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*SES science instructor, Mrs. Peshia Ptacek pushes junior Trell Peterson around a box of Kleenex while participating in the “Food Drive Race” on Jan. 28. The race was part of the pep rally that kicked off the Food Drive competition between seminars to see who could bring the most items for the Salina Food Bank. For more on the story see page 12. (Photo by Sadie Myers)*

# Around The Halls

## What steps do you take to improve the environment?



*Tiffany Cleveland-Fr.*  
 “I recycle cans and Dillions bags.”



*Chloe Siem- Soph.*  
 “I recycle, buy some recycled clothes, and turn off all electric appliances not in use.”



*Devin Wilcox- Sr.*  
 “I don’t pour oil on the ground.”



*Bill Gies- Staff*  
 “I carpool whenever I can and recycle newspapers and pop cans.”



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## SES oils up green-machine

By Sadie Myers

Green is the new black. Celebrities, major U.S. cities, and yes, even Southeast of Saline is hopping on the earth-friendly bandwagon, trying to make our world a better place. This movement aimed at decreasing the startling amount of waste that America produces (see “The U.S. uses”).

Last month, the Leadership 101 class started a recycling program in the high school to put a dent in paper we waste. They distributed boxes to each classroom to start the recycling of white paper that our school usually throws away.

The Leadership class should be congratulated for their effort in trying to make the school, and our world, a better place; but what these students didn’t mention is the other two R’s of the green message: Reduce and Reuse. The three R’s (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) can play an important part in making more environmental advances.

It is important to remember that we can help diminish waste not only by recycling paper, but also by reducing the amount of items we are consuming and reusing those things that do end up in our shopping carts.

Where can we start? The answer is simple. If you haven’t gone through Mr. Anderson’s English 11 course, read on because Henry David Thoreau has some green wisdom to share.

Thoreau was a published writer and transcendentalist in the mid 1800’s. He wrote one of his most famous pieces while living in the woods by Walden Pond. He spent two years living in a cabin to learn about the life at Walden, then wrote about his experiences.

Mr. Baird may disagree, but Thoreau had some order to his madness: “Simplify,” he says, and also explains “our life is frittered away by detail,” and we can still relate to his words now. Think about it. How many pairs of jeans do you

have? How many different cups in the cupboard? How many cars sitting in the pasture? By simplifying, simplifying, simplifying our lives, we can reduce the amount of waste we create. Here are some methods you can use:

- Take a reusable grocery bag to the store (only .99 at Wal-Mart; see “The U.S. uses” to the right)
- Buy items used often in bulk
- Use real silverware, cups and plates
- Find a mug you can put your coffee in, rather than paper cups (see “The U.S. uses”)

The next stage in producing a well-run green machine is reusing. Reusing items will help our environment by preserving the initial energy it took to make the item, keeping those things out of the trash system, and not to mention, saving money on disposal costs. In school, things like printing double sided, using the projectors and buying recycled paper could help with wasted paper. There are other items you can reuse:

- Use a rag instead of paper towels
- Wash and reuse Ziploc bags
- Newspaper is good for cleaning windows and wrapping presents
- Share magazines with your favorite waiting room
- Squeeze as much juice as you can out of that old vehicle, rather than letting it sit.

These are just a few things you can do to help control the amount of waste we produce. If we spend more time concentrating on the first two R’s, then we won’t have to spend so much money on the recycling part. You can put a dent in America’s waste stream by simply simplifying!

Change is the only way we can stay focused on simplifying. It’s hard because we live in a world centered on convenience and speed. America is a fast-food, disposable, instant, high-speed nation; but, if we want to live in a better place we have to change that attitude. We need to think less is more! We need to think Henry David Thoreau! We need to think green!

# Countdowns continue as school year ticks away

Hello my wonderful school mates,  
Yeah! Party time! It is February, and I don't know about you guys, but I am beginning to see a tiny flicker of light at the end of the tunnel! And, I'm sorry to rub it in underclassmen, but for me, and the rest of the greatest class to ever go through Southeast of Saline High School (The Seniors of '08!), this is a real light! It's not just a little break with another tunnel only three short months away! It is really the end!

*Sincerely,  
Shannon*



And, with that glimmer of hope shining like a beacon through the dark dreary days of high school, comes some things that teachers loathe. Seniors catch the senioritis bug, the weather change causes an up-roaring of teenage hormones (I personally don't blame it on the weather, but I always hear the teachers standing in their creepy little huddles in the hallways blaming the weather), and students start counting down the days!

I personally have graduation down to the hour! As of noon today, it is exactly 86 days and two hours until we graduate at 2:00 pm on May 18, 2008! That's 2,066 hours, 123,960 minutes or

7,437,600 seconds (give or take a few)!

I know that we seniors aren't the only ones counting down either! I bet I'm not the only one that knows the last day of school for you poor underclassmen is a mere 87 days and three hours away (that's counting weekends and SPRING BREAK (!) so it's not as bad as it sounds)!

The last day of school isn't the only thing we are counting down to: There are 14 days 'til the end of the nine weeks; 43 days 'til prom; 28 days 'til the first softball game; 27 days 'til the first day of spring; 307 days 'til Christmas; 29 days 'til Easter; 132 days 'til The 4<sup>th</sup> of July; 201 days 'til my birthday; and my personal favorite – only 20 days 'til SPRING BREAK!

It seems like, as students, we are always counting down towards something. I know every Monday as a pull back my Hello Kitty bed sheets and open my sleepy eyes, the only thing that keeps me going is the thought that the next weekend is only five days away.

However, dear friends, I would like to suggest to you to enjoy those "days until," also. Even though graduation is going to be the most spectacular thing to ever happen in my life, if I spend all my time counting down the days 'til it comes, I will miss 86 days and two hours of my life.

So once again, lovely students, I offer you my wise advice, and once again, I give you the option to take it or leave it. This month, I offer my advice in the ancient Chinese, Hong Kong Buffet fortune cookie style. This one reads (When reading this, imagine Mr. Miyagi from "The Karate Kid" right after he has told you to, "wax on, wax off."), "If you live life looking too far ahead, you may miss the diamond that is right in front of you, wise grasshopper."

I know, I know. It's easy to get all negative in school, because a majority of it is pretty lame (cough cough, Physics!), but there are also some pretty boss (*def.: 1990's slang meaning great, cool, awesome, etc.*) things happening here as well. So don't wish your days here at Southeast of Saline away. As super, "quote on one of the ba-gillion posters in our school" cheesy it sounds, try to find something good in everyday instead of just trying to get through them.

Well, there you go. I am done. That is all. This letter is concluded. Have a wonderful month, kids. And even though I know you are all excited that the next Trojournal will be coming out in a mere 20 days, don't spend too much time counting those days down or you might miss something super!!

Sincerely,  
Shannon

## The U.S. uses...

- 106,000 aluminum cans every 30 seconds
- 426,000 cell phones retired every day
- Two million plastic bottles used every five minutes
- 410,000 paper coffee cups used every 15 minutes
- 15 million sheets of office paper used every 5 minutes
- 1.14 million paper grocery bags used every hour
- 8 million toothpicks every month

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Sarah  
Reece

# Senior helps the wheels on the bus go round

By Rose Laflen

Rachel Joy Scott said that small acts of kindness can equal a big impact. Senior David Forsberg is no exception to that theory, according to Transportation Director Judy Hall. Forsberg's small acts of kindness, she said, have made an impact on students who ride his school bus.

