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Kyle Maine gets mummified by Brooke Kent, Robert Graham, Travis Sheets, and Chelsey Mueller at the pep rally on Friday, Sept. 16 during school for the Russell game. The students had to race a "Russell Bronco" around barrels for a prize. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Around The Halls

What do you like about SES compared to the school where you previously attended?



Holly Allen, fr.
"It is a lot smaller, so you know more people."



Kylee Anderson, sr.
"There is less drama with less people."



Brittany Obermeyer, soph.
"Everyone is nicer and there is more unity."



Jessica Cantrell, soph.
"It's indoors, and there are lockers. There are also not as many people, so you get to know everyone."



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SES students deserve kudos

By Chelsea Thorne

Every year here at SES, people do something to make our school better. Sometimes others don't know about their accomplishments, and sometimes, due to Southeast's typically outstanding performance, another success is just taken for granted. We here on the Trojournal staff have noticed a few accomplishments and want to extend kudos for several accomplishments and hard work.



1) This summer, six sophomores — Shayla Seim, Sadie Meyers, Jessica Frazier, Shannon Wilson, Elissa Stein, and Sarah Andres, and Chelsie Green — earned a gold medal in the Junior Par-Law event at the FCCLA Nationals in San Diego. At the state event, SES had students qualify for four other events by placing first: Chapter Showcase Manual, Chapter Showcase Display, Illustrated Talk, and Culinary Arts. This was the second largest group in SES history to attend Nationals.

2) The school also got a technology

boost by receiving 162 new computers, including a new mobile lab in the elementary. With these new computers, students are able to get more work done without having to worry about their computers locking up. (Speaking as students, we haven't decided if that is a good thing yet!) One hundred and sixty-two computers is a lot of computers, and they cost a lot of money, but we appreciate the efforts of Neal Heidel in recommending the purchase and of the school board in approving a purchase that would allow us to continue to work efficiently.

3) The faculty lounge was remodeled over the summer as well. It is brighter and cheerier, and therefore able to put our teachers in better moods so they won't give us that extra homework assignment.

4) Five new teachers were hired to join the SES staff, and even though we will miss the staff that did not return this year, it gives us a chance to form new relationships with new people.

5) There is talk of replacing our lockers in December. Hopefully, they will be bigger, and not jam so much. Replacing all the lockers (excluding senior lockers) will definitely be expensive and time consuming, and we appreciate Mr. Couchman's and Dr. Goodwin's acknowledging that things do (See "Faculty..." on page 3)

Sponsor supports Stuco's efforts

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Every once in a while I hear from students that Student Council doesn't do anything. This is completely untrue. This year alone the Student Council has sponsored treats for the first day of school, sponsored a back to school bash, aided in efforts to help victims of Hurricane Katrina, and sponsored our annual patriotic assembly. It's only the middle of September! However, what I am really writing to tell you is about our meeting on Sept. 14.

We addressed a major issue on the matter of homecoming nominations. There were two valid opinions on how we should elect our nominees. One side favored keeping the status quo wherein everyone in the school votes for five nominees. The other side favored allowing the senior class to choose their nominees. There were pros and cons to each of these plans. I just want to

tell the student body that their representatives truly represented them fairly. There was a lively discussion, some heated debate, and I believe, well considered votes. With a vote of 14-9, we will keep the status quo.

Had we changed the nomination process, this could easily have affected the turn out for years to come. It would have affected YOU. Therefore, I want you to be sure to thank your representative for considering both sides of the issues and voting on behalf of you. Even more importantly, it's important for you to consider whom you choose to represent you on the Student Council. Too often, not enough students sign up to represent their class. Too often, only the most popular students win. Too often, candidates win as a joke. Despite what you think, Student Council does take on some serious issues.

Most of all, if you see Chelsey Mueller

or Kelsey Losey, your president and vice president, please thank them for all they do. They were on opposing sides of the issue, yet, I believe, both handled the issue with professionalism and composure. More importantly, they do most of the work behind the scenes, and they don't get enough credit for all the effort they put in. I am very proud of the entire Student Council for doing their job. If you have suggestions for anything we do—Homecoming, Hanging of the Greens, Elections, Money Raisers, or just something you think needs to be addressed, please contact me, Chelsey, Kelsey, or any of your representatives.

Sincerely,
Terry Anderson
Student Council Sponsor

•Faculty, administration deserve praise, too

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need to be replaced periodically.

6) The administration gave us extra days out of school! Citing positive gains in standardized test scores, the Board approved dismissing school for the students on Oct. 14 and Oct. 28. You can't ask for much more than that. Now we have three extra days to relive our summer vacations by sleeping in all day and watching MTV while we eat Frosted Flakes.

7) Stuco and other school clubs are raising money and requesting goods to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The money and items that we the students donate will help thousands of people.

8) Speaking of Stuco, Stuco is able to hold a debate over an important issue, come up with a verdict, and still function. It was suggested that only the seniors nominate the Homecoming King and Queen, and then the rest of the school makes the final vote.

Stuco held a heated debate and decided to keep Homecoming nominations the way they have always been; and Stuco is still functioning well, proving that democracy is still alive here at SES.

It may be human nature to overlook

the accomplishments of clubs like FCCLA and FFA that earn the right to attend Nationals every year, to see the purchase of 162 new computers as commonplace, and to simply expect positive test gains from motivated SES students, but it would be better for us to

pause to acknowledge our accomplishments. So next time you log on the school's super fast computers or spend your extra vacation days at the mall, just remember to thank all of those who have worked hard for you.



Homecoming candidates--Brady Srna, James Hemphill, Justin Schropp, Chris Weller, Kyle Maine, Holly Henry, Brandi Pounds, Chelsey Mueller, Alison Mitchell, and Joni Heimer--were announced yesterday. The student body will vote Sept. 28 to choose the king and queen. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Sophomore gets a taste of Kyiv

By Sadie Myers

For most people, the last week of summer break is filled with trips to Wal-Mart for school supplies, preparing for high stress levels, and squeezing in as much laziness as possible before the first day of school. Let me tell you, I am not like “most people!”

Recently, I spent the last of summer plus the first two weeks of school to travel half-way around the world to the little-known country of Ukraine. While there, I visited my brother, immersed myself in the culture, and made foreign friends. The trip ended up being one of the best learning experiences of my life.

My eldest brother, Jason, is a journeyman, (a technical name for a missionary) and has been living in Kyiv for over 1 ½ years. Jason can speak Russian very well, so I didn't have much of a language barrier since I was always with him. Together, we made trouble all around Kyiv! (The capital of Ukraine and Jason's home town) And let me tell you, it was super fun, *and* a great learning experience.

