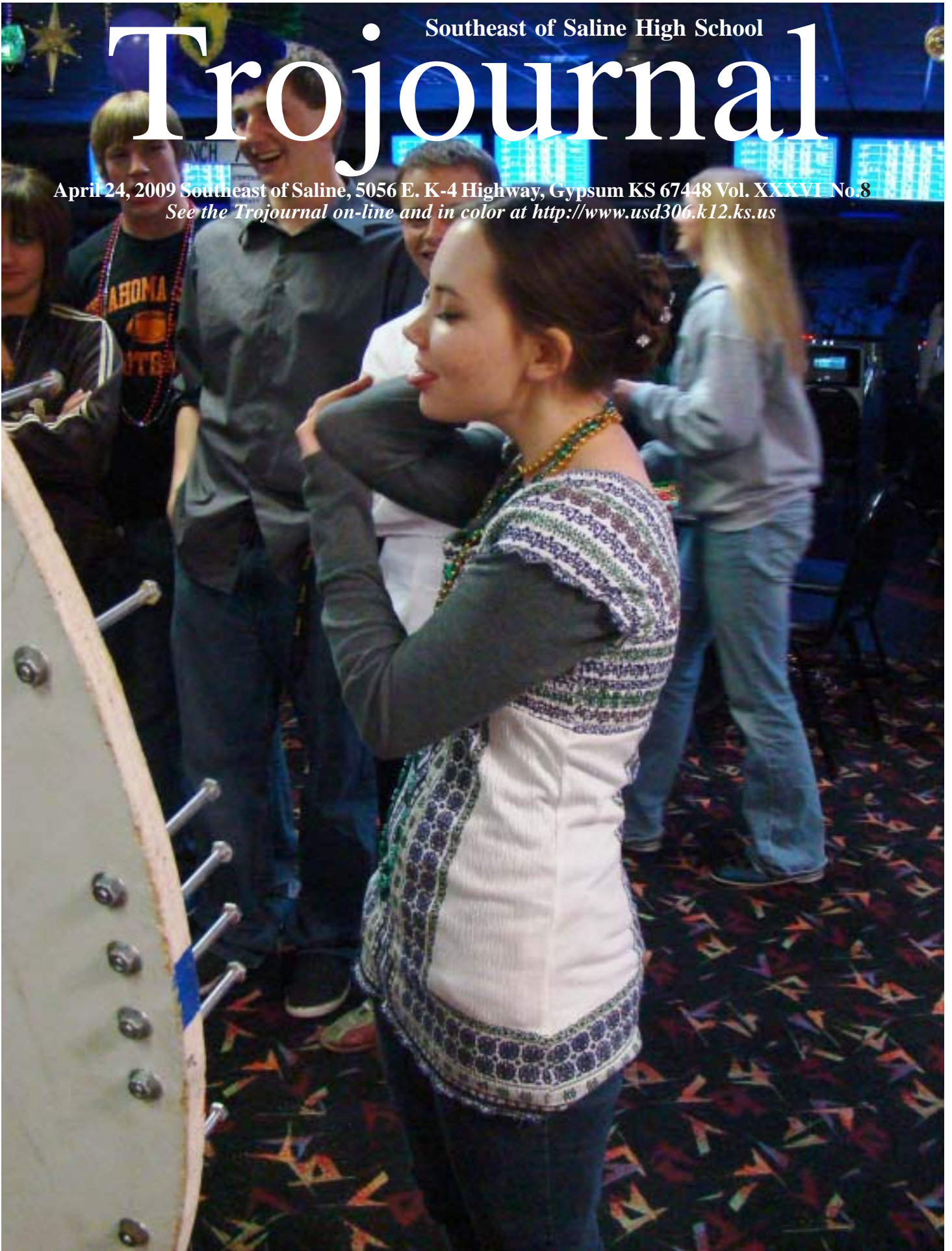


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√ She says NO

# HeSays/SheSays:Editors duke it out over dope:

By Amanda Keeler  
Copy Editor

With drug wars on the rise in countries such as Mexico and Colombia, some American citizens and even politicians are beginning to believe that illegal substances such as marijuana, heroin and cocaine should be legalized. However, legalizing illegal substances would simply create more problems than there already are in our country.



One of the first issues that legalizing illegal drugs would create is the necessity for more laws and even stricter enforcement of existing laws. With more people under the influence, there would need to be stricter laws for driving and operating machinery. Even though the operation of any motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs is already illegal, drugs would be much more widespread and, therefore, there would need to be more consequences for those caught using and abusing drugs and driving privileges.

