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Kaleb Feist, Trask Engel and Meaghan Ryan--all part of the SES forensics team--have fun in the April "snow showers" on April 5 at League in Minneapolis with the forensics mascots Carl Wheatley (the duck) and Francois (the cat). The team took fourth place despite some setbacks with the weather. For Forensics results see pg. 16. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Around The Halls

How do you feel about the actions taken to enforce the cleanliness of the lounge?



*Shayla Seim, Jr.
"I think its a little childish to take it all away because of the actions of a few."*



*Matthew Everhart, Jr.
"I thought StuCo was on our side."*



*Eric Dinkel, Sr.
"One word; overdramtic."*



*Meaghan Ryan, Sr.
"It was necessary. I am sorry that a few individuals of our class can't handle having nice things. It wasn't anything that we didn't bring on ourselves."*



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President, Pelosi not pals on policy

By Klint Spiller

Grade school children first learned that in order to make friends, you must communicate. You cannot get someone to agree with you by bullying them.

If grade school children can understand this, how is it so difficult to understand for a 60 year old man educated from both Yale and Harvard?



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi recently went on a goodwill trip to the Middle East, touring countries such as Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Syria.

Her visit seems to have been spurred by the bi-partisan Iraq study group's recommendation to open talks with both Syria and Iran. Co-chaired by Republican James Baker, Bush's father's former Secretary of State, Baker made it clear to the Bush administration that in order to form peace and stability in the Middle East, the U.S. would have to open talks with Iraq's neighbors to solve the problem.

Pelosi's main mission in this visit was to open peace talks between Israel and Syria, speaking to both Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The White House has strongly condemned her actions, claiming that her visit would open talks with a nation that our cur-

rent administration would prefer to ignore. They claim that Syria has been aiding terrorism by supporting groups such as Hezbollah and the Hamas faction within the Palestinian government.

I am unsure of how much harm Pelosi is causing. When Pelosi arrived in the Middle East, she was welcomed by Saudis and Syrians alike. Pelosi's trip has helped the two quarreling nations begin the peace process, and this new effort for peace may have even helped Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad choose to release the 15 British sailors and marines captured in the Shatt al-Arab waterway. She may even be able to sway some of the anti-United States feelings that George Bush has worked so hard to develop within the Middle East.

Pelosi should be commended, not condemned.

To me, it doesn't appear that Bush is upset that Pelosi has opened the diplomatic door to Syria, but rather, I think he might be a little jealous. He doesn't want someone to prove that there are better ways to resolve the current situation in the Middle East.

But you know what? Maybe I am wrong. Maybe Bush is right. I mean what harm has the administration done thus far? Well, besides nearly doubling the national debt, mismanaging Katrina relief, allowing energy prices to skyrocket out of control, mismanaging Medicare so that nearly 50 mil-

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Columnist details false urban legends

By Chelsea Thorne

Every day, we hear countless urban myths that we believe to be true. Some are serious, while others are humorous; and a few actually are true. While we were folding the April Fools edition of the Trojournal, we had a discussion about the origin of 'the rule of thumb'. I decided to crack open some urban myths and find out if there is any truth to them.

1. Cow tipping is real- FALSE! Let's be realistic now. Cows are quite skittish, and don't like when humans get too close to them. If you do get within their 'bubble' the cow will take off in the other direction. So, do you really think that a cow is going to really let a person come up to it and shove it over? Plus, cows are fat, and low to the ground. Somebody would have to have a lot of muscle to knock a cow on their side. If this still doesn't convince you, cow experts have confirmed that cows don't sleep standing up. They lie down.

2. A woman had cockroaches after she licked an envelope- FALSE! I have heard many versions of this story; the woman was infected with the roaches while eating tacos, they weren't roaches, they were spiders, so on and so on. Cockroaches are pretty big bugs, so just the thought of a woman not seeing a bunch of cockroach eggs on her adhesive is ridiculous.

3. The 'Five-Second-Rule'-FALSE! Everyone is familiar with the 'five-second-rule'. You know, if you drop your doughnut on the floor, its remains germ-free for five seconds; thus allowing you to quickly grab your breakfast and eat it. Well...in 2003, a high school student tested this out. Jillian Clarke dropped gummy bears and fudge cookies onto floor tiles contaminated with E. coli. Her findings weren't too positive. She discovered by looking at the food items under a microscope that even *before* five seconds had elapsed; those delectable treats were now infected with E. coli. Since I am...well...was a firm believer in the sacred five second rule, I have discovered a new wave of paranoia of all the times I had used the rule surging through me.

4. In a scene in the *Wizard of Oz*, you can see the body of a disgruntled munchkin who hung himself-False! Yes ladies and gentlemen, this is false. I was even shocked to learn the truth. Apparently, birds were borrowed from the Los Angeles Zoo to give it a more "outdoorsy feel" and when they shot the scene, a large crane spread its wings. I still say that it is a dead body.

5. A healthy young woman dies on a

boat after she drank a can of Coke that had dried rat urine on the top-False! The moral of this tale was that you should always clean the top of the can before drinking out of it. Even though it is true that even the cleanest warehouses have pest problems, it isn't true that you will die if you eat/drink something that has dried rat urine on it. Yes, it may be disgusting to think that your beloved caffeine fix has been contaminated by rat pee, and then you drank it, but it isn't going to kill you. However, that thought alone makes me want to wash off the top of my pop cans

before I drink them. Yuck.

No matter what someone says is true, people will always believe in urban myths. We will continue to pass them down to our children for centuries to come. So, even though I have discussed a few of the myths, most likely people will still consider them to be true. (I don't think that it was a crane in the *Wizard of Oz*, I still say it was a munchkin!!) ***If you want more information about the urban legends listed here and others, you can visit www.snopes.com or www.truthorfiction.com***



•Editor notes president's winless record

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lion Americans are without some form of medical insurance, firing eight U.S. attorneys who have records of high performance for obviously political reasons, allowing the secret identity of CIA agent Valerie Plame to be leaked, allowing wiretaps of Americans by the NSA without obtaining any warrants, continuing to not do anything to clean up the environment, allowing the majority of Afghanistan to be taken back by the Taliban and al Qaeda, basing the invasion of Iraq off of *one* Iraqi defector's claims of weapons of mass destruction (going against several members of the Pentagon who thought he was lying), supporting the raids of Pakistani guerilla forces into Iran, rejecting nearly all of the recommendations made by the bi-par-

tisan Iraq study group, and not capturing Osama Bin Laden (the one reason why the American public supported going into the Middle East in the first place).

This ignorant approach toward everything in our government is simply inexcusable. If we continue this approach much longer in our foreign policy and our government in general, we will have much more grave of a situation on our hands.

The road to peace cannot be found through further fighting or diplomatically ignoring nations. Peace can only be accomplished through discussion with rival nations. It's time to take diplomacy off the backburner and finally implement it back into our foreign policy.

Female gamer WOWs male-dominated activity

By Andrew Bauer

It's a rare occurrence when you can find guys in a high school locker room discussing Druids, Priests, Paladins, Warriors, Warlocks Hunters and their levels of Mana. What would be even more unusual is to find a girl that understands what they are talking about.

Such is the case with Jenna Sleek, widely considered to be a pro at the popular computer game, World of Warcraft (WOW). After over a year of playing, Sleek prides herself on having reached level 70, the highest status in the game.

Gaming is widely considered to be a male-dominated activity, so it warrants a double-take when someone finds a girl that also plays; a girl that plays pretty well for that matter.

