send you a refund check. Then it says if you don't cash it, your record will remain clean. Five dollars doesn't sound like much, but if enough people believe it, it can really add up to a great sum of money. Someone was fooled by whoever wrote this, sent in the money, found out that they had been scammed, and posted this up all over the internet.

People are so desperate that they would do anything for the attention and money from the people that believe this stuff. I would only pay attention to e-mails from my family and friends. Next time you get a letter from the Grand Pooh-ba, trash it. Then empty the trash folder and enjoy being free of pesky e-mails.

Sports editors simulate NFL Draft 2006

By John Christie,
Skylar Nosker and

1.		Reggie Bush - RB Southern California (USC)	This draft was called by many the "Reggie Bush Lottery." Bush's outstanding college performance during the 2005 season along with the Texan's resigning of quarterback David Carr cemented him as the top pick.
2.		D'Brickashaw Ferguson-OT Virginia	The big, bluecollar player from Virginia will really push the line and help protect newly signed quarterback Drew Brees from another injury.
3.		Matt Leinart - QB Southern California (USC)	Reunited with Norman Chow, the offensive coordinator of the Tennessee Titans and Leinart's old offensive coordinator at USC, Leinart seems to be the ideal fit for the Titans franchise to replace the aging Steve McNair.
4.		Mario Williams - DE North Carolina State	A defensive monster on the line, Mario Williams is 6'7" and 295 lbs with a 4.66 40 yard dash. His size and ferocity on the line is only comparable to Julius Peppers, a perennial Pro Bowler from the Carolina Panthers.
5.		A.J. Hawk - OLB Ohio State	A hard-hitting linebacker from the Buckeyes, Hawk will aid a Packer's defense that finished 23rd in the NFL in stopping the run. He will not only provide firepower on defense, but he will also bring leadership to the team, something they have missed since they lost Darren Sharper.
6.		Vernon Davis - TE Maryland	Running the fastest 40 ever in the scouting combine by a tight end with a 4.38, Vernon Davis will provide a major offensive threat for the 49ers. His great hands will finally give Alex Smith someone to throw to.
7.		Vince Young - QB Texas	Young has probably the most upside out of anyone in this draft, but he will have to develop underneath a veteran quarterback for a few seasons. Recently signed, Aaron Brooks will help introduce Young to the NFL.
8.		Haloti Ngata - DT Oregon	With the loss of Pat Williams last year to the Vikings, the Bills have been in need for a big man to fill the hole. 6'4" and 338 lbs, Ngata could fill a black hole let alone the hole in the Bills defensive line.
9.		Michael Huff - DB Texas	The Lions have used their first picks to draft receivers for the last three years, so we hope they won't draft another receiver, but we won't rule it out. Instead, they should draft a hard-hitting defensive back in Huff.
10.		Jay Cutler - QB Vanderbilt	Jay Cutler had a tremendous Senior Bowl, which raised his stock up to early in the first round. His arm strength could easily get him drafted by the Oakland Raiders in the seventh spot.
11.		Tye Hill - CB Clemson	Running a 4.30 40, Tye Hill is the fastest corner in the draft. Though only standing at 5'10", Hill will make plays for a secondary that is desperate for a playmaker.
12.		Brodrick Bunkley - DT Florida State	A quick, strong defensive tackle, Bunkley will help fill in a defensive line that was completely traded to the Broncos. His nine sacks last season could aid a team that finished with one sack between defensive tackles.
13.		Winston Justice - OT Southern California (USC)	The best offensive lineman in the draft, Justice could fill in the right tackle spot for Orlando Brown, who was lost to free agency, and help Kyle Boller finally mature into a solid NFL quarterback.
14.		Chad Jackson - WR Florida	The Eagles will ruin the Broncos hopes of drafting Chad Jackson. After losing the unruly Terrell Owens, the Eagles have a major vacuum to fill in the wide out spot. 6'1" and running a 4.32 40, Jackson possesses great hands and has all the makings to be a standout wide out in the NFL.
15.		DeAngelo Williams - RB Memphis	Since the Broncos can't get Chad Jackson, they will draft the next player on their draft board, DeAngelo Williams. Williams is the type of franchise back that will solidify their running back situation.
16.		Chad Greenway - OLB Iowa	Greenway is a very intelligent player with superb speed and a burst. He has a lot of upside and is a sure tackler who will aid a Dolphin defense which is in need of young linebackers.
17.		Ernie Sims - OLB Florida State	Sims' play is comparable to Buccaneers linebacker Derrick Brooks which is what the Vikings are in desperate need of.
18.		Santonio Holmes - WR Ohio State	The Cowboys have very little depth at the receiver position outside of Terry Glenn and Terrell Owens. An outstanding route runner with great deep speed, Holmes will be a reliable back-up for the controversial Owens.
19.		Jimmy Williams - CB Virginia Tech	A tall, ferocious hitter with good speed, Williams will be the physical defensive back that the Chargers need.
20.		Jonathan Joseph - CB South Carolina	Very quick with a 4.31 40, Joseph has the ability to be a shut down corner. Playing some of his collegiate ball in Coffeyville, KS, Joseph is the closest thing to a hometown boy they can find.

