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Homecoming Queen Gracia Johnson and King Kent Windholz share a slow dance on Oct. 1 at the "In Da Club" dance . The dance had a "club" theme including a virgin bar and lots of dancing. For more shots of Homecoming, see page 7. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Around The Halls

What can you do to prevent school violence?



Rachel Pantle- soph.
"If I hear gossip, I won't participate in it, because that could eventually lead to violence."



Jordan Huggans - fr.
"Uhhhhh....not bring a gun to school."



Emily Alexander- sr.
"Befriend those who are introverts and share my Jell-O with them."



Saun Shields-soph.
"Maybe we could throw a group together of people who are picked on and they could maybe put their heads together to come up with one or more ideas to stop it (school violence)."



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School shootings: turn on the safety?

By Andrew Bauer

Three in one week. That has to be some kind of record.

Between Sept. 28 and Oct. 2, the U.S. saw three school shootings. Needless to say, all of this talk about school violence has put teachers, administrators and police officers on a heightened sense of alert. Is this warranted? After all, that kind of stuff simply doesn't happen at Southeast of Saline. We're too remote, too secluded, too laid back. Let the bigger schools worry about it.



Think again.

On Sept. 28, a gunman entered Platte Canyon High School and took six girls hostage. By the end of the day, one girl was dead and the gunman had killed himself. Platte Canyon High School has about 115 students per grade level.

One day later on Sept. 29, a student entered Weston High School in Cazenovia,

Wisconsin and shot and killed his principal. Weston High School has an enrollment of about 31 students per grade level.

Three days later on Oct. 2, a milk truck driver entered an Amish school in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania and took 10 girls hostage before shooting them, killing five. Nickel Mines is the home to a one-room Amish schoolhouse.

Needless to say, school violence is a major issue that needs to be dealt with. The size of the school also seems to be no indicator of where violence will occur. One could possibly even argue that a small school like ours is a more attractive target, given that security measures such as metal detectors are usually not in place. Whatever the matter is, the fact remains that we are just as much of a target as any other school.

So, we've established that school violence is a problem and that SES is in potential danger. How are we being protected? How do you keep someone from breaking into the school and shooting someone?

Currently, each classroom has a manual with the school district's policy for handling multiple disaster situations. In the event that a gunman takes a classroom, the (See "School shootings" on page 2)

Student reports personal driving accidents

By Chelsea Thorne

My mom has come to fear five little words: 'mom, I hit something...again.' Since I obtained my learners permit at 14, I have managed to get myself into four scrapers, four bumper hits and one big wreck. Grand total: nine wrecks.

Technically, only six of those nine have actually been caused by my mistakes. If I were to list what has happened in all my wrecks, it would probably take up this whole newspaper; so I will just list what happened in my most memorable ones. On Jan. 18, 2006, two days before my 16th birthday, I was driving to school in the car my mom and I shared. I had just passed the McClure's house and I was coming down off of a hill. I honestly don't know what caused me to lose control; maybe I hit a sand pile in the road, or maybe I was still going too fast even though I was pushing on the brakes.

I swerved to the left, overcorrected and did a nosedive into the ditch on the right side of the road. I actually went up on the two driver's-side wheels for a few seconds before I landed with a jarring thud.



Then somehow, I reversed back into a fence post with barbed wire on it. I still can't figure out if I had accidentally put the car in reverse in my desperate attempt to get my mom's car out of the ditch, or if it just rolled backwards. Luckily, I wasn't hurt in that accident, and the only fatality was a poor bird that was unfortunate enough to get clipped by my tire. The funny thing was, my step-dad told me every morning before I left for school "Don't hit anything!" but this day, he forgot to tell me that. I have been superstitious ever since.

The police officer who worked my wreck said that he would give me an early birthday gift and not give me a ticket. I got lucky there. Total damage to my mom's car: \$2,200-2,400.

Three days after we got the car back from the shop, I went to pick up my best friend from babysitting, and the mailman hit the front bumper, taking off the paint. The post office had to pay for that damage since the red paint was found on his bumper and the paint marks matched perfectly.

April 16 of that year was a big day for me. It was my four-year anniversary of having diabetes, and it meant that I would get my anniversary present. My parents had said that they didn't have enough money to get me a car like I had wanted, so I said I would settle for a \$50 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble so I could get some

more books.

I was upstairs making a list of books that I wanted when my mom and step-dad walked in and threw an envelope on to my bed.

"Open it," they said.

Inside, there was a license plate and a set of car keys. I got my car. The next day, my best friend and I went to the mall to go shopping, and when we were done, we got into my car. Now, if you know me, you would know that I don't really pay attention to speed limits; but for the first month of having my car, I drove like an old lady. Before backing out of our parking spot, I looked in my rearview mirror to make sure nobody was coming. CJ Baker looked out the windows to make sure we were all clear, and then we backed out. Slam! A woman in a blue car had turned, and was going 35 mph down the parking lot lanes and she had driven into my rear passenger side. Thankfully, she didn't do any damage to my car.

I'm doing pretty well now. In the most recent wreck, some guy hit my bumper because he wasn't paying attention, and we were able to just rub the scratch off. Today, admittedly, I still ignore the speed limits, (That's probably the reason Officer Strowig pulled me over earlier on this year...) but I am more attentive to my surroundings. Luckily, my insurance was only raised from \$48 to \$57 a month.

•School shootings: Is 100% safety possible?

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front office calls the police and initiates a lockdown of the building. All doors are locked, students are kept in their location, and everyone is moved away from the windows. This security measure, coupled with the presence of our armed school resource officer, would keep the gunman from harming any of the students in the surrounding areas.

Wait a second, "the surrounding areas"? What about the first area? What about the students unlucky enough to be in that first classroom?

Let's say we want to keep all of our students 100 percent safe whenever they are at school.

Suppose metal detectors are placed at every entrance to the building. Okay, they'll be placed at the north and east entrances with a supervisor running each one. But wait. We don't want anyone copycatting Timothy McVeigh either. Someone could drive a truck filled with explosives and plant it next to the elementary, so let's set up a security

checkpoint at the entrance to the parking lot to give all cars a look-over before entering.

Our athletes are pretty exposed when they're outside practicing also. A sniper could pick them off from one of the surrounding fields with no problem. Obviously, a 20 ft. high concrete wall topped with razor wire must be built around the school with guard towers every 100 yards complete with sniper in each one. While we're at it, maybe we could throw in a moat and a few crocodiles. I'm sure we could get a copy of the blueprint for Alcatraz somewhere.

Sadly, unless our school is turned into a veritable prison, we will never be completely safe. Measures and precautions can be taken but we must realize that there is no perfect solution.

Does this mean we should let our guard down? Absolutely not! Our safety must be one of our highest priorities, but with respect to what we are first and foremost: a place of learning. We do not want or need to become an Alcatraz, but at the same time, small ac-

tions can go a long way towards ensuring safety. A few extra security precautions we can take are locking all but our front doors after the start of school, making an intruder's only possible entrance pass within sight of the front office, and practicing lockdowns just as regularly as we practice fire drills.

For the most part, SES does do a good job of providing for our safety. The school not only hands out crisis procedure manuals and makes them visible in every classroom but has also made a commitment to keeping our school resource officer, Jon Strowig, on campus. The school board decided this year to step in and pay a portion of his salary so that he may remain on campus. We strongly applaud the school board's efforts.

Are we completely safe? No. Will we ever be? Probably not. What we're doing now, however, we must do well, and we can still inch a little closer towards security. We must walk that thin line between being a school and being a target.