He has been lending a hand to his bus driver, Kathy Tinkler, by helping quiet, younger children on the bus. For example, he often invites a rambunctious child to sit in the back with him- keeping the distraction on the bus minimal.

"I do what I can to help others," Forsberg said simply.

Tinkler said that the kindergartner

needed extra help with control, so she asked Forsberg to help. Thanks to Forsberg, the child has been calmer for the ride home, she said, causing less probability for an accident to occur on the bus ride.

"I'm so grateful for David and the way he has handled the kindergartner," Tinkler said.

Tinkler agrees that Forsberg is a help on the bus.

"(There are) some times that the kindergartner has fallen asleep on the bus. David has carried him home. Once in a while, David will bring him a treat, or wipe his nose - you name it," Tinkler said. "There was another time that David got up to see why there was

a kid crying. The kid had stuck a Skittle up his nose."

If there is one thing Forsberg would like to say about his kindness on the bus, it is to challenge the students and teachers at Southeast of Saline.

"I would like to challenge others to help with anything and to go above and beyond," Forsberg said. "Do something without expecting a reward."

Tinkler shares similar views on the subject.

"I am sure there are a lot of caring students in our school. If you would ask for their help, they would volunteer their time. I am so proud of David Forsberg."

# Band members give 'geek' a whole new meaning

By Allison Dunn

You might see them drumming on the tables during lunch, discussing music with their friends, or spending their extra time practicing their instruments. Who are they? They are the self-proclaimed "band geeks."

So what exactly is a band geek? Self-labeled band geek and sophomore, Sarah Reece helps clarify questions on the topic.

"A band geek is one who can play multiple instruments and belongs to more than one band. (They) also enjoy just playing," Reece said.

Not just anyone can be labeled as a "band geek." The band geeks themselves feel that in order to be called one, you must be entirely committed to music- with no other activities before band. There are various students here at SES who play various instruments and are involved with various bands, but because they put other activities in front of band, the "band geeks" feel that they shouldn't hold the title, too.

"Most students that are in band only go for the 'easy A'. The group

of us that call ourselves band geeks are dedicated to the band, and we love it. We don't go just for the A, we go and have fun. Most people start talking when we stop playing. The band geeks are sometimes quiet, and ready to play. Sure, we talk, but not like the rest of the band," said Junior Rose Laflen.

Although the name might sound harsh, when questioned, most of the students involved had positive outlooks on the tag.

"I proudly call myself one all the time. It only bugs me a little when people abuse my title," sophomore and bassoon/alto saxophone player Sutton Sanders said.

Reece, however, commented that insults are nonexistent.

"I like being called a band geek for fun. Insults don't exist because I am a band geek," Reece said.

One trait that goes along with the band geek title is the ability to play multiple instruments. Laflen substitutes as a bass drum player and plays cymbals, French horn, trumpet, clarinet and flute. Senior Kaleb Feist commented that he plays nine instruments. Sanders plays six and Reece plays the alto and soprano saxophone, bass drum and some piano.

They tune their fine instruments here at Southeast by playing in various bands. Laflen, Feist, Reece and Sanders all participate in pep concert and concert bands and Sanders, Reece and Laflen are also involved in jazz and ensemble band.

Although each of these students enjoys the music department at SES, they feel it could be broadened.

Feist thought that "...an orchestra would be really cool" while Laflen said they need more room to practice. Reece also commented on the positive outcome of expanding the music department.

"I think if we offered another type of band class, then more people might step forward and want to play," Reece said.

These students are taking music seriously, both in high school and, hopefully, in college also. When asked about continuing their musical experience past high school, Laflen said there was, "no question about it."

Sanders commented that she has "plan(s) of becoming a music major at KSU."

Reece said she possibly could "play in a professional concert band or play for movies," and Feist plans on becoming a music educator out of school.

With high hopes for the future, these band geeks are tuning up SES and plan to continue their music devotion once they graduate high school.

"I will stay involved in music my whole life," Feist said.



Chloe Seim, Shannon Rogge and Kaleb Feist play their clarinets during Band class. All three have a love for music, but Feist is considered a "Band Geek." (Photo by Jena Sauber)

# Bronx boy goes from pavement to wheat fields

By Jena Sauber

He's lived in a state with a population of over 19 million people; he's lived in New York's northernmost borough. And, he's been called our school's most "gangsta" student. Joathan Rodriguez, 16, was born in The Bronx, New York but made the drastic move to Gypsum and Southeast of Saline in 2006.

Rodriguez lived in New York for about the first 13 years of his life. Approximately two years ago, Rodriguez moved to Gypsum to live with his brother, sister-in-law, two nieces and nephew.

"I moved because my life was bad and I needed to change," Rodriguez said.

A change from the big city of New York to rural Gypsum may seem like a drastic measure, but Rodriguez says there is a reason he chose to move to this area.

"My brother lives here and I wanted to meet new people and do better in school," he said.

For Rodriguez, school in The Bronx was a major factor in his decision to leave New York.

"(My school) was very aggressive and violent," Rodriguez said. "People weren't really very friendly and always wanted to fight."

In addition to violence being a problem at his school, Rodriguez said that gangs were a problem in his neighborhood.

"(Gangs) would always want to pick fights at just the most innocent people there," he said.

For Rodriguez, gangs had a personal aspect.

"All my friends were in gangs," he said.

Once Rodriguez moved to Kansas, he noticed a difference right away.

"It's different here because the students aren't violent and they are very friendly to everyone," he said.

While attending school here, he is taking Spanish I. In The Bronx, Rodriguez spoke Spanish at home and he speaks Spanish "all the time" at home now. That doesn't make Spanish I boring for him, however.

"It's cool because of Mr. Moody. Spanish I just helps me more," he said.

Rodriguez enjoys speaking Spanish both at home and during class at school.

"Speaking Spanish just keeps me knowing my language more," he said.

As a sophomore, Rodriguez says that he doesn't anticipate quitting school or moving any time soon.

"Yes, I'm going to graduate from Southeast," he said.

In addition to the schools, another difference between New York and Kansas is the races. Rodriguez, who is Puerto Rican, lived in a community with a very high percentage of Puerto Ricans in The Bronx. However, living in Gypsum as one of the few Puerto Ricans in the area, doesn't seem to bother Rodriguez.

"It doesn't really bother me because we are all human," he said.

Even so, Rodriguez says he doesn't have a preference between The Bronx and Gypsum.

"I don't really like living here anymore than in The Bronx, but (living here) is good for schooling," Rodriguez said.

Not only does Rodriguez think that going to Southeast of Saline is good for schooling, but he thinks it's better than where he might be if he'd stay in The Bronx.

"I would probably be in jail if I'd stayed," he said.



