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Seniors Ryan Unruh, Nic Chapel, Clinton MacDonald and Chris Shields make up the "Trojan Men." These four Trojan fans paint up and direct the fanfare of the student section during every high school football game. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

# Around The Halls

## Would you be in favor of a draft?



*Ryan Unruh- sr.*  
 "Yeah, because the draft is part of the constitution; it's part of our rights of being 18."



*Mr. Todd Baird-staff*  
 "Yes, especially if we need more men to carry over the objectives."



*Lynnsey Heimer- soph.*  
 "No, because I would rather get our troops out."



*Clinton MacDonald- sr.*  
 "No way; I'm not going to fight for oil."

## Crisis escalates in Middle East

By Klint Spiller

With tension escalating in the Middle East, the region finds itself in two separate standoffs with the potentially most disastrous event left to come.

Israel and Hezbollah are being held behind a shaky cease-fire, leaving Lebanon, the innocent victim, to rebuild their war-torn nation. United States soldiers continue to battle Iraqi insurgents without success as every insurgent killed seems to be replaced by another. Now, Iran is attempting to establish its nuclear program while the rest of the world is split on whether to support them or not.



Where is the U.S. in all of this? Right in the middle, but why is this? Why are we concerning ourselves with the business of countries like Iraq and Iran, neither of which pose a serious threat to the U.S.? They are on the other side of the world, and neither country possesses the technology to launch an intercontinental missile from there to the U.S. coast.

The answer is simple: oil and Israel.

Despite President George Bush's claims of Saddam Hussein possessing weapons of mass destruction, oil now appears to be the main reason why we invaded Iraq.

In a recent investigation by the British Broadcasting Company (BBC), several contacts within the U.S. intelligence agency, the oil industry, and the state department have come out and said that the U.S. began planning the invasion of Iraq weeks before the attacks of Sept. 11 in hopes to control Iraqi oil fields. This only confirms the suspicions that 90 percent of Americans chose to ignore going into this war.

Now a new threat looms over the horizon. Iran is drawing near to fully developing their nuclear program. While the United Nations (U.N.) prepares to impose sanctions on Iran, it appears that there will be no winner in this standoff. The leaders of Iran have stated that they will not end the development of their nuclear program, stating that their nuclear program is purely meant for an alternative energy source. However, they seem to bring doubt to their own claims as they conduct war games and test fire large numbers of rockets.

It appears that sanctions will be inevitable, and why wouldn't they? Iran has no reason to fear the sanctions placed upon them. Iran would not be hurt from the sanctions, considering that Russia and China will likely not uphold the sanctions. Not only would they still have trade with major nations, but they would still have large amounts of cash reserves from their past oil profits.

Now who would be the real loser if  
*(See "What..." on page 2.)*



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# Freshman survival skills: Tips to endure high school

By Chelsea Thorne

Starting high school can be a terrifying experience. There are new faces, new teachers, and new rules. However, surviving the freshman year is essential to surviving the rest of high school, so to help out all you new freshmen, here are some tips to help you survive high school.



1. Don't lie to your teachers about why you don't have your homework.

Teachers have heard every, and I mean every, excuse for not having homework. From "My dog ate it," to elaborate stories such as "My grandma locked herself in the bathroom and then had a heart attack; so we had to call 911," they have heard it all. Now, there may be some rare occasions where your hamster really did shred your report for bedding. If that happens, have a parent call your

teacher.

2. Setting your locker is not a smart thing to do.

Even though it is much more time consuming to spin your locker combination, it definitely saves you time in the long run. Officer Jon is notorious for going around the hallways to see which lockers are set, and when he finds a set locker, he will unset it. This will cause you to have to go to Rita, get your combination, and go back to your locker, then on to class. Memorize your combination! It is so much simpler.

3. If you are assigned a book report, essay, or other paper; write it!!!

You may think that your teachers won't catch you if you simply copy and paste and print. DON'T DO THIS!! They will catch you! Teachers have access to websites that write essays and reports for you, and they are especially quick at locating those that you located using a search engine. Using your older siblings' papers isn't a smart idea either, because there is always the chance that the teacher will recognize it.

4. Just because you are a football player doesn't mean you can cut seniors in the lunch line.

Even though you have a football uniform and helmet, that doesn't mean that you have a higher rank than non-football playing seniors. Respect your elders; wait in line.

5. If upperclassmen pick on you, threatening to have your older brother/sister beat them up is not the brightest thing to do.

For some reason, upperclassmen think that they are invincible. So unless you're older brother is 300 pounds of all muscle and is a professional boxer; they aren't going to be intimidated.

High school is tough, but it isn't that bad once you get used to it. You may have a couple fights with classmates about things that seem trivial later on in life, but if you follow these rules, you will adjust much more quickly, helping you survive the four years of your life known as high school.

## •What is the price of U.S. foreign policy?

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these sanctions were imposed? The United States citizens and every other nation that chooses to place economic sanctions on Iran. We would all suffer at the fuel pump. The price for gas would likely raise to five to seven dollars a gallon, a price most Americans cannot afford.

On the other hand, though their nuclear warheads would not be able to hit us, their neighbor Israel, our ally, would be facing a very serious and ominous threat. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran has already stated that he wanted to wipe Israel off of the map. Israel, the strongest military power in the area, is facing growing resistance everyday, and Iran may be the final piece that makes Israel's government crumble. This would be devastating to the U.S., who would lose its only major ally in the region.

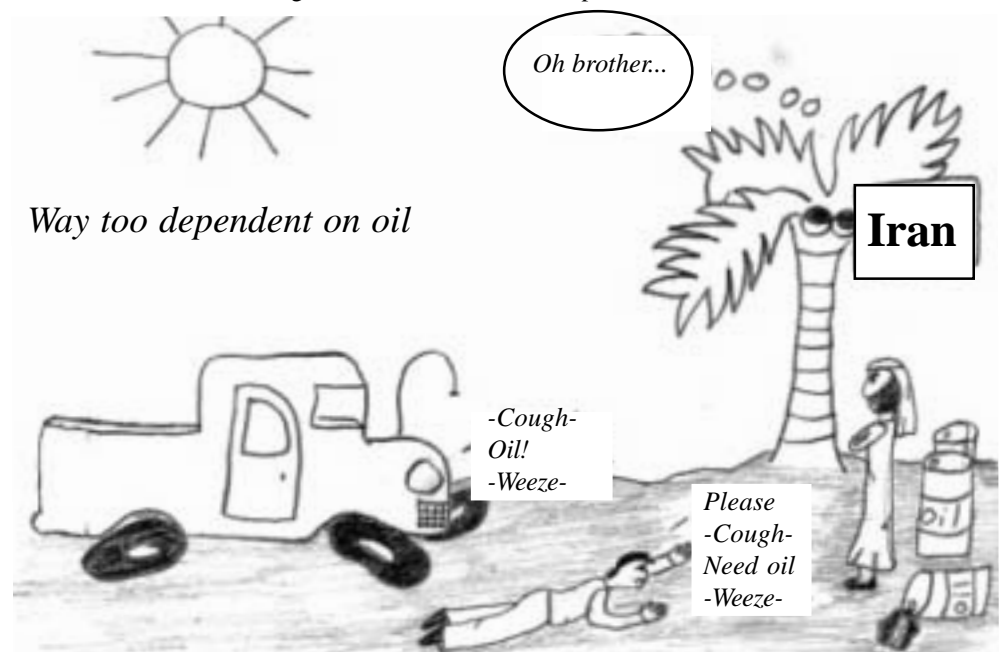
It is clear that we need to do something about this growing threat, but the road to nuclear disarmament doesn't begin in the hands of our U.S. soldiers. It begins in the state department. It's not about defeating Iran or forcing them into submission. We need to encourage peace rather than declare war.