“Get ‘R Done” duo enjoy cowboy image

By Megan Snook

What do you expect to see in a field or a cow pasture? Cowboys and farmers, right? Even though not many SES students live up to that image, Jason Prater and Michael Russell enjoy the SES rural setting and the school’s cowboy image.

Both said they enjoy looking and dressing like cowboys. They wear big belt buckles, tight pants, cowboy boots and big wallets.

Prater said he doesn’t think this is so unique.

“I ain’t different,” Prater protested.

Russell acknowledged that he dresses differently than most of the other students but said he likes being different most of the time.

“I would like to be different, but I don’t want anyone to make fun of me,” he said.

Even though Russell said he didn’t want people to make fun of him, he and Prater agreed that in some respects they fit the cowboy mold – cussing, drinking, and chewing.

“Yes, we drink — *pop*, and we chew — *gum*,” Russell explained.

In addition to “drinking” and “chewing”, Prater and Russell said they do many activities together such as hunting, trapping and fishing. They also wear similar clothing and talk in similar “accents.”

They can share many stories about their hunting, trapping and fishing trips. They hunt deer, pheasant, turkey and dove. In fact, they are such outdoors enthusiasts that in a recent speech class, Prater helped Russell demonstrate how to set a powerful trap.

Besides hunting, trapping and fishing, they have other interests and hobbies in common; such as the derby cars they work on and drive, and the

Mounted Patrol Rodeo that they work yearly.

“We drive derby cars, build them and then tear them apart,” Russell said.

As their clothing style hasn’t evolved over time, they both doubt that it will ever change. They believe their clothing style will continue to involve the big belt buckles, the tight pants, the cowboy hats and the wallet sticking out of the back of their pockets.

Russell said that girls are attracted to the wallet sticking out of a cowboy’s pocket.

“Cowboy butts drive girls nuts,” Russell joked.



Jason Prater (left) and Michael Russell (right) construct a 220 Conbear trap. They will be doing this often in November when coon season starts. (Photo by Skylar Nosker)

Koffman gets an early start on career

By Mathew J. McGinty

Clint Koffman made plans for his future way in advance. He started working with his dad at Koffman Electric because he needed the money at the time. Now, he’s doing whatever he can to become an electrician for his future career.

Koffman’s interest started when he watched his dad working with electrical objects. He started helping his dad when he was 14.

Currently, Koffman is working for his dad, going to Vo-tech Salina and taking Ag classes in order to prepare himself for life as an electrician.

Last year Koffman was in Mrs. Disberger’s Ag class. There he experienced working on wiring plug-ins, switches, and

lights, although Koffman already knew how to do this. Koffman says it was fun being able to help others with their projects.

This summer, Koffman worked on wiring the handicap push buttons for the doors located on the east side entrance of the school. Clint also worked on the overhead lights around the SES parking lot.

In fact, Koffman said that he would be confident enough to wire 97 percent of an entire school by himself if he had a license. However, he won’t be able to get his electrician’s license until right after he graduates high school. Koffman also feels confident that he will be able to get his license right after he graduates from school.

Koffman said he doesn’t mind the work an electrician has to do in a job.

Koffman has numerous tools and machinery he works with while on the job. Koffman said he’s never been shocked by electricity yet and hopes that he never has to experience that.

To do all this, Koffman feels that he had to be very determined with his goals and dreams. He knows a lot about electricity already through working with his dad’s business and does commercial and industrial electrical work.

Koffman has the opportunity to make his dream become reality. He doesn’t feel pressured into becoming an electrician because of his dad’s business. Instead he has chosen to become a certified electrician all on his own principles.

Columbine victim's challenge comes to SES

By Chelsi Hemphill

Bullying, name calling and gossip are things that can be seen in schools all around the world. But what if one person took time out of the day to do a random act of kindness... and from there the kindness would just spread, like a chain reaction?

That was the belief of Rachel Scott, the first person shot on April 20, 1999, the day of the Columbine shooting. Rachel was enjoying her afternoon lunch outside the front doors of the school when the shooters killed her.

On Oct. 16, Clint Fiore, a speaker for Rachel's Challenge, came to SES and presented five of Rachel's challenges. The five goals were to eliminate prejudice by looking for the best in others, dare to dream by setting goals and keeping a journal, choose your influences, use kind words, and start a chain reaction of your own with family and friends. Students had the opportunity to learn about Rachel's life, her goals, and times when she reached out to others and started her own chain reaction of kindness.

Afterward, students were asked to fill out a survey, asking them if they would, or would not, commit to certain things, and students who accepted Rachel's Challenges were asked to sign a banner that would hang in our school.

At 2:10 the afternoon of the assembly, a group of 14 freshmen, 15 sophomores, 17 juniors and 15 seniors met to learn how to carry out Rachel Scott's challenge of kindness at Southeast of Saline.

During the assembly, Fiore, now a roommate and best friend of Rachel's brother Craig, told not only of Rachel's experience but also of the experience of her family. He said that Craig was hiding under a table in the Columbine High School

library the day of the tragedy. The two boys huddling on either side of him, his best friends, were both shot and killed. After sprinklers went off in the library, the shooters became distracted, sparing his life.



Tyler Herrington and Zach Short sign the Rachel's challenge banner.

After Rachel's death, her family began to go through her belongings. They found many of her journals, and after finding an essay she had written for her English class entitled "My Ethics, My codes of life," they were inspired to begin a program called Rachel's Challenge.

Rachel's Challenge is a national campaign that is designed to help students, teachers, and

communities make a safer and kinder place for students to learn and achieve their goals. The program is largely based on Scott's essay.

"I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same," wrote Scott.

Rachel had accepted the challenges in her own life by being friendly to students who were not popular, or even those who had a hard time at school.

The message is spread across the country by a group of speakers that go from school to school, spreading Scott's messages, and encouraging students, teachers, and others to commit random acts of kindness.

The speakers were able to come to our school thanks in large part to Mr. and Mrs. George Frisbie, of Gypsum, for their private financial donation.

"Rachel Scott's story was really touching and everyone can learn from it," said sophomore Mariah Baker.

Dane enJOYs Kansas experience

By Sarah Reece

From parades to interviews, you would think that foreign exchange student Joy Nielsen's time would be too full to feel homesick for her home country of Denmark, but she's already begun to miss her family.

"I miss my mom and dad...and my cat," Nielsen said.

Joy, who is a junior at SES, came to the U.S. from Greve, Denmark at the beginning of the school year as a foreign exchange student. Why did she want to do this?

"I didn't like the school or the school system (in Denmark). I've always wanted to go to America and experience a different culture," Nielsen said.

The school system in Denmark is different than ours, she said. The students there go through the same classes with the same people in the same classroom. Also, they don't get to choose their own elective classes like drama or vocal. After ninth grade, they choose between going to tenth grade in another building, or going to gymnasium. Gymnasium is similar to an American high school, except that it is a three-year school.

"There's no after-school sports at school, so there's no school spirit," Nielsen said.

In her current home at the house of Bruce and Cheryl Spare, Nielsen has become quite active in church activities at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Lindsborg.

"In Denmark, it's not normal if you go to church regularly," Nielsen said. "I like it here, especially youth group."

The Spares talked her into going to church and she has enjoyed it. Back in Denmark, she would go about twice a year; here, she regularly goes to church and youth group.

"The (religious) freedom is the same, but not as many people go the church (in Denmark)," Nielsen said.