Joathan Rodriguez kicks back at the Sweetheart Dance on December 21. Rodriguez moved to Gypsum from the Bronx, New York two years ago. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

# Seim stays active with extracurricular activities

By Joslyn Wilcox

Some people think getting out of bed in the morning and arriving at school on time is as good as it gets. That's definitely not true for Chloe Seim. As a sophomore, she has gone above and beyond by being an active leader in her many organizations and groups.

"I like to encourage everyone to get involved and stay involved because it creates connections to your community and boosts self-esteem," Seim said.

Seim is involved in Teens Reaching Ultimate Success Together (TRUST), Art Club, National Honor Society (NHS), Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BB/BS), Friends of Rachel (F.O.R.) and Student Council (StuCo) at Southeast. Her activities don't stop with school,

however. Outside of school, she's also involved in an organization called Youth Grant Makers Council (YGMC).

"I've learned to balance my activities with the rest of my life, but if I take on too much, it can certainly become overwhelming," she said.

Seim said she likes being involved in each group for a different reason. She likes being involved in YGMC because members just don't show the benefits of being involved; they actually get out and make things happen.

"I love being involved. It not only teaches you important skills, but helps you better your community and connect socially with others," Seim stated.

YGMC is a group that gives grants to other organizations or people to fund projects that will better communities in Saline County. The organization gives out grants twice a year, along with the Teen Citizenship award. The Teen Citizenship award is given to a person who's doing an outstanding job in the community. They're

awarded a plaque and a \$100 prize.

YGMC also has a main focus of trying to promote good leadership skills. YGMC really sparked Chloe's interest when she received a grant the summer of 2006. She then attended a conference last summer in Michigan.

"When I attended the conference in Michigan, I got even more interested in it. It's something I'd be willing to base my career on," Seim said.

Overall, she doesn't really think of herself as a leader- she actually thinks of herself as more of a follower.

"When it comes to organizations, I'm the follower," Seim said. "I enjoy being a worker rather than supervising or leading everything."

She said that she mainly likes to set good examples and do the most she can to achieve success. She also likes to influence others to lead a successful life, not only by participating, but by showing them to be happy with themselves.

"What I enjoy most is knowing that I'm making use of my time here on Earth helping the community," Seim said. "To never contribute to anyone or anything other than myself would be a waste of the time I have."

# You can't judge beauty by its cover

## Opinion

By Tiffany Patrick

"Whoa, he's a 10." "No way, I'd say a 5."

Ranking the opposite sex based on their outward appearance is just one of the ways high school girls and guys judge each other. These days, it seems like physical beauty, from head to toe (and everything in between), is the only kind of beauty being judged. Beauty shouldn't be based only on what you look like on the outside, but also on who you are on the inside.

Imagine you're 80 years old and happily married. What do you think your spouse looks like? Obviously nothing close to what he or she looked like back in high school. Why judge on outer appearance when attraction can last longer than physical beauty?

Sure, when someone first "catches your eye," it's mainly because of physical appearance, but attraction needs to go beyond that. Hopefully, you will get to know the person better before you date, get married and have kids.

On the other hand, you have to believe that you are beautiful to show that you are beautiful. Inner beauty comes from the mind and heart, unlike outer beauty which comes from your outer appearance.

Another way to be beautiful is to have the confidence that you are beautiful. If you don't think you're beautiful, it will show and no one else will think it either. If you're confident in the way you look, you won't be going around hating your life. You'll be happy, and what's more beautiful than a smile?

In today's world, being beautiful seems to mean you have to look a certain way. Sorry to say, but you get most of your looks from your genes (from your family line, not your Levis!). You can't help it if you have green eyes not blue. Don't go home blaming your parents and

family members for the way you look – just be proud of it and flaunt it (just not too much- remember the dress code!).

Not everyone looks the same; we're not all Barbie's and Ken's! Most people don't look anything like the perfectly tan, size 0 celebrities and models in magazines, either. So don't spend your life trying to be like them! Love yourself for every trait and quality you possess – even if you don't fit into a size 0. Your imperfections are what make you, you.

Never let anyone's words bring you down. You are who you are, and no one but you can change that. Don't go on a diet just because someone calls you fat. Don't go spend all your money at The Buckle because someone says you dress like a dork. Don't base any of your actions toward your body on what others say; they won't have to deal with the consequences later; only you will.

Beauty should be based on your inside appearance, not just your outer. You can control who you are on the inside much more than you can control your outside appearance. Love yourself for every inch of your body, and every part of who you are inside. Your "real" beauty takes a backseat to your outside if you believe in it and let it shine. So shine, shine, shine!



*And you thought you had bad hair days? This model shows that fashion, and beauty interpretations vary in different parts of the world and in different cultures.*

## Beauty in Numbers...

Each year in America, an estimated...

\$20 billion dollars is spent on cosmetics

\$300 million on plastic surgery

\$33 billion on dietary products

The average man owns 12 pairs of shoes

...the average woman owns 27.

More than 1/3 of women (34%) admit

to owning more than 10 handbags.

The average American adult uses

9 different products on their face a day.

According to a Medscape survey,

81% of people think they look better with a tan.



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<http://www.time.com/time/arts/article/0,8599,1169863,00.html>

## Cultural beauty includes black teeth, ringed necks, long lobes

By Joslyn Wilcox

There he is: the hot guy that every girl goes goo-goo-eyed about. To get him to notice you, what do you do? Run over, get some coal, and color your teeth black? Put another ring around your neck to stretch it even farther? Or do you work on stretching your ear lobes until they reach your shoulders?

In American, all of these ideas of looking good for a guy don't seem quite right, but if you travel around the world, you will find that they are all methods of attaining beauty in some culture.

In Bangladesh, coloring your teeth with coal from a cooking fire would catch the guy's eye. Blackened teeth are considered beautiful.

In Asia, black teeth wouldn't be considered beautiful. Instead, almost the opposite is true. Asian women are more likely to smear bleach creams all over their faces to make them whiter in an effort to be seen as more beautiful.

Skin tone isn't the only way people try to

catch the eye of the opposite gender. In Thailand, some women place many gold rings around their necks so they can push their shoulders down and stretch out their neck.

In Africa, beauty rituals don't start until about age 20. First, African women make a cut in their lower lip so that the lip can be pulled away from the mouth. A little, round clay piece is then inserted into the hole. In time, the hole becomes stretched and bigger pieces of clay can be put in.

For some women, this results in their lower lip hanging down to the bottom of their chin. They are considered the most beautiful women in the village.

Bangladesh, Asia, Thailand and other countries have differing ways of defining beauty. So does America.

To achieve their ideals for beauty, some women in America get plastic surgery, actually allowing their bodies to be cut open to change something they didn't like about themselves.

Other American women put foundation on their face until it is all one color. Then people paint colors on top of that to make their eyelids a different color.

If they think their eyelashes aren't long and full enough, mascara is applied. People change their eye color with contacts or dye their hair a different, sometimes unnatural, color.

Whiter may be better in Asia, but in the U.S., women darken their complexions by using tanning lotions, fake baking in tanning beds or lying in the sun in order to become more attractive. They tan even though they know it increases the risk of skin cancer.

Beauty isn't the same around the world. From black teeth to whiter skin, how beauty is seen differs depending on culture and areas of the world. Americans think other cultures' concepts of beauty are pretty strange. Foreigners probably think concepts of beauty in America are equally strange.