Although I missed close to two weeks of schooling, my trip to Ukraine was educational, and enjoyable. I got to learn, to experience new and exciting things! For a couple weeks, I *lived* Ukraine. I didn't just sit in a school desk, look out the window, and day dream about something better. I walked the streets of Kyiv, got my feet dirty on the metro, saw dozens of ornate churches, and was



Sadie Myers and her brother Jason pose as windmills. Sadie visited Jason in Ukraine during the first two weeks of school.

deprived of ice everyday. Each day was something fresh, something different to discover.

My first adventure in Ukraine started on day two of my trip. Jason had planned an English camp for the members of his English Club and I tagged along as a camper. The camp we stayed at was on the outskirts of Kyiv. There were all sorts of campers there from the youngest girl, Zina, (13) to the oldest, Dmitry, (62) and everywhere in between. I became best friends with “my Siamese twin” Julia, (16.) She and I were inseparable, hence the name “my Siamese twin.”

By the end of the week, it seemed like everyone was one big, happy family. No one wanted to go home. While I was having fun at camp, I didn't have any clue what Kyiv tasted like. It was my second week that I got to take a bite.

Kyiv (also Kiev) is a city of close to three million people. It is east of Russia and is split by the Dnipro (some Americans just call it the Nipper) River. They have touristy areas and most of them consist of extravagant churches. My personal favorite was St. Sophia, but I probably saw around 30 different Orthodox churches while in Kyiv. Besides the churches, most other buildings are apartments. All the Ukrainians live in “flats” aka apartments. I didn't see one house the whole time I was there.

It's a fairly dirty city. Every day when I got home, I had to wash my feet because the bottoms would be black from walking everywhere. Kyiv also has plenty of crime and beggars around every corner. I never, ever went places by myself; because it wasn't safe.

Kyiv might not be 100% crime-free, but the Ukrainians try to be completely sickness-free. Most have bizarre theories on health-related issues. Personally, I thought their theory on iced drinks was bogus. If you ask for ice in Ukraine, forget it; they don't have any. The majority of the people believe that cold drinks make you ill. For me, hot tea became a necessity of everyday life. Ice was a delicacy. And sleeping with the window open is a no-no in Ukraine. Most of them have the notion that if you sleep with the window open you'll get sick. Jason and I always joked about it and were always sure to keep the windows shut.

Not only do the people of Ukraine have crazy theories, but the majority of them



With the Dnipro river as a backdrop, Sadie Myers hugs her Ukrainian “Siamese twin,” 16-year-old Julia.

have an outrageous sense of fashion. Men's “fashionable” attire is pointy-elf shoes with tight pants and a nice, button-up shirt. I didn't really mind the tight pants, but the elf shoes got to me. Walking down the streets of Kyiv, or in the subway, everywhere you look are girls or women with transparent (yes I mean see-through) tops on. I'm telling you, all those Ukrainian girls have to buy pretty bras because everyone and their dog are going to see them. Whether it's netting or sheer, the girls flaunt what they've got.

If you think I've told you the worst of it, you're wrong. The first time I went swimming in the Dnipro, I was shocked. All the males on the beach were struttin' their stuff in Speedos. I just couldn't look. But I did happen to accidentally see Dmitry, the 62-year-old from camp, standing in his *leopard-print* Speedo like he was Superman. I had to laugh; it's too bad I didn't get a picture.

I do miss my brother, Julia, swimming in the Nipper, and the tea, but I'm happy to be home (and to be sleeping in my own bed)! But when I boarded my flight to come home, I couldn't believe it was over. Two weeks had seemed like a dream, and when I came back to school, reality hit me with a motherload of homework. But, hey, you know what? It was totally worth it. I'm still recovering from when I came home and my stress-level went through the ceiling, but that's alright. Ukraine was something special, and a memory I will never forget.

Massey charts new waters in career exploration

By John Christie

Head Custodian Joshua Massey is charting new waters in his career. As he sails toward a bachelor's degree in social studies, he finds himself nautical miles closer to exchanging his management of custodians to management of students and exchanging responsibilities for the upkeep of an entire building for the up-keep to a single classroom.

To accomplish this, Massey is putting in a 12 credit hour semester on top of a full-time job.

In the spring of 2005, he decided it was time for college – and to prepare to be a teacher.

“In talking to a few members of the faculty and an administrator here at Southeast, I gained my inspiration for going back to school,” said Massey.

Another of Massey's influence was Gamer's Ink, a group that he and former Southeast student Alex Mutschler organized to get together and play role-playing games.

“Gamer's Ink greatly influenced my decision. It showed me much about high school aged students, which is the age group that I want to teach. It showed me a lot about myself as well,” Massey said.

Massey has had support at home from his wife Sherry, too.

“Sherry has been incredibly patient and supportive,” Massey said. “She knows that this



is my dream to chase, and I cannot thank her enough or give her enough credit. She's awesome.”

Massey's choice in what field to study came from a love of it.

“History, politics, economics and all the rest hold fantastic appeal to me. I want to pass that on through teaching,” he said.

Massey started taking classes online over the summer. He took six credit hours then but has upped his load during the fall semester. He is currently taking 12 credit hours worth of classes, which is the load he intends to keep for at least the next few semesters.

Though demanding, this class load is made easier because Massey enjoys the learning.

“People sometime lose sight of what a fantastic opportunity it is to be able to learn things in an academic environment. My life is enriched greatly from the experience,” he said.

His time frame for starting college was influenced by the Montgomery G.I. Bill for former members of the armed services. This bill will reimburse Massey for a part of his tuition. It will only help him pay for college for ten years following the termination of his enlistment. He served from December 1992 until May of 1999 in the U.S. Army, which only gives him until 2009 to complete college.

“The Montgomery G.I. Bill reimburses me monthly for college tuition and expenses to the tune of about a thousand dollars each month for a full-time schedule,” said Massey.

Massey's goal is to be done with school in five years. This depends a lot on how long he can continue to work full-time and still take a full schedule of online classes. He said that at some point, he will have to become a full-time student and take classes on campus.

“School is having very little effect on my current job, actually. Right now, it's pretty easy to keep them separate, but eventually I'll have to make the choice between work and school,” he said.

Though Massey's stress level is pretty high, he feels that he balances the load pretty well.

“It's not much different than working two jobs. When I get off from work at SES, I go back to work at Kansas City, Kansas Community College.

