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Senior Kody Lynn flips upside down on the Velcro wall at the TRUST 'Welcome to the Jungle' party. This event, involving a Velcro wall, bungee run, obstacle course, and give-away prizes, was hosted on Friday, May 9, in the lower gym from 8-11. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Around The Halls

What have you done that nobody expected you to do?



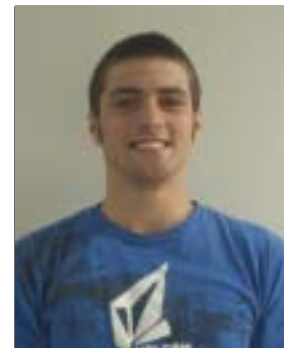
*Sara Hettenbach-fr.
“I illegally imported African Spider-Monkeys and sold them for ten cents each!”*



*Matt Butler-soph.
“Anderson didn’t believe in me... again... He didn’t expect me to do well at state forensics festival but I got I’s.”*



*Kolby Balthazor-jr.
“My parents expected me to be good at sports. Look what happened.”*



*Tim Tribble-jr.
“People didn’t expect me to be the mascot. They didn’t expect me to do such a good job either.”*



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Be a rebel (with a cause)

By Sadie Myers

I’m a rebel; but you probably won’t see me running around the school with holes in my jeans or even going 11 miles over the speed limit. However, I do the unexpected and therefore am a rebel with a cause.

Believe it or not, in eighth grade I broke the school record for the 3200-meter (two-mile) race. Yes, I used to run eight laps around the track, along with a few other crazy people, and I did enjoy it somewhat. The next year when spring rolled around, I had to decide if I wanted to join the track team in high school or try out for the spring play. I decided on the latter.

That season, you couldn’t see me every week on the track, but you did have the chance to see me—two nights only—in my first play ever, “An Evening of Culture.” Many were wondering and asking why I had thrown away my chance to be a great runner.

The answer was simple: I knew that there was something I liked about theater, and I also knew that even though I was good

at running, it wasn’t something I loved. No one in my family had ever tried drama before, but I had to follow my heart.

Here I am three years and ten productions later, and I can look back and see that a small, single choice can turn out to be a huge decision. I chose not to listen to those that were telling me I was making a mistake. I knew that I had to make my own decision, whether I was pleasing everyone or not. I’m a rebel with a cause.

This self-made label may be hard for some to believe because I always try my hardest, I’ve only had detention once in my life (beef fingers!) and I like to please everyone. The reason I consider myself rebellious is because I do the unexpected.

An opportunity to prove my rebelways has popped up plenty during my last year in high school.

“Where are you going to school next year?” people ask.

“I’m not,” I answer. Sometimes I get blank stares. Other times people feel like it’s suitable after I explain my reasoning, and occasionally I actually get a congratulatory, “Good for you!”

I’m not going to college because I want to be a photographer and I don’t necessarily need a college degree for that. Now, Mr. McClure always says that I will end up getting a degree, and he may be right. But as of now I plan on doing what my heart wants, See “Senior...” on next page



Senior bids bittersweet goodbyes before graduation

By Shannon Wilson

To the people who I have spent the last 13 years of my life with,

It is with great sorrow that I address you for the last time, in my last issue of the Trojournal, during my last week, of the last month, of my last year in high school. No matter how jealous you underclassmen are, I have to admit it really is bittersweet.

One side of me is leaping with joy at the thought of not having to spend over eight hours a day in the same building, with the same people, doing the same boring things every single day; but on the other side, I am sad to leave. Southeast of Saline has really become my home (though at times, prison) over the past 13 years.

That is why, in my last column, I would like to offer a warm farewell (and a see you later, fools) to all the people who have made the last 13 years so wonderful (or torturous!).

To the teachers- You have filled my mind with so much (sometimes useless) knowledge during my Southeast of Saline career. You know that we students love to complain (because it is needed!), yet every day you wake up, drink your coffee (in Mr. Anderson's case spill your coffee), put a smile (or evil smirk) on your face, and

once again fill our minds with information that you are confident we will one day need (if we don't forget it first). You are educators, enforcers (You always make sure we wear mini skirts rather than jeans with an inch wide hole above the knee.), friends, and over all, superheroes. That is why I would like to give you a sincere (yes, sincere) thank you for everything you have done for the senior class over the past several years!

To the underclassmen- (Haha! Have fun in school!) I hate to admit it, but I will miss you all next year. I hope that you will remember the senior class fondly as the class who, with only a little grumbling, let underclassmen into the *senior lounge* (with minimal water spraying), who ruled with open arms rather than closed fists, and who made the whole school become one big happy family!

As I leave you, my final request (and you better obey because I'm a senior!), is that you carry on the traditions that we have started. Be (at least kind of) nice to the underclassmen. Get involved in organizations at school (namely StuCo which will be losing 60 percent of its members). Make Mr. Cooper happy by supporting liberal politics! Complain to your teachers. And finally, above all, have Bowling and Pancake Fest every year (please!).

To my classmates- Can you believe it is over? (Although sometimes I want to punch a few of you in the face,) after thirteen years together, we have created a very special bond and millions of memories. For example, I'm sure several people remember when the white tiger sprayed his not-so-white pee all over Brent Sweany during our sixth grade field trip.

How about Kelcy Berry and Matt Everhart's love song during our fifth grade musical (OOO MAH CHUCK AH OOO MAH CHUCKAH)?

Corey Srna sang a Brian McKnight solo at 6th grade variety night and then we sang the worst class song ever (watch the video... its bad!).

And think about all the crazy romances we have had—short, skinny Brent with Chelsie Green (who used to be one of the tallest girls of the class) or Elissa Stein and Mitchell Mugler. (We all thought they'd get married.) Also, I am pretty sure that our class was the first group to ever get in trouble for grinding at junior high dances!

How about McPherson band trips, Elissa Stein's barn dance, taking the Jamestown project to the technology fair, reading expo, field trips, and, of course, recess!

All of those things feel like yesterday, yet now we are about to graduate. Some of you have been a part of our senior class party for only a few years, some of us for longer; but no matter how long, I hope that we can all remember at least part of our time here fondly.

I would like to wish good luck to all of you upon entering "the real world" next year, because I know that *I* need it! I hope that you are all happy, healthy, and making smart decisions (yeah right!) well into your futures. Although we are leaving SES in a few short days, I hope that no matter where you go, you'll never forget the days that Britten O'Banan's hair was yellow, Charley Stabb had a mullet, and Sylvia Prater was the tallest person in the class! I will miss you all like crazy!

And finally, **to everyone**, thank you for making the last 13 years of my life so great. And as our class song states... as you all say goodbye to the most wonderful senior class to ever walk the SES halls, we say hello to our futures! Hello! Hello!

Sincerely (for the last time),
Shannon

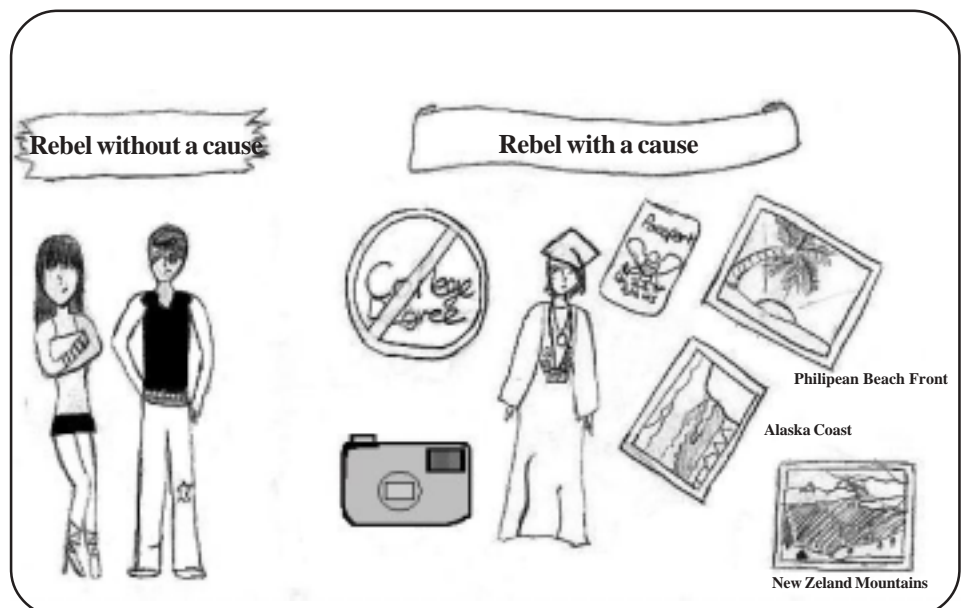
• Senior shares her 'unique' philosophy

traveling and studying the art of photography. In high school, I have had so many responsibilities and next year I'm going to enjoy the pleasure of focusing on the one thing that I love and that I want to do more than anything else.