## Homecoming queen breaks basic beauty stereotype

By Allison Dunn

Senior Chelsie Green may not be your average Homecoming Queen. Although she won what is usually considered a "beauty" and "popularity contest," Green does not place a huge emphasis on either beauty or popularity.

"I don't really care if I'm popular; I just want to maintain a good standing with people. I try to be nice to everyone so I don't become an evil brat," said Green.

Avoiding becoming an "evil brat" is how Green describes beauty.

"Beauty is more or less the way a person treats others. You could be physically beautiful with a heart that is ugly," said Green.

Green recently returned to her role as queen for a StuCo Dating Game where she chose eligible bachelor Nick Puetz for her date. She is up front about her opinion on her own personal beauty and described it as "coming from her actions" and her characteristics of inner beauty as "kindness, patience and love."

Even with her opinion of inner beauty, Green does acknowledge her physical appearance as something she strives for and also acknowledges that using tools such as makeup are part of her routine.

"It almost comes as a habit of society. It's kind of like asking 'why do we have a homecoming?' Because it's always been that way. Just because I strive to have inner beauty doesn't mean I don't want to have physical beauty also," she said.

Although many girls can suffer with self-esteem issues around the age of 13, Green said it was different for her during that time and partially because our community is more open to individuality than other communities.

"That was actually when I started to get

out of my awkward stage. I got contacts, got rid of my braces, and my friends started to catch up with my height and weight. Our community is better at accepting people that are different," Green said.

Some girls may dream of having their face "perfected" through plastic surgery or dream of being the perfect weight or obsess on their appearance. Green said she had not struggled with any of these issues.

"No, no crash diet, but I did avoid eating on the day of Bowling and Pancake Fest to save room for pancakes! No I've never been obsessed. I do think I have a large nose, but I got that from Grandpa, so I wouldn't change it for the world! I'm comfortable with myself!" Green said.

Green added that it might be better for her relationships with others not to be exceedingly beautiful.

"I'm glad I'm not drop dead gorgeous, because I think I get more respect. It's hard to find a guy that's looking for your inner beauty, not your outer beauty. Looking a little rough around the edges is down to earth and helps people relate to you and see you as human, not just a pretty face," Green said.

Speaking of guys, Green's role in the upcoming play 'You Can't Take It With You' is that of a Russian man. She said her role as a man did not affect her personal feeling of feminism.

"I don't think there is a way you can play the role of a Russian man and feel feminine, but it's interesting and challenging to play a male character. I haven't really thought of the beauty aspect. It's easy to get absorbed in playing a character, so I don't really care that it makes me look silly. The looks don't really concern me because people treat me the same, because I treat

them the same. With or without the beard, I try to maintain positivity towards others," Green said.

Though the common view of beauty is centered on outward appearance, Green prefers to focus advice on inner beauty for girls.

"If you are so concerned about acting and looking like others, who is going to be you? If you learn to embrace your talents, then others will see them too. Surround yourself with people who embrace you for who you are, not who you are trying to be."



Senior Chelsie Green (left) poses before being crowned queen on Homecoming, and (right) in her alter-ego, Mr. Kolenkhov, in preparation for the drama department's "You Can't Take It With You." Green's views on beauty are focused more on personality than looks. (Photos by Sadie Myers)

# Comedy brings fireworks, snakes,



Alice Sycamore (Shannon Wilson) and Tony Kirby (Trask Engel) share an intimate moment after getting engaged.



Mr. Kolenkhov (Chelsie Green) helps Gay Wellington (Amanda Wilson) in the chaos after fireworks blow up the basement and they realize they are getting arrested.



Rheba (Bria Sweany), the housemaid, flirts with her beau, Donald (Aaron Breault).

## “You Can’t Take It With You” will debut tomorrow night

By Sadie Myers

What is missing from this year’s winter play production? Close to nothing. Snakes, fireworks, xylophones, ballet dancing, romance and laughter are all combined to compose the comedy, “You Can’t Take It With You.” Director Mr. Terry Anderson says this season’s drama can give you all that and more.

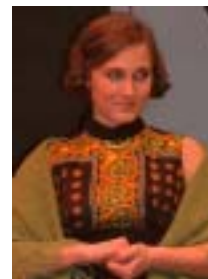
“When I looked at this group of dramatists, I knew that ‘You Can’t Take It With You’ was the perfect script to showcase their talent,” Anderson said.

“You Can’t Take It With You” will debut tomorrow, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The cast will also perform a Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. Feb. 24. Tickets for the play are general admission only and cost \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

The Foreign Language Club is also participating in the fun by having a chili feed before the play on Saturday at 6:00 and after the play Sunday at 5:00. They will use the funds for their study abroad trip to Peru this summer. Dinner is by donation only.



Natasha Romanof (Andrea Smedburg)



Olga Katrina (AnnMarie Sparacino)



Paul Sycamore (Nick Ostmeyer)



Wilbur C. Henderson (Matt Butler)



Mr. DePinna (Kaleb Feist) wonders where he put his toga.

# Russian ballet dancer to SES stage



*The Man (Joel Prater) condemns Ed Carmichael (Brent Sweany) for treason while Essie Carmichael (Sadie Myers) holds onto Ed for protection.*



*Alice tells her mother, Penny Sycamore (Cierha Berry) about plans for her party while Grandpa (Britten O'Banan) looks through his stamp collection*



*The Kirbys (from top left: Letitia (Sara Hettenbach), Cissy (Marcy Forristal), Missy (Ariel Douglas), Miriam (Caitlin Conley) and Anthony (Kody Lynn)) stare speechless while a very drunk Gay Wellington (Amanda Wilson) sings her theme song, "Let's Do It."*

*Photos by Amanda Keeler, Tiffany Patrick, and Joslyn Wilcox*

# SES StuCo changes their steadfast ways

By Sutton Sanders

While U.S. presidential hopefuls and their parties are vying for a spot in the Oval Office, the SES Student Council is looking to change their political process for electing officers, also.

StuCo sponsor Mr. Terry Anderson and council members are reforming the way students will be elected into StuCo offices and how the votes will be tallied. This system, if chosen, will be put into effect for next year's officers.

"It's been 19 years since the (StuCo) Constitution had an overhaul (and) that was my first year as sponsor," Anderson said.

The reason behind these new ideas, according to Anderson, is to "make being on Student Council more exciting." One of the proposals brought up to the council recently was to have purple and white "parties." Each party will then choose a candidate. The winner of that election will then choose their vice-president to run in the presidential election. If this process is adopted, it would guarantee an election com-

petition each year.

"We also may change the class representatives' titles to senators," Anderson said.

The council would still have members throughout the student body, Anderson said.

"These are just ideas that will be voted upon before the elections for next year," he said.

No matter how next year's officers will be elected, this year's StuCo is still hosting many events- most recently, a Southeast rendition of "The Dating Game" on Feb. 11.