“My classes generally keep me up until about 11:00 p.m. Then I turn around the next day and do it again,” said Massey.

He believes he has some experiences that will be of benefit to him when it comes to teaching.

“I think that I have some experience and seasoning behind me that lend themselves to a great many things in my life. From the military, I gained discipline and a sense of duty. From my time here at SES, I have been able to see how a school works behind the scenes and have had the opportunity to get to know kids and what is important to them,” Massey said.

Massey said that he would love someday to be a teacher at Southeast of Saline.

“I would love to teach here at Southeast if the opportunity arises. It is such a great place. I know that if I had someplace I had to get up and go to everyday this would be the place,” Massey said.

He did acknowledge, though, that there might be one difficulty in replacing his mop with a piece of chalk.

“(It will be difficult) to resist the urge to clean my own classroom,” Massey said with a smile.

Southeast junior seeks satisfaction in a piercing needle

By Rachel Nicholson

You're sitting in your friend's living room when she comes out carrying a big needle that's attached to a tongue ring and some antibacterial.

Then she clamps your tongue down and holds the needle up. This is the point where most teenage girls would be screaming and crying even if they were in a completely sterile environ-



ment with a professional getting ready to pierce their tongue. Not junior Keshia Thomas. On Sept. 11, she and sophomore Tawnee Watson got their tongues pierced by a friend.

Thomas and Watson are the newest Southeast students who have gotten their tongues pierced. Sophomore A.J. Allen also has his tongue pierced.

“I did it because my dad and I got into another big fight, so I decided to get my own little revenge,” Thomas said.

Thomas said she didn't just get the piercing because of her rocky relationship with her father. She also got it because she has wanted to get her tongue pierced for a while now, despite knowing the risk of infection and hearing many horror stories related to piercings gone wrong.

She believes that some guys find tongue

piercings attractive, but that played no role in her decision. Thomas also prides herself on being a pin-cushion of sorts, having five piercings including her tongue.

For a few days after the piercing, Thomas' tongue was swollen and her words were slurred.

“Everything is getting better; I can eat solid foods again, so that's a plus,” Thomas said.

Thomas also described the experience as feeling as if she bit her tongue on accident and said it didn't actually hurt.

“Caring for my piercing isn't really very hard,” Thomas said. “All I have to do is use mouthwash, like Listerine, after every time I eat. It can get a little tiring and old, but it's not hard to do. I really like the piercing overall, and I'm going to keep it no matter what anyone says,” Thomas said.

Southeast adds five new faces to faculty

By Chelsea Thorne

SES welcomes the biggest “freshman” teaching class it has seen in four years. Five new teachers join SES.

First year teacher of biology and chemistry, Mrs. Amanda McLaughlin, has had quite a year so far at SES. She has had a run-in with a paper cutter and has been the target of initiation pranks by a group of jokester teachers.

McLaughlin’s initiation started when a group of anonymous teachers informed McLaughlin that she had sent her class to lunch way before schedule. She then proceeded to go back to the cafeteria and tried to get her class out of the lunch line.

“I know now that lunch on Friday is at 12:25, not 12:40,” said McLaughlin.

Then, the following week, part two occurred.

“I was cutting safety note cards for biology on the paper cutter, and I cut my thumb,” said McLaughlin.

She was taken to the emergency room by School Resource Officer Jon Strowig and returned to school the next day.

McLaughlin graduated from Dighton High School and then from Bethany College. Before coming to SES, McLaughlin worked for a year at KS Kids @ Gear Up. There, she was in charge of 24 counties in Kansas, making sure they had adequate after-school programs. McLaughlin describes her teaching style as fun and laidback with a lot of hands-on activities.



Mrs. Amanda McLaughlin shows Mitchell Mugler how to properly use a compound microscope. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

“Teaching in general is different. Students expect you to be a genius. I like that I can learn along with the kids,” said McLaughlin.

In her spare time she likes to go for walks and hopes one day to participate in a Triathlon.

Mrs. Tammy Streit, another first year teacher, is a 15 year veteran from Central High School in Salina. Even though Streit is new to SES, she hasn’t undergone the same initiation that McLaughlin has. Streit teaches Algebra 1A, Geometry, and Algebra 2. Streit says the move has been relaxing.

“The staff is friendlier (and) the environment is less stressful. It is different, though — 1200 students versus 200, a math team of seven versus two, class size, demographics, and there are hardly any minorities out here,” Streit said.

At Central, Streit taught Algebra 1 and Performance Based Diploma (PBD).

Streit says her favorite part about teaching is the fact she gets to stay in high school forever.

In her free time, Streit is an outdoors woman. She enjoys hunting, waterskiing, camping, and riding on her motorcycle with her husband. Her favorite pastime, though, is riding horses.

“When I was five, my uncle picked me up and put me on a pony at the Denver City Zoo, and I have loved them ever since,” said Streit.

SES got another seasoned teacher, Mrs. Dawn Rohrer. But unlike Streit, Rohrer is a graduate of SES, and is now back sitting at a teacher’s desk. She is teaching Computer Online Learning Approach (COLA), English 10, and Yearbook. Rohrer graduated from K-State and has been teaching for 10 years. Before coming to SES, Rohrer taught freshmen and juniors at Solomon.

“My favorite part about teaching is the success of students, especially the ones who struggle,” said Rohrer.

Rohrer says that here at SES, students have a greater respect for learning than she has seen at other schools, and that the support from administration, teachers, and patrons is wonderful.

Rohrer describes her teaching style as flexible. In her spare time she likes to crochet, help her husband out on the farm, and watch “Friends”

on television. Rohrer lives in Hope, Kansas with her husband.

Spanish and French teacher Mrs. Rita Tinkler moved to SES from Sacred Heart. She said that SES is different in many ways compared to Sacred Heart. There are no uniforms, and here at SES, she teaches French I, II, III, IV, and V all in one block. Tinkler has been teaching for 23 years and describes her teaching style as participatory.

“My favorite part of teaching is watching the students’ light bulbs light up,” said Tinkler.

Tinkler’s light bulb lit up at Salina High School and then K-State, graduating with a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees.

Rohrer and Mrs. Rita Tinkler have something in common, they are both seasoned teachers; and both of are familiar with SES. Rohrer graduated from SES, and Tinkler’s two children did as well.

Tinkler, a former SES parent, had two children, Jason, 31, and Karma, 27, who attended here.

Tinkler lives south of Mentor with her husband Duane of 37 years.

While Science teacher Mrs. Pesh Ptacek is at home caring for baby Gabrielle Julianne, long-term substitute teacher Mr. Larry Goscha is in charge of her classes this nine weeks.