If we absolutely must not let them have nuclear power, then provide them with

further incentives than was given to them in the U.N. proposal. We could provide them with alternatives to nuclear power and the funding to help carry out these other options. Even if they reject our first offers, we must continue to try and negotiate. War should be the last option.

Instead of threatening Iran from their

current path, why don't we extend the banner of goodwill and continue negotiations with them. At the very least, wait to see how they deal with this new found power. Our aggressive attacks and threatening nature is what has gotten us into trouble in the first place. We don't have to decide everything at the tip of a M4 assault rifle.



Cartoon by Sarah Reece

# Seniors enlist in the army now

By John Christie

Little sleep, intense physical training, and lousy food for three months sounds miserable, but this is how two Southeast seniors spent their summer. These were just a few of the experiences of Nic Chapel and Brad Hansen. They left May 21 for Army Boot Camp at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

“The money is nice, but basically I did it for something useful to do,” Chapel said.

The two receive \$647 a month while they are back here at school, even though they aren’t doing training.

The first week after arriving was reception. It was during

that week that they underwent and created up to date medical and dental files. They also had to receive a series of shots.

“It wasn’t like what everyone is used to when it comes to getting shots. Instead of sitting us down and giving us the shots we walked through a line,” Chapel said.

“There were guys that they walked past that were administrating the shots, the first two stood on our right side and gave us the shot on their right arm then we circled around and two more gave us shots in our left arm.”

They also had to get their boots specially fitted. They would stand on a transparent floor where their foot was analyzed and then outfitted with specially fit boots.

The last part of reception is the physical training (PT) test. The PT test included testing for push-ups, sit-ups, running and many other areas of physical fitness.

Chapel and Hansen were awake at 4:30 almost every morning and were in front of their bunks dressed out by 5:30. They then had weapon handout, which

consisted of the sergeant unlocking the gun cabinet and then, in alphabetical order, each recruit grabbed an M-16.

Once their guns were handed out, they had PT, physical training. This was about an hour and half or so long. They would start each day by doing Conditioning Drills (CD) 1 and CD 2 these were just a collection of exercises such as push ups, sit ups, bend and reach and windmill exercises. When they still had time after

their CD’s, they would stretch for awhile. Next they would lightly jog about half of a mile. This was followed by 60 120s where everyone would sprint for 60 seconds then

walk for 120 seconds.

Then they did ARG, (ability run group), where the recruits were broken into A, B, C, and D group and ran 3 miles. A group were those running 15 minutes or less, while B group was 15-17. C group is where Chapel ran most of the summer and they ran between 17-20 minutes. Then finally D group was anyone 20 minutes or more.

“I ran most of the time in C group except for one day when my C group leader told me to move up to B group and then the A group leader yelled at me saying ‘skinny guy get over in A group,’ so that day was miserable running,” said Chapel.

The next thing they did was finally get to eat. Chapel said it was probably the best meal of the day, even though they only had five to ten minutes to eat it.

“Breakfast wasn’t too bad; it was usually pancakes, grits, sausage, eggs and all the fruit you could possibly eat, but we usually spent about 15 minutes trying to get into the chow hall,” Chapel said.

As soon as breakfast was over they would hurry and change from their physical training uniforms to their Army Combat Uniforms (ACU).

They then would do their basic military training which included things such as weapon training and different combat styles and such.

“My favorite part of the whole experience was probably the basic weapons training, which included all of the basic military weapons like the M-16, the 50 cal. machine gun,” Hansen said.

The two returned to Salina on Aug. 14. They will attend their senior year of school at Southeast, and then next summer they leave to advanced individual training. Chapel will train to be a 63B, or a wheeled vehicle mechanic, while Hansen will become an 88-M, heavy equipment operator, or more commonly referred to as truck drivers.



Hansen



Chapel



# Transfers discover benefits of public school

By Chelsi Hemphill

If you had been in public school your entire life, and switched to home schooling suddenly, it may be a nerve racking experience. What if it were the other way around? Sophomores Abbey Wilson, Amy Winship, and Stephanie Frost could tell you all about it. For they have experienced just that.

Around December of last year, sophomore Stephanie Frost switched from home schooling and decided to come to SES. Ever since then, the numbers of students making that same switch has grown. Although Frost hopes she hasn't started a trend, she does enjoy tying the sudden rise in first-time public school students back to herself.

"It does kind of seem like they are all following me. But what can I say? They love me," Frost said.

Frost said she enrolled at SES last

year mostly because she wanted to experience the athletic competition that a public school can offer, mainly in basketball.



Winship

She said that maybe her satisfaction with SES led to other home-schooled students giving it a try.

Sophomore Amy Winship had been home-schooled for almost 12 years when the decision was made for her to come to

SES. She admits she was surprised when her parents told her that she would be coming.

"I had been begging my parents for awhile to let me go, so when they told me that I was, I started getting nervous," Winship said.

Once she stepped through the school doors, though, Winship realized that there wasn't anything to worry about, and she was no longer nervous. She realized that the only really big differences between being home schooled and attending SES was the larger number of people in public school — and more homework.

"The homework was easier in home school because we had a lot of time to do it during the day, and we didn't get lectures from the teachers," Winship said.

The way home school worked for Winship, she would work out of the book, and for history, her mother would choose something to read out loud. In the eighth grade she switched to learning from an online home school curriculum on a computer.

"The work was actually harder for me on the computers than from the workbook because I don't really like computers," Winship said.

In addition to her school work, Winship has also decided to play volleyball.

"I decided to play here at SES because it was really fun when I played on

my home-school team," Winship said.

So far, Winship has been enjoying her time here at SES.

"It's awesome. I've made a lot of really cool friends," Winship said.



Wilson

Sophomore Abbey Wilson had been home-schooled for about nine or 10 years before deciding to come to SES. The decision was made

mainly to further Wilson's education.

"I wanted to join public school because my parents thought I could get a better education for the field that I wanted to go into," Wilson said.

Wilson felt really nervous up until the day before school started because she was afraid that she wouldn't fit in. She soon realized that there wasn't much to be worried about, because for her, there weren't any major differences between being home-schooled and being in a public school.

"My first day here was pretty laid back. It didn't even seem like it was a new thing," Wilson said.