I don't know for sure that I will be a successful photographer. I don't know if I am making a mistake by not furthering my "official" education, but I am willing to take the chance, despite the skepticism from people around me.

My point is that I believe it is important to think outside the box and follow our hearts while making the important decisions in our lives. We don't always have to follow the crowd or participate in something because our parents or peers expect it.

We should forget about others' expectations and set some up for ourselves. We need to have goals and opinions. We don't always have to stay inside the lines like a child with a coloring book. Thinking outside the box may put us in uncomfortable positions, but if we have confidence, following our hearts can be very beneficial. Remember it's o.k. to be a rebel...as long as we remember to have a cause.



Past students return to stomping grounds to teach

By Jena Sauber

As the school year winds down and people look forward to summer, most aren't looking towards the start of school in the fall. However, students will encounter some changes in the teaching staff when school starts up again.

Mr. Chance Ptacek and Miss Shauna Baldwin will be joining the SES staff as a secondary math teacher and a fourth grade teacher, respectively. However, for each teacher, this isn't the first experience at Southeast of Saline.



Chance Ptacek

Ptacek graduated from SES in 1999 and from Bethany College in 2004. For the past four years, he has taught math and coached football at South High School. He's also helped at Southeast on the athletic side.

"For the past six years, I've also assisted with the SES Jr. High boys' basketball team," Ptacek said.

Ptacek, husband of high school science teacher Mrs. Peshia Ptacek, will also be taking on the role as a junior high boys' basketball and football coach.

"I look forward to working with the people of Southeast of Saline, students and staff," Ptacek said.

For Ptacek, returning to Southeast, this time as a teacher instead of a student, is a positive change.

"I feel excited about returning to Southeast of Saline," he

said. "It will be interesting to experience SES as a teacher and not a student."

Ptacek isn't the only new staff member for next year who grew up a Trojan. Baldwin graduated from SES in 2004.

"I feel really privileged to get the chance to come back and teach," Baldwin said. "I had such a great experience in high school and it makes me excited to return and be a part of the great community that is Southeast of Saline."

Post high school, Baldwin attended Kansas State University in Manhattan where she is scheduled to graduate from this May. As for being able to put her college knowledge into play in the workforce, Baldwin says she has much to look forward to.

"I look forward to just plain teaching!" she said. "I don't think you realize it until you are gone for a while how unique this school district is."

However, for students hoping to stop by her classroom and welcome her back, don't look for Miss Baldwin's room in the fall. Look for Mrs. Henry's instead.

"This summer I'm getting married to SES alumni Logan Henry, who is Coleman Henry's big brother!" Baldwin said.

No matter her last name, Baldwin says she is excited about her new job.

"I can't wait to meet the fourth graders next year! I also look forward to meeting and getting to know Southeast's elementary faculty and parents," she said.

SES 'Par-law' team sets the record straight

By Amanda Keeler

It's not every day that Southeast of Saline is in the spotlight for holding a state record, but the SES FCCLA Senior Parliamentary Procedure team has been in the limelight this past month. The team holds the state record for the number of times that they have received a top gold medal at the state competition.

"This Par-law team has probably been so successful because they are verbally and academically gifted, they work well together, they are flexible and they know the rules of the contest so well," Mrs. Juanelle Garretson, SES FCCLA chapter advisor, said.

The team consists of Shannon Wilson, President; Sadie Myers, Secretary; Shayla Seim, Treasurer; and members at large Elissa Stein, Brent Sweany, Chelsie Green and Sarah Anderes.

Throughout this Par-law team's career, they have earned ten gold medals and one silver medal at district state and national competitions.

This year, they will be traveling to Orlando in July for the National Convention. In Orlando, they will compete in their STAR Event along with participating in other FCCLA National activities. In previous years, the team has traveled to San Diego, Nashville, and Anaheim.

"I think going to Orlando will be a great way to wrap up all the fun we have had as a team," Myers said.

In 2005, when the then Jr. Par-law team made their first trip to the national FCCLA competition in San Diego, they received their first gold medal. The next year in Nashville, they received another gold medal. Last year, when the team traveled to Anaheim, they earned a silver medal.

"Every year we try to challenge ourselves by adding new tricks to our meetings. We challenge ourselves a little more each

year and that's why we could come out on top," Wilson said.

SES has a long history of successful par-law teams. There have been 42 appearances at the state competition by SES Par-law teams since 1991. In 1992, the Southeast Par-law team traveled to the national for the first time in SES FCCLA history.

"Par-law is the most popular STAR Event for SES and it is definitely one of the most successful when it comes to the national competition," Garretson said.



Members of the Parliamentary Procedure team (Sarah Anderes, Chelsie Green, Shayla Seim, Brent Sweany, Sadie Myers, Shannon Wilson and Elissa Stein) laugh while trying to keep the California sun out of their eyes in Anaheim last summer. The team has made SES FCCLA history, winning State and qualifying for Nationals, four consecutive years. (Photo by Warren Myers)

Breese balances music, studies, family

By Patrick Eslick

Between playing in a rock band and the Salina Symphony, getting a Doctorate degree, spending time with his son and all



Breese leads the pep band during a home basketball performance. Along with the band, Breese also participates in many other activities, including working towards his Doctorate. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

the other things he does, SES Band director Quentin Breese scarcely has a moment to himself.

“I don’t think that I could squeeze much more in,” Breese said.

He has been working to obtain administrative degrees since 2002. At the present, he has a Building Level (principal) license and a District Level (superintendent) license.

“Now I’m working on my Doctorate,” Breese, who frequently works until 11:00 at night on homework for the program, said. “I have about two more years left on it.”

Breese also says he won’t accept an administrative position unless it’s in this area.

“I’m pretty locked into this location, since my wife teaches here and I like living here,” Breese said.

Besides these academic pursuits, Breese works with the Salina Symphony as lead trumpet. He is also in charge of the Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, which gives about

10-20 performances per year.

“I do enjoy it. It’s fun. It’s exciting,” Breese said. “It gives me a chance to play professional literature.”

Breese also plays trumpet and percussion in a band called “The Blades,” which he describes as a fusion between Jazz, Rock and Funk. Rehearsals for the band usually last from 9:00-11:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

“We usually play two to three times a month for parties, wedding dances and clubs,” Breese said.

Any “spare” time, Breese says, is spent playing with his son, Payton.

Although his schedule keeps him very busy, Breese says there are benefits.

“The best part is that I get to supplement my teaching salary with several other avenues of income,” Breese said. “The worst part is that I see very little of my family through the week. I don’t have a lot of flex room.”

Staff’s 219 years of experience say goodbye

By Krisanna Graham

With a combined total of 219 years of service, eight Southeast of Saline faculty members are saying goodbye to the halls of Southeast at the end of the year. Within these interviews below, you will find the teachers’ exciting plans for retirement, their memories of teaching, and, you may even find a long lost treasure in room 128.