Goscha, a graduate from Kansas University, has been subbing for three years for all grades kindergarten through 12th grade.

“My favorite part about teaching is working with the students,” said Goscha.

Goscha, who said he is a bit like a fish out of water, is a little out of his element. Science isn’t exactly his strongest point; music and mathematics are. Goscha has a major in music education with a minor in mathematics. He is an amateur singer and musician in his spare time.

“I have been singing since I was in seventh grade, and I continued it. I use it to relax. I can get into it, and it takes my mind off other issues whether I’m by myself or with a group,” said Goscha.

Goscha lives in Salina with his wife Sarah of 16 ½ years.



School additions greet returning students

By Klint Spiller

As students strolled into school on their first day back from summer vacation, they were greeted by a plethora of surprises.

New computers, vehicles, carpeting, and an online teaching curriculum were some of the changes that the school board decided to purchase, using the funds left over from the end of the school year on June 30, 2005.

The school was able to buy 132 computers and a mobile lab. Sixteen of these computers were placed in the high school library, and 55 computers equipped with flat screen monitors were purchased for the high school and elementary type labs.

Other rooms that received computers were Dwight Lilly's business lab, Gary McClure's Trojournal lab, Tom Williams' drafting lab, Scott Emme's industrial arts lab, Dawn Rohrer's year-book lab, and the elementary/junior high FastForward lab. Some staff members were also able to receive replacement computers.

Laptops were also purchased with this funding, including the new elementary mobile lab, which is made up of 30 laptops and a laser printer.

"Computers that were replaced were approximately six-seven years old and were experiencing higher incidences of failure and diminished

reliability," SES Management Information Systems (MIS) director Neal Heidel said.

The school donated the rest of the computers to the United Way for them to give to families in need.

"Families in our school district, who are interested in applying for a refurbished computer, are encouraged to talk to their principal and request an application. More information can also be found at www.salhelp.org and click on the 'Donated Computer Project' link," Heidel said.

The total cost for all of these computers, network equipment, server upgrades, additional software licenses, new software, digital cameras, computer projectors, wireless network equipment and new library computer furniture was approximately \$183,000.

An online teaching curriculum has also been purchased called Virtual Prescriptive Learning. It will mainly provide Southeast students with an opportunity to retake failed courses at their own pace without having to restudy the material already understood.

This program is completely based off the internet. It is accessible anywhere with an internet connection, so this allows students to not only access it at school, but they can also

access it at home.

It also provides preparatory courses for standardized tests, such as the ACT, ASVAB, and even state assessments. It is mainly in use by COLA teacher Mrs. Rohrer, but special education teacher Mrs. Brandi Calahan and ACT prep teacher Mr. Terry Anderson will also use it.

"It is very independent; it is very self-paced. You must have a lot of self-discipline to maintain your work ethic," Principal Monte Couchman said. "You don't have a whole class you have to keep up with, and you don't have a teacher standing over you telling you you've got to do this; you've got to do that."

The teacher's lounge also has a new face. It was repainted purple and new counters and shelving were installed. The carpet and faucets were changed, and the room was rearranged to allow more space.

Among the other purchases were new vehicles — a Suburban and a bus. Also, the carpet in the elementary library, band room, and several classrooms has been changed.

New lockers are also to be added. The 310 seventh-eleventh grade students' lockers are to be replaced over Christmas break. This is supposed to cost approximately \$40,000.

Junior drums old school for drumline

By Cassie Schlesener

Coming from Rockdale, TX, junior Andrew Bauer has one passion that he can't live without: drumline.

"It is so amazing competing with the band from the other school. There's also lot of pride in outplaying the other team's drumline," said Bauer.

Bauer also has some credentials for his drumming career; last Spring, Rockdale high school sent its percussion ensemble to the state competition in San Marcos, earning a first division rating. Bauer was a member of that ensemble, playing tympani, bells, and guiro, described by Bauer as "a fish-shaped instrument that makes a scraping sound."

Since this is the first year that Southeast has had a drum line, Bauer's timely arrival was greatly appreciated by director, Quentin Breese.

"It is really nice having someone on the squad who has experience," said Breese. The drumline has come a long way and have had some really good experiences."

When asked how playing on this line compares to playing in Texas, Bower said it is different.

"It is challenging and is coming along

slowly, but we still have some awesome musicians on the line. Rachael Moon, who has never played drums in her life, has done awesome," he said.

However, moving from his home in Texas wasn't easy for him.

"I really miss my friends from Rockdale," said Bauer.

There are also some things that he did like about coming here, though.

"There are a lot more classes (to choose from)," said Bauer. "My old school had just the four main subjects along with a few extras. I really like the fact that I can do a wider variety of classes here. Also, the cross country team is awesome."

"The main thing that is different about the drum line is that in Texas the squad was able to play whatever it wanted, whenever it wanted, except during an injury, to show respect. Here you are only allowed to play during timeouts and before and after the games," he said.

Bauer's passion for playing the drums is such that he'd like to continue playing past high school.

"I would really like to get a scholarship for it!" Bauer said.



Drumline rehearses cadences in theater. They are preparing for K-State Band day. (Photo by Ozzy Smith)

Band features new drum line

By Andrew Bauer

SES will be hearing more rhythm along with the band this year as there is enough participation to form a drumline to play at football games and parades.

Members on the line have been working hard, even coming to school for two days in the summer, in order to prepare cadences.

"I believe a drumline would give much-needed depth to our sound," said director Quentin Breese. "Also, having a drumline would force our percussionists to read music instead of just banging on a drum set."

Drumline members include Dalton Johnson and Andrew Bauer on quad-toms, Rachael Moon and Ryan Lockhart on snare, and Marshall Kohlman, Kayla Hemphill, Michael Russel, Brittney Copeland, and Jake Matthews on bass drum.

Southeast of Saline High School musicians



“make noise” all around Washington D.C.



1. Aaron Plymell snoozes on the 27-hour bus ride to Washington D.C.
2. Meaghan Ryan looks at her reflection in the Korean Memorial while on the D.C. tour.
3. Eric Dinkel, Britten O'Banan, and Matthew Everhart take time to pose for a picture while playing at the WWII Memorial.
4. Elissa Stein, Chelsie Green, Charley Staab, Amber Barnett, and Kristy Mendenhall pass the time while waiting to tour the U.S. Capitol Building.
5. Holly Henry and Sam Hargadine “jump” in the Potomac River after visiting the Jefferson Memorial.
6. Eric Dinkel looks at the names of soldiers on the Vietnam Memorial
7. In front of the White House, Taylor Garretson and Christina Sparacino give a thumbs down to protestor’s sign.
8. A group of SES students gather in front of the “Kansas” engraving at the WWII Memorial.
9. Cody Melander, Aaron Plymell, Kent Windholz, and Abraham Lincoln smile for a picture at the Lincoln Memorial.
10. Mr. Bill Tuzicka directs the choir at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. (All pictures by Sadie Myers)

Chelsi and Cassie's Funky Fun Page!!!