Seniors Nick Puetz, Kody Lynn and Kyle Willems were the chosen at random from a list of volunteers as the eligible bachelors. Seniors Chelsea Thorne, Chelsy Leander and Charley Staab were the three bachelorettes chosen at random. Homecoming Queen Chelsie Green and King Matthew Everhart interviewed their eligible dates. When the participants were interviewed, they were allowed to only speak through a voice-alienator so the King and Queen wouldn't recognize them.

Puetz and Staab were chosen as the

bachelor and bachelorette of choice and were treated to a double date with Green and Everhart. The movie and dinner date was sponsored by Student Council

The Central students who were originally chosen cancelled their attendance to the game.



Homecoming King Matthew Everhart and Queen Chelsie Green stand by their chosen dates after playing The Dating Game. The activity was hosted by StuCo. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

## FCCLA goes gold at STAR Events

By Amanda Keeler

Southeast of Saline FCCLA STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events participants come away with seven gold medals, one silver and one bronze at the STAR Events conference and District meeting on Feb. 13 in Newton.

The following four teams received a top gold medal and will go on to the state meeting in April:

- \*The Sr. Parliamentary Procedure team including Shannon Wilson, Elissa Stein, Sarah Anderes, Chelsie Green, Shayla Seim, Brent Sweany and Sadie Myers

- \*The Sr. Interior Design team including Cierha Berry, Marci Forristal and Charlie Staab

- \* Sr. Chapter Showcase Manual including Caitlin Conley, Trell Peterson and Megan Sauber

- \* Sr. National Programs in Action including Megan Kincaid-Heidel, Amanda Wilson and LaCrista Brightbill

- \* The Jr. National Programs in Action team including Joey Platt, Ariel Douglas and AnnMarie Sparacino

- \* Jr. Chapter Showcase Manual including Emmy Meyer, Taylor Peterson and Christine Russell.

Heather Hardesty received a silver

medal in Jr. Fashion Recycle and Design. Trask Engel, who participated in the Sr. Job Interview, got a bronze medal.

Also at the District meeting, Platt was elected the District G president for the 2008-2009 year and Sauber received approval to run for a state office for the 2008-2009 school year.

On Feb. 15, Caitlin Conley, Trask Engel and Krisanna Graham handed in applications for 2008-2009 Peer Education positions. The official selection will take place on March 3.

All FCCLA members began selling Orange Crushes on Feb. 5 for a Valentine's Day fundraiser. Student paid \$1 to send the pop to someone, and the receiver could pay \$1 to find out who sent it. The profits from this fundraiser went to this year's state community service project, "Go Red With FCCLA."

The purpose of "Go Red With FCCLA" is to help the American Red Cross by donating blood, money and service. The state FCCLA chapter officers have set a goal for each chapter in the state to donate five pints of blood, donate \$50, or give five hours of community service to the American Red Cross. On April 4, at the State Leadership Showcase, there will be a Red Cross van set up to have a blood drive.

## FFA steps into the spotlight

By Elizabeth Reece

After one week of school, many people get tired, but this week is special. Feb. 17-23 is National FFA week. FFA members celebrate throughout their community and schools. The Southeast of Saline Chapter did radio announcements, community service projects, agriculture literacy events for all high schoolers, hosted faculty trivia, and a breakfast was served for the staff on Feb. 18 to celebrate FFA.

Not only have members been celebrating FFA, but they have been staying busy, too. On Feb. 5, there was an officer meeting to discuss and plan FFA week. They then had a chapter meeting on Feb. 19 where they celebrated FFA week.

FFA members will no longer be attending the Meats and Food Science judging contest. It was scheduled for tomorrow.

# In the Kitchen at Southeast of Saline



Can you match the pictures of the cooks with the "fun fact" that matches them?!?!

1. This cook has sponsored Cheerleaders for 10 years at Southeast of Saline, but has cooked for 24.



4. This cook is an animal lover!! She has five mules, four dogs, one house cat, three kids, and two adults at her house. She also has a car tag that reads, "MULELVR."

5. This cook is known as "Our Excellent Baker" in the kitchen. She loves to play with dough and makes 850 Cinnamon Rolls in a snap! She also has a son-in-law (Kalel ) in a Christian rock band, called Pillar, which was nominated for a Grammy.

2. This cook can't stay away from the kitchen. She decorates cakes, makes food for weddings and parties, and cooks for many concession stands and fundraisers

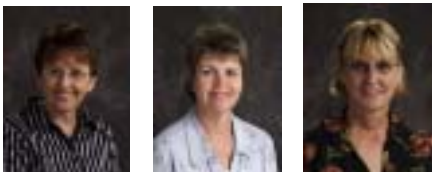
6. This cook has a daughter who was an SES wrestler for three years and she was also a contestant and a winner in this year's StuCo Dating Game.

3. This cook is in one of the members of the "Blonde Trio." She graduated from Southeast and, of course, is blonde. She also has two sons that graduated from Southeast

7. This cook has a set of twins at Southeast, one boy, and two older daughters.

Can You Find the Names of These Cooks?!?!

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Answers: Wordsearch: (photos left to right)-Top: Lisa Green, Pat Chrisman, Angela Staab, Aurdra Butler Bottom: Margaret Anderes, Susan Wilson, Joanne Pope-Schmit 4. Lisa Green 5. Pat Chrisman 6. Angela Staab 7. Aurdra Butler

# Joint-effort food drive exceeds original goal

By Krisanna Graham

You've seen the boxes in your seminar, and now it's time to take action. Many organizations such as SES Leadership 101, Friends of Rachel (F.O.R.), National Honor Society (NHS) and FCCLA have started two school-wide projects aimed to help our community.

Back in September, Leadership 101 came up with the idea to have a school-wide recycling program. On Nov. 26, students presented "Going Green with Southeast of Saline" to the school board.

"I'm very proud of the Leadership class's commitment to follow through with their goals. We are helping everyone to make recycling a natural habit," said Mrs. Juanelle Garretson, the Leadership 101 class teacher.

The project started out with opportunities to grow. Currently, white paper is the only item being recycled. This includes notebook and computer paper. It does not include card stock, cellophane wrapping, newspaper or colored paper. In the future, the group hopes to expand to newspapers, plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

Collections take place at 3:00 every other Thursday. The first collection took place on Jan. 31.

"When we delivered the paper to Images, it was great to see that we were making a difference. Although small, with time, it will lead to big results," senior Chelsie Green said.

A pep rally is going to be held on Mon. Feb. 25 to get the project really going, and to encourage everyone to participate.

The other project helping to better the community was the SES Food Drive for the Salina Food Bank. The food drive began Jan. 28 with a pep rally. Kathleen Jackson, director of the Salina Food Bank, came to SES on Jan. 28 to speak during the Food Drive Pep Rally.

At the pep rally, students played two games to get them excited for the project. The first game was a scooter relay in which a teacher-student pair swerved between food item "cones." During the second game, students were against teachers, passing an orange from one person to the next, using only their necks. The teachers won. A cheering meter was used to see which teacher won a box of food to jump start their seminar's collection of food. Mrs. Ptacek was chosen as the winner.

SES and Sacred Heart combined efforts to reach a common goal of 3,000 food items for the food bank. Until Feb. 12, students brought non-perishable food items and extra credit items such as unused soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. to their seminar.