If people began treating these forbidden drugs like tobacco and alcohol, then it would be very possible to have leaders of organizations or even our country under the influence. Leaders using drugs may then be incapable of making sane decisions for the good of the people.

One of the most common ideas that people in favor of the legalization of drugs offer is that the drugs can be regulated ,and ,therefore, will not cause harm to anyone. However, when a drug addict wants more of their drug and is told they cannot legally have any more, they are not simply going to walk away. Such regulation would cause even more conflict with those around the addicts and, of course, the addicts themselves.

With the more widespread use of drugs, there would come more health problems throughout the country. Some drugs cause itching and hyper-activity, and other drugs take away a user's ability to think clearly. Most depreciate brain cells, causing permanent damage. Even more seriously, some drugs can cause the user to go into a coma or even die. More health problems could further damage our ailing healthcare system. Not only would it affect our health care system,

but it could also lead to more money being spent on things like rehabilitation facilities and programs, not to mention hospitals.

Drug users would also have problems distinguishing between what is right and what is wrong.

Another common argument among those who want to legalize drugs is that there would be a significant decrease in gang violence. However, gang members would be under the influence, unable to make good decisions, and ,therefore, would simply find something else to fight about and would find another illegal way to make money.

In addition to the obvious problems legalizing illegal substances would create, it would damage the reputation of the United States. Moral values that the country has adhered to for years would also be lost, along with respect from other countries.

While legalizing illegal drugs may have a few advantages, it would create an abundance of additional problems for the United States. Not only would it cause harm to the citizens, but it would also damage the reputation of the United States forever.

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Junior Chloe Seim attempts to win money by licking her elbow at After-Prom. After-Prom was held at Allstar Lanes following Prom, which was at the Masonic Temple. (Photo by Janet Sauber)

# The Real Deal

Students weigh in on current student issues.

Should the US legalize illegal drugs? Why or why not?



“Our government is in a recession so why don't they legalize marijuana put a tax on it just like cigarettes and boost America's economy.”

-Brandon Farmer, sophomore



“If we were to legalize marijuana, we would have to pay all of the law enforcement officers that spend all of their time busting drug dealers.”

-Mandy Shields, junior



“Just weed because it doesn't mess up your body as bad as alcohol and it will give the government a lot in taxes and the crime rates will go down! FO SHO!!!”

-Trenton Collins, junior



“No, it is not legal because it is illegal. Duh! Americans are notorious for abusing everything. We have legalized alcohol and look at all the drunks we have now.”

-Mr. Krehbiel, Art Teacher

✓ He says YES

# Should the United States legalize illicit drugs?

By Patrick Eslick  
Layout Editor

The era of alcohol prohibition in the United States was one of the worst in our history. Gangs thrived, multiplied and expanded. Disastrous incidents such as the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, in which seven defenseless people were brutally executed by a rival gang, became almost commonplace as rival bootlegging gangs quarreled for market shares. Arguably, all these events were directly caused by rash over-regulation on the part of the United States Government. By starting prohibition, government officials drove the alcohol market underground, creating a perfect opportunity for gang lords such as Al Capone to come to power. When the 21<sup>st</sup> amendment was ratified in 1933, the country saw a stark decline in organized crime activity. The money the government had once appropriated to fight prohibition-related crime could now be put towards something useful and productive.



The U.S. is now facing a similar situation. Governmental prohibition of drugs is creating a great deal of violence. There is no easy solution that will please everyone. It would be easier for everyone if these drugs did not exist, but they do, and they must be dealt with properly. The government acted in the worst possible way. They effectively outlawed drugs including marijuana, cocaine, heroine and ecstasy without conducting any research or study whatsoever into the matter. In fact, more recently, the United States government intentionally shot down a study by the World Health Organization (WHO) on the subject, on grounds that the findings may undermine support of their drug policy. (Part of the study was later published.) The ban continues to exist on no basis other than its own existence and intentional ignorance of the fact that the war on drugs has completely failed.

One fear is that legalization would create many more users. In fact, most anti-legalization arguments begin by jumping to this conclusion. It is true that there would be more addicts but probably not as many as one would think. A widespread survey by the Police Foundation found that most non-drug-users abstained on the basis of health rather than on the basis of legality. This suggests that legalization would not encourage as many new users as is normally supposed.