Can you guess who these people are?

Answers At Bottom



Guess That Movie Quote!!

Answers at Bottom

- 1) "Nobody takes a picture of something they want to forget."
- 2) "You know, I fell asleep this afternoon and had me a dream. I dreamed about Del's mouse."
- 3) "Incredible! One of the worst performances of my career, and they never doubted it for a second."
- 4) "Gary, if you're gonna play on this football team, you answer me when I ask you 'Who's your daddy?' Who's your daddy, Gary? Who's your daddy?"
- 5) "I think this boy's cheese had done slid off his cracker."

Answers To Quotes: 1) One Hour Photo, 2) The Green Mile, 3) Ferris Buhler's Day off, 4) Remember the Titans, 5) The Green Mile

Answers To Pictures: 1) Michael Lacy, 2) Sadie Roesner, 3) Kolby Balhazor, 4) Nick Hardesty

Homecoming dance to glow in the dark

By Klint Spiller

Spectacular! This is the theme for this year's Homecoming dance, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 1 in the upper gym at Southeast from 8:30-11 p.m.

StuCo is pioneering Homecoming in a different direction from dances in the recent past. The group, although not discouraging nice clothing, is encouraging informal attire, such as jeans and cut-offs, to make the dance more comfortable. StuCo is also introducing a glow-in-the-dark spray paint to help add to the fun.

"You don't have to be sprayed if you don't want to, but you are more than welcome to . . . just glow," Stuco president Chelsey Mueller said. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

Also, the Homecoming candidates were announced yesterday.

The five male candidates are James Hemphill, Kyle Maine, Justin Schropp, Brady Srna, and Chris Weller; and the five female candidates are Joni Heimer, Holly Henry, Brandi Pounds, Allision Mitchell, and Chelsey Mueller.

Students will vote for a Homecoming king and queen on Sept. 28, and the results will be announced at the Homecoming football game against Belleville on Sept. 30.

FFA prepares to take the new year by the horns

By Ozzy Smith

Yee-Haw! With events such as Home-site judging and the Greenhand Conference coming up, students are getting ready to kick off the year in a big way.

Home site judging, which is determining the quality of a spot of land by characteristics that it has, took place on Sept. 21, but results were too late for publication.



The Greenhand Conference is held for students who are in their first year of FFA. It will be held Sept. 28.

Although the usual trip to Cabela's has been canceled, several new activities have been added to the schedule. Some of these include ice skating, nitro bowling, and a trip to Jumpin' Joes.

Last year, positions for the 05-06 year were decided. These positions are currently held by Eva Spare, president, Brent Sweany, vice president, Kajsa Thelander, secretary, William Staab, treasurer, Charley Staab, reporter, and Chelsea Weaver, who is the sentinel.

NHS stays active in hurricane relief

By Skylar Nosker

National Honor Society will be active in a lot of activities in the month of September. From the Santa Fe Parade to the selling of Hurricane Katrina Relief Bands, all members already have their plates full.

Four members will be working extra hard as they will be leading the club in different events.

Senior Kyle Maine has been elected as president of NHS. The vice-president is senior Brady Srna. Taking the job as secretary-treasurer will be senior Chris Weller, and junior Kent Windholz will be in charge of public relations.

These four will direct the 60 other members in NHS, 20 of whom are new members.

Sarah Anderes, Kelcy Berry, Jessica Cantrell, Amanda Harding, John Henry, Cole Lilly, Mitchell Mugler, Sadie Myers, Shayla Seim, Corey Srna, Elissa Stein, Brent Sweany, Shannon Wilson, and Jeremy Ziegler are the 14 sophomores who are new to the group.

The rest of the new members include five juniors — Kassandra Bethe, Brittani Butler, Brittney Copeland, Andrea Everhart, and Bryson Flax — and senior Samantha Hargadine.

Madrigals go back in time at Renaissance Festival

By John Christie

The Southeast of Saline Madrigal Singers traveled to the Kansas City Renaissance Festival on Saturday, Sept. 17.

They left at 5:30 in the morning spending a whole day in Bonner Springs performing at the festival. They had four performances throughout the day.

Eight new members made the trip for the first time this year. These new singers were Miranda Everhart, Chelsey Kincaid, Rachel Hoeffner, Kelsy Colby, Britten O'Banan, Kody Lynn, Kelsey Brown and Chris Shields. Last years graduates created most of the open spots. They were April Ptacek, Ashley Houchin, Erica Stein, Hannah Zerbe, Andrew Gies, Ian Hughes and Adam Spaeny.

They will next be performing at Art a la Carte on Oct. 7 and then at Octoberfest on Oct. 15.



Junior Zach Bradrick spends an afternoon in the stocks. Madrigals sang at the Renaissance Festival Saturday, Sept. 17 in Bonner Springs. (Photo by John Christie)

Freshman flashes to Swather Special win

By Andrew Bauer

Max McClure proved that experience isn't everything Sept. 18 by placing first among freshman at the Swather Special cross country meet in Hesston.

His 18:04 time eclipsed all freshmen and many upper-classmen. Among SES runners, only junior Clinton MacDonald, who won the junior race, had a better time.

Some have noted similarities between McClure and a freshman from 2003. Two years ago, SES received a transfer from Smoky Valley who, as a ninth grader, became the top SES runner and would later go on to become the NCAA league champion. That runner is none other than MacDonald.

Although both have done well, as a freshman, MacDonald had a slightly better record, earning a time of 17:20 at Abilene. McClure's time this year was 17:42 at the same course.

"I'm not as good as Clinton yet," said McClure, "but I hope to be someday."

McClure includes in his list of inspiring runners not just MacDonald but also his brother Mark. Max said he first considered running when his older brother and team member, Mark, became involved in long distance. Max even broke the SES seventh grade 1600 record with a time of 5:25, beating the previous record of 5:36 which his brother had held.