Three forensic students earn league champs

By Sadie Myers

Thursday, April 6 the forensicators got down in dirty in Ellsworth with intense competition from the other schools in the NCAA league. Although the team didn't come out on top, three Southeast of Saline students came home champions—Christina Sparacino and Taylor Garretson in Improvised Duet Acting and Heidi Mauersberger in Poetry and Serious Solo.

The team placed fourth overall and lots of participants placed. Brent Sweany and Ryan Unruh placed second in IDA; Britten O'Banan, third (Serious Solo); Meaghan Ryan, fourth (Prose); Shannon Wilson & Brent Sweany, fourth (Duet Acting); Ryan Unruh and Sadie Myers, (Duet Acting); Alex Earles, fifth (Poetry); and RanDee Platt, sixth (Informative Speech).

Anderson was happy with his team's performance, but not as pleased with the NCAA, whose forensics rules differ from the official state rules.

"We had three league champions, one more than last year, so we made our goal of improving our record," said Anderson on the league meet. "I'm still not happy about the league rules being different from the state rules, but I'm working on it!"

Southeast also did very well at the Lincoln Meet on March 31. For the second

year in a row, the SES forensics team took home a first place trophy. Although the competition was tough, Southeast came out on top.

Taylor Garretson and Christina Sparacino helped the team with their first place finish in IDA as did Brent Sweany and Shannon Wilson with their winning duet. This was the second year in a row Southeast beat out all the other competition at the Lincoln meet.

Other finalists were Heidi Mauersberger (third place: Serious Solo &

fourth: Poetry), Britten O'Banan (fourth in Serious Solo), Shannon Wilson (fifth in Humorous Solo), and Cierha Berry (fifth in Prose). Anderson thought his team performed very well and was impressed they came home with a first place win.

"When I saw the big the tournament was and the huge number of entries, I was overwhelmed. There were 17 schools and 250 entries. I thought to myself, 'There is no way we can take first!' But I had my best people and that made all the difference." Anderson said.



The SES League Forensics team pose for a picture at the NCAA competition in Ellsworth on April 6th. The team placed fourth overall with three league champs amongst them. (Photo by Jessica Ward)

Powerlifters place fourth, sixth at State meet

By Andrew Bauer

Although it was April Fool's Day, the Southeast of Saline men's and women's powerlifters proved that they were no joke by posting solid performances at the State Meet on April 1. The men's team finished fourth out of 21 and the women's team finished sixth out of 16.

The men's team had six members place and finished with a final score of 30 points thanks in large part to a first place finish by Kyle Schmid and a second place finish by Kyle Maine. Schmid competed in the 172 lb weight class with a total weight of 900 lbs and Maine finished second in the 165 lb weight class with a total weight of 910 lbs.

Joel Pengra took fourth place in the 156 lb weight class. Travis Sheets also took fourth place in the 181 lb weight class with Jordan Pengra right behind in fifth place. Andy Weber took fifth place in the 242 lb weight class.

"I was really happy with the way they lifted, they got a lot of PRs from a lot of the kids, and that's all you can ask," Haxton said.

The women's team had three members place and finished with

a final score of 20 points. Brooke Kent took first in the 123 lb weight class with a total of 460 lbs. and Christina Platter finished third in the 105 lb weight class with a total of 320 lbs. Jessica Ward took fourth in the 123 lb weight class with a total of 385 lbs.