A testament to the sheer impotence of our drug policy is that, despite the illicit status of drugs, usage continues to increase. Once again, this is parallel to prohibition. Alcohol prohibition initially resulted in a massive drop in alcohol use. However, the level of consumption steadily and rapidly increased during the 20s and 30s. The effects of prohibition were quickly apparent but also faded just as quickly. History tends to repeat itself.

Perhaps the most common and significant fear is that legalization of drugs would cause an increase in crime. Many suggest, however, that the opposite is true. The WHO study that the United States attempted to depress is evidence of this. The study found that there was no correlation between strict drug laws and low levels of drug use. This means that prohibition is not an effective deterrent.

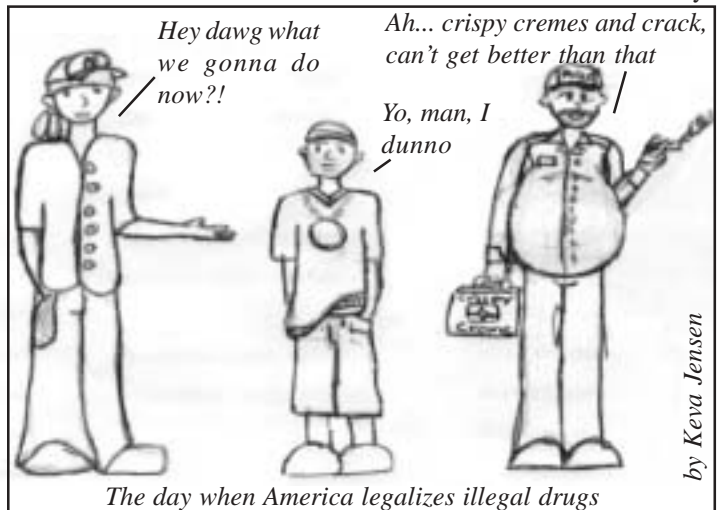
Not only is drug prohibition ineffective, but it is actually detrimental to society. Prohibition creates crime far more than it prevents crime. By driving the drug market underground, it drives prices way up. Take heroin, for example. When it is first produced,

heroin costs around \$660 per kilo. But it must then be smuggled through several countries. Each stage of the smuggling operation adds a markup (sometimes up to 2000 percent). When it finally reaches it the U.S., it costs nearly \$110,000. That's nearly a 17,000 percent increase in price. Prohibition takes what would normally be a cheap agricultural commodity and turns it into something that's literally worth more than its weight in gold. It creates an industry for gangs. It gives them a source of income where there would not have been one.

Noted economist Steven D. Levitt researched the financial structure of gangs. He found that 70 percent of the gang's income comes from the sale of drugs. Legalizing drugs would take away the only industry that gangs have. Drugs which had once been sold for the price of gold dust would be no more than worthless powder available at any pharmacy. Gangs would have almost no funding and would most likely have no choice but to disband. If nothing else, gangs would have significantly less money to purchase deadly weapons and ammunition. Crime would also be decreased on the part of the user as well. High prices cause drug users to resort to desperate measures such as mugging and burglary to get money for drugs. If drugs were cheaper, many of these acts would become unnecessary.

Perhaps the reason the government continues to prohibit drug use is for public health. Certainly drugs are not good for you, but the truth is that they would probably be a lot safer if they were legal. If drug companies made the drugs, the chances of lethal impurities would be much lower. However, the government seems to have no problem allowing citizens to do other unhealthy things. Smoking and drinking are legal. Nearly 500,000 people in the U.S. die from these each year, and yet the government leaves us to decide if we want to smoke or drink. At what point does the regulation end? Should the government regulate what we eat? Force us to exercise? It's a slippery slope toward an Orwellian totalitarianism.

The outdated and useless drug policies of the United States are in dire need of alteration. As a country, we are failing to listen to reason. Lawmakers should learn from our history of failed prohibition rather than completely dismissing the idea of legalization. Instead, they continue to support gangs by providing them with a source of income and continue to completely ignore hard-learned lessons of the past. They have abandoned rationality and reason in favor of uniformed decisions and foolish consistency.



The day when America legalizes illegal drugs

√ Column

# And the Best-Ever Senior Prank Award goes to...

By Amanda Keeler and Krisanna Graham

## Columnists

The “end-of-school-fever” has arrived. Seniors are counting down the days until they are done with high school forever (E-L-L-V-E-N); juniors are anxiously waiting for their senior year to begin (only one more year left for us juniors); sophomores are preparing for the hardest year of them all (Good Luck!) and freshmen are ready to not be the underdog.