Neither Mark nor Max considers the

seventh grade record too significant since the strong distance runners of the past, such as coach Wade Caselman, ran the mile and two-mile rather than the 1600 and 3200. Still,



Freshman Max McClure leads a pack of runners as junior Klint Spiller flanks his shoulder. McClure placed first among freshmen at the Hesston Swather Special Sept. 18 and 13th among all runners this week at SES. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Mark had mixed feelings about his brother breaking his record.

"I was pretty disappointed at the start," said Mark, "but I always knew that my brother had more potential and that someday he'd beat me."

With the start of a junior high cross country team last year, the younger McClure finally had a chance to show his stuff. His junior high record consists of three first place finishes and three second place finishes, or as he puts it, "three wins and three losses."

"I've always liked running, but I wasn't always real fast," said Max on running prior to junior high. "But that's probably because I was going against people who have been running the mile since they could walk."

Nevertheless, in his varsity debut this year, McClure found that he was able to keep up with runners near the front of the pack.

"Abilene was a good race for me because I ran faster than I thought I'd run," he said.

McClure's success came as a pleasant surprise to many, including head coach Wade Caselman.

"I thought he'd be one of our top five runners, but I didn't expect him to do as well as he did," said Caselman. "His hard work and determination is really paying off."

Spring sports finish well in '05 season

By Robert Graham

Southeast of Saline's spring sports enjoyed solid showings to close out their 2005 seasons. The track team saw 19 members make the trip to Cessna Stadium in Wichita for the state meet. Baseball and softball both threatened in regionals but each fell one win short of a trip to state.

Southeast's track and field team went into regionals with high expectations. The boys finished sixth, the girls placed second and the Trojans left for Wichita with 19 state qualifiers.

At state, the boys managed an eighth place finish, and the girls took ninth, but there were several individual highlights.

Brooke Kent won the team's only gold medal in the triple jump and placed third in the 100m.

Clinton MacDonald also placed in two

individual events. He finished sixth in the 1600m and seventh in the 800m.

The boys 4x4 team — consisting of Ethan Komp, Colby Douglas, James Hemphill, and Justin Schropp — and girls 4x1 team — consisting of Chelsey Kincaid, Brooke Kent, Brandi Pounds, and Holly Henry — both placed second.

The boys 4x8 team — made up of Ethan Komp, Bryson Flax, Chris Weller, and Ian Hughes — finished in third place.

The girls 4x8 team — made up of Kelsey Colby, Jessica Frasier, Meaghan Ryan, and Jessica MacDonald — didn't place at state but did set a new school record, in a previous meet, with a time of 10:22.45.

Colby Douglas also had a third place finish in the 400m.

Southeast softball struggled through

a season full of injuries to enter regionals with a record of 11-7. The Lady Trojans hoped that things would come together at the right time and they would qualify for state. That looked very possible after a 10-0 win over Hillsboro in the opener, but a tough 3-0 loss to Herington in the final gave the softball team a second place finish in regionals.

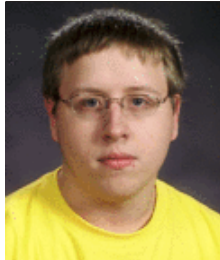
The Trojans baseball team carried an 18-2 record into the regional playoffs with their sights set on a run deep into the state playoffs. A 15-3 opening round win over Halstead gave Southeast momentum, but Lyons proved to be a worthy adversary in the regional final.

The defending state champs and number one team in 3A finally outlasted the Trojans 12-9, providing a disappointing end to a record-breaking season.

Who will be the next American Idol?

By Skylar Nosker

American Idol stars Kelly Clarkson, Ruben Studdard and Simon Cowell don't have anything to do with this article. What this article is about is how difficult it is to find an idol among today's athletes. Athletes' lifestyles are changing. The clean-living athletes of yesteryear who played for the love of the game are much different from the ones today who play for the love of the money.



Sports don't have Lou Gerhig, Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky and John Elway anymore. Now, with the losses of Karl Malone and Reggie Miller in the NBA, Tim Brown and Jerry Rice in the NFL, and even Lance Armstrong in cycling, it's starting to hurt the credibility of players and the sports they play.

With many idolized athletes gone, it leaves the miscreants. Take Los Angeles Kings Center Jeremy Roenick, who, during the already dreadful NHL lockout all last season, made things worse by deciding to criticize the fans saying, "Don't come. We don't want you to watch hockey, period... Everybody out there who calls us spoiled because we play a game they can kiss my (rear)."

Baseball also continues picking scab after scab. The latest one, as all of you have probably heard, is Rafael Palmeiro testing positive for steroids. In July, he became the fourth player in baseball to hit over 500 home runs and 3,000 hits, joining Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, and Eddie Murray. After reaching a feat like this, he is guaranteed Hall of Fame membership, right? Think again.

In the midst of all these immature things, the one that irritates me the most was what happened this summer between Terrell Owens and the Philadelphia Eagles. I am so sick of hearing about this. This guy is so immature. Dennis Rodman is more mature than this guy. If you don't know about what happened, I'll tell you.

T.O. joined the Eagles last year. He helped lead the Eagles to the playoffs and came back from an injury to play in the Super Bowl. They lost the game but Owens played exceptionally.

T.O. felt that after having a great season that he should get a raise. The Eagles, on the other hand, feel T.O. should abide by the contract he had signed the year before. Owens finally during pre-season decided to play the season but refuses to talk to some of his teammates and coaches.

After hearing all these controversies, I have one question on my mind: Who is there to look up to? I decided to make a top five list of the best athletes to idolize.

5) Tom Brady

He has three Super Bowl rings and going on four. He has been compared to Joe Montana, in every aspect of the game. He is constantly working on his game. He doesn't put himself over his teammates and is never seen bashing another teammate or opponent. He'll even take a pay cut if it'll help keep players on the team. He's the leader of a team that has already begun being called a dynasty and one of the best ever to play the game.

4) Derek Jeter

The New York poster boy has been a god in New York for the last ten years. He dives into the stands, run into teammates, and runs all over the field just to make an out. He's the leader of a team that has about a half-a-dozen fu-

ture Hall of Fame players. Off the field, he hasn't done anything wrong. He's the most eligible bachelor in New York but also one of the most respectable players, too. What's not to idolize?

3) Tiger Woods

Tiger is the Michael Jordan of all sports in the 21st century. The fans, who wanted to be like Mike, are now saying, "I'm Tiger Woods." This golfer has turned into a phenom. He has won ten grand slam tournaments in his young career, and if he keeps on pace, he'll shatter Jack Nicklaus' record.