Wilson does see some advantages to attending Southeast; the main thing being deadlines.

"I like having a schedule and knowing what I have to get done. I also like having a deadline so that I don't get behind," she said.

Wilson also plans on playing basketball and possibly participating on the track team.

"I really love basketball, and I may do track just to stay in shape," Wilson said.

As it turns out, both Wilson and Winship knew people at SES before deciding to come. Among those she knew was Frost.

"Before I came to SES, I knew that Stephanie had come here. I figured that if she could do it, then I could too," Winship said.

## Trojournal Calendar

### September

**Sept. 21** NHS meeting

**Sept. 20-21** Parent Teacher Conferences

**Sept. 22** No School

**Sept. 23** Madrigals @ KS City

Renaissance Festival

**Sept. 29** Homecoming

**Sept. 30** Homecoming Dance 8-11:30

### October

**Oct. 4** KS Honors Program

**Oct. 6** Madrigals @ Art Ala Carte

**Oct. 9** After Prom

**Oct. 10** BB/BS Meeting

**Oct. 13** Noon Dismissal

**Oct. 20** Jazz Band @ Art Ala Carte

**Oct. 28** ACT Test date (Note: full list of ACT registration and testing dates can be found in the September issue of the District Newsletter)

# Dr. Bob announces plans to retire at year's end

By Andrew Bauer

After 15 years as superintendent of USD 306, Dr. Bob Goodwin formally announced his plans to retire at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year. Since students at SES have known no other superintendent, this represents a huge change. We sat down with Dr. Bob and discussed his reasons for leaving, his plans for the future, and his years at SES.



**Q. Why did you choose to be called Dr. Bob instead of Dr. Goodwin?**

A. I'm not real formal and I don't mind people calling me by first name as long as I don't feel like it's a put-down. But I feel like if students say "Dr. Bob" that it's a term of endearment. They feel comfortable with it and so do I.

**Q. Why did you become superintendent in the first place?**

A. To me, it's an opportunity to work with a lot of people and a lot of students and try to have a positive influence on kids and staff. Before being a superintendent, I started out as a teacher of social science, I coached, and then became a principal. I was the head

basketball coach and assistant football coach.

**Q. What does SES need to do to stay on the cutting edge of education?**

A. I think the biggest thing we can do is continue to attract excellent staff and also fight real hard to get the legislature to support rural education. In the last few years they've given money to bigger school districts in Salina and Wichita and I think that will end up hurting us in the long run

**Q. What's the toughest problem you think we'll face in the next 10 years?**

A. Probably our biggest problems will stem from whether we'll get bigger or smaller. Right now we take students from outside of the district of SES and I don't know if that will continue or whether we'll get more homes in the district. Potentially this district could get bigger pretty fast but with that we could also get small really quick. So how we grow will determine what problems we might have.

**Q. Have you been planning this retirement for a while?**

A. I've thought about it. Even when you're younger you think about when you'll retire. This year I turn 60; I have a son in Seattle, one in San Francisco, one in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and of course I lost my daughter, and my granddaughter is in Topeka, so I don't have any other family around here. When you get to be my age, you start

thinking what part of you is you and what part is your job. Some people just get so wrapped up in their jobs that they lose their identities. So when you turn 60 you start thinking, should I do this for the rest of my life, or go into something else?

**Q. Do you think you'll go something else? Will it be in the area?**

A. I could take a college professorship someplace or look into working as a presenter at the state department of education, or work even in another school district. I really don't know if I'll still be in the area or not.

**Q. What are some of your favorite memories at SES?**

A. Oh gosh, it's hard to answer that because there's something good that happens every year. Some of my favorite memories are things I've done with the staff, whether it's sitting at cafeteria lunch room tables and talking about students, or talking about our families. My fondest memories are my interactions with teachers, principals, bus drivers, custodians, cooks, office staff, and students.

**Q. Is part of the reason for your retirement so that you can spend more time with Guin?**

A. Yeah, I think so. That's definitely in the back of my mind that I'd like to spend some more time with her.

# Southeast musical cast are totally "Pippin"

By John Christie

The players are chosen and the stage is set for the Southeast of Saline High School musical. The Southeast of Saline Vocal Department will perform Pippin for this year's musical.

Pippin is a comedic musical set in the eighth century in the Holy Roman Empire. The story is of the young prince Pippin (Clinton MacDonald) and his desire to find true happiness. Pippin seeks his happiness in war, love and power, but in the end finds it in a much simpler life.

Some of the other main parts include the Leading Player (Alex Earles), King Charlemagne (Britten O'Banan), Lewis (Ryan Unruh), Fastrada (Meaghan Ryan), Berthe (Chelsie Green) and Chatherine (Miranda Everhart).

The show will be performed Nov. 10 and 11 depending upon the anticipated success of the Southeast football team. If the Trojans make it to the third round of the playoffs, then it will open on Thursday Nov. 9 and resume Saturday night for the final showing.

## The Players

### Leads

Leading Player.....Alex Earles  
 Pippin.....Clinton MacDonald  
 Charles.....Britten O' Banan  
 Lewis.....Ryan Unruh  
 Fastrada.....Meaghan Ryan  
 Berthe.....Chelsie Green  
 Catherine.....Miranda Everhart

### Chorus

Sadie Myers	Layton Everhart
Jessica Ward	Jeremy Ziegler
Kody Lynn	Tony Kirkbride
Chelsie Kincaid	Joy Nielson
Kelsey Colby	Lynnsey Heimer
Taylor Short	Brea Sly
Charley Stabb	Caitlin Conley
Elissa Stein	Kristi Hargadine
Shannon Wilson	Max McClure
Kelsey Brown	Trask Engel
Skyilar Bosco	Rachel Hoeffner

# Crimestoppers offers cash rewards for tips

By Chelsea Thorne

Crimestoppers, an anonymous tip-line that offers cash rewards for tips about crimes that have been committed, has made its way to SES.

“(Crimestoppers) has been around since 2004, but the official kickoff is this year,” advisor Officer Jon Strowig said.

Crimestoppers takes tips from the public and passes them on to local law enforcement officers. If that tip results in an arrest or recovery of stolen property, that person who gave the tip is eligible for a cash reward.

For example, you know that John Smith took Jill Jones’s stereo system out of her car. You could go on the Crimestoppers website and post “John S. took Jill J’s stereo. It is in his room at 555 Some St.” You will get a code from the computer after you submit this information. It is very important that you write down the code that the computer gives you. The code allows you to receive your reward.

“The purpose of the computer-issued code is so that we know

that you are the real tipster and not just somebody who wants the cash. When you go to get your money, you must show your code and tell us the tip that you left,” said a Crimestoppers member.

“They don’t realize that they absolutely need to have that code to get their reward, so they don’t write it down. No code, no cash,” said Strowig.

You can also report a crime in person to Strowig and you will still be eligible for a reward. The reward money comes largely from the SES Foundation and donations citizens make. If any students are interested in joining Crimestoppers, they can talk to Strowig.