As graduation approaches, one other thing may be on some seniors’ minds: a senior prank. We have made a compilation of some of the more memorable pranks pulled at SES. This compilation is to show the variations of pranks from safe to dangerous. Pranks should be all fun and games but can become destructive. If you are going to do a prank at all, be remembered for your creativity and for the one people can’t top, not the one that makes your name infamous.

**Most Creative:** The award for Most Creative goes to the class of 2008. A group of seniors taped a cell phone under a student desk in random teachers’ classrooms. Throughout the day, they periodically called the cell phones. Teachers at first thought it was a student who had accidentally forgotten to put their phone on silent. However, after the phones had gone off a few times during different blocks, the teachers caught on.

**Safest but Still Disruptive:** This ranking is given to the class of



2007. The seniors blew up a multitude of balloons and then placed all of the inflated balloons in High School Principal Mr. Monte Couchman’s office. The prank is named safest but still mildly disruptive because of the nature of the prank. It wasn’t too risky because balloons are safe, yet it still caused a disruption in Couchman’s schedule and talk among students.

**Most Damaging:** In 2006, the most damaging senior prank occurred when the term “chicken coop” took on a new meaning: the SES high school library. Chickens were let loose, ceiling tiles were broken, and books were thrown off the shelves. New extremes were reached and exceeded in the prank department at SES. Although legendary, this is one case in which history should not repeat itself.

**Most Permanent:** Often, we find ourselves comparing school to being in a prison. However, the feeling is intensified as we enter through the north doors and see “State Penn” above our heads, brought to us in the 1980s. With the sight of “State Penn” visible 20 years later, the remnants still remain.

**Most Colorful:** In today’s world, Skittles are the ultimate way to “taste the rainbow.” However, one year, students at SES tasted the rainbow from the water fountains. Students poured purple food coloring in the water pump. Can you say, “purple teeth?”

While some pranks are funny, and others leave a mark forever (literally), SES has seen its fair share of both harmless and harmful pranks. Even though some teachers say that no pranks are the best pranks, the traditional senior prank list is just another symptom of “end-of-school-fever.”

√ Feature

## Keeping the Tradition, Saving Lives: SES Relay for Life

By Elizabeth Reece

Photo Editor

Southeast of Saline recently had the major honor of being named a “Relay-For-Life School” for their participation in the “Big Give,” but SES is not stopping with the “Big Give.” For the fourth year in a row, SES is going to walk to save lives with the Relay For Life program.

“I feel awesome about (being in a Relay For Life school), because it’s strictly volunteer for something that is so important.” said Mrs. Garretson, Relay For Life liaison between the county youth team and the students at SES.

This year on May 2, SES has three teams going to do their part to save cancer victims’ lives. SES captains are Joey Platt and AnnMarie Sparacino, Kristen Conley and Ramie Platt, Megan Kincaid-Heidel and Lacrista Brightbill.

Members of Relay for Life walk all night to symbolize the fight that cancer patients go through. People can also donate money to Relay For Life online as well. “(Staying up all night and walking) is difficult because you really want to go to sleep but you can’t,” Kincaid-Heidel said. “I’m sure a person with cancer really wants the pain to stop but it doesn’t always.”

Relay For Life is run completely by the youth in charge of it, except for parent

chaperone volunteers and the facilitator, Tammy Kimminau.

Several SES members are on the committee, including: Kincaid-Heidel as the Public Relations Chair and Food and Beverage Chair, Elizabeth Peuchen as the Survivor Chair, Brightbill and Joey as helpers.

“I wanted to be on the Relay For Life committee because I wanted to be more involved than just being on a team,” Brightbill said.

There is a County Committee that is responsible for planning, organizing, hosting, and providing for the event. They also do other smaller activities throughout the year.



“I have written letters to (cancer survivors) and I send them cards around the holidays,” said Peuchen. “I have developed a special spot in my heart for helping those suffering from terminal diseases, especially cancer.”

Each captain is responsible for coming up with themes for their teams and organizing fundraisers. Each student involved volunteers the majority of their time and their commitment to the event.

“I will definitely do it again (next year),” said Sparacino, “just probably not as a team captain.”

One fundraiser that Kincaid-Heidel’s team orchestrated was the Chili’s Match Night. People who ate at Chili’s and brought a flyer showing that they were supporting Relay For Life were awarded ten percent of what the meal cost.

“Mr. Pat Haxton said that many of the ‘jocks’ were there before (nine o’clock) and that really surprised me,” Kincaid-Heidel said. “The football and baseball boys as well as Mr. (Todd) Baird’s seminar have really surprised me this year in their willingness to help.”