2) Roger Clemens

Clemens, at age 42, is still on top of his game. He doesn't lose his composure when he throws a fastball inside on a player. He has a great work ethic. He's up for another Cy Young award holding an incredible ERA of 1.78. When his team was doing poorly before the All-Star break, he didn't ask for a trade. He stayed committed to his team. This is probably the last season for arguably the best pitcher of all time.

1) Brett Favre

Favre is the definition of class. Through the last two years, Favre lost his dad, he found out his wife has cancer, his brother-in-law died, and now his mom's house has been destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. In the midst of all of this, he comes out in uniform and plays like there's no tomorrow. He has tremendous work ethic. He keeps his mouth shut but knows when to speak. He's probably more admired in Green Bay than the great Bart Starr, and that is huge. Along with Clemens, this could be the last time you see Favre as this might be his last season.

I'm not saying these five guys are better than Michael Jordan or a Lou Gehrig, but as far as the athletes of today are concerned, they're the best there is.

MacDonald, Roesner take gold

By Klint Spiller

Two first place finishes in the boys' and girls' races were the highlights of the day for the Trojans at the Southeast of Saline cross country invitational held on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The boys' team placed fourth out of the twelve full teams competing, scoring 113 team points.

Abilene won the meet with 68 points.

Junior Clinton MacDonald led the boys with his gold medal effort, finishing with a time of 16:51. His time earned him a slot in the record books. This was the third fastest time ever run on this course.

"It's always nice to break 17 and to do it on your home course," MacDonald said. "I maybe had a little more in me, but I wanted to play it safe since the last time Fennema beat me by 19 seconds."

Freshman Max McClure finished as the boys' second runner with a time of 18:17, earning 13th place, and the third runner, junior Klint Spiller, ran the course in a time of 18:35, finishing in 16th place. Both received medals for their placing.

Rounding out the guys' performance were senior Brady Srna and junior Andrew Bauer, who finished in 41st and 48th with times of 19:40 and 20:09 respectively.

The guys' time gap between the first and fifth runners was three minutes and 18 seconds.

"I think we ran really well, considering the heat," Srna said, "We just need to keep working so we can get Hillsboro."

The Lady Trojans placed sixth out of the nine full teams competing, scoring 123 points. Ellsworth won the meet with 60 points.

Freshman Sadie Roesner won the girls' race with a time of 12:52. This time placed her in the top 20 girls ever to run on this course.

"I feel really good. It's awesome to beat all of the Sacred Heart people," Roesner said.

The next female finisher was sophomore Jessica Frazier, who placed 23rd

with a time of 14:26. Junior Kelsey Colby finished right behind her in 24th with a time of 14:28.

Finishing as the girls' fourth and fifth runners were senior Joni Heimer and junior Meaghan

Ryan. Heimer placed 31st with a time of 14:36, and Ryan placed 61st with a time of 16:14.

The time gap for the girls was three minutes and 22 seconds.

"It was so hot yesterday, and it was really hard to keep going," Colby said, "I was really proud of the team's effort to finish hard."

Those who missed the cross country meet and wish to see it have an opportunity to because the Smoky Hill Public Broadcasting System (KOOD) is airing it tonight at 10:30 p.m.

The Southeast cross country teams are headed to Lyons next Tuesday where they will race at 4:30 p.m.



Junior Clinton MacDonald crosses the finish line at the SES Invitational on Sept. 20. MacDonald finished first. (Photo by Mr. Gary McClure)

Sports Box

By Robert Graham

Football

Sept. 2 Beloit	0-19	L
Sept. 9 @ Minneapolis	56-8	W
Sept. 16 Russel	24-0	W

Upcoming Games:

Sept. 23	@ Sacred Heart
Sept. 30	Belleville (Homecoming)

Oct. 7 @ Ellsworth

Record 2-1

Volleyball

Aug. 30-Quadrangular (Home)	
Clay Center	11-25, 26-24, 23-25
Minneapolis	18-25, 20-25
Junction City	18-25, 23-25
Sept. 6-Russell	

25-27, 25-18, 25-16

25-14, 20-25, 25-15

Sept. 10-SES Inv. Trny.

Concordia 17-25, 12-25

Beloit 26-28, 23-25

W. Homeschool 25-17, 25-14

Abilene 8-25, 15-25

Sept. 13-@ Belleville

23-25, 16-25

23-25, 25-21, 19-25

Sept. 20-Minneapolis

16-25, 25-21, 16-25

14-25, 15-25

Upcoming Games:

Sept. 27 Beloit (Senior Rec.)

Oct. 1 @ Concordia Inv.

Trny.

Oct. 8 @ Council Grove

Inv. Trny.

Record 3-10

Cross Country

Boys:

Sept. 1 Abilene 5th

Sept. 8 Hesston 3rd

Sept. 15 Clay Center 4th

Sept. 20 SES Inv. 4th

Girls:

Sept. 1 Abilene 5th

Sept. 8 Hesston 6th

Sept. 15 Clay Center 7th

Sept. 20 SES Inv. 6th

Upcoming events:

Sept. 27 Lyons

Oct. 8 Riley County Inv.

Oct. 13 League @ Downs

Trojans encounter Knights tonight

By Skylar Nosker

After a rough opener, the Southeast of Saline Trojan football team is starting to light it up as they prepare for the rival Sacred Heart Knights tonight.

The Trojans were shut out in the first game this season against the Beloit Trojans 19-0 and looked like they were missing the seniors who graduated the year before. They surged back, however, over the next couple of weeks. They started to execute the run a lot more and terrorize the other team by beating them in the trenches and getting into the backfield.

It all came together last Friday night, when the Trojans went up against the Russell Broncos.

Southeast's only productive drive in the first half was their first when junior running back Colby Douglas extended the football across the goal line, giving the Trojans their first six points of the game. Schropp extended the lead to eight, running the ball in easily for the two point conversion.

The highlight of the game, however, came with seconds left in the first half. In a controversial fourth down play, after three defensive stops in the red zone, senior defensive back Justin Schropp and the rest of the defense slammed Broncos running back Cody Lang inches short of the end zone with two seconds remaining in the first half.

"We knew it was a big play. It would have been tied up, but I



Junior Nick Hardesty gets help from senior Michael Lacy as he runs the football against Minneapolis. Southeast won the game 56-8. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

hit him and everyone swarmed to the ball," said Schropp. "I know it wasn't a touchdown."

The Trojans took the 8-0 lead into halftime.