Mrs. Judy Hagen (library assistant, 34 years at SES)

Trojournal: What will you remember the most of your experience here?

Hagen: Having to come to school when there was a foot of snow and blizzard conditions. Back then (you know the dark ages), it took a lot of snow to call off school. I remember one time we were preparing to keep students overnight! Thank goodness there was a break in the weather and we hurried the students on the buses and sent them home!

Mrs. Kathy Melander (Title I teacher, 27 years)

Trojournal: What are your plans after retiring?

Melander: Doing all the things I have wanted to do for years and haven’t had time to do – traveling, gardening, entertaining, volunteer work...

Mr. Dee Kolzow (secondary math teacher, 32 years)

Trojournal: What are your plans after retiring?

D. Kolzow: Coach baseball at Central High School, play a lot of golf and probably work part time.

Mrs. Jan Kolzow (third grade teacher, 30 years)

Trojournal: What is your favorite memory of SES?

J. Kolzow: Remembering some of the staff at Southeast who were my former 3rd graders!

Mr. Kevin Noonan (secondary social studies teacher, 30 years)

Trojournal: What is your funniest memory at SES?

Noonan: Way too many, except for the brownie incident – not funny.

Ms. Nancy Persinger (Board of Education Clerk/Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, 29 years)

Trojournal: What is your funniest memory at SES?

Persinger: Mr. Noonan bugging me when I was trying to make announcements when I worked in the junior/senior high office – never could get the announcements made!

Mrs. Monette Johnson (fourth grade teacher, 25 years)

Trojournal: What is your funniest memory at SES?

Johnson: The first day of each school year, I told my students about my TOY BOX that held all of the “toys” past students had brought and played with in my classroom. Whenever I would have to take an item away, I would tell them that when they graduated from high school or I retired, they could come back and claim their toys. Well, my toy box has been quite full for many years because no one ever came back to claim their toys.....until this week! Sarah Reece came by to ask if she could get her treasure out of the toy chest. I handed her the big shoe box and crossed my fingers that she would find what she had lost in my class. We both smiled as she pulled out a small item, tried it, and said, “The battery doesn’t work anymore.” So, if you have any toys you lost during your 4th grade year in my classroom, do stop by soon and check out the TOY BOX in room # 128.

Mrs. Susan Kejr (Title I teacher, 12 years)

Trojournal: What will you remember the most about SES?

Kejr: The strong sense of community here at Southeast, which is enhanced by having K-12 all under one roof.

Broadcasting class shares magical secrets

By Elizabeth Reece

Three seconds left in the game, the ball is passed to Cole Lilly, he shoots a three, SWISH, and the Trojans win the game!!! Then later, three seconds left in the games, it's passed to Cole Lilly, he shoots a three SWISH, and the Trojans win the game!!!

This amazing play against the Sacred Heart Knights was played over and over again in the school cafeteria, but nobody thought about who captured the astounding game highlight and who put it together. The broadcasting class, taught by Mr. Wayne Sager, is behind the movie magic, getting behind the camera at every home game.

The magicians in charge of making the magic are senior Mans Olssen, junior Joel Prater and sophomores Garrett Sager, Trenton Collins and Kaleb Lawrence.

The two magic wands that these magicians share are called Video Toaster and Speed Edit. Video Toaster (VT) is a device used to do media editing on the computer. Speed Edit is a program that allows students to quickly tweak their projects.

"It's a little different than our main system, but it does the same job," Lawrence said.

VT allows them to do extensive editing, and they were previously trying new things on it like slow motion.

Just as important as the editing software are the student sportscaster and color man. You'll often find broadcasting

students behind a camera or pacing beside it, seemingly talking to themselves. Actually, they give play-by-plays to what is happening on the other end of the camera, who shoots or who made the touch-down.

Their cameras are also important to making the magic.

"We...use several types of cameras," Garrett Sager said.

Mr. Wayne Sager, the broadcasting teacher, enjoys the class and the students in it.

"It's fun to listen to improvements (of the students) as they go through the seasons," he said.

Some of the guys are on varsity for different sports, so they can't film the game. This means they have to make up the work by doing media editing and the DVD creations.

Even though the guys enjoy broadcasting, there are some downsides, too.

"I like being at the games and making projects out of them, I dislike not being in the student section," Collins said.

These guys don't just use their talent in the classroom though; they use it a lot for doing stuff at home too, like setting up new electronic equipment and making videos at home. They also used their skills for a recent video contest hosted by TRUST. Sager, Lawrence and Collins entered a video promoting being drug-free and won the first place prize of \$200.

Besides winning money for their

abilities, they also enjoy the class because of the memories.

"(It's fun because) you can do so much to a video," Prater said

"(I like) being in the green room and going all out," Garrett Sager said.

"(People who should take this class are) students that like to broadcast and aren't afraid of a camera," said Collins.

Many of them are looking toward the future with sadness.

"(When I leave, I will miss) just being in the class," Olssen said.

Others are looking forward with hopes.

"(I plan to use my skills) in college and once out, hopefully," Garrett Sager said.



Kaleb Lawrence and Garrett Sager broadcast an SES basketball game. One of the broadcasting class's duties is to film at every home athletic event. (Photo by Jena Sauber.)

Berry breaks away from typical college studies

By Sarah Reece

While some of us aspire to be a professional athlete, a doctor or an astronaut, senior Cierha Berry has dreams of holding a career a little off the beaten path—as an artist. Berry has been formally involved in art since her freshman year.

"It's always been something I love to do and (it) doesn't really seem like work to me since it's something I love," Berry said.

Berry plans on going to Kansas University for four years as a Layout Design major.

While she is going to a different schooling environment, Berry looks forward to the experience.

"(I'm looking forward to) meeting new people and having the chance to experience life on my own," Berry said.

Her teacher, Mr. Kurt Krehbiel, feels that Berry has

excelled in art this year.

"Cierha (has done) a nice job this year (and has) won several awards," Krehbiel said.

Those awards include an award for her motorcycle photo, a charcoal, and mixed media, a wheel-thrown bowl, and a pastel.

After high school, Berry wants to be a layout designer for some sort of publication.

"Hopefully for a well renowned magazine," Berry said.

Berry said that a job as a layout artist can range from \$40,000 to about \$80,000 but it mostly depends on the company.

"(I've been involved in art) since I was little," Berry said. "It's something I enjoy doing so I would never dread going to work."

Miss Kansas addresses bullying behavior

By Elizabeth Reece

Miss Kansas, Alyssa George, came to speak to students at SES on April 30. Her speech was filled with memories and statistics about bullying.

"Someone gets bullied every seven seconds," George said. "That bullying episode will last 31 seconds."

George's speech over her platform topic "Bullying- The Bystander Effect," scheduled by the Leadership 101 class, was meant to help SES fulfill a recently passed law.

"Legislature passed a law about a year ago requiring a schools (to take steps to prevent) bullying," principle Monte Couchman said.

Couchman said that bullying behavior has been addressed prior to the legislature's action but that it had been addressed mainly after a bullying incident had occurred.

"The new policy requires specific bullying actions to be addressed, and training for staff and students be provided," Couchman said. "We are also required to have a policy that makes it known (that bullies will be) disciplined."

The legislature defines bullying as a repetitive behavior that intimidates or threatens or that causes the target to not come to school. It has to build a feeling of fear and exclusion.

Teachers aren't the only ones who have to prepare for the change in the rules. The policy also says that students will have training as well, going over what your choices are if you're a bully, target or a witness.

"We also want to focus on cyber bullying, even if it doesn't happen at school, it carries over to school," Couchman said.

From the student-stand point, however, few thought that

George's message would make a difference at SES. Also, although many students claim they have been either a witness, or a target of bullying, few realize what the school is planning on doing to help them.