"There aren't many girls that play, but there's a few," Sleek said. "I was talking to one the other night. Tim Nicholson's sister, Rachel (a Druid who has also reached level 70) also plays."

World of Warcraft is a massive multiplayer online role playing game (MMORPG) in which people create their own personalized character based in the mythical land called Azeroth. Players choose the type of character they want (anything from a Priest to a Druid to a Warrior) and build up a storyline for it. Sleek's character is a Hunter named Melorise.

"Jenna's good, but she's a far cry from my skills," said Ethan Komp, whose character, a Paladin named Leonitas, has also reached level 70. "Of course, she can't be

better, because I'm the best there ever was." Sleek, naturally, disagreed.

"Of course I'm better than Komp," she said. "Actually, I don't know if I'm better or not; we've never really fought each other, but we've teamed up to do quests a few times."

Players can team up and talk with each other online to perform quests. Having a second character assisting in tasks can often be a huge help, although there are some drawbacks to such easy communication.

"Some of the people get annoying," Sleek said. "Sometimes they'll get rude, but other people just don't know how to play and it gets frustrating. I don't understand how you can get to level 70 and not know how to play."

However, there are still some benefits



Jenna Sleek's character is a night elf, a race in World of Warcraft (WOW). (Photo courtesy of Jenna Sleek)

to playing together nicely.

"With an extra person, you get more DPS (damage per second). Also, I can't die when I team up with Komp, because he can just heal me again since he's a Paladin," Sleek said, going on to say that Paladins are creatures that are known for their skills at restoring health.

Sleek's experience is formidable, also. After a year of game play, she has logged hundreds of hours in World of Warcraft. A few times she's even played into the wee hours of the morning.

"My older brother, Brad, made me stay up till 6:00 a.m. one morning so we could get doughnuts later," she said.

So much gameplay has its side effects, however.

"I kinda forget about doing homework sometimes because it's so boring and WOW is so addicting," Sleek said.

Sleek, however, is not especially unusual in this respect. Several gamers have also made it to the 6:00 a.m. mark. Tim Nicholson (a level 70 hunter named Jenek) has played until dawn. Clinton MacDonald, (a level 48 Warlock named Jabez) has also ignored doing homework on occasion.

"I've neglected doing important things probably every single time I've played WOW," MacDonald said.

With this in mind, Sleek's obsession doesn't cause her to stand out, but rather, to blend in among other "true" gamers.

"Without a doubt, Jenna's good," MacDonald said. "She rocks at WOW."

Student embattled by bone disease

By Chelsi Hemphill

"Now, you'll have to wear this cast, use those crutches and take this medicine for a few months before you'll feel better." This is the scenario sophomore Sean Martinez experienced after having surgery to help fix a bone disease.



Martinez has had a bone disease, ever since he was seven years old. As a child, his legs would always bother him when he ran, and the tendon in his right knee kept getting caught up on his knee bone.

"When the tendon in my knee was first getting caught, it was stuck in some sort of L shape. It hurt pretty badly," Martinez said.

Because his condition hadn't improved any throughout the years, his doctor decided that it was time for him to get surgery. On Jan. 31, Dr. Olney performed surgery on Martinez at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. During the procedure, Olney broke off a piece of Martinez's knee, broke his ankle, took a piece out of his ankle, realigned his ankle and foot, and then screwed on a metal plate.

It took Martinez four and a half hours to completely wake up after receiving anesthesia for his surgery. He was asleep for two hours during the operation, and it took him two and a half hours to wake up after that.

"When I woke up, I was in a lot of pain. My mom told me that I leaned up in my bed and told my dad to stop making a clicking noise, and then I laid back down like I hadn't said a word," Martinez said.

Martinez has had two casts since his entire ordeal started, and has been wearing them for a total of two months now. Martinez wasn't very fond of the crutches he had to use before he had his current cast. He is now wearing a removable walking cast.

"I hated having to go up and down the stairs. I also hated the fact that I had to walk like three feet away from people because my crutches would get in the way," Martinez said.

Martinez doesn't have any further surgeries scheduled and hopes that he doesn't have to have anymore, but he will miss some of the special treatment he deserved while on his crutches, and being able to make jokes about his cast.

"People at my dad's restaurant, 2 Buds BBQ, which is also where I work, would always ask me what happened and I would tell them that I showed up late for work," Martinez said.

Kohman family ranks among music literate

By Patrick Eslick

There are two types of people. The first is the music illiterate. They may listen to music, but put an instrument in their hands or ask them to sing and they will be lost. The second is the music literate. These are the musicians of the world. Play them a song, and they will play it back. The Kohman family fits into the second group. Chaney, Chelsey, and Marshall Kohman are counted among the ranks of the music literate.

The youngest, Chaney, plays an uncommon instrument called a doboro. The doboro is a six stringed resonant slide guitar. Chaney also plays the piano.

Chelsey is the middle child. She plays two instruments- the piano and the mandolin. She says her favorite instrument is her voice.

Marshall, the second oldest, plays the bass guitar.

Trojournal: *When did you first start playing music, and what was the instrument?*

Marshall: I first started playing music when I was in fifth grade, and I started playing the bass guitar.

Chelsey: At the end of fifth grade, I started playing the mandolin, and at the beginning of fourth grade, I started playing the piano at the same time as my sister.

Cheney: I started playing the doboro in fourth grade.

Trojournal: *What instruments do you play, and what is your favorite?*

Marshall: I play the bass guitar, the drums, the tuba...pretty much anything. Bass is my main instrument though.

Chelsey: I play the mandolin, the piano and I sing. My favorite instrument is my voice.

Cheney: I play the piano and the doboro, I started playing piano in second grade, and my fifth grade year I started playing the drums.

Trojournal: *Why did you choose those instruments?*

Marshall: It's kind of like a pyramid, I like to be on the bottom, to

support the instruments above me, and I just like the way they sound.

Chelsey: I wanted to play the banjo, but my mom didn't know it. We were looking through a magazine, and I saw a picture of a mandolin. I said something about how pretty it was. That Christmas I got a mandolin.

Cheney: Because they were unique, and I like to play them a lot, everybody in my family plays the piano except Marshall. The Doboro, I thought, sounded really pretty, and I thought it sounded really unique. The guitar is just fun to play. The drums I thought were really cool, and it was the instrument I was going to play for band.

Trojournal: *What was it like taking lessons from Don Wagner, the former SES English teacher?*

Chelsey: It was very productive, he was inspiring. I wanted to learn because he was amazing. He could play any instrument you put in his hand.

Cheney: It was fun, he was a good teacher. He was very good at what he taught and I knew he would be a good teacher. I wanted to play the doboro and he was good at that. I wish he was still here so I could still take lessons from him. We've been wanting to start that up again. We used to take lessons from him after school, which was the easiest time to do that.

Trojournal: *Who would you say is your biggest influence, musical or otherwise?*

Marshall: Music is my influence, it keeps me going. When I'm down I turn on music and it gets me pumped up and when I'm up again I like to play music. I plan on playing till the day I die. I love music, it's been in my family. My dad's always wanted to play instruments but he couldn't, so I do.

Chelsey: My brother Curtis.

Cheney: I guess Gary Douglas was my biggest influence for playing the doboro. My mom and my brothers influenced me to play the piano. Keith Urban is also another one of my influences because he plays the guitar really well.