Junior Andy Weber cleans at the state powerlifting contest on April 1. Weber placed fifth in the 242 lb weight class. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

"I was really pleased with the way they spent a lot of time preparing and getting ready and then they did a really good job," Haxton said.

"(The meet) was really intense," said Weber. "Powerlifting is probably the only sport where you're rooting for your competition and you want them to do well."

Other lifters attending the meet were Miranda Fluke, Holly Henry, Katelyn Cyphers, Kody Lynn, Ethan Hemphill, Wyatt Hill, Todd Gribble, Ryan Unruh, Ethan Komp, Chris Weller, Cole VanBlaricon, Ivan

Jovic, James Hemphill, Bryson Flax, Layton Everhart, Matt Everhart, Derek Benoist, Cody Melander, Nick Hardesty, Gary Hemmy, Britten O'Banan, Matt Hettenbach, and Kyle Moyer.

Track heads to Halstead today

By Max McClure

The competition gets stronger today at 3:00 in Halstead for the Southeast of Saline track team. The teams at Halstead are Berean Academy, Cheney, Conway Springs, Douglass, Garden Plain, Goessel, Halstead, Haven, Hesston, Hillsboro, Hoisington, Hutch-Trinity, Marion, Moundridge, Remington, Sedgwick, and Wichita-Independent.

Coach Pat Haxton thinks this should be a hard meet for the girls.

"On the girls' side, this will be the best competition that they will meet until state. They are going against the top three teams in the state from last year," Haxton said. "The thing I like about the guys side is that we get to see some teams that might be at our regional," he said.

At Smoky Valley, the girls' team placed second with 92 points and the guys' team placed fifth with 60 point.

Individual medalists for the girls were Brooke Kent, Sadie Roesner, Stephanie Frost, Shayla Seim, and Holly Henry.

The girls' 4x100 (Chelsey Kincaid, Brandi Pounds, Henry, and Kent) relay

won (51.37). The 4x400 (Roesner, Jessica Ward, Henry, and Seim) relay placed second (4:22). The 4x800 team (Meaghan Ryan, Kelsey Colby, Stephanie Frost, and Jessica Ward) placed third.

In the 1600, three Trojans placed. Clinton MacDonald took first (4:43), Max McClure took second (4:47), and Mark McClure was fifth (5:03).

MacDonald also placed second in the 800 (2:01) and Max McClure was sixth in the 3200 (10:44).

The guys' 4x400 (Ethan Komp, Chris Weller, MacDonald, and James Hemphill) placed second (3:34).

For the girls, Kent took first in two of her events, the 100 (12.68) and the triple jump (36'7"). She placed second in the long jump (16'6").

In the 400, Seim took second, Henry took

third and Ward took fifth. Roesner took second in the 1600 (5:50) as did Frost in the high jump (4'8"). Brandi Pounds placed fourth in the 200.

Jacob Dickson placed fourth in the 100, as did James Hemphill in the 400.

Kent Windholz was fifth in the 300-meter hurdles, and the 4x100 team (Komp, Alex Bunger, Jacob Dickson, and Weller) also placed fifth.



Shayla Seim (left) and Holly Henry (right) run the 400 at the Smoky Valley meet. Both girls placed. (Photo by Warren Myers)

Trojans play for first league win tonight

By Robert Graham

The Southeast of Saline Trojans will clash tonight with their Trojan rivals from the north for their second league match-up of the season. Southeast has been impressive in jumping out to a 10-2 start, but the Trojans are 0-2 in league play, so the Beloit game will be important to get Southeast back in the league race.

Beloit has struggled this season and, like Southeast, is currently 0-2 in league play.

Southeast began the season quickly by starting 6-0 and beating their opponents by a combined score of 103-20. The Trojans then visited Sacred Heart and were dealt their first two losses of the season, losing 10-11 and 1-12.

The sweep was hard to swallow for Southeast, who blew a 9-2 lead in the first game.

"It was tough losing the first game the way we did," senior Brady Srna said. "We just didn't bounce back in the second game."

The Trojans have bounced back since

Sacred Heart by sweeping Clay Center and Chapman. The Trojans run-ruled Clay Center twice, but were handed a challenge by Chapman.

The Irish played Southeast close in the



Mitchell Mugler slides back to first at the Chapman game on April 18. The Trojans won both games. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

first game until Southeast finally broke free in the bottom of the fifth inning for a 23-13 run-rule victory.