"I don't think anything can prevent bullying because people just won't change; there will always be bullying," one anonymous student said.

Many students said friends caused the pain of being bullied.

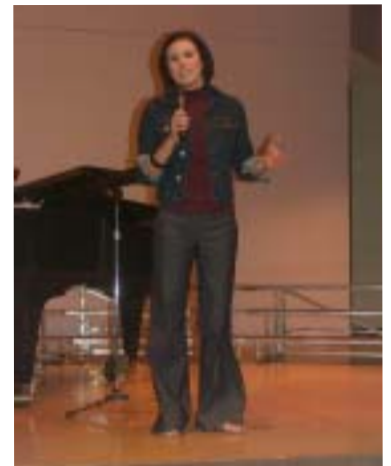
"I think most of the bullying comes from your friends. So I recommend that nobody should have friends," senior Cory Srna said.

However, some students were somewhat enthusiastic about the speech.

"I don't think we will change people talking behind others backs. I guess Miss Kansas helped more people realize what they were doing," Kristi Hargadine said.

Still, some had advice for others.

"The students should think about what they do before they do it and how it would affect them and the people around them," Teisha Rogers said.



Miss Kansas, Alyssa George, addresses SES students about bullying. A new law requires that all schools address the subject. (Photo by Sarah Reece)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As you know, we were surprised by the birth of our son when he was born 15 weeks too early. Prematurity was something I only had a vague understanding of. The neonatal intensive care unit or NICU is amazing. The doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, and pediatric specialist who care every day for these tiny babies are on the cutting edge of medical technology. Physically, it is because of their inspired and proven care that our little boy is alive.

Spiritually, it is because of the sincere and heart felt prayers being said for him every day. We know God is blessing us and the lives of others with his life each and every passing day. We thank you so much for giving of yourselves. The envelope full of money was overwhelming to receive and our hearts were overjoyed and touched by all the love behind it.

Thank you in so many ways and we'll look forward to seeing you in the fall.

The Benoist Family

Editor's Note: A monetary gift was collected by members of the SES Staff to aid Ama and Travis Benoist, along with their two sons, Chauncey and Thorpe. Chauncey is now a big brother to Thorpe who is now over three weeks old.

FFA collects gold, silver, bronze

By Elizabeth Reece

On May 4-6 FFA members went to state CDE's (Career Development Events) in Manhattan to compete against over 100 other schools. They brought back two gold medals, three silver and five bronze.

"Two teams in the top ten make me proud!" Mrs. Brandie Disberger, SES FFA sponsor, said.

Individuals Megan Lofton, Tiffany Cleveland and Shelby Shaw all received bronze awards in the Dairy Division. Brent Sweany received a gold award and a medal for fourth place in Agriculture Communications. Shannon Rogge received silver in the Horse division and Amanda Wilson received a bronze medal. Tyler Herrington received silver in the Livestock division.

Sweany qualified to compete in the extemporaneous competition and the Par-law team qualified to compete as well.

Teams placing are:

- Fifth in Agriculture, gold
- Seventh in Agriculture sales, bronze
- Fifteenth in Dairy, silver

In other FFA news, members participated in the Greenhand Agriculture Mechanics event in Abilene on May 8. At the event, first year members identified tools, welded and built a wood project as a team.

Chapter members also plan to go to the State Convention in Manhattan from May 31 to June 2.

As summer begins, some students...

Roll up their sleeves to



By Michael Bauer

School may be getting out soon, but for some students, there is still a lot of work left to do when the final bell rings—college classes, regular jobs, or both. Some students are taking college classes, some students are working and others are taking advantage of both.

34%

of students would say **WORKING** is their top priority this summer

Junior Shelby Meyer is one of the students planning to make use of the summer by taking a college algebra class.

“I’m taking it so I can get it out of the way and have fewer hours when I go to college,” Meyer said.

In addition to the class, Meyer also has a job working at the Eaglecrest Retirement Center in Salina.

“I mostly serve food to the residents there,” Meyer said of her job.

According to Meyer, the number of hours that she works varies from four to eight hours a day. However, with the rising gas prices, Meyer says her hours may have to change this summer.

“I have to travel more and I live far away from where I work, so gas prices have interfered with the number of hours I work,” Meyer said.

Another student who plans to spend the summer working, but not taking college courses, is sophomore Garrett Sager.

“I work at the YMCA, but I hope to get another job,” Sager said.

Sager is still skeptical about where that other job will be.

“I don’t know if I will be working a different job or not,” Sager said, “but until then, I plan on staying at the YMCA.”

Sager’s occupation at the YMCA is officiating the youth soccer, football, basketball and other games that are played there.

He works four to six hours on Saturdays during the school year, but during the summer, he works two to three hours every other day.

Working at the YMCA will not be the only task that Sager will have to do either over the next two-and-a-half months.

“Since cross country season is coming up, I am going to be putting in some mileage by running and coming to work-

outs occasionally with other team members during the summer,” Sager said.

However, his job shouldn’t interfere at all with his summer training.

“Since I barely work any hours, it doesn’t really feel like I’m working much at all anyway,” Sager said.

Working for an attorney in Salina will be sophomore Becky Lashelle.

Though she will not be working as a lawyer, she will be working for an attorney.

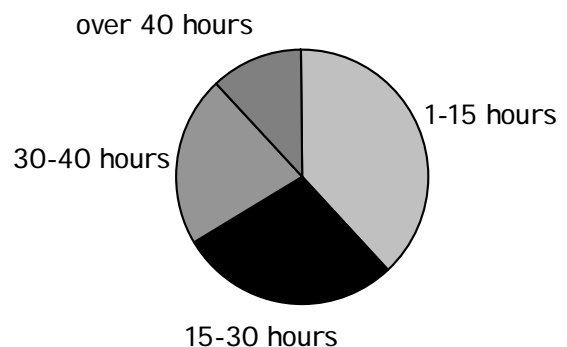
“I’ll just be filing and giving paperwork to clients,” Lashelle said.

“I’ll be working 10 hours a day, only on week days,” Lashelle said. “I will also be making about \$11.50 an hour.”

Even though she has no experience in the field, Lashelle still had a simple way of getting a job there.

“The attorney’s daughter and I are friends and since he knows me, he asked me if I would be interested in working there,” Lashelle said.

Students’ Summer Travel



The Trojournal surveyed SES students about their summer plans. Of the students surveyed, 96 percent planned on holding a summer job of some kind. 62 percent of the students surveyed hold a job during the school year as well. The chart shows the number of hours these students plan to work per week this summer.

While others...

Prepare their plans for



By Elizabeth Reece

Playing, working, playing, working, playing, wor...PLAYING!! That's what senior Shayla Seim, and juniors Abbey Wilson and Cole VanBlaricon, among others, are doing this summer. Instead of working for the summer, they have made big plans to go out of the country and spend the summer having fun.

VanBlaricon will be going to Malta,

Wilson will be going south also, but to Mexico instead of Australia. Her trip is a mission trip with her church, Salina Heights Christian Church.

"(When we get to Mexico, we will build a house for a family that is living in a hut right now," Wilson said.

They will be leaving for Juarez, Mexico on May 31 and return on June 7.

To raise money to be able to go, Wilson's church sold enchiladas for a fundraiser.

"Eighteen people are going, eight (of them being) teenagers. It will be like a marathon- drive there, build a house, drive back, no time for any 'special' stops," Wilson said.

66%
of students would say PLAYING is thier top priority this summer.

France and Italy in Europe this summer with People to People to be an ambassador on June 24 through July 24.

"(We will be) exploring museums and cool stuff in Europe... we get to go to a secret part of the Louvre," VanBlaricon said.

Australia, not Europe, will be Seim's home for the summer from July 4 to July 26.

"My aunt lives there and my parents told me I would get to go when I was a seventh grader. I've always wanted to see what it's like in another country," Seim said.