Currently, Crimestoppers has one open case. Someone stole a bag containing dance team uniforms. If you have any information about this crime, go to the Crimestoppers website or talk to Strowig. To access the Crimestoppers website, go to the school homepage, click on Classroom Webpages, the click on the School

Resource Officer link, and then click on the CRIMESTOPPERS link.



Resource officer Jon Strowig

# Stuco stages super(hero) Homecoming

By Mathew McGinty

Superheroes in every hallway? Sounds like a scene from a movie, right? Not in this case. With Homecoming fast approaching, SES is being transformed into a page from a comic book.

Given this year Stuco’s superhero theme, this week will be action packed with super spirit activities and decorations. Classes had already chosen their superhero theme last Thursday, choosing how to decorate their hallway. Seminars also get to dress up someone in their seminar as a superhero. Sometime this week winners will be announced. Coronation practice for candidates will be during seminars also.

The voting for Homecoming King and Queen Candidates took place last week. The candidates for the senior guys are Bryson Flax, Nick Hardesty, Ethan Komp, Ryan Unruh, and Kent Windholz. The queen candidates are Kelsey Brown, Kelsey Colby, Miranda Everhart, Gracia Johnson and Meaghan Ryan.

At 6:30 p.m. Friday Sept. 29, the coronation ceremony will begin and the “hero” and “heroine” will be crowned. The royalty will be wearing robes fashioned by Stuco, going along with the superhero theme. This year’s football bearer will be Isaiah Johnson following crown bearer Laura Peterson. At 7:00 p.m. the SES football team will be taking

on TMP-Marion for the Homecoming game.

Don’t forget the homecoming dance on Saturday Sept. 30, located in the upper

gymnasium from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. There will be a five dollar cover charge. At the dance, there will be non-alcoholic drinks provided on a table along the wall.



The Homecoming candidates--Ryan Unruh, Kent Windholz, Ethan Komp, Nick Hardesty, Bryson Flax, Gracia Johnson, Kelsey Brown, Meaghan Ryan, Miranda Everhart, and Kelsey Colby--were announced last week. The student body will vote Sept. 29 for the King and Queen. (Photo by Sadie Myers)



# Fun with Krisanna and Jena



Football-Themed Cryptogram

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
3	2	4	5	1	7	11	20	24	9	13	19	10	8	6	14	16	18	17	12	15	21	23	26	25	22

12 6 11 1 12 20 1 18 4 19 24 10 2 24 8 11

3 8 6 12 20 1 18 10 6 15 8 12 3 24 8

## Sudoku Puzzle

	8	3			9	7		
			6				2	
				1	7			
9					6	4		3
	6	2				8	1	
3		8	1					2
			9	7				
	3				8			
		1	3			9	6	

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. You cannot repeat any number in any row, column or box.

Cryptogram: Together Climbing Another Mountain

## Creative Corner... Poem by Chloe Seim



The rain beats down so harshly.  
The thunder is so powerful.  
The lightning is startling,  
And its reason is not doubtful.

The lightning pierces the sky,  
And gives it light.  
The rain replenishes the Earth,  
And brings it to life.  
Peace is brought by this storm,  
We feel in our hearts,  
Its eternal warmth.

You feel the raindrops on your skin.  
You know the love this storm sends.  
The thunder is like a lullaby,  
It lets our dreams freely fly.

Thunderstorms are misleading,  
Their appearance is deceiving.  
But if you listen,  
You will see,

That this weather can bring you  
peace.

## FFA kicks off year with dodgeball competition

By Gracia Johnson

“FFA, or the highway. Don’t get left in the dust.” That’s what this year’s FFA council chose for their motto at the officer’s retreat on Aug. 19. The new officers for this year are President Brent Sweany, Vice President Charlie Staab, Reporter Bria Sweany, Secretary Chelsea Weaver, Treasurer Tyler Herrington, and Sentinel Taylor Short.

The new FFA council decided to kick off the year with a dodge ball tournament which included seven games of different types of dodge ball on Aug. 24. Fifteen people plus four of the officers showed up for night filled with food and games.

FFA also took six members to the State fair on Sept. 12 including Amanda Wilson, Becky LaShell, Brant Weaver, Zach Short, Bria Sweany, Kevin Moyer, and Ryan Hahn.

On the agenda for the rest of year, FFA has planned a Halloween Party, National FFA convention, their annual open house and much more.

## FCA gains new student leadership

By Gracia Johnson

“Forecast in Heaven: Reign Forever.” We all see the posters around the halls, but do we know what they advertise? Those who know that they promote FCA may still wonder what that group is that meets in Mr. Krehbiel’s room before school every other week and who puts up those posters.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a group that meets to study the Bible and to learn more about God. Some people might call it a Bible study.

They started the year with their first meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 22. However, normally FCA will meet every other Wednesday.

President Gracia Johnson has decided to take a new direction by

having other members of FCA lead the some meetings to get them more involved. For example, the next meeting will be led by Andrea Everhart.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12, FCA sponsored See You at The Pole (SYTP). SYTP is held at 7 a.m. by the flag pole at schools nationwide. Students meet to pray for their schools, state, and country. FCA provided doughnuts and orange juice to all who were in attendance.

To get involved with FCA, look for posters that will be placed, by Andrea Everhart, around the halls a few days before the meetings for the details.

“We welcome anyone who wants to come,” Krehbiel said.

## Traveling singers step back in time at Renaissance Festival

By Max McClure

Let’s face it. You’ve got to be a man to wear tights.

The Madrigal men will show their masculinity and the women will dress as 15<sup>th</sup> century ladies at the Renaissance festival in Kansas City on Sept. 23.

“I really liked the atmosphere at the festival. You’re dressed up, and you have to act the part. It feels different,” said senior Zach

Bradrick, who sang with the Madrigals last year.

Madrigal director Mr. Bill Tuzicka said that part of the atmosphere are the rules.

“We have a list of rules. We are supposed to create the illusion of the public back in the Renaissance. For example, we don’t drink out of plastic cups. We bring ceramic cups for drinks and we can’t mention anything that’s modern technology,” he said.

Another part of the atmosphere is the people.

“There are about 150 players that come every week. Some look like street urchins that are basically dressed in enough to cover their bodies (and others are dressed like the) aristocracy — like the king who has silver and gold jewelry,” Tuzicka said.

The Madrigals are fit into the story as traveling singers. They will have four performances for which they have prepared about 15 Renaissance-style songs. This isn’t the first time the Madrigals have gone; this year will mark the Madrigals 25 year in a row.

“I bring them back because choral music began in the Renaissance. It just makes sense to start at the beginning. So if we have a good basis, it makes the new songs easier,” Tuzicka said.

The Renaissance festival isn’t only in Kansas; festivals are all over the United States. Even though the SES Madrigal Singers perform only on Sept. 23, the festival won’t be over when they leave. It goes from Labor Day to the second week of October, totaling four weeks.