Nielsen has one sister, Lisa, 11. She said she hopes her sister and her parents will be able to come and visit her close to Easter time.

"They've never been here, so I'd like to show them around the school and around Kansas," Nielsen said.

Energizer Anderes keeps on going

By Jena Sauber

Wake up at 5:30. Get to work at 7:00 to start preparing our lunch. Work until 3:20 cleaning up, and then go coach 25 junior high cheerleaders until the activity bus arrives. Take a turn watering the flowers in the elementary butterfly garden, then stop by a client's house to weed their garden before heading home for the evening to file some paperwork. Sound like the daily schedule of the Energizer Bunny? It is, if the Energizer Bunny's name is Margaret Anderes.

"I like to stay busy," Anderes said.

Anderes, along with being a full-time cook at SES, took on the task of being junior high cheerleading sponsor last year and continues this year. Since then, the cheerleaders have gotten new uniforms, held pep rallies and been able to perform stunts among many other new experiences.

"I started it because I like to see the program kept up and to see girls who want to cheer be able to," Anderes said.

This year, besides sponsoring junior high cheerleading, Anderes also helps out with high school cheerleading. While she isn't the coach, Anderes says that she "kind of oversees" the activities.

"Seeing the girls blossom and become more outgoing is a good reward of doing cheerleading," Anderes said.

Although watching the girls grow is a reward for Anderes, she does admit that there is a part of cheerleading that she could do without.

"The cold. I don't like the football games in the cold," Anderes said.

While being cheerleading sponsor for junior high does provide an extra source of income for Anderes, she says that money isn't an important part of the job.

"Some things just don't have a price on them," Anderes said.

While raising school spirit with the cheerleaders, Anderes is also making sure that SES looks nice for the students and visitors. This summer, she helped with the beautification of the parking lot island and the elementary butterfly garden.

"I like to see things look nice," Anderes said.

Anderes says that the project started out with just a few people, but it's grown into a project that involves many people.

"People saw me working and asked to help. I like that," Anderes said.

Besides her life at SES, Anderes holds several other jobs and participates in many other activities. She cleans houses and files for a company all year and works part-time in the summer doing paperwork for Blue Beacon. Anderes also participates in her church

choir.

She takes care of other people's yards and houses and says that her own house is "clean and picked up". However, she takes a greater pride in the keeping and caring of her yard.

"I love doing yard work. Right now, I'm fixing up an old building on my property to make it into a summer cottage," Anderes said.

Just because she holds several jobs throughout the year doesn't mean that she isn't a careful shopper.

"I'm a budget shopper. I love to grocery shop, and I don't usually buy clothes unless they are on sale," Anderes said.

Along with shopping for herself, Anderes likes to spend time with her granddaughter.

"She makes everything worth it," Anderes said.

People may wonder how Anderes has the energy to keep up with all the activities she's involved in: her multiple jobs, her granddaughter and her frugal shopping nature. She has the answer.

"God has blessed me with good health and lots of energy. I feel that it should be put to the best use that is can," Anderes said. "I try to be a positive person."

Two students desire to make a difference

By Krisanna Graham

Two SES students —senior Gracia Johnson, and freshman Chloe Seim — have set out to make a difference in the world. Their vehicle for this goal is an organization called Youth Grant-Makers Council. Both are members of the organization and have received grants through the program.

Defined by Seim as an organization whose main goal is to issue grants to the youthful projects, YGMC is a branch of Greater Salina Community Project. To receive a grant, projects must benefit the community.

"Grant applications are easily obtained online at ygmc.org," Johnson said.

The applications are reviewed by the council, and the best are chosen. Last year, Johnson and Sadie Myers put together a grant report and received \$300 for the senior

lounge.

Johnson and Seim haven't yet decided whether they will apply for a grant this year.

As a member of YGMC, Johnson spends time making speeches, writing letters, and looking for new funding partners. Seim's role is to assist in deciding the acceptance or rejection of applications, to plan social events and to provide publicity

for YGMC. Sometimes she also writes letters of appreciation to funding partners, the people who fund the money for the grants.

When asked what drives them, both girls have clear answers. Johnson said that being on YGMC helps her develop leadership skills. Seim has had a lifetime goal of making a difference in the world.

"This council (YGMC) is the perfect place for my start," Seim said. "Its work inspires me."

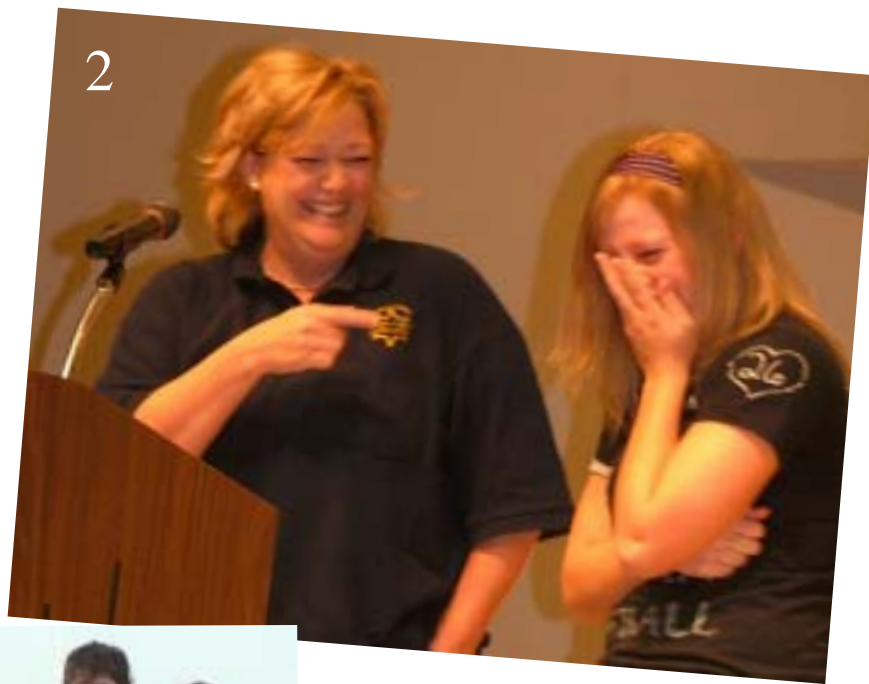
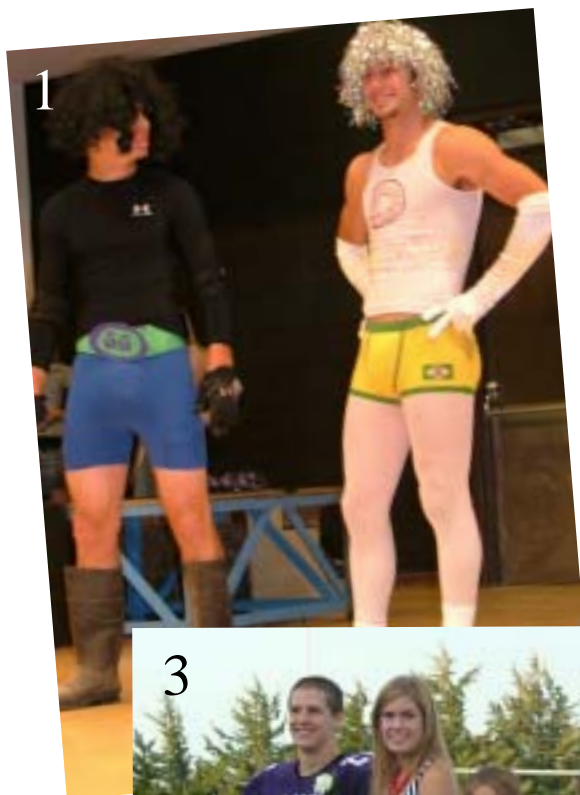


Seim



Johnson

Homecoming festivities feature superheroes



1. "Seductive Sam" (Kent Windholz) and "Diablo" (Bryson Flax) compete in the seminar Superhero Contest.
 2. Kelsey Brown (right) laughs while her mom tells an embarrassing story about her.
 3. King/Queen Candidates--Ethan Komp, Meaghan Ryan, Nick Hardesty, & Miranda Everhart--wait to hear who would be crowned.
 4. (from left) Elissa Stein, Brent Sweany, Sadie Myers, Shannon Wilson and Chelsie Green pose in Pre-Calc in their "Super Hero Day" outfits.
 5. Aaron Appleby and Jacob Simmons dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" at the dance.