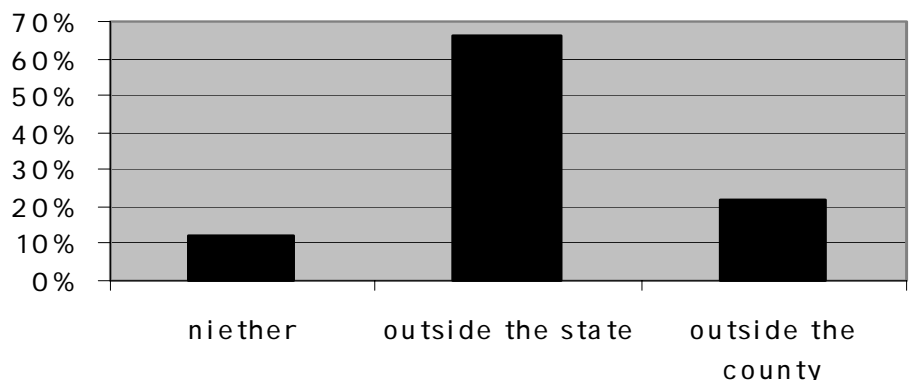
Seim will be going to Karnes to visit the Great Barrier Reef. She will then go to Adelaide for two weeks where her aunt and uncle live.

"I will be watching AFL (Australian Football League) games and going to the ocean," Seim said.



Seniors Shayla Seim, Brittany Obermeyer, and Sarah Anderes enjoy their meal at the senior barbeque Tuesday. Seim plans to have more days of play on her summer vacation. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Students' Summer Travel



Many SES stuentns are planning to travel this summer. The chart shows the percentage of students surveyed that will be traveling outside the state and country this summer.

Contest results music to band and vocal students' ears

By Sutton Sanders

With 70 out of the total 341 events at the 4A State Music Festival, Southeast of Saline had the second largest representation of musicians at the state music festival held at home on May 3.

"I believe it has boosted self-esteem within the students and created more appreciation for the music programs in our community," band director Mr. Quentin Breese said of the large number of participants.

State festival musicians and their ratings are as follows: Charlie Krager on flute (I), Kaleb Fiest on clarinet and tuba (I,I), Jake Mathews on snare (I), Max McClure on trumpet (I), Sarah Reece on alto saxophone (I), Sutton Sanders on bassoon (I), Dakota Reese on baritone saxophone (I), Chloe Seim on clarinet (II), and Alicia Oard on flute (II).

"As everyone can see we had a lot of talent in our band program this year," Breese said. "We are losing some seasoned talent and also gaining some new, young talent too."

The following vocals competed at the State level: Greg Peterson (I), Sutton Sanders (I), Chelsey Kohman (I), freshmen Cody Blaha (I), Jeff Schwerdtfager (II), Braxton O'Banan (II), and Eric Schwerdtfager (II). Skylar Bosco and Teisha Rogers also competed at the state level.

The ensembles that competed were as follows: the low brass ensemble (II), and the saxophone quartet (II).

"I am very proud of these kids," vocal director Matt Hanson said. "They all worked very hard and they were rewarded for their dedication."

With the competitions behind them, both music teachers are looking forward to seeing next year's music talent.

"We are losing a lot of good players with the seniors graduating," Breese said.

Hanson agreed but added that there is also talent coming up to make up for that loss.

"I'm expecting a wonderful bunch of new blood to quickly warm up to my expectations and keep up our legacy here," Hanson said.

With that legacy, they also expect something else in next year's music department.

"We are expecting a lot of leadership," Breese said.

Hanson agreed and takes it one step further.

"And with that new leadership we see great success coming," he said.



The madrigal singers sing "Il Est Bel Et Bon" at the regional music contest in Manhattan. They received a II rating. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Gary McClure)

Journalists relinquish trophy, pick up second place



Senior Chelsea Thorne (right) and freshman Tiffany Patrick (left) bend the rules by playing in the playplace at the Abilene Burger King on the way to the state journalism contest. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

By Patrick Eslick

Although they didn't repeat last year's first place performance at the KSPA state journalism contest, the journalism team did well, tying for second place.

They had to relinquish last year's first-place traveling trophy, trading it for a first-place plaque, but sophomore Sarah Reece said second place isn't bad.

"We did compete extremely well for being a young class," Reece said. "It's just too bad we didn't get our trophy back."

The team succeeded on the individual level as well.

Shannon Wilson placed first in the carry-in headline writing competition.

"I was really surprised when I won. I had state forensics that day, too, so I had kind of forgotten that state journalism was the same day," Wilson said. "I was really happy because writing is something I really

like to do."

Also placing in the top three were Michael Bauer (second in sports writing) and Jena Sauber (third in feature writing).

"I'm really glad I got second. I had a great sports story to write about," Bauer said. "At least it wasn't a story about cheerleading."

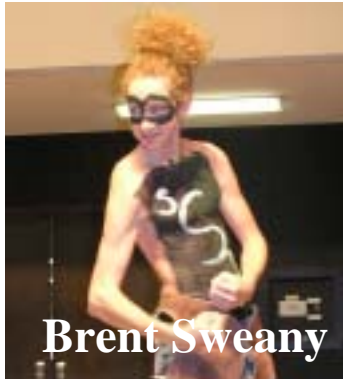
Receiving honorable mention were Reece (editorial cartoon) and Patrick Eslick (feature writing).

Tiffany Patrick, Chelsea Thorne and Sutton Sanders also attended the state competition but did not place. Sadie Myers, who won the feature photography division last year, also did not place.

"By making state, I found a hidden talent," Sanders said. "I also created new memories with my friends."



Seniors of Troy



Brent Sweany

1. This senior considers Mexico a part of the Orient!

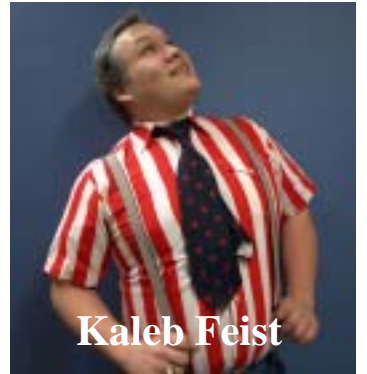
2. This summer, this senior plans to have a job working with autistic children.



Jeff Schwerdtfager

3. This senior has a terrible fear of sprouting potatoes.

4. This senior will be attending college in Liberty, MO.



Kaleb Feist

5. This senior has a hole in his uvula.

6. This senior claims to be addicted to WOW and Dum Dum suckers.

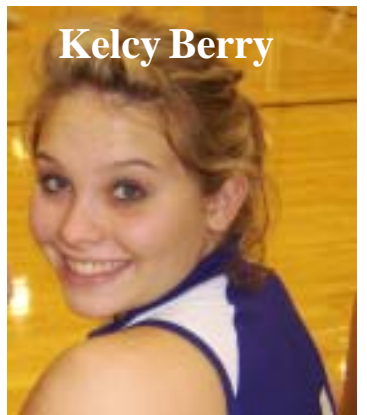


Charley Staab

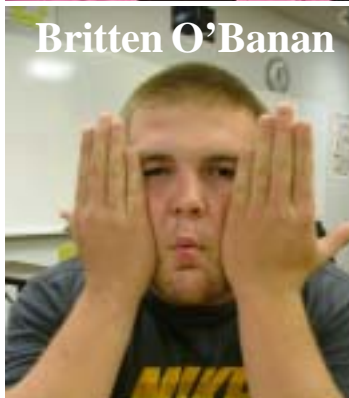


Chelsea Thorne

7. This senior has stories that truly begin "One time at band camp..."



Kelcy Berry



Britten O'Banan

8. After high school, this senior plans on studying linguistics.

Answers: 1) Charley Staab 2) Chelsea Thorne 3) Kelcy Berry 4) Jeff Schwerdtfager 5) Brent Sweany 6) Britten O'Banan 7) Kaleb Feist 8) Courtney Clark