The Madrigals sopranos are Meaghan Ryan, Sadie Myers, Elissa Stein, Kassie Beth, Chelsey Kincaid, Miranda Everhart and Linsey Bolte. The altos are Shannon Wilson, Katie Waddle, Skylar Bosco, Jessica Ward, Rachel Hoeffner and Kelsey Colby. The tenors are Greg Peterson, Ethan Komp, Kelsey Brown, Kody Lynn and Britten O’Banan. The basses are Max McClure, Layton Everhart, Zach Bradrick, Clinton MacDonald, Alex Earles and Chris Shields.



Clinton MacDonald and Chris Shields perform at the 2005 Renaissance Festival. The Madrigals travel to KC every year in September. (Photo by John Christie)

# Par-Law team strikes gold in Nashville

By Jena Sauber

While many people equate Nashville with country music, seven SES students were there for an entirely different purpose. Elissa Stein, Shannon Wilson, Brent Sweaney, Chelsie Green, Sadie Myers, Cierha Berry, RanDee Platt and advisor Mrs. Juanelle Garretson attended the 2006 National FCCLA Convention in Nashville, Tenn. July 7-12.

The SES Chapter was represented by the Sr. Par-Law Team, consisting of Stein, Wilson, Sweaney, Green and Myers. They earned a gold medal, scoring in the 90's on a 100-point scale.

Other SES participants included RanDee Platt, State VP of Recognition; Cierha Berry and Elissa Stein, State Community Service Peer Education; and Platt, Berry and Mrs. Garretson, judging STAR events.

Besides competing, the group attended general and youth leadership track sessions, participated in the FCCLA National Relay for Life event, including a meal and dance Gala for the participants and a tour of Nashville. This tour included a visit to the County Music Hall of Fame.

"(FCCLA Nationals) is a tremendous opportunity to get to travel with Southeast students, it's great," Garretson said. "Everyone played an important part in the event."

In other summer FCCLA business, State Officer Platt attended Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) training. Platt and Wilson also conducted a lock-in for area members and Platt

presented at the State KATFACS (Kansas Chapter Association of Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences) Conference.

When the 2006-2007 school year began, the Chapter Officer team created the year's theme "FCCLA Hollywood Boulevard" to help plan Chapter events. The annual membership party was on Aug. 30. This star-studded night included a pizza and game party with the SES Chapter officers leading the group in "FCCLA Hollywood Squares."

"We were very pleased with the attendance of the party. The theme went over pretty well too. Overall, I think people enjoyed it," Garretson said.

On Sept. 6, the Southeast of Saline Chapter Officer team of Alex Earles, Elissa Stein, Miranda Everhart, Andrea Everhart, Trell Peterson, Caitlin Conely and Jena Sauber attended the District Leadership Workshop in Lyons. The day included team-building rope courses and activities.

Coming events for FCCLA at Southeast of Saline include selling Glamour Magic

Photo Shoots in October, baking and selling pies for Prairie Patch Craft Show in Nov. and the Live Out Loud Cluster Conference in St. Louis. Cluster is a weekend camp designed to give members a "mini-Nationals" feel and is recommended for freshmen or new FCCLA members. The 20 people selected to attend were chosen from applications that were due last week.



The Senior Par-Law team stands in front of the Country Music Hall of Fame. The team earned a gold at the National FCCLA Convention in Nashville. (Photo by Juanelle Garretson)

# NHS selects 17 new members to join ranks

By Gracia Johnson

Service. Leadership. Character. GPA.. These are all attributes NHS selection committee took into consideration in choosing this year's new members.

The selection committee is made up of different teachers who after careful deliberation chose students who they thought had the potential to do great things in NHS. To be in NHS, a student has to show service to their community, have leadership potential, good character, and at least a 3.5 GPA for sophomores and a 3.3 for juniors and seniors.

The new members are sophomores Caitlin Conley, Trask Engel, Layton Everhart,

Stephanie Gantt, Max McClure, Kristi Hargadine, Rachel Pantle, Thomas Patry, Greg Peterson, Trell Peterson, Zachary Short, Caitlin Weber, juniors, Cierha Berry, Chelsie Green, Carlie Krager, Brittany Obermeyer, and senior Doug Beaton.

Current junior members Kelcy Berry, Amanda Harding, John Henry, Cole Lilly, Mitchell Mugler, Sadie Myers, Shayla Seim, Ozzy Smith, Corey Srna, Elissa Stein, Brent Sweaney, Shannon Wilson, Jeremy Ziegler, and seniors Andrew Bauer, Linsey Bolte, Brittani Butler, John Christie, Dan Clifford, Kelsey Colby, Katelyn Cyphers, Alex Earles, Andrea Everhart, Miranda Everhart, Bryson

Flax, Nick Hardesty, Gary Hemmy, Gracia Johnson, Chelsey Kincaid, Ethan Komp, Clinton MacDonald, Cody Melander, Joel Pengra, RanDee Platt, Christina Platter, Aaron Plymell, Clint Spiller, Ross Terry, James Viar and Kent Windholz.

The officers for NHS are President Miranda Everhart, Vice President Gracia Johnson, Secretary Kent Windholz, and P.R. Andrea Everhart.

The first meeting for all NHS members will be on Sept. 20. They will be discussing the projects planned for this year including what to do for Make a Difference Day and the Salvation Army Christmas project.

# Breese boasts Bandmasters' annual award

By Andrew Bauer

Some say the key to the success of a band program is many thankless hours of work behind the scenes to make improvements. However, for Southeast of Saline director Quentin Breese, those hours were not forgotten when he was honored July 14 with the Kansas Bandmasters Association's award for Outstanding Young Director of the Year.

In order to win this award, a band director must first be nominated by five other directors that have been teaching for seven years. Breese was nominated by former Salina South director Randy Filmore, Wesleyan di-

rector William McMosley, K-State director Frank Trace, Marysville director David Wiggins and Lakewood Middle School director Gale McMillan. Breese was one of two directors given the honor at the KBA's annual convention in Wichita. The other recipient was Erica Lindberg of Goddard Public Schools.

Breese's accomplishments at SES and at Decatur Community Schools were noted in gaining this award. Under his leadership, the band received a superior rating at the Rocky Mountain music festival, and an increasing number of students have also been receiving admittance to the KMEA district

honor band and state bands.

Also the number of students in the SES band has increased from approximately 20 when Breese arrived to SES five years ago.

Breese also teaches at Kansas Wesleyan University where he has a brass studio and has initiated a Brass Quintet and Brass Ensemble.

He is a member of KBA, KMEA, MENC, ITG and USA. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education and Trumpet Performance from Bethany College in 2000 and his Masters of Education from Wichita State University in 2005 where he is currently working on his PhD.



The Southeast of Saline Marching Band, conducted by Quentin Breese, performs at halftime during the Russell game. The band performs for pre-game and halftime for all football games. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

## Marching band replaces "shimmy and shake"

By Andrew Bauer

The *Electric Slide*, a staple for nearly all Southeast of Saline home football games, will be taking a back seat to the big kids this year. Instead of the usual stampede of children taking the field to "shimmy and shake," the halftime turf will be owned by the Trojan marching band to display its newly acquired talents with a field show.