To boost Southeast participation, seminars competed against each other. The "Mother Theresa" grand champion award was given to Mrs. Garretson's seminar. Second place, the Oprah Winfrey award, went to Mr. Moody's, Mr. Sauber's and Mr. Cooper's seminars. Winners of the "Donald Trump," or third place, award was given to Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Ptacek and Mr. Breese's seminars.

As grand champion and first place seminar, Mrs. Garretson's seminar received a catered lunch from Guitierrez Restaurant. The seminars listed above were rewarded with an ice cream sundae party. Originally, third place winners would have received a "big cookie." However, since there was an overwhelming response from all seminars and SES surpassed their goal, Mr. Couchman, SES high school principal, provided a "big cookie" to all of the remaining seminars.

"The food was really yummy. We worked extra hard for it," sophomore LaCrista Brightbill said.

NHS also added an extra boost to the project, going on a Scavenger Hunt around Salina, gathering items that counted towards the final total. The hunt took place on Sat, Feb. 2. Members collected 1,387 items.

Altogether, SES alone collected just over 4,000 items, exceeding our individual goal of 1,500.

"We were very surprised and pleased with the effort made by SES students and staff. They really did a fine job on this project," Couchman said.



*Canned food and other items fill a table before being donated to the Salina Food Bank. The joint project between Southeast and Sacred Heart raised over 5,000 items. (Photo by Sadie Myers)*

On Feb. 14 at the SES Lady Trojans vs. Sacred Heart Knights Blue and Gold Championship game, the total number of items raised was announced. Jackson was presented with a voucher for 5,802 food items and other items.

"The Salina Food Bank employees were so impressed with the amount of food and how it was gathered in a way that had never been done with the two schools. This success is an indicator of how caring SES students and faculty are toward the community," said Mrs. White, sponsor of NHS and F.O.R.

## Twenty-two students show their talents at League Honor Band

By Sarah Reece

Normally, bands spend months getting ready for a concert. However, two hours of practice was all League Honor band students had before their Feb. 4 performance.

"My favorite part was stopping at Dairy Queen twice in one day," said sophomore Sutton Sanders.

Students who attended this event were: seniors Kaleb Feist, Carlie Kager, Shawna Caldwell, Chelsie Green, Matthew Everhart, Marshall Kohman and Aaron Breault; juniors Rose Laflen, Max McClure, Greg Peterson and Jake Mathews; sophomores Alex Manwaring, Matt Mortimer, Sarah Reece, Shannon Rogge, Jena Sauber, Sutton Sanders and Shane Schoenhofer; and freshmen Sara Hettenbach, Teisha Rogers, Megan Lofton and Sierra Yianakopoulos.

"It was great to have a number of our players in the principal positions," said SES band director Quentin Breese.

The next event for instrumentalists is the regional contest held in April. Student's will be performing solos, ensembles and as a concert band. The vocal class will also be attending.

# Freshman cheerleader tumbles with team

By Amanda Keeler

Cheerleading at SES isn't just about cheers and stunts anymore. Tumbling, taught by freshman Heather Hardesty, has added another dimension to this year's basketball time-outs and quarters.

"The tumbling skills that I know are a front and back handspring, tuck, layout, whip back, full and a standing back tuck," Hardesty said.

Hardesty also said that she learned most of her skills over the summer. She continues to learn new tumbling skills from her friends, many of whom are cheerleaders at Salina Central.

"One of my friends from Central, Dyllin Loder, taught me a lot about tumbling and has shown me new things to try," Hardesty said.

Hardesty has been working at Memorial Hall for a couple of months. Luckily, while practicing and performing her tumbling, she has never sustained any serious injuries.

"I've never been seriously injured, but I have had my fair share of hard falls," Hardesty said.

A few weeks ago, she began working with

other SES cheerleaders in a program called "Cheer-nastics." During the five week program, the group meets every Saturday at Memorial Hall to learn new tumbling skills and work on perfecting the ones they already know.

"Our goal is that everyone can do a back handspring without a spot by the time the program is over," Hardesty said.

In addition to helping with "Cheer-nastics," Hardesty also helps coach gymnastics to young people in the area.

"When I teach gymnastics, I usually have them stretch, run, sometimes we do some conditioning and then I usually show them my tumbling and try to teach them," Hardesty said.

Even though she does not plan on tumbling professionally any time soon, she does plan to use her skills during her cheerleading season and when she is at work teaching her skills. For next year, Hardesty again plans on trying out for the basketball cheerleading squad.

"I like everything about tumbling with cheerleading, except when I fall or I try something on the hardwood floors for the first time," Hardesty said. "That can be scary."



Freshman Heather Hardesty performs a cheerleading stunt during a time out. In addition to flyer, Hardesty is also a tumbler on the squad. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

## Sports columnists goes out on a limb for KSU

### Opinion

By Max McClure

I won't bet my ice cream, like Greg Peterson did, or my hair like Mr. Moody did, but I will go out on a limb and say Kansas State will win on March 1 when KU and K-State meet again.

Some will be quick to disagree, pointing out that this game will be at Allen Fieldhouse and Kansas will have home court advantage. But KSU won there with a less talented team two years ago, 59-55, and this team has plenty of talent.

Look what happened the last time the state rivals played.

KSU led in almost every category including steals, assists (17-12) and bench points (21-16). Those were the categories where KU was said to have a major advantage. Other critics said KSU was a one-man team while KU had a full team of good players. But critics were wrong again. KSU had three players with 20 points or more — Michael Beasley (25), Bill Walker (22) and Jacob Pullen (20).

Which one will KU cover? Are they going to double team Beasley again? We saw what that got them last time.

And it wasn't just a lucky or random appearance for Pullen. He started the first nine games for the Cats and was averaging ten points per game. And Pullen's game thrives in a pressure man defense. That defense happened to be exactly what KU was accustomed to playing.

Before KU's game against KSU, KU had played almost every defensive possession man-to-man. If KU stays with their man-man defense, I believe we will see the same song, second verse.

KSU was getting open looks on most of their possessions because of their threats in the post, which opened the lane and

the three-point shot for their guards. Speaking of guards, in their previous meeting, KSU was also playing without one of their starters, Andre Gilbert. He'll be back to add another threat to a talented team.

Another thing KSU will have more of this time around is experience. With each game, this KSU team, that is full of freshmen, will gain knowledge of the game.

K-State has also learned not to take anything for granted. Missouri has played mediocre in Big 12 play and KSU didn't see them as a big threat. But the inconsistent Tigers stunned the Wildcats just like they did to other ranked teams, like Texas and Maryland. Mizzou gave KU a scare with a 76-70 close finish at Missouri in their first meeting. In their second meeting, KU won by 20 points.

But wait, KU lost to Texas, 72-69, Texas lost to Missouri 97-84. How does that make sense? Plus in KSU's second game against Missouri, KSU won 100-63, which makes KSU's first loss to MU look like a fluke.

Some say that KSU's win over KU was a fluke because KSU has lost to teams like Missouri and Texas Tech. But, KSU has been known for stepping up to the challenge and playing at the same level as ranked teams and the Cats have beaten two out of three ranked opponents — Texas A&M and KU. (The Cats lost to then 17<sup>th</sup>-ranked Oregon 80-77.) KU has yet to beat a ranked team.