Photos by Sadie Myers and Jessica Ward

Teenagers most likely to crash and burn

By Jena Sauber

It's finally Friday night and you're cruising around downtown, taking in the atmosphere. Suddenly, another car darts out in front of you from a dark side street. You swerve into the oncoming lane of traffic to avoid hitting the car, but a truck coming in the lane toward you doesn't stop. You hear a sickening crunch as the truck's front end pushes into the passenger side of your car.

The pile of metal you're sitting in goes spinning off into another lane and finally stops. You are still alive and relatively unharmed- and you should consider yourself lucky. Look at the following statistics to see just how lucky you could be.

- More than any age group, teens are likely to be involved in a single-vehicle crash.
- 14 percent of deaths due to motor vehicle accidents are teenagers.

- Fatal motor accidents happen on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday 53 percent of the time.

- Teen drivers killed in motor vehicle accidents had a youth passenger in the automobile 45 percent of the time.

- Of teen drivers fatally injured in automobiles, more than 1/3 were speed-related accidents.

- On the basis of current population trends, there will be 23 percent more 16-20-year-old drivers on the road in 2010 than there are today — 26.1 million.

- This age group makes up seven percent of licensed drivers but suffers 14 percent of fatalities and 20 percent of all reported accidents.

- Immaturity and lack of experience is a factor to the high rate of auto crashes; for instance, tailgating and not using safety

belts are misjudgments that teens make more often than older drivers.

- Teens' tendencies to drive smaller vehicles can also cause more fatal accidents because smaller cars don't protect passengers as well in the event of a crash.

Although all of these statistics show that teenagers can be unsafe drivers, researchers at the American Accreditation Health Care Commission (<http://drivehomesafe.com>) say that adolescents have the ability to be the best drivers on the road. Reflexes are faster, vision and hearing are better, and the brain can process information faster in a teen driver than in any other aged driver. What teens lack is automatic responses to common situations and judgment learned from experience, researchers say.

Junior escapes injury in airborne accident

O'Banan sails 120 feet and lives to tell about it

By Patrick Eslick

"It was as sweet as crap," junior Britten O'Banan said about his recent near-death car crash experience.

He wasn't thinking it was so sweet just after the incident, though. At the time of the crash, there were no thoughts of fear or regret, only his "that was sweet" mentality. It was only after the crash that the fact that he could have died took full effect.

"...I thought it was sweet at first. After I realized what happened, it scared me a lot because I could have died."

Annoyed by slow traffic on K-4 highway near the intersection of K-4 and Ohio, O'Banan decided to pass a row of three vehicles, including two semi-trucks.

"I pulled out to the left and stomped on the gas. I got in front of the first semi. He started pulling into my lane. So I had no choice but to speed up and jump into the field."

O'Banan said he estimated that his car was airborne for 120 feet or more.

Now that the accident is long past, O'Banan has found himself more aware of the people around him, rather than himself only. His brother Braxton O'Banan was in the vehicle with him, and O'Banan

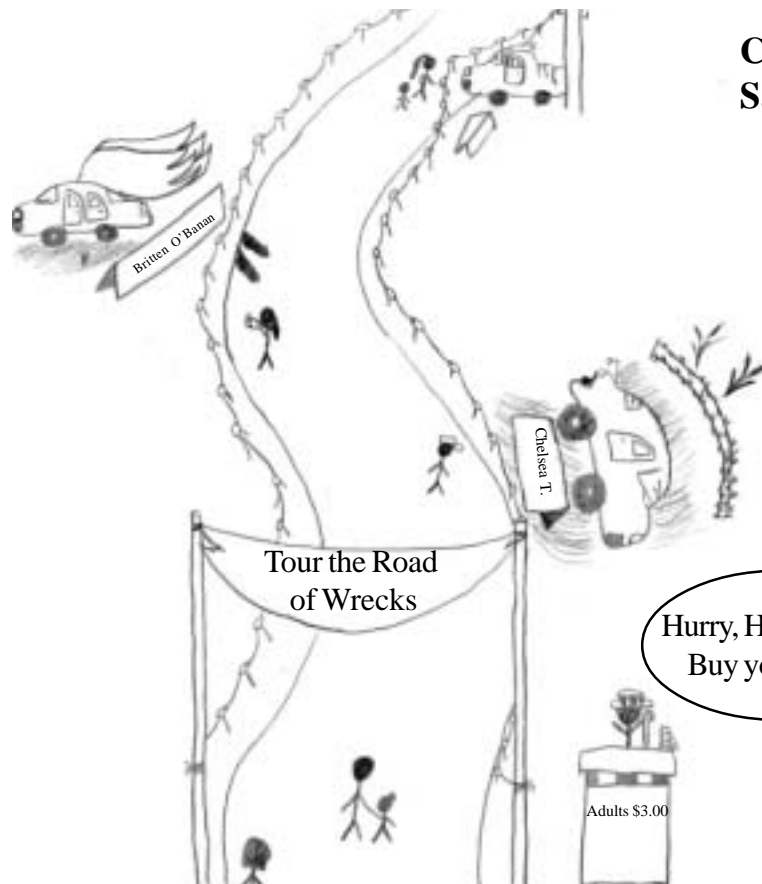
said that really made him think about the accident more deeply.

"It affected my driving in that my dad grounded me from driving for a while," O'Banan said.

He added that it affected him in other

ways as well.

"I drive a little slower and I'm more aware, definitely more aware," he said. "My advice to anyone who wants to go fast, prepare to pay the price, because it's not cheap."



Cartoon by
Sarah Reece

Senior recounts unfortunate wreck

By Sadie Myers

It was a normal summer day for Matt Hettenbach in July of 2004. As usual, he awoke before the morning sun to go to work. But by the end of the day, he would have to go to sleep carrying an unexpected burden.

Matt drove toward Salina with the shadows of the early morning in front of him. He took his usual route to work but after stopping at Niles and pulling onto Old 40 Highway, Matt was involved in a fatality car accident.

"The sun was just rising, and I didn't see the other car because it was a light yellow color. I looked both ways twice then pulled out. I was only going 17 mph when I hit the other car. I had no idea what I had hit, but after the wreck when I got out of my truck, I knew it wasn't good," Matt said.

And he was right. The yellow car was driven by Darlene Fischer and her husband Robert was in the passenger side. When the two vehicles collided, Matt hit the Fischers on their driver's side. His car spun around and the collision threw the other car into the ditch.

"When I looked around I noticed I had spun 180 degrees. I tried opening the door but couldn't get out so I had to kick it open. When I got out, I went and checked on the other people," he said.