"I like the idea of a marching show," said director, Quentin Breese. "It's another venue to showcase the kids' talents."

Band members participated in a two-day marching camp with Marysville director, David Wiggins, as a clinician. Battling the summer heat, those who attended learned everything from proper marching technique to actual sets in the show, all under the instruction of Wiggins.

"Wiggins was insane," said Katie Waddle. "If ever there was a die-hard band geek, it'd be him."

Although several 4A-6A schools in Kansas have marching bands, they are a rar-

ity in 3A. Last year SES saw only one other band play someplace other than their stands at football games. Breese hopes to contradict the notion that marching bands are only for big schools.

"I think us having a marching show speaks a lot for the kind of students we have here and the community support for the program," said Breese. "It's a bit tougher for us to do it (than bigger schools) though, there are definitely some challenges that come with it."

One of those challenges involves Breese's experience. In college and high school, his marching experience was limited entirely to one performance.

"I've marched once," Breese said. "It was in the Masonic Band at the Shriner Bowl my junior year in high school, but that's about it."

Overcoming this obstacle took lots of time consulting with fellow conductors and current students.

"I've been asking for a lot of help from local high school and college directors," said Breese. "I've also been picking the brains of a few students we have that have a bit more marching experience than I do to see how to do things."

As the year progresses, more songs and marching sets will be added to the show. The drumline will also gain an opportunity to display its talents and progress since last year. To do this, a percussion feature will be slowly phased into the show.

"The percussion feature is a lot tougher this year, but it's awesome," Jake Matthews, a snare on the drumline, said. "We're playing some real tricky stuff."

The band is also being joined by a group of eighth graders in the newly formed color guard. Other junior high students may potentially perform with the band by playing pit percussion instruments on the sideline.

# Spring athletes seize all-state honors

By Max McClure

Disappointment concluded the seasons for last year's baseball and softball teams.

"We lost in the regional quarterfinal to Wichita Independent 6-2 and finished the season 15-4," coach Mike Garretson said.

Although the team didn't make it to state, Travis Sheets and Tim Nicholson earned all-state honors. Joel Pengra, Mitchell Mugler, Nicholson, Sheets, and Nick Hardesty made the all-league team.

The softball team also lost in the regional quarterfinal to Sacred Heart. They went 12-11. All-league players were Kylee Anderson, Ashley Petitjean, Elissa Stein, and Cassie Schlesener.

State track competitors on the girls' side were Kelsey Colby, Holly Henry, Sadie Roesner, Shayla Seim, Jessica Ward, Brandi Pounds, and Brooke Kent.

Kent won the triple-jump, placed second in the 100-meter dash, and fifth in the long jump. The girls' 4x100m relay (Ward, Pounds, Henry, and Kent) placed

second. Roesner placed ninth in the 1600m. The girls' overall were fifth in the state.

On the guys' side, qualifiers were James Hemphill, Clinton MacDonald, Ethan Komp, Chris Weller, Tony Kirkbride, and Max McClure.

MacDonald won the 800m and was also second in the 1600m. The 4x400m relay was disqualified in the finals. Max McClure placed eighth in the 3200m. The guys' were 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the state.



1. Kelsey Colby runs the first leg of the 4x800 relay for the girls team at the State 3A track meet. They recieved a 4th place medal.(Photo by Sadie Myers)

2. Mitchell Mugler pitches in the last regular season game against Russell at SES. The Trojans won both games against the Broncos. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

3. Carissa Kruse keeps her eye on the ball at the softball game against Clay Center. The Trojans lost both games in the double header. (Photo By Skylar Nosker)

# Hardesty accepts the role as QB

By Skylar Nosker

"Schropp was great, but he's no Nick Hardesty."

This saying is what some students and players jokingly respond when you ask them to compare Hardesty to Justin Schropp.

Hardesty has the daunting task of replacing a quarterback who had a total of 3,954 yards and 47 touchdowns and led the team to its first state championship. However, Hardesty feels optimistic about the challenge.

"I feel a little bit of pressure. He was a great quarterback, (but) I've been pretty excited to play quarterback for a long time, so that took some pressure off," Hardesty said.

Hardesty has experience dealing with the pressure of playing quarterback. He played in junior high and on junior varsity his freshman and sophomore year. In fact, he has only lost one game as quarterback, since eighth grade.

Schropp ran for 1,757 yards last year by juking past players and avoiding tackles. Hardesty, on the other hand, gained yard by plowing through tackles.

"I'm probably not as shifty as Schropp," said Hardesty. "I'm more of make-one-move-and-run (quarterback)."

Coach Pat Haxton had high praise for Hardesty's style and ability, though.

"(He's) Tremendous. He's very, very good. He does everything well. He's a leader, throws well and runs the ball well and is a great student of the game," said Haxton.

His running style gave him 614 yards last

season. The switch to quarterback, however, might end up giving him more rushing yards.

"Actually, running-wise, it's better because it opens up for more options," Hardesty said.

In fact, Hardesty has run for 480 yards already this season and thrown for 204 more. But some of the challenges for a quarterback are read-



Senior quarterback Nick Hardesty runs the ball against Republic County on Sept. 1. He has run for 480 yards and thrown for 204 yards. (Photo by Sadie Myers).

ing the defense and learning the playbook. Hardesty's starting to understand both.

"We put some new stuff in (the playbook)," said Hardesty. "I'm starting to see stuff better with each practice."

Hardesty first start as varsity quarterback was on Sept. 1 against Republic County. It was a bit of a learning experience as he threw four inter-

ceptions and only one touchdown. He said he had a real struggle with some things.

"I made some bad choices, some bad mistakes," said Hardesty.

Coach Haxton attributed the miscues to inexperience.

"The Republic County game was a learning experience. He hadn't been a starter in two years," said Haxton. "He sat down and watched film to understand what we want from our passing game. But Nick ran the ball and executed the running game very, very well against Republic County."

Haxton likes how his quarterback is coming along.

"He's coming along very well. He had tremendous improvement from week one to week two," Haxton said.

I learned to relax — mostly just mentally," said Hardesty. "I learned that if I make a mistake to forget about it."

Hardesty has led the Trojans to a 2-0 record so far this year. One of the biggest achievements that Schropp had was winning a state championship. Hardesty now has the opportunity to lead this team to the promised land one more time, and he's settling for nothing less.

"It'll be nice to get (individual) awards, but I would rather win state," he said.

So what does Hardesty feel he needs to do to get this team back to State?

"I have to be a good leader on and off the field," said Hardesty.

# Transfer says back problems are the Puetz

By Chelsea Thorne

When you break your back, you tend to heed your physician's advice on playing sports. But Nick Puetz (pronounced "Pits"), a new student at Southeast who broke his back his freshman year playing football, chose to listen selectively and is playing again.

"I turned to catch the ball from my kick return position, and I got hit in the lower back by my opponent's helmet," said Puetz.

This injury put Puetz on the sidelines for the rest of the season.