Although the Cats have acted like the freshmen they are against Missouri and Texas Tech, and although they have been much better at home than away, don't expect the Wildcats to be tame on March 1 in Allen Fieldhouse. They'll come hungry and ready to down a few hawks for dinner.

## Third time's the charm as Lady Trojans beat Knights to win League

By Michael Bauer

The Southeast lady Trojan basketball team may have lost to Sacred Heart for the Blue and Gold championship, but they still have something that the Knights don't have, the League Championship.

On Thursday of last week, the Trojans and the Knights were able to do something that neither team was able to do in December, and that was to finally play the Blue and Gold championship game. The game had been postponed due to inclement weather in December.

The Knights went on to win 62-52 after trailing by eight points at the end of the first quarter.

Senior Shayla Seim led the team in scoring in that game with 24 points, and was selected for the all-tournament team for the third year in a row.

"Making all-tournament felt really good," Seim said. "My teammates really helped me get open and help me get clear shots on offense."

Junior Stephanie Frost who, earlier in the tournament, tied the record for most points in the game with 28, was also selected for all-tournament.

On Tuesday, the Trojans secured a league title by beating the Knights for the first time since 2004--ending an eight-game losing streak.

"It was amazing," said Seim. "We wanted to beat Sacred Heart for league and we did it."

Seim wasn't the only person on the team to have that same feeling.

"It felt awesome," said senior Elissa Stein. "It is our senior year and it was super cool, because we lost to Sacred Heart twice but we came back and beat them on their home court."

"I wanted to help win it for the seniors and we did it," Frost added.

Coach Wayne Sager was impressed by the game as well as the overall result.

"I thought that it was a great high school basketball game," said Sager. "I'm very proud of the girls and the fact that we got down and that



Shayla Seim drives towards the basket while being defended by a Smoky Valley Viking during the SES invitational. The girls lost 48-50 that night. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

we never gave up. We were able to overcome an eight for 39 in the first half, and we came back in the second half and we shot much better."

In the first half of the game however, the Trojans offense struggled. Ten times they made a shot, and ten times they missed.

"I think that we shot very poorly in the first half," said Sager.

Trailing 27-16 at the half, some of the girls were feeling bothered by the score.

"During the half, I was intimidated and wanted to win badly," said Frost.

It showed as Frost came out in the third quarter and scored eight times helping the Trojans build up a come-from-behind as the offense scored 17 points while the Knights only got 11 and just like the Trojans in the previous quarter, they had ten missed shots.

"I thought that she had a tremendous performance, at halftime. We felt that she was a little intimidated as an inside player," Sager said. "So we challenged her to come out and not be discouraged in the second half and she came out and played very well."

Sager explained that the Trojans talked about their shooting problems at the half break.

"We talked about the shooting at halftime and we tried to gain some confidence and I told them that the shooting would come around if we played hard defense," said Sager.

The Trojans continued their surge in the fourth quarter as they jumped to a 48-40 lead. But that eight-point margin didn't last long as the Knights shot a three-pointer making it 48-43 with 1:47 left in the game.

With time ticking away, the Knights only hope was to foul the Trojans and get the ball back. But there were also fouls against the Trojans that helped the Knights.

Sacred Heart junior Moe Mikinski made one free throw. Moments later on another Trojan foul, Sacred Heart's Katie Pratt made two free throws that brought the Knights up to only trailing by two.

Seim made two more free throws with 34 seconds remaining.

Pratt would give the Knights their last hope of a win for the evening with a three-pointer that made the score 52-51 in the Trojans favor.

After the Trojans made another free throw making it 54-51, freshman Christine Russell made a game winning steal on defense and was fouled on that play while setting up a free throw with one second left. After Russell made one of the shots, the Knights were done for as the time expired with the Trojans winning 54-51.

Sager owed the win to the Trojans not giving up a positive attitude.

"I think that it's that heart and composure these girls and our three seniors have that just don't want to lose," said Sager. "(They) also know that they can be a good ball club and it's big for them to get a nice victory like we had on Tuesday."

This was the third time the Trojans played the Knights this season. Sager believes that playing the same team three times in one season was challenging.

"It is tough to play a good team three times in one year, but when you play good competition, you get better," said Sager. "We played a very good team all three times and we came away winner in the last one.

Next up for the lady Trojans will be the playoffs. Sager believes that the win has given them some momentum going into sub-state.

"I think that it gives us a great feeling going into the playoffs because Sacred Heart is a very good ball club," said Sager. "This helps us in our minds understand that we are a very good ball club, too."

The lady Trojans will take on Halstead on Tuesday at home in the first round of the playoffs.

The Trojans have not been to state in 15 years, but some of the players have a good feeling about ending that drought.

"I know we are going to do well at sub-state," said Frost. "Winning League was one of our goals for this season and so is sub-state."

"Winning League was good, but now we have the goal to get to state," said Seim

# Wrestlers look forward with positive attitude

By Joslyn Wilcox

Although none of the wrestlers who wrestled at regionals last Friday and Saturday continued on to the state tournament, a number of the wrestlers and the coaches agree this wrestling season still has a lot to be positive about.

Sophomore wrestler Matt Mortimer said that individual winning records and the team's placing high both at Lincoln and Halstead were high points of the season.

Freshman David Hoelting said he enjoyed the competition.

"I liked having fun during the meets," he said. "I also enjoyed winning my first match."

Hoelting ended the season without participating at regionals due to having fluid in his lungs.

Freshman Devin Huehl also enjoyed the season and finished out with a record of 8-5.

"I enjoyed wrestling on varsity and doing well at the tournaments," stated Huehl.

Matt Mortimer also missed most of regional

competition, forfeiting due to illness after his first two matches, which one of them he won. Mortimer ended the season with a record of 21-9.

"I was really dizzy and almost passed out in the bleachers," Mortimer stated.

Zach Short and Braden Long both won their first matches at regionals. Short was 3-2 in regional competition and ended the season with a record of 23-10. Long, who went 2-2 in regionals, ended with a season mark of 17-6.

Ryan Hahn and Jason Prater had winning records but were suspended for a violation of school rules and did not compete at regionals. Hahn ended the season with a record of 19-8 and Prater with a record of 23-2.

Mortimer said that coaches had thought before the contest that there were about five wrestlers who might advance beyond regionals, but due to illness and other circumstances, those hopes didn't materialize.

"A good portion of the guys have wrestled

hard this year," said coach Travis Morris. "I feel that the team did very well."



Devin Huel and his opponent from Hillsboro, Darren Muellen, vie to win the match Feb. 2 at the SES invitational. (Photo by Allison Dunn)

## Boys hope to rebound against Hillsboro Monday

By Max McClure and Sutton Sanders

After losing by ten last week to Republic County and 30 to Sacred Heart Tuesday, the boys' basketball team can still find some silver lining behind their clouds: They played well enough in the early season that they've earned a home contest on Monday in their first game in sub-state play.