Seniors 'rack in dough' with scholarships

By Joslyn Wilcox

Another year of SES graduates and their college scholarships have come in. On awards night, the seniors brought in the awards and a lot of dough. Scholarships were awarded to the 2008 graduating class as follows:

Sarah Anderes- Dane Hanson Vocational (\$1,500), Vocational Scholarship (\$500), Totaling \$2,000

Cierha Berry- Big Brothers/Big Sisters Scholarship (\$150), Robert Dole (\$4,000), Totaling \$4,150

Aaron Breault- Kansas Wesleyan, Assaria Lions Club

Shawna Caldwell- Kansas Wesleyan

Matthew Everhart- Saline County Farm Bureau/Steve Row Scholarship (\$1500), Earl Bane (\$20,000), Totaling \$ 21,500

Kaleb Fiest- Friends of Steve (\$500), Bethany College, Totaling \$500

Chelsie Green- Dylan Everhart Memorial (\$500), Legacy Award, Kelly Jackson Memorial Scholarship, Totaling \$500

Amanda Harding- Kansas Wesleyan (\$12,000), Friends of Rachel (\$200), Totaling \$12,200

John Henry- Earl Bane (\$20,000), Totaling \$20,000

Marshall Kohman- Rosemarie Collins McDonald Scholarship, John R. Show Sr. Memorial Scholarship (\$100), Vocational Scholarship (\$500), Totaling \$600

Carlie Krager- Kansas Wesleyan,

Nan & August Krauss Scholarship (\$1500), Totaling \$1,500

Chelsy Leander- Vocational Scholarship (\$500), Totaling \$500

Cole Lilly- Cargill (\$1,000), Elks Club (\$800), Dane Hanson (\$2,000), McDonalds Ray Kroc Award, David Heublein, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Scholarship (\$150), Robert Dole (\$4,000), Totaling \$7,950

Kevin Moyer- Vocational Scholarship (\$500), Dane Hanson Vocational (\$1,500), Totaling \$2,000

Kurtis Moyer- Vocational Scholarship (\$500), Totaling \$500

Mitchell Mugler- Saline County Water District #8 (\$500), Kansas State Activity Scholarship (\$1,000), Totaling \$ 1,500

Sadie Myers- DAR (\$100), Totaling \$100

Britten O'Banan- Butler County Vocational Scholarship

Brittany Obermeyer- Cargill (\$1,000), SESEA Future Teacher Scholarship (\$500), Kansas State Leadership, Totaling \$ 1,500

Nicholas Puetz- Coffeerville Football Scholarship

Tristin Scheel- Vocational Scholarship (\$500), Dane Hanson Vocational (\$1500), Totaling \$2,000

Jeff Schwerdtfager- Cornell College Scholarship

Shayla Siem- Saline County Water District #2, Elks Club (\$800), Make a Difference Scholarship (\$1500), Totaling \$2,300

Taylor Short- Saline County Farm Bureau (\$1,000), Vocational (\$500), Totaling \$1,500

Corey Srna- Paul & Irma Spellman Scholarship (\$200), Dr. Bob Scholarship (\$1,000), Friends University, Totaling \$1,200

Charliey Stabb- Vocational Scholarship (\$500), Totaling \$500

Elissa Stein- 4-H Award, Sunflower Community Ambassador (\$1,000), Cargill (\$1,000), NHS Recognition (\$400), Presbyterian Church of Kipp, David Heublein Scholarship (\$200), Sterling College Scholarship, Coca Cola (\$200), Presidential Leadership (\$100), Totaling \$2,900

Brent Sweany- Cargill (\$1,000), Kansas University Scholarship, Totaling \$1,000

Jessica Ward- Nan & August Krauss Scholarship (\$1,500), Totaling \$1,500

Shannon Wilson- Salina Rotary Club (\$1,000), Cargill (\$1000), FCCLA Alumni and Associates Scholarship (\$700), FCCLA Leadership (\$700), Dane Hanson (\$3,000), Dominic Sparacino Scholarship (\$100), Big Brothers/Big Sisters Scholarship (\$150), AXA (\$2,000), Bob Dole Scholarship (\$4,000), Kansas State Scholarships (\$3,000), Totaling \$15,650

Keley Young-Berry- Robert Dole Scholarship (\$ 4,000), Wal-mart Scholarship (\$1,000), Totaling \$5,000

Jeremy Ziegler- Saline County Water District #8 (\$500), Totaling \$500



Seniors Brent Sweany, Shannon Wilson, Chelsie Green and Cierha Berry sit on the football field during the Senior BBQ on Tuesday. Seniors got out of school at noon and had a BBQ out on the football field to celebrate their graduation. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Seniors prepare for final walk

By Tiffany Patrick

'Hello, hello. I don't know why you say goodbye, I say hello.' For a group of SES students, these lyrics may have extra meaning this May.

"Hello, Goodbye" by the Beatles is the class of 2008's song and will be played at the end of the commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the lower gym.

Chelsie Green will be delivering the class challenge and Mr. Dave Soderberg will be the guest speaker. Principal Monte Couchman will be reading the graduates' names, while Warren Myers, Joe Ryan and Denise Stein will be presenting seniors with their diplomas.

Norma Bowman and Judy White will be presenting the flowers to each of the seniors. Graduates finishing in the top ten percent of the class are Cole Lilly, Shannon Wilson, Shayla Seim and Sadie Myers.

Swedish pole vaulter leaps over SES record

By Allison Dunn

Set in May 2002, Alysha Sly held the SES girl's pole vaulting record at 7'0". However, that's all changed since foreign exchange student Andréa Smedberg came to the field and broke the record at 7'6".

Smedberg, who has three years of experience of pole vaulting back in her home-country of Sweden, decided to try out the sport back home on a whim with a friend.

"There was a big sheet where they asked if you wanted to try pole vaulting. Another friend and I went and there were two guys and two girls who tried out," Smedberg said.

Although she began her pole vaulting profession on an impulse, Smedberg said that her work on the track team in Sweden was not as carefree. Her training time was three to four times a week for 90 minutes each time.

At Southeast, however, it's a different story. Smedberg has not been able to train in pole vaulting and her only "practice" is at the actual competitions.

"I go to meets and don't practice. I hurt my back two years ago and I haven't been able to do anything for two years except running. This year it has been better and I was able to do it again and it was the first time in a meet. I remem-

bered how to do it, but not exactly. I was really nervous. They (my teammates) were laughing at me because I was so nervous. I set the school record at the first meet," Smedberg said.

Not only is her practice time different in the states, but she also noted the scoring and coaching is different in the U.S.

"The meets in Sweden are on weekends. And you go with your team sometimes but you don't count the points as a team, it's just yourself. The coaching is that they go into events (specific pole vaulting coach, etc.)," Smedberg said.

Smedberg also said that pole vaulting is not the most popular sport, attracting few people to compete in the meets.

"The small meets have five people and the big ones are like 16. It's a good event to do if you want to win," Smedberg said.

Southeast does not have many participants in pole vaulting partly because each pole is around \$370 and also there are not many other schools to compete with in this event.

Even with all these differences and breaking the school record, Smedberg was not concerned with glory.

"I don't really care about the school record;

I just want to do my best. It's just a fun thing that I did it," Smedberg said.



Smedberg stretches out before her event at the home track meet on April 4. She set the record at 7'6". (photo by Sadie Myers)

Manwaring pitches opening season game shutout

By Max McClure

His opponents try to hit him, but he dares them to keep swinging. He's only 5'10", but he stands above his peers. He's neither deaf nor dumb, but he communicates in sign language. Who is this study in contradictions?