The Trojans appeared to be ready to run away from Chapman in the second game when they jumped out to a 7-0 first-inning lead, but the Irish came back and Southeast had to scrape out a 12-9 victory.

"We did a good job of battling at the plate and didn't let (Chapman) get away from us," senior Travis Sheets said of the sweep.

The Trojans have hit the ball well all season on their way to scoring 186 runs. They have scored at least ten runs in 11 of their 12 games and have hit 16 home runs, but Coach Mike Garretson still feels there is room for improvement.

"We will be able to score runs," Garretson said, "but we can still improve our prevention of runs."

Today's doubleheader in Beloit is Southeast's next opportunity to expand on their already impressive numbers and continue preparation for regional play.

Softball prepares to bounce back

By Skylar Nosker

The Southeast of Saline softball team took a hit on April 11, losing both games of their double-header against Sacred Heart.

The Trojans had some trouble knocking in runs as they only scored a combined two runs in both games.

The team, however, played very well, Coach Peshia Ptacek said.

“Overall, I was very pleased with the way the girls played. We played great defense...they just got some hits at opportune times,” she said. “We, on the other hand, stranded numerous runners. The games were actually much closer than the scores indicate.”

The final score were 4-1, 6-1. The Trojans are now 3-2.

The Trojans play at Abilene tonight. The Cowgirls might cause some trouble for the Trojans.

“Most of our schedule is tough. Abilene will probably be a strong team,” Ptacek said.

Even though they're a tough team, the Trojans won't change their game plan.

“Our game plan is always the same. We play our game,” said Ptacek.

The double-header will start at 4:30 p.m.



Senior Kylie Anderson throws a fastball against Sacred Heart. Southeast was swept, losing 4-1 and 6-1. (Photo by Chelsie Green)

Golf is in the swing of things

By John Christie

Golf is in the swing of things now. Varsity has now competed in four meets and junior varsity participated in three. The team has not placed yet this season, but there has been one individual placer so far this season.

Junior Ryan Unruh placed fifth at the Minneapolis Varsity meet on April 11 with a 95.

The four-man team had only qualified at the Minneapolis meet; however, the team did not medal. One person did not finish at Herington on April 4 and only three players competed at Belleville, which kept the team from qualifying the four-man teams at those locations. A four-man team went to Beloit as well, but their results were too late for publication.

Freshman Tyler Herrington placed ninth at the SES JV invitational and freshman Shaun Martinez tied for tenth at Marion for the junior varsity. The JV has not placed as a team at any of the meets to date.

The team will be competing in five meets in the next two weeks. This includes three meets in five days.



Ryan Unruh chips to the green at the Minneapolis varsity meet on April 11. He placed fifth at the meet. (Photo by Skylar Nosker)

Sports Box

By Robert Graham

Baseball

Mar. 28 Smoky Valley 21-8, 21-4

Mar. 31 Northern Heights 14-4, 14-1

Apr. 4 @ Herington 19-2, 14-1

Apr. 11 @ Sacred Heart 10-11, 1-12

Apr. 13 @ Clay Center 16-0, 21-7

Apr. 18 Chapman 23-13, 12-9

Upcoming Games:

Apr. 21 @ Beloit

Apr. 28 Concordia

May 2 @ Abilene

Record 10-2

Softball

Mar. 28 Smoky Valley 11-7

Mar. 30 @ Belleville 19-0, 13-2

Apr. 7 Rock Creek PPD

Apr. 11 @ Sacred Heart 1-6, 1-4

Upcoming Games:

Apr. 21 @ Abilene

Apr. 25 @ Beloit

Apr. 28 Concordia

Record 3-2

Track

Boys

Apr. 7 SES Inv. PPD

Apr. 11 @ Ellsworth 3rd

Apr. 13 @ Smoky Valley 5th

Girls

Apr. 7 SES Inv. PPD

Apr. 11 @ Ellsworth 1st

Apr. 13 @ Smoky Valley 2nd

Upcoming Meets:

Apr. 21 @ Hesston

Apr. 28 @ Beloit Relays

May 2 @ Minneapolis

Golf

Apr. 4 @ Herington 14th

Apr. 11 @ Minneapolis

8th

Apr. 18 @ Belleville 4th

Apr. 20 @ Beloit Inv.