Marshall

Chelsey

Schmid's eyesight improves from paintball mishap

By Michael Bauer

Four years ago, senior Kyle Schmid was plagued by an unfortunate turn of events. Schmid and his younger brother had just finished playing paintball and were standing out in their front yard. Schmid was unaware that the gun in his hand, a 2003 Vertical Autococker, was still loaded; he looked down the gun barrel.

The gun was triggered, and it fired the paintball into his left eye. The accident tore open the cornea of his eye.

After being examined by a doctor, Kyle was told that he would probably never be able to see out of his left eye again. This also meant that he wouldn't be able to play baseball or football in the future.

At that point, it seemed like Schmid could become blind because the blindness in his left eye

could affect his right eye also.

Instead, his left eye started healing quickly, and he was able to compete in sports again.

Now, four years later, his vision has improved so much that he has gradually gotten his sight from that eye back.

On April 12, Schmid went in for the first of two eye surgeries. The surgeries are expected to help his eye recover. In his first surgery, doctors removed the buckle off his left eye. The buckle was used to keep the muscles around that eye tightened.

"The buckle was there to hold the eye until the muscles get the strength back," said Schmid.

Schmid said that the first surgery wasn't as major as the one to come.

"That surgery was just a minor surgery," Schmid said. "It'll mainly just be a preparation for next month's surgery."

In the next surgery, doctors are going to be straightening the eye so it will improve his vision and help get it ready for the special contact.

The special contact is designed to help with

his focusing trouble and double vision, still repercussions from his accident.

"The new contact is going to help me see more clearly, but mostly, it'll help me not see double vision," Schmid said.

Schmid also doesn't have to go to the optometrist for check-ups as much as he used to.

"I just have to see the doctor just once a year now," Schmid said.

Schmid's eye sight has improved, but he still has to deal with some setbacks in his daily life.

"When I'm driving, sometimes backing up is a problem because my depth perception isn't too good. That's what it just mainly just affects," Schmid said.

Schmid also has to wear a protective visor when he plays football.

Even though Schmid's vision has become clearer, his future still remains hazy.

"My left eye still won't be one hundred percent, but what's mostly going to be the problem is my depth perception and seeing double vision," said Schmid.



Eight at State FCCLA qualify for Nationals

By Jena Sauber

While shooting for the Hollywood stars, eight of 23 participating SES FCCLA members met their goal at the State FCCLA Leadership Meeting and STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) competition on April 1-3 in Wichita. Those eight received the top gold medal in their division and have the opportunity to compete in Anaheim, CA July 9-13 at the National Leadership Meeting.

These students are Trask Engel, entrepreneurship, senior division, and the senior parliamentary procedure team of Sarah Andres, Sadie Myers, Shayla Seim, Elissa Stein, Shannon Wilson, Chelsie Green and Brent Sweaney.

Also competing at the State Leadership Meeting were Ryan Unruh and Miranda Everhart in Chapter Showcase Manual, senior division. They earned a gold medal but not the top gold that sends competitors to national competition.

Victoria Johnson and Amanda Keeler competed in Chapter Showcase Manual, junior division, and received a gold. Jena Sauber participated in Focus on Children, junior division, and received a gold.

Cierha Berry received a silver medal in National Programs in Action in the senior division. Caitlin Conley, Megan Sauber and Trell Peterson competed in Chapter Showcase Display, senior division, and earned a silver. The junior Par-Law Team of Olivia VanBlaricon, Tarren Trimble, LaCrista Brightbill, Chelsea Hanks, Megan Kincaid-Heidel and Elizabeth Peuchen received a silver medal.

At the meeting, Shannon Wilson was inducted as the 2007-2008 State Vice President of Programs. Megan Sauber and Victoria Johnson were also inducted as District G President and Vice President of Finance respectively.

State Vice President of Recognition RanDee Platt resigned her position to the incoming officers. Ceirha Berry, Elissa Stein and Caitlin Conley were installed as members of the STOP the Violence Team with the Peer Ed. Program. Wilson, Sauber, Berry, Stein and Conley will be

attending the National Leadership Meeting for further officer training.

Superintendent Dr. Bob Goodwin received the Administrator of the Year award, the Ray and Linda Everhart family received the Family of the Year award, Alex Earles was awarded the State-wide Chapter Member of the Year and Linsey Bolte received the District Chapter Member of the Year from the SES chapter.

Mrs. Susan Wilson was awarded Honorary Membership award, the chapter received the National Families First Award, and Southeast of Saline was named the Community of the Year.

SES also received a white belt award, recognizing our chapter for increasing membership by five people from last year. Earles also was awarded the KS FCCLA Leadership scholarship, the Alumni and Associates, and the Peer Education scholarships.

Andrea Everhart received the KS FCCLA Leadership scholarship.

Meaghan Ryan, Brittani Butler, Linsey Bolte, Alex Earles, Dr. Bob Goodwin, Mr. Monte Couchman, Mrs. Susan Wilson, Mrs. Janelle Garretson, Mrs. Valerie Everhart, Ms. Angie Brightbill, Mrs. Jane Peuchen, Mrs. Julie Conely, the Platt family and Mrs. Denise Stein also attended the event.

Locally, members who would like to work at the Special Olympics Concession

stand on April 21 may contact Mrs. Garretson for more information.

As the school year nears an end, the Chapter officer elections for the 2007-2008 Officer team will be conducted. To apply, FCCLA members must fill out an application and give a speech to a selection committee. Positions on the officer team are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, vice president of family, vice president of community, vice president of public relations, vice president of careers and freshman representative. Outgoing seniors and their 2006-2007 office include Alex Earles, president; Miranda Everhart, vice president; RanDee Platt, vice president of Public Relations; and Andrea Everhart, Vice President of Family.

On May 6, all members and their families are invited to FCCLA Family Night at Martinilli's. At this event, awards will be handed out, active members will be recognized for their accomplishments, the new officers will be installed, and an auction to raise funds for National Meeting delegates.



The Everharts receive the Family of the Year Award at the State FCCLA Meeting. The Everharts have been very active in FCCLA at SES and were picked out of hundreds of families across the state. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Students Recognized for Outstanding Performances

By Max McClure

Trojan choice awards are given to students that illustrate positive attitude and a will to learn. The award has been given out for the last six years by high school teachers to students who work hard in class and show effort. The 2007 Trojan Choice Award winners were recognized on April 11.

Mr. Bob Sauber explains his choice for his award recipient.

"I look for a student that shows an extraordinary effort to learn. Michael (Bauer) is showing a lot of devotion and

maturity in his efforts to learn," Mr. Sauber said.

Recipients are Cierha Berry (chosen by Mr. Anderson), Kelcy Berry (Mr. Baird), Kayla Hemphill (Mr. Breese), Heather Shields (Mrs. Calahan), Ryan McMichael (Mrs. Coons), Eric Dinkel (Mr. Cooper), Jamie Hitchcock (Mrs. Disberger), Dan Clifford (Mr. Emme), Alex Earles (Mrs. Garretson), Dylan Howe (Mr. Gies), Shane Schoenhofer (Mr. Haxton), Kyla Steenson (Mr. Kolzow), Meggan Meehleis (Mr. Krehbiel),

Kaley Rodriguez (Mr. McClure), Rachel Pantle (Mrs. McLaughlin), Wyatt Hill (Mrs. Ptacek), Jonathan Rodriguez (Mrs. Rohrer), Elizabeth Peuchen (Mr. Sager), Michael Bauer (Mr. Sauber), Marshall Kohman (Mrs. Streit), Stephanie Gantt (Mrs. Tinkler), Matt Hettenbach (Mr. Tuzicka) and Aaron Plymell (Mrs. White).