It's none other than senior Ryan Manwaring, A.K.A "Gabby"- the future Cloud County Thunderbird and present Southeast pitcher who stands tall on the mound and is one of the few people at Southeast who knows sign language...given it's baseball signs.

"We nicknamed him 'Gabby' because he rarely talks. It is kind of like calling a tall guy 'Shorty'," Head Coach Mike Garretson said.

This quiet impression of him doesn't hold true 24/7, according to Manwaring's brother Alex who is a sophomore at SES.

"At home, we can't get him to shut up," the younger Manwaring said.

Just as he has one communication style at school and another at home, Garretson says he has more than one style of pitching.

"He doesn't fit one description. He has good control, is very consistent, and gives you all he has every time," Garretson said.

Manwaring showed he could give it his all during the first game of the season.

"The first game against Ellsworth, I threw a complete game shutout with about 10 strikeouts and only a couple of walks," Manwaring said.

During a typical game, he throws about 60-80 pitches. Now as the season's end is approaching and fellow pitcher Zach Downey has injured his hand, Manwaring is finding himself on the mound even more often. But he doesn't get too ahead of himself saying "there are too many other players on his team to count."

Garretson also says Manwaring isn't only a pitcher but that he has more roles as an outfielder and batter.

"He plays outfield for us sometimes. He is also a contact hitter that battles the pitcher every at bat," Garretson said.

Garretson also says that Manwaring gives each game his all for a

special reason.

"He loves the game. He wouldn't tell you that, but you can tell by his actions he loves the game," Garretson said.

Although Garretson had his doubts about Manwaring expressing his love for the sport, Manwaring did volunteer his thoughts on the subject, and compared it to other sports he's tried.

"I've also played basketball, football, and track. But I liked baseball a lot better than anything else and I didn't have to try really hard to be good at it," Manwaring said.



Manwaring pitches during a home game early in the season. Manwaring recently signed to play with the Cloud County Thunderbirds. (photo by Jena Sauber)

Baseball team ends season at Regionals

By Michael Bauer

The Southeast of Saline baseball team's season came to an end on Monday with a 6-4 loss to the Lyons Lions at the Class 3A regional quarterfinals.

It was the third time in the last five years the Trojans lost to Lyons in regional competition, but this time, it wasn't in the regional finals.

The Trojans took an early 4-0 lead in the second inning before the Lions got going with four runs of their own in the third inning. The game remained tied four more innings until the Lions scored twice in the seventh and held on for the win.

"We didn't play poorly, but we didn't play well enough to win," Head Coach Mike Garretson said. "We left some guys on bases, and we just didn't get the job done."

The Trojans had only five hits, but Garretson said the wind might have been a factor.

"Neither teams had very many hits, but there was a ferocious wind blowing in," Garretson said. "It's hard to get hits when the wind is (fierce)."

Three of the Trojans' five hits went for extra bases along with two doubles for sophomore Dylan Howe and another by se-

nior Cole Lilly.

Playing in his last high school baseball game, along with Lilly, pitcher Ryan Manwaring worked into the seventh inning for the Trojans, striking out eight and giving up four hits.

Reliever Zach Downy gave up just two more hits in the last two innings.



The Southeast of Saline baseball team watches the field during the first game against Sacred Heart at Dean Evans Stadium. SES lost against Sacred Heart 6-4. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

Softball denied State appearance

By Sutton Sanders

Southeast of Saline softball players walked away with heads hung low after Tuesday's season-ending close loss to Sacred Heart at Bill Burke in Salina.



Senior Chelsie Green runs pass first during the Sacred Heart game at Billburke in Salina. Southeast won the first game, then lost the second game on April 28. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

With a final score of 2-1 in the ninth inning, seniors Elissa Stein, Charley Staab, Chelsie Green, and Sylvia Prater left the field for their final game of their final season.

"I just wish that we could have beaten them and made it up the ranks one more time," Prater said. "It's really disappointing, but at least we have good memories, too."

Junior Cassie Schlesener scored the only point, and her pitching kept Sacred Heart off the bases for a while.

But Schlesener feels that their loss wasn't from lack of heart and intensity.

"I know that it was the adrenaline of facing our rivals in the big game that decided who was going to the top that kept our girls going," Schlesener said. "They were always moving and ready. But, unfortunately, the game just didn't go our way."

Head coach Peshia Ptacek had a similar outlook on the game.

"Defensively the girls played well," Ptacek said. "I wish we could have gotten more out of our bats, though."

Ptacek said that typically batting kept SES above water with three of the four seniors batting over .500.

"All of our seniors will be greatly missed," Ptacek said. "But (next year) we have a strong core returning, and I know they will work hard and have lots of heart."

Girls' track team takes first, boys' take seventh

By Max McClure

With only one individual gold medalist, the Southeast of Saline girls track team still managed to sweep the competition last Friday with a 25 point lead over Beloit, the runner up.

Aubrey Knox was the sole first place finisher in the 100 hurdles in a time of 17.09. Close behind was her teammate Andrea Smedberg who was second in 17.98. All three girls' relays were second the 4x800 (Courtney Sager, Shayla Siem, Jess Ward, and Sadie Roesner) 10:36, 4x400 (Sager, Seim, Stephanie Frost, Ward) 4:20, and the 4x100 (Frost, Roesner, Heather Hardesty, and Ward) 51.49.

The boys' team was seventh with 41 points.

Male placers were Mitch Mugler, second in the 110 hurdles in 16.28. He was also third in the 300 hurdles (44.09). Other placers were Garrett Sager, third in the 3200 (11:05); 4x100 (O'Banan, Mugler, Everhart, Olsson) was fourth (48.06); Ryan McMichael, fourth in the 110 hurdles (17.81); Michael Bauer, fifth in the 3200 (11:24); Sager, sixth in the 1600 (5:06); and McMichael, sixth in the 300 hurdles (45.40).

Other placers in the league meet were Hardesty, second in the long jump (15'10"); Knox, second in the 300 hurdles (49.68); Sierra Yianakopoulos, second in the 3200 (13:12); Frost, second in the high jump (4'10"); Tiffany Cleveland, third in the 3200 (13:21); Frost, third in the 100 (12.96); Seim, third in the 800 (2:35); Sadie Roesner, third in the 200 (26.93); Knox, fourth in the long jump (15'4"); Yianakopoulos, fourth in 1600 (6:00); Smedberg, fourth in the 300 hurdles (52.70); Courtney Sager, fifth in the triple jump (31'4"); Jenna Sleek, fifth in the 100 (13.29); Cleveland, fifth in the 1600 (6:06); Taylor Schoenhofer, fifth in the 300 hurdles (54.46); Hardesty, fifth in the 200 (27.92); Cleveland, sixth in the triple jump (31'1"); Schoenhofer, sixth in the 100 hurdles (19.20); Hardesty, sixth in the 100 (13.36); Sager, sixth in the 800 (2:42); Sleek, sixth in the 200 (28.22); and Smedberg, sixth in the Pole Vault (7'6").

The track teams head to Marion to compete at the regional track meet tonight. Field events begin at 3:00, and preliminary track events begin at 4:30.

Team tees up with increased numbers

By Tiffany Patrick and Krisanna Graham

Ten meets, 17 players, multiple clubs; all three words can describe one thing—the 2008 golf team, which consists of more players than previous teams.

“I believe there have been more members active in golf because it is fun and there isn’t much running. It’s also a lifetime sport,” golf coach Mr. Bill Gies said.

Team members are freshmen Katie Boyd, Alicia Oard, Sarah Dennison, David Hoelting, Emmy Meyer, Eric Schwerdtfager, Briar Steward; juniors Nick Ostmeyer, Joel Prater, Kirk Nelson, Cati Bosco, Sean Martinez, Thomas Patry, Meaghan Wellman, and Kylie Losey; and seniors Jacob Fehlman and John Henry.

“The group can be real fun; they joke and smile and enjoy the game,” Gies said. “With such big numbers, there are opportunities to see the players doing good things together – working later or helping each other in drills.”