"I was going to be the starting right guard, so I got really restless just sitting on the sidelines watching my team instead of playing right along with them," said Puetz.

Puetz said he was glad that Sacred Heart went on to have a decent season (5-4) without him. To help his back heal, and so he could play football again, Puetz wore a back brace for nine months, and he underwent physical therapy.

"(My physical therapist) gave me some stretches that would help strengthen my back again. It wasn't really hard; they were just time consuming," said Puetz.

Since he couldn't participate in any sports, Puetz focused on his hobbies -- video and computer games. His favorites include Halo and World of Warcraft. While at home, Puetz played Madden

Football so much he made the top 1,000 players.

"It was a really cool feeling to know that I was in that top 1,000. There are a lot of really good players out there, so it felt good to be in the ranks with them," said Puetz.

As for playing football again, his doctor warned him that he has the chance of being seriously injured again and that he should be careful when playing any physical sport.

"My doctor said that I have a bigger chance of injuring my back again now that I have broken it," said Puetz.

Today, however, there are no lasting effects of his fracture, except that if he slouches in his seat for too long, his back will start to give him problems.

"I have to stretch it out really good before and after football," said Puetz.

The stretching routine would've been the same if Puetz had stayed at SH or came to SES, but he and his parents decided it was time for a change in environment

Puetz had thought about moving from SH to SES the previous year, and his parents had mentioned it; but nothing ever came out of it. This year, though, he transferred. He said that he and his family had heard about Southeast's excellent reputation from friends and from his step-brother Nick Hardesty as he talked about school.

"I love it. It is so much better. The teachers and coaches are wonderful. Everyone is more laid back than at Sacred Heart," said Puetz.



Nick Puetz and Taylor Haxton stand together after football practice. The 6' 3" right guard recently transferred to SES. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

# MacDonald defeated after record-breaking run

By Klint Spiller

When the boys cross country team stepped onto the starting line, they had one goal: win their home meet's team title. Though the race did not unfold as many of the runners had hoped, the team accomplished their goal.

On the guys' side, the Trojan men won the title with a score of 73 points, defeating eighth ranked 4A team Clay Center (91 points) and number one ranked 2A team Sterling (99 points).

The boys were led by senior Clinton MacDonald's second place performance. MacDonald, who covered the 5K course in a time of 16:21, ran a time that would have set the all-time course record if it wasn't for Sterling's Kaleb Humphreys' run, who took the gold in a time of 16:16.

"I really wanted to come in and just destroy that record," MacDonald said. "But that record doesn't matter if you get beat."

Sophomore Max McClure finished in 15<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 18:02. Running the fastest race of his career, sophomore Trask Engel came across the line in a time of 18:06 earning 17<sup>th</sup> place.

Dying in the final stretch, senior Klint Spiller finished 18<sup>th</sup> in a time of 18:11.

Senior Andrew Bauer rounded out the boys' performance, placing 21<sup>st</sup> in a time of 18:34.

"A lot of guys were really disappointed with their races, but we really packed together and pushed each other to finish high," Engel said.

On the girls' side, the lady Trojans placed 9<sup>th</sup> with a score of 223.

Sophomore Sadie Roesner, the meet's defending champion, was the top female finisher. Unable to match her finish from last year, Roesner finished third in a time of 15:54 on the 4K course.

"I just keep thinking about Kelsey Colby's saying while I'm running, 'the quicker I get done, the quicker I'm done.' That's what keeps us (the team) going," Roesner said.

Senior Kelsey Colby finished in 25<sup>th</sup> place, running in a time of 17:36. Freshman Jena Sauber finished as the third runner, placing 67<sup>th</sup> in a time of 19:57.

Junior Joy Nielsen edged senior Meaghan Ryan to place 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup>, covering the course in a time of 20:08 and 20:09.

"I think everyone was a lot more focused than we have been lately and our intensity level was a lot higher because we were at home," Colby said.

Southeast will head to Lyons next on Tuesday, Sept. 26. The race will begin at 4:30 p.m.



Clinton MacDonald leads the pack of runners at the Abilene meet on Aug. 31. MacDonald won the meet with a time of 16:26. (Photo courtesy of Joe Ryan)

# Volleyball looks to improve at Beloit

By Chelsi Hemphill

The SES volleyball team started off the season a bit rough, and it seems as though the roughness has stuck with them in recent games.

Last night at Minneapolis, the Lady Lions roared past the Trojans with scores of 25-10, 25-10, 25-15, and 25-20.

The Lady Trojans improved their showing in the last two matches but were unable to pull off the win.

With the Varsity team record currently sitting at 2-12, the girls are feeling a little bit disappointed with their performances.

"I'm dissapointed at how we played the first game. We can play so much better than that. We played pitiful the first match; it's ridiculous," said senior Kelsey Brown.

The Junior Varsity team record currently stands at 2-11; the girls' most recent loss was against Minneapolis on Sept. 19.

"Minneapolis was a tough opponent, and even though we lost, I'm just glad that we didn't give up," said sophomore Caitlin Conley.

The C team girls have had the most wins of the three SES teams with a current record of 4-8. In their games against Minneapolis, the C team had one win and one loss.

"I didn't like the first game we played, but the last game was pretty sweet because we actually won as a team," said freshman Mandy Shields.

The girls are hoping to come back with wins for the rest of the season.

"We're going to build our confidence and work on not giving up, even when things are hard," said sophomore Kaley Rodriguez.

The girls' next game is on Sept. 26 at Beloit.



Junior Shayla Seim prepares to spike the ball at the Southeast of Saline Invitational. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

# Trojans extend streak to 16

By Skylar Nosker

The Trojan offense ran all over Steve Fritz Field with 422 rushing yards on their way to a 40-8 victory against the Centralia Panthers, advancing the Trojans to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in league.

Senior quarterback Nick Hardesty was one yard shy of 300 total yards, rushing for 271 on 26 carries and four touchdowns. He also went 3-for-10 passing for 38 yards and a touchdown.

"My line blocked really well. Cody (Melander) did a good job letting people know what to do," said Hardesty. "My receivers blocked well."

Melander says they're doing what they have to do.

"It feels pretty good but, that's our job. We just got to get the job done," said Melander. "We have a lot of games left. We'll just try to keep it going."

Coach Pat Haxton agreed.

"(The game) was blocked really well. It was the best blocking we've had in a long time, maybe ever," Coach Pat Haxton said. "Kent Windholz also ran the ball really well to help open up Nick."

Hardesty also made plays on the defensive side, leading the team in tackles, 11, and caught an interception from Panther quarterback Bryan Burdick.

Seniors Kent Windholz and Doug Beaton contributed to the running game. Windholz had 13 carries for 92 yards, and Beaton had two carries for 47 yards and a touchdown. Beaton's touchdown run was a 38-yard reverse that caught the Panthers'



Senior Kent Windholz runs the ball against Centralia on Sept. 15. The Trojans won the game 40-8 to extend their winning streak to 16 games. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

defense off guard, and their secondary was unable to bring him down.