A breakfast was held at 7:00 a.m. in the commons on Wednesday, April 11. An awards ceremony in the theater followed the meal. The students were awarded with a certificate and a medallion.

Soloists, small groups compete in regional contest

By Sarah Reece

There's a first time for every thing, so the saying goes. And so it's true for the SES Jazz Band and Madrigals. With Saturday's small group contest and Wednesday's large group contest completed, the next major event on the music calendar is the spring concert.

For the first time, the jazz band is performing three Chicago songs *25 or 6 to 4*, *Saturday in the Park* and *Does Anyone Really Know What Time it is?*, accompanied by sophomore Max McClure singing the vocal part.

Band director Mr. Quentin Breese said he looks forward to the performance.

"The students at Southeast continually surprise me with their musical talents," Breese said.

In the vocal section, the Madrigals will also sing a difficult piece called *Muie Rendera*, which earned a I rating at the regional music contest in Manhattan Saturday, April 18.

"It's a hard piece," vocal instructor Bill Tuzika said. "Very hard. We've done it in the past, but I've only seen colleges perform it before."

Not only is it in foreign language, but it's also accompanied by a small percussion section with Clinton MacDonald on drum, Rachel Hoeffner on shaker and Kelsey Colby on wood block.

The small ensembles and soloists preformed on April 14 at Manhattan.

Results for the solos and ensembles follow.

Band soloists who earned a I rating were Max McClure (trumpet),

Shawna Caldwell (bass clarinet), Kaleb Feist (alto clarinet), Andrew Bauer (percussion), and Carlie Krager (flute).

Instrumentalists earning a II rating were Joe Pope (tenor saxophone), Greg Peterson (trumpet), Victoria Johnson (violin), Lynnsey Heimer (trumpet), Kayla Hemphill (alto clarinet), Kaleb Feist (tuba), Gracia Johnson (violin), Aaron Breault (bassoon), Sutton Sanders (bassoon), and Sarah Reece (alto saxophone).

Chloe Seim received a III on her clarinet solo.

Vocal soloists who earned a I rating were Caitlin Conley, Chelsey Kohan, Miranda Everhart, Sutton Sanders, Clinton MacDonald, and Trask Engel.

Those who received II ratings were Cassie Schlesner, Kelsy Colby, Lynnsey Heimer, Keva Jensen, Rachel Hoeffner, Kristy Hargadine, Brea Sly, Dylan Howe, Layton Everhart, Greg Peterson, Max McClure, Britten O'Banan, Jeff Schwertfager, and Kody Lynn.

The Madrigal Singers, and Women's Ensemble also earned I ratings while the Freshman Mixed Ensemble, Low Brass Ensemble, Men's Ensemble, and Freshman Girls' Ensemble received IIs.

The larger groups, the SES Band and Vocal choirs, competed at contest on Wednesday April 18.

The results for the full choirs and band are the following: Band and Select Vocal received a II rating and Freshman Choir received a I.

All who earned I ratings will advance to state competition at SES on April 28.



Max McClure plays his trumpet at the Manhattan Regional music contest, receiving a I rating. (Photo by Andrew Bauer)

StuCo wages Penny Wars

By Gracia Johnson

Clink. Chang. Ching. These were the sounds of fundraising, at least in Southeast of Saline's Student Council's Penny Wars. During the weeks of April 2-6 and April 9-13, StuCo sponsored a fundraiser to help raise money for the Kelley family who lost everything in a house fire.

Classes put pennies in their own section of the box and put silver and dollars in their rivals' the rest of the classes. Pennies were positive points and silver and dollars were negative points in the form of pennies. In other words, a twenty dol-

lar bill would be negative two thousand pennies. The Penny Wars' box, located in the commons, had five sections with a plastic front for viewing purposes.

The junior high and 9th-12th grades competed against each other. junior high won by over 300 points on the points system used to calculate the results and raised \$316.57. Freshman raised \$66.68, Sophomores raised \$28.34, Juniors raised \$57.76, and Seniors raised \$253.91, making the total \$822.26 with that addition of \$100 from StuCo.



StuCo's Penny Wars box begins to fill with money. The junior high won the competition by over 300 points. (Photo by Skylar Nosker).

Student lounge becomes more spacious

By Klint Spiller and Gracia Johnson

When students came back from their Easter break on Monday, they found that the student lounge was missing something. In fact, it was empty.

"I was as shocked as everyone else," said StuCo President Alex Earles.

On Wednesday, the couches in the student lounge were vandalized with chalk drawings of male genitalia. After StuCo advisor Terry Anderson and StuCo Vice-President Sadie Myers discovered the graffiti, Earles was alerted to the problem and an executive meeting of Earles, Myers, Anderson, and Principal Monte Couchman was called. Together, Earles and Myers decided that it was time to take action.

At first, the decision was made to remove the furniture from the student lounge, but later, an executive decision was made to give the students one more chance. The student council had planned to place posters across the student lounge to warn students that any further damage would result in the removal of the furniture.

On Friday, Anderson spoke to head custodian John Kuhn and asked him if there would be room in storage for the furniture if it were to be removed. No notification was given to the custodians of any change in plans to give the students a warning. After school on Friday, the custodians carried out the orders given to them and the furniture was removed.

Though there was a miscommunication, Anderson, Earles, and Myers stand by the decision.

"There shouldn't have to be warnings for drawing genitalia on school property!" Anderson said.

There were reoccurring problems with the cleanliness of the lounge as reported by custodian Gaylene Polly, who is responsible for cleaning the area. The graffiti was the straw that broke the camel's back. After school on Friday, the custodians removed the furniture from the lounge.

Warnings were given earlier in the year by Earles, when the furniture was first purchased with the grant money given to them by the Board of Education. Earles said that when they received the grant money, they made a promise that they would keep the area clean.

"The Board of Education and the Youth Grant Makers Council both donated money to the student lounge and it is unfortunate that people can't respect new and nicer things," said Earles.

Anderson said that StuCo knows that only a few students were responsible for the graffiti, but they cannot punish them individually without knowing exactly who did it.

Kuhn said that it was unfortunate that a small number of students can ruin the lounge for an entire class.

"It is a crappy deal," Kuhn said.



The furniture in the student lounge was removed on April 6. The above image is a picture taken with the furniture provided by the StuCo, while the bottom image is a picture taken after the furniture was removed. (Photos by Sadie Myers and Klint Spiller)

Students receive rare learning opportunity

By Jena Sauber

Stories and experiences of the holocaust will come alive for SES English 10 students on April 24 when Miss Emmaly Reed, a holocaust survivor, is scheduled to visit.

This visit is in conjunction with the English 10 students' reading of Corrie tenBoom's "The Hiding Place."

Reed's holocaust experiences were featured in the Salina Journal on April 1. SES Sophomore Amy Winship helped coordinate her visit to SES.

"I read the Journal story to some classes and told others about it," sopho-

more English teacher Gary McClure said. "Students marveled that a 15-year-old could weigh only 39 pound when she was rescued, and they were curious about how she has coped with the brutality of her imprisonment. When I learned that that Amy Winship's family is well acquainted with Miss Emmaly, I asked Amy to invite her to speak to our sophomores."

This visit will not be without some previous knowledge of the topic, however. Last Friday, Eep Peuchen also vis-

ited SES to discuss Germany's occupation of Holland during World War II and his mother's experience as an Indonesian concentration camp survivor.