Matt immediately got his cell phone and reported the accident. Then he called his mother. That was when Stephanie Hettenbach heard the phone ring.

"Matt would always call the house after he got to work, let the phone ring twice, then hang up, so I knew he had made it okay. But that morning it kept ringing and ringing and ringing. When I answered it, Matt was telling me there had been an accident," Stephanie said.

Larry and Stephanie, Matt's parents, met at the scene of the accident immediately to be with their son.

"Matt was in the sheriff's truck, very shaken—almost detached. He was saying 'I didn't see them, I didn't see them' but other than that, he didn't talk a lot," Stephanie said.

Matt said it helped that his parents were very caring after the accident.

"They were supportive about the

whole thing. Mom took me home and then they started contacting people in case there were any criminal charges," Matt said.

The Hettenbach's called an attorney for advice in case the Fischers decided to sue Matt. Ellen Mitchell, Salina district attorney, called the next day after reviewing the case and said there was no reason for criminal charges. The Sheriff's Dept. helped by reenacting the accident and found Matt did stop at Niles and the Fischer's were going 42 mph when Matt hit their car.

Not only were the Sheriff's Dept. a big help to the Hettenbachs, but their community was also encouraging after Matt's accident. There were over 15 families that came over to be with Matt and his family the day of the accident.

"It was a very hard time for our family, and the people in our community were very supportive. It was so important to Matt just to know that they still believed in him," Stephanie said.

The Hettenbachs' insurance was raised for about four years and Matt was fined about \$100 for "failure to yield." Darlene Fischer died on the site of the accident and Matt still thinks about it from time to time and says it has had a significant impact on his life.

"I was scared to death and didn't

drive until my parents made me about two months later. (The accident) has made me a lot more aware of the people around me when I'm driving, and I've realized how quickly a person can be gone," he said.

Matt's parents said that he has been a very safe driver since his car wreck, but even before the accident, he was careful on the road.

"I know he stopped that day. We would have to prod him away from stop signs even before the accident," Stephanie said.

Matt has learned from experience and says that teenage drivers should obey the rules to increase the odds of avoiding accidents.

"I wasn't doing anything stupid and it happened to me, but something worse could have happened if I was speeding or not obeying the rules. And *always* wear your seatbelt. I had bruises across my chest from mine, but it saved my life," he said.

Stephanie also knows from experience how teenagers are and knows even safe drivers like Matt can be involved in accidents and therefore encourages everyone to be attentive while driving.

"Matt was, and still is, a very cautious driver, which shows accidents can happen to anyone, anywhere. Bad things happen when teenagers think they are invincible, but they aren't," she said.



Matt Hettenbach stands beside his dentless Cobra Mustang. Hettenbach's driving record has been clean since a fatality accident in July 2004. (Photo by Gracia Johnson)



Kooky, Spooky Fun Page!



Can you guess what these people are doing?
WARNING: Some may be a scary sight!



Is freshman Andrew Bruckner:
 A. getting in touch with his feminine side?
 B. performing a play for English 9?
 C. applying to be a Victoria's Secret Angel?



Mr. Gies, Mr. Noonan and Mr. Caselman are:
 A. going mentally insane.
 B. posing for a picture to show students that they should Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil, See No Evil.
 C. rapping.



Is Gracia Johnson:
 A. aiding in a candy quest.
 B. being attacked.
 C. fleeing an ambush.



Top Ten Houses to AVOID while Trick-or Treating

10. Any house that only people dressed in Star Trek suits enter.
9. Any house that people are entering... and never coming out of.
8. Any house made of food...especially if there are bread crumbs on the ground.
7. Any house with freshly dug ground plots in the front yard.
6. Any house that is a known drug lab.
5. Any house that growls "get out" when you walk up the sidewalk.
4. Any house that belongs to a dentist...they've been know to hand out toothbrushes instead of candy.
3. Any house that the owners are known to come out brandishing a shotgun if you step in their yard.
2. Any house whose only entrance goes to the basement.
1. Any house that wasn't there a minute ago.

Creative Corner...

Poem by Kassie Bethe

Thow away your scars
 I'm ever silent
 Don't run away this time
 I won't bite again
 Hold my hand as you sleep
 Don't drown there
 Let me see your dreams

Happy Halloween!

KDOT completes construction on K-4

By John Christie

Hallelujah! There is only one week left until the bridge on K-4 is two lanes again.

"It will be glorious to see that bridge finally be finished and out of my stinking way," said senior Nic Chapel.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) project to replace the expansion joints and place a polymer overlay on the bridge is scheduled to be completed on Oct. 28.

The project began on Sept. 6 and has been a slight hassle for those students and staff that travel west of the school on K-4. Students have to stop and wait at the stoplight for the short window of time when the light is green.

The project involves replacing the expansion joints which is a project that needed to be done.

"It has been 20 years since the expansion joints were replaced. The joints were simply worn out and needed to be replaced," said Miss Jean Istas, Con-

struction Engineer overseeing the project.

The other portion of the project is laying down a polymer overlay on the bridge. This process is simply to protect the deck, or driving portion, of the bridge. It is to prolong the life of the bridge and extend the time before more repair is needed.

There has not been a conscious effort to avoid our times of heavy traffic, but the contractor that is on the project has been working simultaneously on another project. This has resulted in many days where the contractor is not at this site. Therefore, students are often driving to school while there is no one currently working on the bridge.

Senior Clinton MacDonald said he would be happy to see the work end and the stoplights come down because it has made him late more times than he would like.

"Yes, I know the light is there, but that doesn't break the years of habit I

have for my morning routine. I still end up late to Madrigals and Sauber's class all the time," senior Clinton MacDonald said.



The traffic light that controls traffic over the partially closed bridge on K-4 has recently delayed traffic between Highway 81 and school. The scheduled completion date for the bridge repair is Oct. 28. (Photo by Krisanna Graham)

Trojournal Calendar

November

Nov. 3 ACT Registration Deadline
Nov. 22-24 No School (Thanksgiving!)
Nov. 27 Meet the Trojan Night

December

Dec. 2 NHS Scavenger Hunt
Dec. 9 ACT Test Date
Dec. 18 NHS Salvation Army Workday
Dec. 19 Noon Dismissal

ACT Dates

A full list of ACT registration and test dates can be found in the district newsletter. The district newsletter can be found at www.usd306.k12.ks.us. Click District Home Page and click District Newsletter. Pg. 18.

By Michael Bauer

First, there were projectors. Then, for a long time, there were VCR's and DVD's. Now, there's a new era; and it could be coming to Southeast. Digital projectors could be installed at Southeast this summer for next school year.

But for now, it is strictly a proposal. It'll be proposed at the next school board meeting to see if they agree and if they are worth the cost, principal Monte Couchman said.

Right now, the proposal's cost is about \$70,000.

"That's how much it would cost if the custodians were installing them. If they weren't, then it would cost more," Couchman said.

The plan is to install digital projectors in certain classrooms.

"Most instructional classrooms have been included in the proposal. Any place where a teacher is conducting a class, including the theater and the tech lab (is on the list)," Couchman said.

He added that the plan for when they install them has not been determined.

"If the board agrees sometime in the next month, then it will most likely be a summer project," he said.

Over the years, computers have become more advanced. With projectors installed, teachers and students could utilize the more advanced capabilities and programs such as PowerPoint presentations or DVD movies on a classroom wall.

"It's a desire to make sure every teacher and student has access to the best technology. It makes it easier when a projector is hung from the ceiling," Couchman said.