Some people, however, get the wrong idea about the event and groups involved in it. “Most people think it is under FCCLA because the teams start out as FCCLA teams, but it is a school event (and) anyone can be a part of it,” said Kincaid-Heidel.

✓ Drivers License Changes

# Sweet 16 not so sweet anymore? How about sweet 17?

By Amanda Keeler

Copy Editor

It's your 16th birthday—and the date is Jan. 2, 2010. For months you have dreamed of this day, the day you can drive legally by yourself wherever you want to go. However, this dream will come to a screeching halt when you realize that the day before, the new graduated driver's license bill went into effect—raising the age for full license privileges to 17.

In January 2010, Kansas will be the 49<sup>th</sup> state to implement a new driving bill. The new graduated driver's license will place more restrictions on young drivers and increase the age required to obtain full licensure from 16 to 17 years old.

### The Changes

House Bill No. 2143 was approved 35-5 during the 2009 session of the Kansas legislature. The new bill will go into full effect on Jan. 1, 2010. One of the main changes that will be made with the new bill is the bumped up age restriction.

Teens will no longer be able to obtain an unrestricted driver's license at the age of 16. Instead, starting in 2010, teen drivers will have to wait until the 17<sup>th</sup> birthday to obtain their full license privileges. However, the new bill will not affect those drivers who are 16 or older by Jan. 1, 2009.

"I agree with the law, but if it was going to affect me, then I would probably be pretty upset," sophomore Eric Hederstedt said.

Farm permits would continue to allow holders to drive to and from school and in connection with any farm-related work. A farm permit would also allow permit holders to drive to and from any school-related activities between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. Farm permits can be attained between the ages of 14 and 17.

Although the full licensure age is changing, the instruction permit requirements will not. Instruction permits will continue to be available at the age of 14. When the bill goes into effect, instruction permit holders will be required to have an accompanying adult who is 21. (Current law does not specify the age.)

Another of the major modifications that the bill will make is the experience needed for people to acquire the next step to getting full licensure—a restricted permit. Restricted permit applicants must have held an instruction permit for at least one year, instead of the current six months.

Applicants under the age of 16 must also have completed driver's education. Fifty hours (ten of those at night) of adult-supervised driving will also be required

for 16-year-old applicants. Restricted licensees (ages 16 or older) would be able to travel to and from authorized school activities from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. No non-sibling passengers under the age of 18 would be allowed in the car with the restricted license holder.

Even though the bill will not affect children who are sixteen by Jan. 1, 2010, there is still positive and negative feedback from those who will meet the age by the required date.

Although it will not affect her, SES senior Jenna Sleek has a negative opinion on the new law.

"I think that the bill is ridiculous because it will make it harder for high school students to get to school (if they aren't 17)," Sleek said.

But the new bill doesn't just address teen drivers' ages. Cell phones and wireless communication devices are another of the newly addressed issues in HB No. 2143. The bill bans any use of wireless devices if the driver has a farm or restricted permit, unless they are reporting criminal activity or need to call for emergency assistance.

"The bill might make a little bit of a difference, but I don't think that one more year of driving will make a big change," junior Shannon Rogge said.

## What They Say

**"I don't like it because I can't drive until after I am a senior."**

- Charity Winship, freshman

**"Honestly, I think they should change the learner's permit age, not the full license."**

- Alicia Oard, sophomore

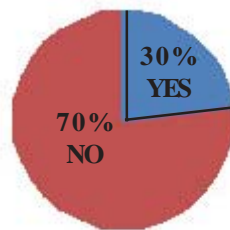
**"It will make it harder for parents to get their kids to places."**

- Kristi Hargadine, senior

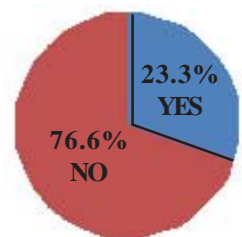
## Trojournal Poll

*We surveyed 30 SES secondary students at random about the upcoming driver's license changes. Check out the results.*

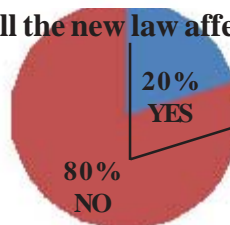
**Do you think the new law will make the roads safer?**



**Do you agree with the new law?**



**Will the new law affect you?**



**Fast Fact:**  
The new law only affects 20% of the surveyed group, yet 70% disagreed with it.

## ✓ Student Organization News

# FCCLA sends 25 to State, 18 to Nationals

By Ryan Haxton  
Staff Reporter

All eyes were set on Nashville at the State FCCLA Leadership Showcase as 25 SES students competed in their STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) for a chance to qualify for the National Leadership Conference this summer. Seventeen students made it a reality.