Peuchen was born in Holland and is now living and working in the United States. He is the father of SES freshman Elizabeth Peuchen, seventh grader Rachel Peuchen and fifth graders Andrew and Jonathan Peuchen.

"He was able to tell everyone a lot about concentration camps during World War II," Elizabeth Peuchen said.

Clifford, VanMeter chosen to be Big, Little of the Year

By Patrick Eslick

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BB/BS) had their annual movie night on March 23. Forty-four members of the organization gathered for a pizza party. Afterwards, the "biggs" and the "littles" watched the movie "Over the Hedge" in the school theater.

On April 17, BB/BS went to the Saline County Recognition Program. The program, held from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, was to honor the BB/BS "Biggs" and "Littles", as well as monetary donors, of the year, which will be chosen on site. The ceremony also honored the contribution to the community by organiza-

tions like BB/BS.

At the ceremony, Danny Clifford was chosen to be the school-based Big of the Year after being nominated by his fourth grade "little" Brian Eddings. Third grader Dariann VanMeter was chosen to be the school-based Little of the Year after she was nominated by her "big sister" Gracia Johnson.

BB/BS is ending the year with their sixth annual fishing trip to Pioneer Lake on May 29. The event will include a fishing contest between the males and the females and a cookout.

FFA competes in CDE competition

By Chelsea Thorne

Thirteen FFA members have qualified to attend the state CDE competition in Manhattan on April 29 to May 1.

The horse judging team consists of Kajsa Thelander, Shannon Rogge, Amanda Wilson, Jacob Fehlman and alternates Breanna Spaeny and Kaleb Fehlman.

The livestock judging team includes Tyler Herrington, Charley Staab, Jacob Fehlman, Spaeny and alternate Taylor Short.

Dairy judging members are Thelander, Herrington, Brent Sweany, Shelby Shaw and alternate Short.

Poultry judging includes Staab, Sarah Anderes, Rogge, Herrington and alternates Wilson and Jacob Fehlman. Livestock team members are Herrington, Staab, Jacob Fehlman, Spaeny, and alternate Short.

SES FFA will also take their Ag Communications and Ag Sales teams to the state contest as well. Ag Communications team members are Brent Sweany, Anderes, Bria Sweany, and Short.

The Ag Sales team members are Herrington, Wilson, Shaw, Jake Matthews with alternates Desi Herrington and Short.



(Left) "Little" Brian Eddings stands beside Danny Clifford, who won Big of the Year. (Right) "Big" Gracia Johnson stands beside Dariann VanMeter, who won Little of the Year. (Photo courtesy of Judy White)

Drama's 'Dirty Work' to be seen April 26

By Andrew Bauer

In Southeast of Saline's last play, *The Crucible*, John Proctor confronted the witch-hunt of Salem, Massachusetts. The play caused the audience to ponder deep, difficult questions about the morality of buying your life through lies.

Not this time. In the drama department's next production, *Dirty Work at the Crossroads*, good and evil is clearly defined and the audience has its hero. The villain and hero are even given appropriate-sounding names such as Munro Murgatroyd (Brent Sweany) and Adam Oakheart (Trask Engel) respectively.

"This play is the complete opposite of *The Crucible*," Director Terry Anderson said. "*The Crucible* is a tragedy, but this one's a melodrama that really encourages overacting."

Dirty Work at the Crossroads will feature a much smaller cast than SES has utilized in the past. Whereas *The Crucible* had nearly 30 actors, *Dirty Work* has just ten.

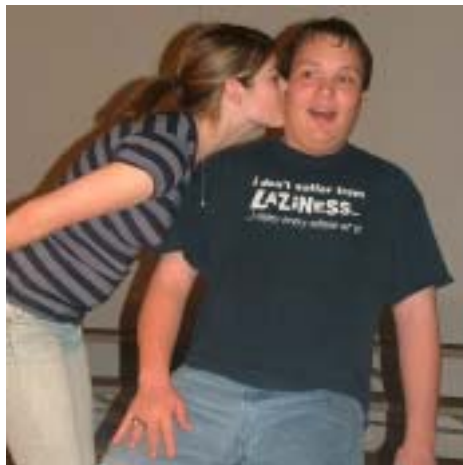
"Small casts aren't necessarily always easier, but this cast is so easy to work with," Anderson said. "They know what they're doing. The only bad thing is we have such a short rehearsal schedule."

The play is an old-fashioned melodrama and features Oakheart and Murgatroyd's battle for the affections of the beautiful, (and aptly

named) Nellie Lovelace (Shannon Wilson) Director Terry Anderson said.

"The play's a lot of fun, I have to really exaggerate everything so it's funny," Wilson said. "The audience will have a great time too."

The play also draws its appeal from audi-



Shelby Meyer (Fleurette) gives Kaleb Feist (Mookie) a big smooch while rehearsing for the Spring Play, Dirty Work at the Crossroads. The play debuts on April 26. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

ence participation. Two masters of ceremonies (Karrah Kramer and Amanda Wilson) instruct the audience on the proper way to cheer on their hero and boo at their villain.

Murgatroyd pursues the affections of Lovelace in order to gain her land, which he intends to sell to the railroad. Although Lovelace is in love with Oakheart, Murgatroyd manipulates her feelings towards him by casting Oakheart in a bad light by making it appear as if he is in love with his partner, Ida Rhinegold (played by Sadie Myers). The story then takes a turn for the worse when Oakheart is falsely accused of murder and locked in prison.

This will not be the first time that *Dirty Work* will be performed at SES. It has its place in history as being the first production that Anderson ever directed at both his first job at Cedarville High School and SES.

"This was actually the first play I ever did at Southeast in 1990," Anderson said. "I even had a member of the original cast come out to see me and say they were going to be in the audience. I'm really looking forward to putting it on."

The play will take place April 26 and 28. Tickets cost \$5 when purchased beforehand and \$6 at the door. Tickets are being sold by cast members and at the office.

Southeast students compare prom expenses

By Chelsi Hemphill

As prom gets closer and closer, many of you may be asking yourself; how much is too much to spend on prom, and what is there to look forward to? Many of your fellow classmates were willing to share an estimate for the total cost of all of their prom necessities, and what they are looking forward to at this year's prom.

Chelsie Green, junior

"This is the second year that I will be going to prom. I spent about \$170 on my dress, I already had my shoes and my accessories were around \$20. I'm looking forward to dancing and getting paid to bowl!"

Bryson Flax, senior

"This is the fourth year that I will be going to prom. I'll probably spend around \$100. Dinner will cost the most, but I'm pretty cheap so I'm guessing I'll have my girlfriend eat the salad that comes with my steak. I'm looking forward to getting my groove on and going to after prom."

Kolby Balthazor, sophomore

"This is the first year that I will be going to prom, and my dress cost around \$120, which I will probably regret after prom. I'm looking forward to dancing with all of my friends."

Kelsey Colby, senior

"This is the second year that I will be going to prom. I spent \$100 on my dress, \$15 on accessories, \$30 on shoes and I will spend somewhere between \$25 and \$30 on my hair. I'm ex-

cited for prom because it's going to be one of the last times to be with all of my classmates before graduation, plus it gives me an excuse to dress up."

Corey Srna, junior

"This is my second year to attend prom. I spent \$45 for my vest and everything that goes with it. I'm really looking forward to after prom."

Britney Copeland, senior

"This is my second year that I will be going to prom. My dress was given to me, and alterations were around \$30 to \$75. I spent \$25 on shoes, and I will spend \$20 to get my hair done. I'm looking forward to showing off my beautiful dress, and my wonderful fiancé."