"PowerPoint presentations, as well as internet pages and lecture notes, could show on to the screen. In-house broadcasting could be piped into every TV. There's a lot of capacity and a lot of options. It's also cheaper to have the custodians work to install them rather than hiring a team to come and install them," Couchman said.

FCCLA prepares for Fall Leadership Academy

By Klint Spiller

The Southeast of Saline FCCLA chapter will be among 400 students from 30 other schools attending the Fall Leadership Academy (FLA) on Oct. 25 at Lyons.

At FLA, FCCLA members will hear speakers, play games and get recognized for accomplishments of last year. It is also an introduction for underclassmen.

Notable speakers include State Vice President of Recognition RanDee Platt and State Board member Alex Earles, who will be presenting "Getting Involved with FCCLA." The National FCCLA President Michael Smith, who is from Goodland, Kansas, will be coming to be the keynote speaker.

"He's kind of a big deal. He knows

the President of the United States and attended a conference with George W. Bush about school violence. He even addressed the President at the conference," FCCLA member Meaghan Ryan said.

FCCLA will also be selling homemade pies for the Prairie Patch Craft on Nov. 4 and helping out with Elementary Fun Night in the Early Childhood Center.

On Nov. 17-19, FCCLA members will be attending Cluster in St. Louis, Missouri. At Cluster, FCCLA members will listen to speakers, attend workshops and learn about FCCLA.

"We'll get to listen to a lot of interesting speakers and enjoy all that FCCLA has to offer without the stress of competition. We also get to see a lot of exciting places," Earles said.



Megan Sauber and Jena Sauber cut bananas for banana splits at an FCCLA meeting. The meeting was about STAR Events. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Scholars' bowl begins season at Beloit

By John Christie

Southeast scholars' bowl is back in season. With 30 people showing up for the preseason meeting, the outlook is hopeful.

"I'm excited about the numbers we have this year, especially the underclassmen that have come out," said sponsor Bob Sauber.

Last year's senior class graduated three varsity team members; Robert Graham, Rachael Moon and Calvin Roesner. Robert Graham is a key loss to the team after his 2,345 points that gave him the second highest single season score of all time. Calvin Roesner was the team's second highest scorer last season.

There are three returning senior team members; Andrew Bauer, John Christie and Klint Spiller. All three competed last year on the varsity team.

There are also four returning juniors; Britten O'Banan, Ozzy Smith, Brent Sweany and Chelsea Thorne. Derek Benoist, Jeff Schwerdtfager and Jeremy Ziegler are the new additions at the junior level.

The freshman-sophomore team has returned a few sophomores, but also

has seen quite a few new competitors. Sophomores returning this season are Layton Everhart, Kristi Hargadine, Greg Peterson, Joel Prater, Megan Sauber and Caty Weber. Skylar Bosco, Caitlin Conley, Trask Engel, Tyler Herrington and Trell Peterson are new to this year's team.

There are also nine new freshmen

this year; Michael Bauer, Patrick Eslick, Krisanna Graham, Chelsea Hanks, Amanda Keeler, Megan Kincaid, Elizabeth Peuchen, Jena Sauber and Brant Weaver.

Varsity's first meet is on Oct. 24 in Beloit, while the freshmen-sophomore team begins their season on Nov. 6 in Russell.

FFA heads to Nationals

By Gracia Johnson

October is the month of pumpkins, costumes and fall festivities celebrated by most Americans, and FFA is no exception to this tradition.

On Oct. 2, FFA celebrated the Halloween month with carving pumpkins, watching the movie *Beatlejuice* and eating pizza.

The Halloween party is not the only activity happening this month in FFA. They are also planning on taking their annual trip to National Convention which will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. FFA National Convention is being held Oct. 24-28.

The six people chosen to accompany Mrs. Brandi Disberger to the convention are Brent Sweany, Kaleb Felhman, Jacob Felhman, Charley Staab, Chelsea Weaver and Taylor Short. They are chosen by submitting applications to a panel of three judges, whose names are not released. The judges rank the applications and choose the top six students to go to Indiana.

"National convention is a lot of fun, mostly because you get out of school, but also because you learn about FFA and how it works," said Brent Sweany, who is going for the third time.

Engel takes cross-country time down at Downs

By Max McClure

The entire men's cross country team has been cutting their times, but sophomore Trask Engel has recently been shattering his. This year,



Trask Engel paces himself at the Riley County Inv. Engel placed fourth. (Photo by Gary McClure)

he reduced his time by one minute 20 seconds. His improved performances, along with the improvements from the rest of the team, fuel the team's dreams of a state title.

"If we keep on improving our times, we will be able win regionals. If we really improve our times and run as a team, we will be able to compete with Kansas City Christian for the state title," Engel said.

Last year, KC Christian finished the state cross country meet with a total of 78 points, annihilating the second place finishers, Allen-Northern Heights, who finished with 102 points. This year KC Christian returns all their varsity runners, and SES is aiming to unseat them. SES finished third in the state last year with 112 points.

At the league competition held in Downs last Thursday, Engel was the second team runner; setting a personal record with 17:41 and placing fourth in league and sixth overall. He was also fourth at the Riley County meet held on Oct. 7.

With steady number one and

five runners, Clinton MacDonald and Andrew Bauer, the second position has been battled for by Klint Spiller, Max McClure and Engel.

"Trask has really shown that he can run with the big boys. He has really improved. I have gone from easily defeating him to dying just to see him when he finishes," Spiller said, "but I truly believe that this will only help push the other runners."

Engel also was excited to have a good race but says he set higher goals for this season and coming seasons.

"I hope my times will continue to improve during this season," Engel said, "(and) I would like to be able to break 17:00 near the end of my junior year."

Engel says he has been putting in more miles than he had in the past to be where he is.

"I have been working harder this year. I did morning runs five or six times for about four miles earlier this season," Engel said.

He said he is working hard for a reason.

"(Our team's) improving so much from last year and (the team)

getting third place at state (last year) has motivated me to work harder to win state this year," Engel said. "I enjoy running and I really like the feeling I get from the competition."

He has also been motivated by others.

"In eighth grade, Coach Wade Caselman and Max (McClure) asked me if I was going out for cross country," Engel said. "I enjoy running so I thought that I would be able to get good at it." He said he gave it a try and has liked it ever since.

But the progress has not come without frustration.

Halting his previous track season and some of his summer training, Engel had a severe knee stress fracture.

"I had to quit track once I found out I had (the severe stress fracture). But I haven't let it hold me back during this season," he said.

He isn't holding his team back either. The Trojans have won their past five meets.

"Trask has improved tremendously, but I think he still has more room to improve this year," Caselman said.

Southeast, Sacred Heart gun toward chief Saline County rivalry

Opinion

By Skylar Nosker

For years and years, Saline County football has been about Salina South versus Salina Central. It has been one of the fiercest rivalries in Kansas. But not this year. Now, Saline County is adopting a new rivalry of two powerhouse football teams.

Tonight, Southeast of Saline will take on the Sacred Heart Knights. Unlike the teams in the South-Central game this year, both teams are bound for the playoffs.

The Trojans are ranked first in Class 3A, while the Knights are in the top 15. The Trojans have won 20 straight games. The Knights are 6-1. All these aspects will amplify the noise from the crowd Friday when both Southeast and Sacred Heart play the most intense game on both of their regular-season schedules.

As a fan, I am here to say what both teams need to focus on for this big game tonight. All stats mentioned were before last weeks game.

This is what Sacred Heart has to do to beat the Trojans:

- You can't run, but you CAN hide.