"They hadn't seen it before. It was blocked really well at the line of scrimmage, and Doug ran the ball really well," said Haxton.

The Trojans went on top first with a 19-yard touchdown pass from Hardesty to senior Bryson Flax with 10 minutes left in the second quarter. Beaton's 38-yard run put the Trojans on top 12-0.

Panthers' senior halfback Kent Burdick scored with 6:50 left in the half with a 58-yard touchdown run making the score 12-8. But the Trojans countered right before the half with a three-yard run by Hardesty to make it 18-8.

Hardesty, in the third quarter, scored on a one-yard run and a five-yard scamper to expand the lead to 32-8.

The final touchdown of the game was a 27-yard run by Hardesty with 9:49 left in the fourth.

The win is the 16th straight victory for the Trojans, dating back to Sept. 2 last year when they lost the season opener to Beloit.

The Trojans will travel to Beloit tomorrow. The Trojans lone loss last year was to their Trojan foes. The game even has more meaning because Beloit is only one game behind the Trojans in the chase for the league championship.

"It's as crucial as any of them. It's a league game. You can't afford to lose a game in our league," Haxton said.

Beloit has put on an offensive show the last two weeks, beating Sacred Heart, 52-44 and Minneapolis, 50-14, after losing to Russell 28-12 in week one. The defending league champs are 2-1 in league play so far and will hope to get a win over Southeast. The SES Trojans, however, are looking for redemption.

"We are pretty fired up already. After the (Centralia) game, we were talking about how we can get revenge against Beloit," Hardesty said.

Haxton said the team would have to play well to continue the winning streak.

"We've got to play better. I have to be more focused; the team has to be more focused," said Haxton. "It's week four, not week one. Last year in week one they would give us stuff that we weren't able to adjust to yet. Now I don't think they can give us anything we aren't prepared for."

The game will kickoff tomorrow at 7:00 in Beloit.

## Sports Box

By Sadie Myers

### Football

Sept. 1	Republic Co.	16-0	W
Sept. 8	Russell	46-6	W
Sept. 15	Centraila	40-8	W

### Upcoming Games:

Sept. 22	@Beloit
Sept. 29	TMP-Marion (Homecoming)

Oct. 6 @ Minneapolis

**Record 3-0**

### 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

### Upcoming Games:

Sept. 26	@ Beloit
Sept. 30	@ Concordia Inv. Trny.

Oct. 10 @ Ellsworth

**Record 2-12**

### Cross Country

#### Boys:

Aug. 31	Abilene	2nd
Sept. 7	Hesston	2nd
Sept. 14	Clay Center	1st
Sept. 19	SES Inv.	1st

#### Girls:

Aug. 31	Abilene	5th
Sept. 7	Hesston	14th
Sept. 14	Clay Center	7th
Sept. 19	SES Inv.	9th

### Upcoming events:

Sept. 26	Lyons
Oct. 7	Riley County Inv.
Oct. 12	League @ Downs

# Student lounge undergoes “extreme makeover”

By Sadie Myers

It's been said that change is inevitable, and this is also true for the SES high school student lounge. The SES Student Council (Stuco) has been working since last year on giving the lounge an “extreme makeover.”

The makeover resulted in a lounge with newly-laid tile, a high table with bar stools, and more seating. The project started with last year's Stuco president and vice-president, Chelsey Mueller and Kelsey Losey.

“It was originally suggested as a part of last year's “Extreme Stuco” theme. I think it is going to turn out better than we originally intended, though. (The lounge is) aesthetically pleasing,” Stuco advisor Terry Anderson said.

The Student Council applied with the Youth Grant Makers Council (YGMC) last April and received \$300. They held several meetings over the summer to get everything together—choosing furniture, composing a budget and making floor plans.

“There was quite a bit of behind-the-scenes work to get the school board approval, funding, and to choose each item. Mr. Anderson, Sadie (Myers), the Student Council, janitors and I all put in a lot of work,” Stuco president Alex Earles said.

At the June school board meeting, the Stuco Executive Council made a presentation to the board. Stuco received \$2,500 to supply the lounge with furniture and other accessories.

“The meeting with the board went very well. We told them the lounge wasn't attrac-

tive to visitors coming to school events and it was definitely time for a change,” Stuco secretary Gracia Johnson said.

The money from the board and the YGMC was mostly spent on the new furniture in the lounge. A total of approximately \$2,200 has been spent on new benches, tile, bar stools and a high table made by Leroy Douglas. The new add-ons have garnered mostly positive comments from students, patrons and staff.

“Overall, the teachers are very pleased. The only concern is whether or not the students will treat it well. But the students had input, so maybe they will take better care of it,” Anderson said.

Aaron Appleby, a senior who utilizes the lounge agrees that the lounge is better, but has room for improvement.

“The benches and table are good additions, but we need something we can relax on like a wrap-around couch. We could also use a better CD player or a microwave,” Appleby said.

Earles believes the new additions to the senior lounge have benefited and will benefit our school's appearance.

“The lounge is the first thing that visitors see and it looks much better. We accomplished our goals of improving the look of the entryway and added extra seating,” Earles said.



The newly renovated student lounge was done with the help of Stuco members, janitors, and Leroy Douglas. It was funded by the Youth Grant Makers Council and the school board. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

# ‘Invisible Dragon’ to premiere at Fall Festival

By Krisanna Graham

For the first time ever, the drama department will be performing a one-act play at the Gypsum Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 14. The play is called “The Invisible Dragon”.

“The Invisible Dragon” is a children's play about what makes people happy. The main characters are the princess, king, queen, prince, story teller and stage manager. Auditions were held on Sept. 5-6 after school.

SES graduate Amy Scanlan asked drama teacher Terry Anderson to do a play for the festival. Anderson stated that he had never thought to do it before because no one had ever asked him.

Although a first for Gypsum, this play

is not new to the drama class. “I had done it before and wanted to do better,” Anderson said when asked why he chose “The Invisible Dragon.”

Anderson says the drama department had performed the play in 2002 and everyone forgot their lines.

The play will be performed in the city building at 12:30 or 1 p.m. It does not cost anything to watch, but there will be free-will donation. Anderson, who is volunteering his services, is holding this play purely for the benefit of his student actors.

“I love the kids in the drama department. If I hated them, I wouldn't be doing it,” Anderson said.

Members of the cast include: Cierha

Berry, Alex Earles, Lynnsey Heimer, Shannon Wilson, Brent Sweany, Bria Sweany, Shelby Meyer, Desiree Herring, Camden Garretson, Aaron Breault, Becky LaShell, Shelby Shaw, Joel Prater and Amanda Wilson.

SES will also be represented by the Madrigals, jazz and marching band and the Drill Team. Mr. Bill Tuzicka anticipates that the Madrigals will be performing somewhere between 7:30 and 8 p.m. Mr. Quentin Breese will be leading the Drill Team and marching band in the parade and the jazz band will play in the gazebo.

The Madrigals and band will also perform at the Assaria Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 7.