Tony Kirkbride, junior

"This will be my first year to attend prom, and I spent \$200 on my tuxedo. I'm looking forward to the games and prizes at after prom."

Chelsey Kincaid, senior

"This will be my second year to attend prom. I spent \$288 on my dress, \$62 on my shoes, \$40 on accessories, and I will spend \$60 on my nails and hair. I love to dance, and at prom everyone dances, it's not like homecoming."

Sarah Anderes, junior

"This will be my second year to attend prom. My dress cost \$300; I spend \$15 on my shoes, and \$28 on jewelry. I'm looking forward to going crazy with my friends at the dance, and being myself while doing it!"

Kelsey Brown, senior

"This will be my third year to attend prom. I spent somewhere between \$100 and \$200 on my dress, \$10 on my shoes, and I'm going to spend \$40 on my hair. I'm looking forward to dancing with all of my friends."

Jessica Ward, junior

"This will be my second year to attend prom. I paid \$30 for my dress, \$25 for my shoes, \$20 on jewelry; I'm going to spend \$20 on my hair, and \$15 on a flower. I'm looking forward to getting my groove on and rocking the dance floor."

Shannon Wilson, junior

"This will be my second year going to prom. I paid way too much for my dress, I already had my shoes, and my hair is going to cost \$30. I'm looking forward to shakin' my groove thing at the dance, and making money at after prom."

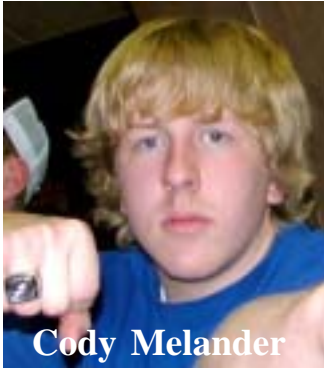
Ryan Unruh, senior

"I spent \$50 on my tuxedo, \$25 on shoes, \$10 on tanning, and \$10 on my teeth. I'm going to be spending \$25 for a haircut, \$10 to get my car washed, \$15 for a flower, \$50 on dinner, \$20 on breakfast, \$20 on gas, and the cost of my speeding ticket will vary."

For the girls, the cost of prom varied anywhere from \$110 (Jessica Ward) to \$450 (Chelsey Kincaid). The cost of prom for the guys rang in anywhere between \$45 (Corey Srna) and \$235 (Ryan Unruh).



Seniors of Troy



Cody Melander

A. This senior is planning to attend Hutchinson Community College and major in Agricultural Communications.



Miranda Everhart

B. This senior eats spaghetti noodles and sauce separately.



Chelsea Weaver

C. This senior sleeps with her/his eyes part way open.



Kristy Mendenhall

D. This senior is going to Kansas State University to study Pre-Med.



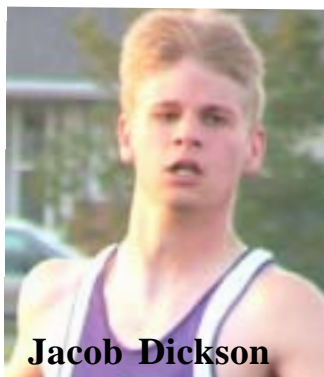
Danielle Abrams

E. This senior is planning on getting his/her degree to become an elementary school teacher.



Emily Alexander

F. This senior is on steroids (due to medical necessities).



Jacob Dickson

G. This senior's a professional paintball player





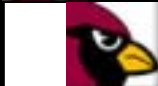


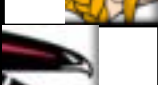


H. This student gets college tuition free because his/her mother's employment at that university.



Brittney Copeland

Sports editors simulate NFL Draft 2007

*By John Christie,
Skylar Nosker and
Klint Spiller*

1.		JaMarcus Russell - QB LSU	Owner Al Davis has growing interest in WR Calvin Johnson, but right now the Raiders are in desperate need of a quarterback. If they trade with Detroit for veteran QB Josh McCown, look for them to take Johnson instead.
2.		Gaines Adams - DE Clemson	The Lions will try to trade for a lower pick to get Adams. If they can't find a good deal they may chose to take Quinn or Johnson. The other question mark is Oakland. If they take Johnson, Detroit won't let Russell get away.
3.		Adrian Peterson - RB Oklahoma	The Browns have a must-fill position at running back. They have Jamal Lewis, but he will not be a long term fix. In fact, if they take Peterson, he will likely be second string.
4.		Calvin Johnson - WR Georgia Tech	Johnson and Thomas would be great additions to the Buc's roster, but Johnson is considered the premier talent and will get the spot above Thomas. If Johnson is taken earlier, they will draft Thomas instead.
5.		Joe Thomas - OT Wisconsin	The Cardinals need a stand out linemen. Thomas is that answer. The fear for them is that he may be taken by the Bucs. They will likely try to trade up for an earlier pick to be sure on acquiring Thomas.
6.		Jamaal Anderson - DE Arkansas	The Redskins need a pass rusher. They were 31st in defense last year. Jamaal Anderson is arguably the best pass rusher in the draft. The Redskins won't hesitate to get him.
7.		Brady Quinn - QB Notre Dame	The Vikings are in a desperate need of a franchise quarterback. Since they let Brad Johnson go, Tavaris Jackson is their starter. Now do you know why they need a quarterback?
8.		Ted Ginn Jr. - WR Ohio State	With Bobby Petrino as the new head coach, he's looking to buff up the offense. Vick needs weapons. Ted Ginn work greatly with Troy Smith; he'll do the same with Vick.
9.		Levi Brown - OT Penn State	The Dolphins are one of the teams that could use anything and everything this draft. We pick Brown because he's a top first round draft pick.
10.		Marshawn Lynch - RB California	After Houston traded to get Matt Schaub, the Texans don't need a quarterback. Thomas or Brown, if available, would be a great choice but the Texans aren't going to make the same mistake twice.

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| 11. San Francisco | Patrick Willis - LB | Mississippi |
| 12. Buffalo | Amobi Okoye - DT | Louisville |
| 13. St. Louis | Alan Branch - DT | Michigan |
| 14. Carolina | Greg Olsen - TE | Miami |
| 15. Pittsburgh | Leon Hall - CB | Michigan |
| 16. Green Bay | Robert Meachem - WR | Tennessee |
| 17. Jacksonville | Adam Carriker - DE | Nebraska |
| 18. Cincinnati | Jarvis Moss - DE | Florida |
| 19. Tennessee | Paul Posluszny - LB | Penn State |
| 20. New York Giants | Darrelle Revis - CB | Pittsburgh |
| 21. Denver | Dwayne Jarrett - WR | Southern California (USC) |
| 22. Dallas | Laron Landry - S | Louisiana State (LSU) |
| 23. Kansas City | Dwayne Bowe - WR | Louisiana State (LSU) |
| 24. New England | Lawrence Timmons - LB | Florida State |
| 25. New York Jets | Aaron Ross - CB | Texas |
| 26. Philadelphia | Michael Griffin - S | Texas |
| 27. Cincinnati | Jon Beason - LB | Miami (FL) |
| 28. New England | Sidney Rice - WR | South Carolina |
| 29. Baltimore | Joe Staley - OT | Central Michigan |
| 30. San Diego | Reggie Nelson - S | Miami (FL) |
| 31. Chicago | Ben Grubbs - OG | Auburn |
| 32. Tampa Bay | Justin Harrell - DT | Tennessee |

Baseball's forecast hot start mixed with rain delays

By Skylar Nosker

The only thing stopping the Southeast of Saline Trojans is Mother Nature. The Trojans have rescheduled three out of their five games; two of them postponed until later dates.