Sacred Heart has always had a good foot-

ball team because, unlike other NCAA football teams, the Knights throw the ball more than they run it. No team has been able to establish a running game against the Trojans. The Trojans' defense averages only 69 yards rushing against them. They held the leading rusher in NCAA, Caleb Kruse, to 46 yards last week.

This is what Southeast has to do to beat the Knights:

- Passing defense has to be perfect.

Southeast's passing defenders have to play their best game so far this year. Not only do they have to stop a deadly passing arm in Simoneau, but they have to shut down four wide receivers that are ranked in the top ten in our league in receiving yards, three in the top four. The main one to stop is Aaron Wedel. He is Simoneau's go-to guy. Wedel has 30 receptions for 562 yards and six touchdowns.

This is what both teams have to focus on tonight:

- Contain the quarterback.

They have to shut down their opponent's senior quarterback. Southeast has to try to stop Dane Simoneau. Simoneau has 1709 total yards, 1297 threw the air, 25 total touchdowns and three interceptions.

The Knight's defense has to try to slow down Nick Hardesty. Hardesty has 1607 total yards — 1017 yards rushing and 597 threw the air. He also has scored 18 rushing touchdowns and ten passing.

- Score first.

It is important for both teams if they can strike first. For Sacred Heart to win, they have to score early and before Southeast because the Trojans' defense averages five points-a-game against them. Sacred Heart does lead the NCAA in scoring offense, 45.8 points-a-game, so if they score and get a lead, they have a shot a winning.

Southeast, on the other hand, is second in scoring offense with 36.4 points a game. They are going up against a defense ranked fifth in scoring defense with an average of 29 points a game. If the Trojans can get ahead early, then their defense will have momentum to shut down the Knights.

- Keep the flags in the referees' pockets.

Both teams are near the top in NCAA in penalties; Southeast committing 30, for 249 penalty yards and Sacred Heart 33 for 251.

If both teams can utilize these key points, it's sure to be a game for the ages.

Line- Southeast by 24, 46-22.

Trojans subdue Bearcats, prepare for Knights

By Skylar Nosker

When Coach Pat Haxton first came to Southeast of Salina in 1999, it took him five years to get 19 wins. In the last year and a half, the Trojans have won 20 straight.

The Trojans, ranked number one in Class 3A, 7-0 overall, 5-0 in NCAA, won their first district game last Friday against the Ellsworth Bearcats, 50-6.

The Bearcats, 5-2 overall, 3-2 in NCAA, 0-1 in district, were ranked in the top ten in Class 3A coming into the game, and they have the leading rusher in NCAA, Caleb Kruse. Kruse came into the game with 1,248 rushing yards, averaging 208 yards a game.

The Trojans defense, however, stopped him short of his average by 162 yards. He finished the game with 46 yards on 13 carries.

"(The defense) played aggressive, sound defense. They did their jobs," said Coach Pat Haxton.

Senior quarterback Nick Hardesty rushed his way over the 1000-yard mark, rushing for 227 yards and five touchdowns. He also completed 8 of 19 passes for 90 yards and one touchdown.

Haxton attributed much of that success to the offensive line.

"The offensive line. They played one of their best games here, maybe ever," Haxton said.

The Bearcats got on top first as senior quarterback Benjamin Kruse maneuver by the Trojan defense for a 45-yard touchdown.

"I just let (the team) know that Ellsworth was here to play; they weren't going to lay down for us," said Haxton.

The Trojans went on top 8-6 after Hardesty went five yards for the score and converted the two-point conversion.

Hardesty, then, scored on runs of five and seven in the second quarter. He also aired out a touchdown to senior wideout Joel Pengra for a 16-yard touchdown, leaving the score 26-6 at the half.

The Trojans got the ball to start the second half and controlled the clock, holding the ball for the first 8:03 before scoring on a one-yard run by Hardesty.

Then in the fourth quarter, Hardesty skated by the Bearcats defense on his way to a 72-yard touchdown run to put the Trojans up 42-6.

Freshman Trenton Collins tacked on another touchdown with 4:15 left in the game, rushing it in from 12 yards out.

Tonight the Trojans face their rivals, the Sacred Heart Knights in Salina. The Knights are 6-1 overall, 5-1 in NCAA, and 1-0 in district. They won their first district game last Friday at Lyons, 74-7.

The Knights scored five of their touchdowns, including their first three, rushing the football. Simoneau also threw for three.

The Trojans top-ranked defense will have to find a way to stop the Knights top ranked offense.

"I don't know if you can stop Sacred Heart from scoring," said Haxton, "We have to be fundamentally better than them."

The winner of the game will take the lead in district play and be the frontrunner in the race toward the district title.

"(The game) is for the championship. For us, if we win, we are the district champions," said Haxton.

"It's probably the most important

game of the season," said senior Kyle Moyer.

The game will kickoff at 7 p.m. at Glenn Martin stadium in Salina.



Senior Ethan Komp returns a punt against Minneapolis. The Trojans defeated the Lions 52-0. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Lady Trojan volleyball team to battle Knights in first round of Sub-State

By Skylar Nosker

Tomorrow, the Lady Trojans will be looking to redeem their recent loss against the Sacred Heart Knights, as they play them in the first round of Sub-State in Cuba, Kansas.

Last Tuesday, the Trojans had a tough run in a home contest, falling behind the Knights early and couldn't catch up. They lost the opener 13-25, 17-25.

Before the start of the second contest, the Trojans recognized seniors Kelsey Brown, Brittani Butler, Miranda Everhart, Linsey Bolte, Kim Rousseau, and Danielle Abrams.

The first game of the second contest, the Trojans fell 11-25 but they made a run at a win against the league champions in the second game.

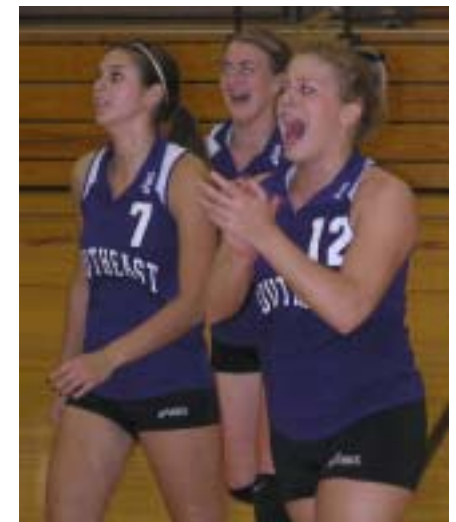
The Trojans rallied late behind the serves from Kelsey Brown and junior Shayla Seim.

However, the Lady Trojans fell short, losing 21-25.

Juniors Shayla Seim and Elissa Stein led the way for the Lady Trojans. Seim ended the night with 10 kills and Stein had

18 assists.

With the two losses, the Lady Trojans' regular-season record is 2-25.



Senior Kelsey Brown (12) and juniors Shayla Seim (7) and Elissa Stein (back) head toward the bench pumped up during a timeout against Sacred Heart on Oct. 17. The Lady Trojans rallied in game two but lost both matches. (Photo by Skylar Nosker)

MacDonald dominates, boys win fifth straight

By Klint Spiller

Enduring the frigid weather and high winds, the Southeast of Saline Trojan cross country teams braved the cold to claim a team title and five All-League performances at the NCAA League meet in Downs on Oct. 12.

The boys' team won both the League title and the overall meet title, scoring 30 points and 48 points respectively.