The Trojans continued the highlights on defense when Schropp grabbed a one-handed interception off of Broncos quarterback Matt Cook. Southeast then capitalized on the turnover with a 26-yard touchdown run by Schropp. Schropp ran in one more touchdown in the fourth quarter to make the final 24-0. The Trojans advanced to 2-1 overall.

The Trojans are heading into tonight's game against Sacred Heart with a two game winning streak. The Knights, however, are trying to bounce back from last Friday.

The Knights' only loss also came against Beloit, losing that game 26-12 last week. The Knights, 2-1, were leading Beloit 12-7 at halftime. Then Beloit took over scoring the last 19 points to advance to 3-0 on the year.

This heated rivalry is about to get hotter as both teams are tied for second in the North Central Activities Association just one game behind Beloit. The winner of the game will have the upper edge in the chase to catch Beloit, making tonight's game against the Knights very important.

"In the overall scheme of things, (a win) keeps us in the race for the divisional crown," said Coach Pat Haxton.

Tonight's game will be at Sacred Heart starting at 7:00 p.m.

Lady Trojans prepare for rematch

By Robert Graham

As Southeast of Saline volleyball prepares for its Sept. 27 league matchup with Beloit, they look to avenge a tough loss at the hands of those same Trojans in the Southeast of Saline Invitational Tournament on Sept. 10.

Southeast played Beloit close in their previous meeting before falling 26-28, 23-25, but senior Holly Henry was not discouraged.

"They are definitely beatable," said Henry about the Beloit squad. "We just need to keep up our intensity level."

First year coach Sarah Collins agreed.

"Beloit took the momentum with the last few points and we couldn't come

back from that."

She added that the team has been working hard on finishing out matches and playing through pressure situations to keep their opposition from taking that momentum.

Southeast is hoping to use some strengths to help accomplish this. Holly Henry saw serving as a strength the team could build on, and Collins would like to utilize the team's strong passing and movement.

"We want to work better as a team," Collins said.

Collins said she thought Beloit was a well coached team that displayed solid ball control.

"They played well as a team," she noted, and continued to describe Beloit as "scrappy."

She added that Southeast did a good job of keeping up with Beloit in their first meeting.

"Both teams played at the same pace," Collins said. "We matched them point for point."

The Lady Trojans enter their rematch with Beloit on senior recognition night, possessing a 3-10 overall record and a 2-4 record in the NCAA.

Southeast most recently hosted the Minneapolis Lions on Sept. 20 and lost 16-25, 25-21, 16-25 in the first match and 14-25, 15-25 in the second match.

SES resurrects Godspell musical

By John Christie

“Godspell” will once again come alive on the SES stage Nov. 11 and 12.

The show was last presented at SES in 2000 when Marc Troutfetter played the lead role, Jesus. Kyle Maine will portray Jesus this year and Chris Weller will be John the Baptist. The cast has 25 members, but only two parts have names.

Godspell is about the formation of a community around Jesus. In the early portion of the musical, he is forming the group of disciples. The story then moves through the challenges up until his crucifixion. It takes a slapstick view through the musical, but in the end still conveys a strong message, according to Co-director Mr. Bill Tuzicka.

Rehearsal began on Sept. 19 and the show will debut on Nov. 11.

Godspell Cast

Kyle Maine.....	Jesus
Chris Weller....	John the Baptist/Judas
Holly Henry	Calvin Roesner
Kelsey Brown	Ashley Petitjean
Kody Lynn	Rachael Moon
Taylor Garretson	Clinton MacDonald
Alex Earles	Brady Srna
Chelsie Green	Miranda Everhart
Mark McClure	Kelsey Losey
Britten O'Bannon	Joey Frazier
Shannon Wilson	Jessica Frazier
Sadie Myers	Eva Spare
Jeremy Ziegler	Meaghan Ryan
Rachel Hoeffner	



SES FCCLA members Ryan Unruh and Jessica Frazier chase down skim boards on the San Diego beach. (Photo by Sadie Myers)



“We bad!” Junior ParLaw team members Jessica Frazier, Chelsie Green, Shannon Wilson, Sadie Myers, Sarah Anderes, Shayla Seim and Elissa Stein earned gold medals at FCCLA Nationals in San Diego this summer. (Photo by Warren Myers)

FCCLA posts top performances

By Brian Dow and Andrew Bauer

What a trip! Kansas representatives from Southeast of Saline enjoyed gold medals and golden sunshine at the annual FCCLA Leadership Meeting in San Diego, CA this summer. Along with top performances with the nation’s best, SES also made the most of the trip, visiting many tourist sites and mingling with fellow FCCLA members.

“Nationals were a ton of fun, and we also gained leadership skills and learned more about FCCLA,” said Miranda Everhart while reflecting on her experiences on the trip last July.

SES had its second largest group ever to attend nationals, sending participants from the Junior Parliamentary Procedure Team (ParLaw) and the Senior Chapter Showcase Display Team. Members of the Junior ParLaw team include Shannon Wilson, Sadie Myers, Sarah Anderes, Shayla Seim, Jessica Frazier, Elissa Stein, and Chelsie Green.

“It wasn’t our best,” said Sadie Myers, a member of the ParLaw team, “but we did okay. We did get a gold medal, and we scored 94 out of 100, but at state we got a 97. It really just depends on your judges.”

Myers said she hopes the ParLaw team will remain together this year.

“We will most likely end up competing again this year. We work so hard that last half of school to be the best we can be. It’s very time-consuming.”

The Senior Chapter Showcase Display

Team also earned a gold award. Members of that team are Miranda Everhart, Ryan Unruh, and Brittani Butler.

Also attending were RanDee Platt, Meaghan Ryan and Linsey Bolte, who served as STAR Events Evaluators/Facilitators. Alex Earles, also attended Nationals to receive training for his role on the Kansas State Officer team for 2005-2006.

“He will be serving as State VP of Membership and Corporate Relations,” said Ms. Wilson. “Serving on the State Peer Education Team for 2005-2006 will be Chelsey Mueller and Elissa Stein, who also received training at Nationals.”

Along with their various competitions, Nationals included state delegation meetings and several different workshops dealing with teen pregnancy, self-image, and stopping domestic violence. Attendees were also asked to give spare change in their pockets to the Quarters for Kids fund, which gives aid to victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Along with posting top performances, SES representatives also enjoyed seeing the sights, going to Sea World, the San Diego Zoo, the beach, a Fourth of July party, and Seaport Village. To cap it all, after each day of sightseeing and competing, the FCCLA members enjoyed rooms at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina.

“Our hotel was phenomenal! The pool was humungo! The best part of the trip was everything,” said Ryan.