The Trojans played a double header last Thursday against Clay Center. The game was originally schedule to be that Friday but they move it up a day due to incoming weather.

"There's nothing you can do about it. We have to do best we can to not get caught up in the weather," said Coach Mike Garretson.

Pitching played a tremendous factor in the game as junior Mitch Mugler and senior Tim Nicholson put their offense in great position.

In the first game, Mugler (2-0) pitched all seven innings, striking out 11 batters and only walking one.

"My curveball was working really well. I also had good defense behind me," said Mugler.

Nicholson was on the mound to start game two. Nicholson (3-0) pitched a one-hitter through four innings of work, while striking out four.

"All my stuff was working all day long. I had a lot of confidence," said Nicholson.

Nicholson also had four hits including two home runs in the double header. Senior Ross Terry also had four hits.

The Trojans then went to Chapman last Tuesday. The Trojans pitching staff started off hot in game one.

With Nicholson on the mound for game one, the Trojans retired the first 11 batters and only gave up three hits over five innings. The Trojans got help offensively as seniors Dalton Johnson, Jordan Pengra and Joel Pengra each had two hits, including a solo home run by Joel Pengra. Senior Nick Hardesty came on to relief and pick upped his first save as the Trojans won game one, 4-3.

Junior Ryan Manwaring (0-1) got his first start of the season in game two. The Fighting Irish got on top early scoring five runs in the first quarter.

Offensively, the Trojans had trouble as they only had five hits in the game. Three were by Hardesty and two for Nicholson.

The Trojans (5-1) will play tonight against Beloit. It is their first league game this year. The Trojans feel they have nothing to worry about.

"They'll throw their best pitchers that are available at us. We'll have to be ready to face some good pitching," said Garretson. "We'll do whatever we have to do; we'll throw whoever we'll have to throw to win the game."

The game starts at 3 p.m. at the baseball field.



Mitchell Mugler prepares to pitch against Herington on April 3. The Trojans won both games, 12-3 and 8-2. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

O'Banan sets squatting record

By Mathew McGinty

At the 2007 State Power Lifting meet held on March 31, the Southeast of Saline boys and girls power lifting teams exceeded Coach Pat Haxton's expectations.

"I wasn't expecting to do that good this year," Haxton said.

Haxton also said that everyone came out with a lot of intensity and focus in their lifts.

This year, the boys' team came away with a second place finish.

They also had a lot of personal improvements with individual placers Kody Lynn 2nd at 123 lbs, Matt Mortimer 5th at 132, Kyle Schmid 2nd at 198 lbs, Layton Everhart 6th at 198 lbs, Britten O'Banan 2nd at 220 lbs, Andy Weber 2nd at 240 lbs and Nick Puetz 5th at PWR Wt. Other lifters who participated

were Trenton Collins 8th at 156 lbs, Cole Henry 10th at 165 lbs, Cole VanBlaricon 9th at 181 lbs and Matthew Everhart 7th at 181 lbs.

On the girl's side, SES only had three lifters this year so team points weren't counted. The results were: Jessica Ward 3rd at 114 lbs, Cassie Schlesener 2nd at 148 lbs and Abby Wilson 1st in hang cleans and 4th at 148 lbs.

This year, Southeast of Saline had one lifter set a new state record in the 220 lbs division. Britten O'Banan squatted a total of 530 lbs to set the new 3A state record.

"I'm very excited of what I've done this year. My competition was very stiff. I am even more excited that I'll be able to keep my record until next year and hopefully break it again!" O'Banan said.

Girls team fell short of first, sweeps relays

By Max McClure

Even though the neither the boys or girls track teams won Tuesday, the Trojans did have one victory: They beat the weather.

Rain has been the name game and sometimes snow. After three cancelled meets, the Trojan track team finally beat the weather at the rescheduled meet at Ellsworth.

The girls' team came close to a team title, placing second with 96 points, just 11 points behind the winner, Macksville (107 points).

The girls swept the relay events, placing first in the 4x100 (54) (Chelsey Kincaid, Jena Sleek, Shayla Seim, Jessica Ward), 4x400 (4:22) (Kelsey Colby, Stephanie Frost, Ward, and Seim), and 4x800 (11:08) (Colby, Meghan Ryan, Frost, Seim). Frost placed first in the high jump (4' 10") and second in the 400 (65).

The boys' team didn't fare as well placing fifth with 48 points, but several had winning times. Clinton MacDonald placed first in 1600 (4:43) and 800 (2:05) and second in the 3200 (10:53).

Max McClure won the 3200. The 4x800 (Garret Sager, Michael Bauer, Kody Lynn, and McClure) placed second out of two boys' teams.

Other placing girls were, Roesner second in the 1600 (6:10) and fifth in the 800 (2:47). Chealsea Weaver placed second in the discus (93'03"). Seim placed fourth in the 400 (67) and Colby placed fifth (68). Ward placed

third in the 200 (28) and Sleek placed fifth (29). In the 100, Ward placed third (13) and Sleek was fourth (14) while Elizabeth Peuchen placed fourth in the

triple jump (27' 10").

Today, the track team heads to Halstead. This is the first originally scheduled meet.



Sophomore Sadie Roesner runs in the 1,600 meter race at the Ellsworth Invitational. Roesner finished second with a time of 6:10.11 (Photo by Max McClure)



Stephanie Frost leaps over the high jump bar at the Ellsworth track meet. The Southeast girls placed second while the boys placed fifth. (Photo by Gary McClure)

Four-man team takes third at Republic County

By John Christie

Southeast golf has now put four tournaments under their belt and had solid performances in at least the first three.

Team members competed last night in Beloit, but the results were too late for publication.

The season started at Herington on April 3. The team consisted of seniors Zach Bradrick and Ryan Unruh and sophomores Kirk Nelson, Nick Otsmeyer and Joel Prater. Bradrick and Unruh placed third as the two-man team shooting 99 and 91 respectively. The other three only competed as individuals Nelson (108),

Otsmeyer (122) and Prater (102).

The next meet at Minneapolis was scheduled for April 10, but had to be rescheduled, twice. Originally rescheduled for Friday April 13, and finally it was played on April 16. Only two team members competed at the tournament. Senior Kyle Lawson shot a 91 and placed fourth, while sophomore Kylie Losey shot a 98 and took 10th.

On the next day the Trojans went to Belleville to compete in the Belleville Invitational tournament. The team consisted

of five seniors and one sophomore. Four seniors Zach Bradrick, John Christie, Kyle Lawson and Ryan Unruh made up the four-man team. The four-man team came in third with scores of 103, 91, 82 and 83 respectively. Kyle Lawson's 82 was good for a sixth place, while Unruh's 83 got him eighth. The other two competitors were senior Kyle Schmid and sophomore Tyler Herrington.

The next meet will be Tuesday, April 24 at 3 p.m. in Salina for the Bennington Invitational tournament.

Lady Trojans recover after four game slide

By Sarah Reece

The Lady Trojan softball team started the season red hot but has cooled some in recent games.

The team is currently 4-4, and Coach Peshia Ptacek has seen both excellent potential in the team and also needs for improvement.