Spearheading the boys' performance, senior Clinton MacDonald claimed his third straight individual League championship. MacDonald finished the 5K course in a time of 16:41.

All-League runners included sophomores Trask Engel and Max McClure, who placed fourth and fifth in League with times of 17:41 and 17:48 respectively. Senior Andrew Bauer also finished with All-League honors, claiming seventh place in a time of 18:20.

"Making All-League was awesome since I didn't even come close last year," Bauer said. "Clinton, Trask, and Max spanked me, but I don't care!"

Sophomore Zach Short rounded out the boys' performance with his 13th place finish in a time of 18:49.

"The team ran well. Everyone keeps getting stronger and stronger, and we are looking for some great times right at this point in the season," MacDonald said.

Led by sophomore Sadie Roesner's All-League performance, the girls' team placed fourth in League and sixth in the overall meet with scores of 103 points and 179 points respectively.

Roesner covered the 4K course in a time of 16:22, placing third in League.

The rest of the girls ran in a pack led by senior Kelsey Colby. Colby finished second for the lady Trojans, running the course in a time of 19:04 and placing 22nd. Freshman Jena Sauber finished 24th in a time of 19:10.

Junior Joy Nielsen placed 25th in a time of 19:29 while senior Meaghan Ryan finished 29th with a time of 20:10.

"We've improved a lot this season, but we need to improve a lot more to qualify for State," Sauber said.

The Trojans now set their sights on the Regional cross country meet held in Lyons on Oct. 21. The top three teams at the Regional will qualify for the State meet

in Wamego on Oct. 28.

The boys, presently ranked second in the state, look to continue their winning streak and win their sixth straight meet title by holding off number four ranked Norton and number eight ranked teams Holcomb and Scott City.

In order to qualify on the girls' side, the girls will face number two ranked Sacred Heart and other top ranked teams in Beloit, Norton and Holcomb.

"We are going to try our best," Ryan said, "But, um, hopefully the guys will bring home some glory."



The Southeast of Saline boys captured the team title at Riley County with three top ten performances. (Photo by Gary McClure)

Sports Box

By Sadie Myers

Football

Sept. 1	@ Republic Co.	16-0	W
Sept. 8	vs. Russell	46-6	W
Sept. 15	vs. Centraila	40-8	W
Sept. 22	@Beloit	28-16	W
Sept. 29	TMP-Marion	52-0	W
	(Homecoming)		
Oct. 6	@ Minneapolis	52-0	W
Oct. 13	vs. Ellsworth	50-6	W
Upcoming Games:			
Oct. 20	@Sacred Heart		
Oct. 26	vs. Lyons		
Oct. 31	Bi-District		
Nov. 4	Regional		

Record 7-0

Volleyball

Aug. 29-Quadrangular (@ J. City)	
Clay Center	11-25, 15-25
Minneapolis	18-25, 21-25
Junction City	11-25, 15-25
Sept. 5-Russell	25-15, 25-14
	25-17, 25-16
Sept. 9-SES Inv. Trny.	21-25, 25-13, 16-25
	16-25, 20-25
	23-25, 14-25
	29-27, 17-25, 22-25
	20-25, 25-23, 21-25
Sept. 12-Republic County	25-14, 18-25, 18-25
	23-25, 14-25
Sept. 19-Minneapolis	10-25, 10-25
	15-25, 20-25
Sept. 26-Beloit	14-25, 21-25
	17-25, 18-25

Sept. 30-@ Concordia Trny.

Minneapolis	17-25, 20-25
Concordia	20-25, 17-25
Riley Co.	7-25, 10-25
Beloit	14-25, 16-25
Oct. 7-@Council Grove Trny.	
Sacred Heart	12-25, 22-25
Council Grove	15-25, 12-25
Clay Center	13-25, 17-25
Oct. 10-Ellsworth	
	18-25, 21-25
	13-15, 13-25
Oct. 17-Sacred Heart	
	13-25, 17-25
	11-25, 21-25

Upcoming Games:

Oct. 21 Sub State

Record 2-25

Cross Country

Boys:

Aug. 31	Abilene	2nd
Sept. 7	Hesston	2nd
Sept. 14	Clay Center	1st
Sept. 19	SES Inv.	1st
Sept. 26	Lyons	1st
Oct. 7	Riley Co. Inv.	1st
Oct. 12	League	1st
Oct. 12	Downs	1st

Girls:

Aug. 31	Abilene	5th
Sept. 7	Hesston	14th
Sept. 14	Clay Center	7th
Sept. 19	SES Inv.	9th
Sept. 26	Lyons	4th
Oct. 7	Riley Co. Inv.	5th
Oct. 12	League	4th
Oct. 12	Downs	6th

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 21	Regionals@Lyons
Oct. 28	State @ Wamego

Saucy musical simmered down

By Andrew Bauer

Sex. Filthy language. Lewd dancing. These are some of the elements in Stuart Ostrow's musical, *Pippin*. However, if it's simply the sex, foul language and dirty dancing you're after, you might just want to stay home.

Directors Bill and Susan Tuzicka are making efforts to ensure that the show which is slated to be performed at Southeast of Saline Nov. 10 and 11 is appropriate for family viewing.

"You're going to see a show that's a little bit different," Bill Tuzicka said. "There's a lot that could be offensive to a G-rated audience. Editing it down is important because the people that come expect to see a family show."

Pippin is the story of a young prince named Pippin (played by Clinton MacDonald) and his quest to find his true calling in life. An acting troupe, led by The Leading Player, (played by Alex Earles) has control over what happens to Pippin as they guide his path through war, love, politics and other pursuits in an effort to get him to act out "The Grand Finale," which is to commit suicide.

In the Broadway version, one of the raciest scenes occurs when Pippin pursues a life of lust, in which many dancers portray what the audience interprets as a giant sex orgy. That scene in particular has been modified.

"Surprisingly, the orgy scene isn't even the dirtiest scene in the play," MacDonald said. "Actually, nothing's really too dirty. It's all been toned down."

Despite the amount of censorship being applied to the show, Tuzicka maintains that the real substance of *Pippin*

lies elsewhere.

"The music's outstanding," Tuzicka said. "I like the story, which isn't really a story at all. The big thing is 'going out and finding yourself' which is really what's happening."

This will be the second time that *Pippin* has come to the SES stage. Last time The Leading Player was played by Tuzicka's son, Chris Tuzicka.



Britten O'Banan, who plays Charles in the musical "Pippin," laughs maliciously at the thought of his army "having themselves a massacre." The show will be performed Nov. 10 and 11 unless the football team is in the playoffs. (Picture by Skylar Nosker)

"Alex is a little different (from Chris)," Tuzicka said. "But I don't expect the same thing as last time; I want it to be different. (Alex) brings some insight to his part that's really interesting. He's working out very well."

Earles acknowledged that his role is one of the more challenging parts in the play.

"It's a big part to live up to since Chris did it first," Earles said. "(The Leading Player) is a fun character to play, though. He gets to be in control of everything. He

also likes the thought of war and tries to get people to commit suicide. Basically, he's the devil."

Those who performed in last year's musical, *Godspell*, say to expect a much different show from last fall.

"*Pippin* is completely opposite from *Godspell*," said Meaghan Ryan, who plays the part of Fastrada. "Last year everyone was on the stage all the time. This year we all have scene changes, cues, entrances and more lines. We have some pyrotechnics and special effects this year, too."

MacDonald agreed.

"*Godspell* was a good serious play," he said. "*Pippin* is a really funny comedy. It's a lot of fun to put on."