Upcoming Meets:

Apr. 25 @ Bennington

Apr. 27 @ Hesston

May 1 SES Inv.

Resource officer arrests late-night looters

By Klint Spiller

Southeast of Saline resource officer Jon Strowig recently brought an end to the mystery of a string of recent occurring around the school as he arrested four adults from Salina who allegedly burglarized Southeast of Saline.

After running an extensive investigation to find the culprits of the recent burglaries, Strowig left marked money in spots around Southeast on two occasions. He then staged two stakeouts on April 12 and April 13.

On the first day, he waited at the school from 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. without anyone showing up. Then on April 13, Strowig began staking out the building at 10:30 p.m. until the alleged burglars showed up around 12:20 a.m.

Watching from Cunningham Road, Strowig observed them as they came in. After stealing gas from the back of the building, Strowig arrested them on K-4 Highway.

"I was watching from a distance. I saw the car enter the parking lot probably around 12:20 a.m. It turned off its lights and drove



Strowig

around the building slowly," Strowig said.

Twenty-three-year-old Richard Cambo of Salina, 21-year-old Brandon Edwards of Assaria, 20-year-old Phillip Lyne of Salina, and 20-year-old Tamera Lyne of Salina were arrested.

Strowig said that he recovered some of the marked cash from one of the alleged burglars and that these four were allegedly responsible for four burglaries that included the theft of a \$350 digital camera from Mrs. Brandie Disberger's room and over \$400 in cash from throughout the building. A large amount of that cash came from librarian Kendall Lynn's office.

"I feel great that it wasn't a Southeast kid. We have great kids out here," Lynn commented. "I felt pretty angry that someone would come in and do that though."

Strowig believes that the four broke into the school on their first burglary. For the other three burglaries, he believes they somehow attained a key.

Two of the alleged burglars face four counts of burglary and five counts of theft. The other two face one count of burglary and theft.

Musicians perform in Manhattan, Ellsworth

By Rachel Nicholson and Chelsea Thorne

After a hectic week for the Southeast of Saline high school musicians, four small groups and 11 soloists made it to the state competition at SES on April 29. The band and vocal ensembles and soloists competed at the regional contest in Manhattan on April 8. Everyone who earned one ratings at the regional contest advance to the state competition.

Madrigal Singers, women's and men's vocal ensembles all received one ratings along with the saxophone quartet. The quartet included Mark McClure, Rachael Moon, Joe Pope, and Ross Terry.

Students who received a one rating for vocal solos were Becky Breer, Miranda Everhart, Britten O'Banan, Chris Weller, Caitlin Conley, Rachael Moon, Mark McClure, and Max McClure.

Students who received a one rating for instrumental solos were Shawna Caldwell (clarinet), Kayla Hemphill (clarinet), Andrew Bauer (percussion), Rachel Moon (baritone saxophone), Kaleb Feist (tuba), and Mark McClure (bassoon).

Several students also earned two ratings for vocal solos. Rachel Hoeffner, Cassie Schlesener, Kody Lynn, Jeremy Ziegler, Clinton MacDonald, Katie Waddle, Jessica Ward, and the freshmen ensemble.

Students that received a two rating for instrumental solos were Carlie Krager (flute), Lynnsey Heimer (trumpet), Max McClure (trumpet), Greg Peterson (trumpet), and the trumpet ensemble (Kaleb Feist, Aaron Plymell, and Marshall Kohman).

Students receiving a three rating were Rachael Moon (oboe), Marshall Kohman (bass), Gracia Johnson (violin), Aaron Plymell (tuba), Joel Platter (trombone), Britten O'Banan (trombone), and Joe Pope (saxophone). Katie Waddle also received a four rating with her flute solo.

The large group contest took place in Ellsworth on April 12 included the concert choir, the freshman choir and the band. The freshman choir received a two rating while the concert choir received a one.

"I thought that they worked very hard and were deserving of the ratings they received. I am overall pleased with their performances," said choir director Mr. Bill Tuzicka.

Band director, Quentin Breese, however, thought it came up short at the large group state festival. The three judges observig the band gave SES ratings of two, two, and three.

"I was disappointed with the ratings and that we didn't give our best performance," said band director Quentin Breese.



The freshmen mixed chorus is directed by Bill Tuzicka at the large group contest in Ellsworth. The freshmen choir received a two rating. (Photo by Sadie Myers)