On March 29, the Trojans won their first game against the Minneapolis Lyons with the final score of 15-0 in game one. In game two, they won 12-3. They won both games by utilizing the fifteen-run rule.

"It was a good start for the season," Ptacek said.

But on April 9 Rock Creek demolished the Lady Trojans 10-0 in game one. The Trojans turned in a better performance in game two but lost the game, 5-2.

On April 11, the Trojans lost again in a hard game against the Sacred Heart Knights. The first game's score was 5-9 and the second was 2-11.

"It was a good wake up call and showed where we needed to improve, we could have beaten Sacred Heart," Ptacek said, adding that the team didn't play very well that night.

In their most recent outing, the Trojans were back on track, defeating the Republic County Lady Buffaloes 11-1, 6-3 in the double header.

The Lady Trojans play here tonight against Abilene.



Senior Kelsey Brown throws the ball back to the infield during practice. The Lady Trojans are 4-4 so far this season. (Photo By Skylar Nosker)

Sports Box

By Sadie Myers

Baseball

April 3 Herington 12-3, 8-2
Apr. 13 Clay Center 8-2, 12-0
Apr. 17 @ Chapman 4-3, 3-12

Upcoming Games:

Apr. 20 Beloit
Apr. 24 Northern Heights
Apr. 26 Sacred Heart

Record 5-1

Softball

April 3 Minneapolis 15-0, 18-3
Apr. 9 @ Rock Creek 0-10, 2-5
Apr. 11 Sacred Heart 5-9, 2-11
Apr. 16 Republic Co. 11-1, 6-3

Upcoming Games:

Apr. 20 Abilene
Apr. 24 @ Beloit
Apr. 27 @ Concordia

Record 4-4

Track

Boys

Apr. 17 @ Ellsworth 5th

Girls

Apr. 17 @ Ellsworth 2nd

Upcoming Meets:

Apr. 20 @ Halstead
Apr. 24 SES Inv.
Apr. 27 @ Beloit Relays

Golf

Apr. 3 @ Herington 3rd
Apr. 13 @ Minneapolis
Lawson 4th Losey 10th
Apr. 17 @ Republic Co. 3rd
Apr. 19 @ Beloit Inv.

Upcoming Meets:

Apr. 24 @ Bennington
Apr. 27 @ Hesston
Apr. 30 SES Invitational

Cheerleaders and dance team announce new teams

By Krisanna Graham

The votes have been counted and the decisions have been announced. The 2007-2008 Southeast of Saline Sparklers and Cheerleaders have been chosen.

18 girls tried out for positions on the dance team. Twelve students made the cut after the Thursday, March 22 tryouts.

New Sparklers are freshmen Emmy Meyer, Teisha Rogers, Ann Marie Sparacino and senior Brittany Obermeyer.

The new members will join the returning Sparklers. The returning members are sophomores LaCrista Brightbill, Olivia VanBlaricon, and Amanda Wilson; juniors Shelbey Meyer, Trell Peterson; and seniors Chelsie Green, Sadie Myers and Jessica Ward.

The judges for the tryouts were Julie Banning, Chelsey

Kincaid, Marla McElderry, Katie Sellers, Tanya Srna and Ryan Unruh. Cheerleading tryouts were Wednesday, March 28.

Decisions were made by three judges, Mariah McDowell and Delicia Mandrey from Bethany College, and Adrien Wilson from K-State. All 16 girls who tried out made it on at least one squad.

New football cheerleaders include freshmen Sarah Dennison and Amanda Wiedeman. They join returning cheerleaders Sarah Anderes, Krisanna Graham, Chelsea Hanks, Amanda Keeler, Sutton Sanders, Taylor Short, Breanna Spaeny and Amy Winship.

New basketball cheerleaders are freshmen Katie Boyd, Ariel Douglas, Heather Hardesty, Kendra Lawson, Taylor Schoenhofer and Presley Wilson. They join returning cheerleaders Chelsea Hanks, Amanda Keeler, Sutton Sanders and Taylor Short.

Forensics qualifies full team for State competition

By Sadie Myers

The ball just keeps rolling for the SES forensicators as time is getting closer and closer to the State showdown on May 5. With a first place win and a pair of League champs, Mr. Terry Anderson has been very pleased with his end-of-the-season outcome.

"I thought the season was over. We had lost a lot of momentum because of The Crucible practices, but after Lincoln, I fell in love with forensics again," Anderson said.

Lincoln was a big meet for SES and although only one new event qualified, they had enough points to win the meet for the third year in a row. The team placed fifth in Belleville on March 31 and fourth in their league at Minneapolis on April 5. Britten O'Banan and Sadie Myers won League Champs in Improvised Duet Acting at Minneapolis, qualifying for State.

"It was really awesome being a second-time League Champ," O'Banan said.

Border Wars and Central were also a success, having eight

more events qualified. With these additional qualifiers, SES has enough to take a full team to State in May. Anderson is hoping his team will make him proud and is excited about seeing how his team matches up with other schools around the state.

"I was a little worried at first that we wouldn't have a full team at State this year. I'm very happy that we do and glad the kids didn't give up," Anderson said.



Ryan Unruh and Alex Earles enjoy some Peeps at Lincoln on Mar. 29. The team won first place for the third year in a row. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

SES Forensics Results

Lincoln			1st*
Trask Engel	Prose		1 st
Shannon Wilson & Brent Sweany	Duet Acting		1 st
Meaghan Ryan & Alex Earles	Improvised Duet Acting		2 nd
Britten O'Banan	Serious Solo		2 nd
Britten O'Banan & Sadie Myers	Improvised Duet Acting		3 rd
Ryan Unruh & Sadie Myers	Duet Acting		3 rd
Kaleb Feist	Humorous Solo Acting		4 th
Meaghan Ryan	Prose		3 rd
Brent Sweany & Trask Engel	Improvised Duet Acting		6 th
Shelby Meyer	Serious Solo		8 th
Belleville			5th*
Trask Engel	Prose		1 st
Shannon Wilson & Chelsie	Improvised Duet Acting		1 st
Britten O'Banan & Kody Lynn	Improvised Duet Acting		2 nd
Kaleb Feist	Poetry		3 rd
Minneapolis (League)			4th*
Britten O'Banan & Sadie Myers	Improvised Duet Acting		1 st
Britten O'Banan	Serious Solo		2 nd
Shelby Meyer	Serious Solo		3 rd
Kaleb Feist	Humorous Solo Acting		3 rd
Meaghan Ryan & Alex Earles	Improvised Duet Acting		4 th
Bria Sweany	Poetry		5 th
Kaleb Feist	Poetry		6 th
Border Wars @ SES			
Kaleb Feist & Jeff Schwertfager	Improvised Duet Acting		1 st
Brent Sweany	Humorous Solo Acting		1 st
Jeffery Schwertfager	Prose		1 st
Bria Sweany & Amanda Wilson	Improvised Duet Acting		2 nd
Kaleb Feist	Humorous Solo Acting		2 nd
Brent Sweany	Prose		4 th
Central (Non-Qualifier)			
Ryan Unruh & Sadie Myers	Duet Acting		1 st
Cierha Berry	Humorous Prose		2 nd
Ryan Unruh & Brent Sweany	Improvised Duet Acting		2 nd
Kaleb Feist	Dramatic Prose		3 rd
Brent Sweany	Humorous Prose		4 th
Cierha Berry	Humorous Poetry		5 th
Amanda Wilson	Humorous Solo Acting		6 th
Britten O'Banan	Humorous Prose		7 th

*Team Placing