The Trojans had played both Republic County and Sacred Heart in close games earlier in the season, losing in overtime at Belleville on Jan. 11, defeating the Knights 47-44 on Jan. 12 and losing to the Knights by only two points in the SIT. However, in the Trojans' most recent game against Sacred Heart, the final score was 57-27.

Coach Jeff Vogt said the team's woes start on the defensive end.

"Our defense is not getting out on shooters and we're not playing any post defense," Vogt said. "It takes effort."

The coaches and the players both found the game disheartening.

"This game spoke for itself," Cole Lilly said after the Sacred Heart contest. "There's not much more to say."

Tristin Scheel agreed that the Sacred Heart game was discouraging but said that the home court would be an advantage in the first sub-state game.

"Thank goodness we played well enough in the early season to earn a home court (contest)," Scheel said.

The 12-8 SES Trojans look to turn that home-court advantage into a victory at sub-state Monday when they play Hillsboro (11-8). If the boys win, they will continue to advance towards the championship game, but if they are beaten, they will be eliminated from the tournament.

"We haven't played any defense the last two games. We really haven't played on either end of the floor. Our defense is not getting out on shooters and we're not playing any post defense. It will take the whole team playing hard and executing on both sides of the court," Vogt said.

Games after Monday's contest will be in Hillsboro. The semifinal games will be played on Thursday, and the sub-state championship game will be Saturday at 7:30.

## Sports Box

By Krisanna Graham

### Boys' Basketball

Nov. 30	@Centre	65-35	W
Dec. 3-7	Blue & Gold Classic		
	Ell-Saline	51-30	W
	Solomon	56-39	W
	Sacred Heart	40-43	L
Dec. 18	Ellsworth	50-37	W
Dec. 21	Beloit	42-45	L
Jan. 4	Minneapolis	58-48	W
Jan. 8	@Russell	35-32	W
Jan. 11	@Belleville	43-47	L
Jan. 12	Sacred Heart	47-44	W
Jan. 16-19	Salina Invitational		

### Girls' Basketball

Nov. 30	@Centre	66-43	W
Dec. 3-7	Blue & Gold Classic		
	Ell-Saline	67-43	W
	Solomon	71-44	W
Dec. 18	Ellsworth	61-27	W
Dec. 21	Beloit	52-43	W
Jan. 4	Minneapolis	50-40	W
Jan. 8	@Russell	76-26	W
Jan. 11	@Belleville	57-53	W
Jan. 12	Sacred Heart	45-58	L
Jan. 15	@Ellsworth	62-33	W
Jan. 21-25	SES Invitational		
	Chapman	65-48	W

**Record 13-6**

### Wrestling

Nov. 30	Ellsworth	23-33	L
Dec. 1	Lincoln Trny	2nd	
Dec. 6	Beloit Dual	60-9	W
Dec. 14	Minneapolis	6-72	L
Dec. 14	Republic Cty.	42-24	W
Jan. 5	Ellsworth	10th (41 pts)	
Jan. 11-12	Halstead	13th (74 pts)	
Jan. 15	Haven	21-48	L

Smoky Valley	56-42	W
Central	44-71	L
Sacred Heart	46-48	L
Jan. 22 @Ellsworth	48-33	W
Jan. 29 Russell	47-29	W
Feb. 1 @Chapman	43-55	L
Feb. 8 @Beloit	61-58	W
Feb. 12 @Minneapolis	68-54	W
Feb. 15 Republic Co.	46-56	L
Feb. 19 @Sacred Heart	37-57	L

Upcoming Games:

Feb. 25-29 Sub-State

**Record 12-7**

Concordia	50-64	L	
Smoky Valley	48-50	L	
Jan. 29 Russell	57-19	W	
Feb. 1 @Chapman	50-63	L	
Feb. 8 @Beloit	32-53	L	
Feb. 12 @Minneapolis	59-53	W	
Feb. 14 Blue and Gold Classic			
	Sacred Heart	52-62	L
Feb. 15 Republic Co.	62-48	W	
Feb. 19 @Sacred Heart	54-51	W	

Upcoming Games:

Feb. 25-29 Sub-State

Jan. 15 Nickerson	48-18	W	
Feb. 2 SES Inv.			
	Russell	31-33	L
	Remington	30-33	L
	Hillsboro	18-50	L
	Republic Co.	36-21	W
Feb. 7 Russell (H)	22-43	L	
Feb. 9 Remington	6th (92 pts)		
Feb. 15-16 Regionals	17th		

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# Forensics team sweeps past competition

By Shannon Wilson

With seven state qualifiers and two sweepstakes plaques, the Southeast of Saline Forensics team is off to a quick start.

At the first meet at Smoky Valley, the team placed third in sweepstakes, which is the total of the team points. Two events qualified for the State Championship in May; senior Cierha Berry placed second in Prose, and sophomore Amanda Wilson and junior Bria Sweany received first in Improvised Duet Acting (IDA).

The following weekend, the team competed in Abilene where they took first place in sweepstakes. State qualifiers included junior Trask Engel, first place Prose; junior Bria Sweany, third place Prose; senior Chelsie Green, second place Poetry; seniors Brent Sweany and Shannon Wilson, third place Duet Acting; seniors Britten O'Banan and Kody Lynn, 1<sup>st</sup> place IDA; and seniors Shannon Wilson and Green, second place in IDA.

Forensics coach Mr. Terry Anderson said he is very pleased with the way the season is turning out.

"I'm very happy with the season so far. Who wouldn't be? I think we have the senior leadership to go far, but our underclassmen are doing well too. It was ten years ago that we placed

fourth at state, our highest ever. Ten years ago, we were doing 'You Can't Take it With You' (the same play the drama department is putting on this

year). I hope that the outcomes are as positive as before," Anderson said.

The forensics team will compete again at Peabody on March 1.



Trask Engel (left) and Mans Olssen (right) practice reading their forensics pieces at the Abilene Forensics Tournament. The team took first place at the tournament. (Photo By Sadie Myers)



Chelsie Green and Shannon Wilson perform in the Improvised Duet Acting Finals at Abilene. Green and Wilson placed second. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

## SES Forensics Results

Event	Place
<b>Smoky Valley</b>	<b>3rd*</b>
Bria Sweany & Amanda Wilson	Improvised Duet Acting 1 <sup>st</sup>
Britten O'Banan & Kody Lynn	Improvised Duet Acting 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Sarah Hettenbach & Cierha Berry	Improvised Duet Acting 4 <sup>th</sup>
Britten O'Banan	Serious Solo 4 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Sweany & Shannon Wilson	Duet Acting 5 <sup>th</sup>
Trask Engel & Joel Prater	Improvised Duet Acting 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Abilene</b>	<b>1st*</b>
Trask Engel	Prose 1 <sup>st</sup>
Britten O'Banan & Kody Lynn	Improvised Duet Acting 1 <sup>st</sup>
Chelsie Green & Shannon Wilson	Improvised Duet Acting 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Chelsie Green	Poetry 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bria Sweany	Prose 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Brent Sweany & Shannon Wilson	Duet Acting 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Amanda Wilson	Humorous Solo 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Cierha Berry	Humorous Solo 4 <sup>th</sup>
Britten O'Banan & Sadie Myers	Duet Acting 4 <sup>th</sup>

\*Team Placing