However, golf isn’t all fun and games for the team.

“Sometimes we have issues with getting along, but part of golf and all sports is learning how to deal with people properly,” Gies said.

Since Southeast of Saline doesn’t have a golf course on campus, the team travels to the Salina Municipal, The Elks Club, The Salina Country Club and Riverbend golf courses for practice. However, with many upperclassmen on the team, buses for transportation aren’t needed.

“The hardest part about having a larger group is trying to get everyone where they should be when they should be there,” Gies said.

The varsity team—consisting of Nelson, Henry, Fehlman, Patry and Steward—competed on April 29 at Marion. No one placed at the meet.

Trojan golfers also competed on May 8 at League in Ellsworth. Prater

(96), Fehlman (100), Henry (110), Ostmeyer (106), Patry (127) and Losey (113) made up the varsity team, while Martinez (107) played individually on junior varsity.

On May 12, the golf team consisting of Prater, Nelson, Fehlman and Henry competed at Regionals. Prater was the only one to place in the top 20. He placed 13th with 95, narrowly missing the 92 for

the state-bound competitors.

As the season comes to a close, Gies has high hopes for next year’s season.

“I was glad that John and Jacob played this season. They were the only seniors, and they did a nice job. We will have everyone else back, so we should be better. I appreciated all the work the players did,” Gies said.

Sports Box

By Krisanna Graham

Baseball

Mar. 28	Ellsworth	10-0, 18-9
Apr. 1	@Herington	13-0, 15-1
Apr. 4	@Minneapolis	13-3, 13-0
Apr. 15	Chapman	23-20, 8-6
Apr. 22	@Beloit	0-10, 3-12
Apr. 25	Concordia	3-7, 6-13
Apr. 28	@Sacred Heart	0-15, 2-12
Apr. 29	@Abilene	8-7, 0-4
May 2	@Nickerson	2-17, 9-10
May 8	Russell	0-18, 4-11
May 12	Regionals	4-6

Upcoming Games:

May 23-24 State

Record 9-12

Softball

Mar. 27	@Republic Co.	9-6, 16-1
Apr. 1	@Minneapolis	4-0, 17-2
Apr. 4	Rock Creek	0-10, 0-1
Apr. 18	@Abilene	1-2, 4-2
Apr. 22	@Beloit	5-1, 16-0
Apr. 25	Concordia	14-4, 13-3
Apr. 28	@Sacred Heart	6-5, 3-4
Apr. 29	Ellsworth	10-0, 13-3
May 1	Russell	9-2, 15-0
May 8	@Chapman	0-3, 2-1
May 12-15	Regionals	
	Belleville	10-0
	Sacred Heart	1-2

Record 17-6

Track

Boys

Apr. 4	SES Inv.	3rd
Apr. 8	@Ellsworth	11th
Apr. 18	@Halstead	13th
Apr. 22	@Hosington	7th
Apr. 25	@Beloit Relays	11th
Apr. 29	@Minneapolis	4th
May 9	League @SES	7th

Girls

Apr. 4	SES Inv.	1st
Apr. 8	@Ellsworth	1st
Apr. 18	@Halstead	2nd
Apr. 22	@Hosington	1st
Apr. 25	@Beloit Relays	4th
Apr. 29	@Minneapolis	1st
May 9	League @SES	1st

Upcoming Meets:

May 16 Regionals
May 23-24 State

Golf

Apr. 1	@Herington	Nelson 17th
Apr. 15	@Belleville	2-Man 5th 4-Man 8th
Apr. 22	@Bennington	
Apr. 24	@Hesston	Losey 2nd Oard 5th
Apr. 28	SES Inv.	4-Man 8th
Apr. 29	@Marion Inv.	
May 8	@Ellsworth	
May 12	Regionals	Prater 13th

Classmates plan 5k walk/run to honor Jackson

By Amanda Keeler

The ten year class reunion is quickly approaching for the Southeast of Saline class of 1998, but their reunion will be bitter-sweet for some as they will be celebrating without their class Vice-President, Kelly Jackson. Jackson was a graduate of SES in 1998 who was killed by domestic violence in 2005.

In her honor, the class is holding a 5k walk/run on Sat. May 24 on the SES cross-country course.

"She was an energetic, fun-loving person, whose life was tragically cut short and we really felt that we needed to rally together as a class and as a community to do something in her honor," said Kate Hazelwood, class president of the 1998 SES graduating class.

Jackson was a graduate of Southeast of Saline High School in 1998. She had strong interests in cross-country, basketball, track,

FCCLA and forensics. She also served as the class Vice-President.

"Shortly before her death Kelly had emailed me about starting to plan our reunion, which at the time was several years away, so I know that it was an event that she was looking forward to," Hazelwood said.

The walk/run will begin at 10:00 a.m. with registration starting at 9:00. The registration fees, which include a t-shirt, are \$10 for children ten and under and \$20 for participants ages 11 and up. So far, 51 people are expected to take part in the event. Runners may register on the day of the race but are not guaranteed a t-shirt if they don't pre-register.

All of the proceeds from the event will go to benefit Guin Supanchick, Kelly's daughter. Donations will also be taken on the day of the race. Interested people can find more information about the event on the official website of the event: www.kellywalkrun.com.

State Forensics team takes fifth in final meet

By Sadie Myers

For their finale, the fifteen SES "forensicators" who competed in the 3A State Speech and Drama meet claimed a second-highest-ever-in-SES-history fifth out of 42 teams across the state.

Mr. Terry Anderson, Forensics coach, was very pleased.

"It was a great year, I'm losing eight seniors. Nobody has any idea how hard it is to compete at state," he said.

Four events went through the three regular rounds and semi-finals to compete in the finals round. Seniors Britten O'Banan and Sadie Myers placed second for their duet "Daren's Cry."

"It was a let-down that we didn't get first, but it was still good we got second. It was surprising we did so well," O'Banan said.

Seniors Shannon Wilson and Chelsie Green, who have been an I.D.A team for the past three years, placed third. This was their third consecutive year to compete in finals.

"Even though we had to wake up at 5:30 in the morning, it's worth it to get to spend time with all my forensics friends who are like my family," Green said.

O'Banan, along with his I.D.A. partner Kody Lynn, competed against Wilson and Green in the final round, placing fifth.

"It was awesome. I love working with Britten; he's such a calm individual," Lynn said.

And finally, junior Trask Engel received a fifth place medal for his prose, "Kick Me."

"I really looked up to the seniors this year and to be up on the finals stage, along with all of them was really awesome," Engel said.

Anderson reflected on the season with satisfaction.

"It was a daunting day, and the kids were wonderful! To have four events get up on that stage is amazing! It has been one of the best seasons ever."

The forensics season officially ends with the State meet and for some of the senior members; it was their last meet ever. Many of them had a lot of memories.

"A couple years ago at Minneapolis the whole team made a fort and we stayed inside it and made animal noises. Everyone thought we were weird," senior Brent Sweany said.

"My first meet at Smoky Valley our freshman year Christina Sparacino introduced me to the 'Carl Wheatley Joke' and some kid threatened to kill her," O'Banan said.

Wilson and Green had memories of the state meet.

"I remember last year when we explored the deep dark corridors of Wichita High School and found the hole of dead bodies!" Wilson said

"I liked the glow stick party on the bus ride home from State! It was a great end to my forensics career," Green said.

Anderson recalled one of his favorite meets when the seniors were freshmen.

"We were at Belleville, and the team was mostly freshmen. We had to ride the short bus, Brent (Sweany)'s mother drove him up that day and Sadie (Myers) had a prom date with Robert Graham and it was just a lot of fun!"



The Forensics team stands outside State Forensics after the team claimed fifth place at the meet. This event was the end of the season for all students, including the eight seniors. (Photo by Vicky Myers)