In order to qualify to compete in the State competition, students must have earned at least a silver award at the District competition in. At the State competition, the top gold earner received a trip to the National Leadership Conference to be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

Seniors Trask Engel, Megan Sauber and Caitlin Conley (Chapter Showcase Manual), juniors Amanda Wilson, Megan Kincaid-Heidel, and LaCrista Brightbill (Chapter Service Project Display), and junior Elizabeth Peuchen and senior Kristi Hargadine (Chapter Service Project Manual), Heather Hardesty (Recycle and Redesign), freshmen Ryan Haxton, Raimie Platt, Kristin Conley, Danielle Bradrick, Brooke Wells, Lindsey Lochart, and Rachel Peuchen all qualified for the National meeting.

For a complete list of STAR Event results, see the results box.

STAR Event participants weren't the only SES students recognized at the showcase. Bob, Christine parents of Megan Sauber won the award of the Kansas FCCLA Family of the Year award and Tandis Peterson (mother of Trell and Taylor Peterson) was awarded the Kansas State Honorary Member of the year.

Senior Caitlin Conley earned four Kansas FCCLA scholarships, and the SES FCCLA chapter was recognized for the National Awards Nomina-

tion in Community Service, Public Relations, and Administrator of the Year. Also the Integrating Core Academics into the FCCLA/FACS Program award.

Advisor Mrs. Juanelle Garretson said she was pleased with the awards.

"I am very excited about how phenomenal we did as a chapter," she said.

At the Showcase, senior Megan Sauber retired her place as the Kansas State FCCLA president as Katy Ward from Southeast-Cherokee took over the position for the 09-10 year.

"It was very sad to have to hand over my

position but I had a great year with all the officers," Sauber said.

Sophomore Joey Platt assumed an office on the state executive board as the Kansas State VP of Membership and Recognition, and junior Elizabeth Peuchen became the first Vice President.

"I am very excited about students wanting to take their leadership skills to the next level, by being on the state executive board," Garretson said.

### STAR Events Results-

\*Chapter Showcase Manual - Trask Engel, Megan Sauber, and Caitlin Conley. Top Gold

\*Chapter Service Project Display- Amanda Wilson, Megan Kincaid- Heidel, and LaCrista Brightbill. Top Gold

\*Chapter Service Project Manual- Elizabeth Puechen, and Kristi Hargiadine. Top Gold

\*Recycle and Redesign- Heather Hardesty. Top Gold

\*Parliamentary Procedure - Ryan Haxton, Raimie Platt, Kristin Conley, Brooke Wells, Danielle Bradrick, Rachel Puechen, and Lindsey Lochart. Top Gold

\*\*Illustrated Talk - Joey Platt. Gold

Parliamentary Procedure- Brea Sweany, Trell Peterson, Marci Forristal, Taylor Peterson, Teisha Rogers, and Eric Schwertfager. Gold

National Program in Action, Senior Div. - Emmy Meyer, Ann Marie Sparicino, and Ariel Douglas. Silver

\*- National Qualifiers

\*\*- Attending Nationals because of Officer Position



Heather Hardesty, sophomore, stands with her "Recycle and Redesign" STAR Event at the State Competition. (Photo by Juanelle Garretson)

## ✓ Student Accomplishments

# Students recognized for character, work ethic

By Kendra Lawson

Student Information Rep.

For the eighth year, SES high school students will be recognized by teachers and staff for their outstanding academic and character performance during the school year with the Trojan Choice Award.

Each secondary teacher is allowed to nominate one of their students for the award. To be eligible for the award, students must meet certain qualifications like being cooperative, hardworking, honest and helpful.

"In recent years, students have been picked more than once. That rarely happens, but it is also a great honor to be recognized multiple times," Couchman said.

Senior Kaley Rodriguez is a prime example. She has received this award once before, and is still continuing her streak.

"It's a great honor to be recognized by your teachers for all of your hard work," Rodriguez said.

Students receiving the award were notified in mid-April. The Trojan Choice Award Ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 a.m. The event featured a ceremony for the honored students and a breakfast for faculty, students and family members.

"The reason the event is held in the morning is because it is a great opportunity to share the pride with friends and family, and also the nominee of the award," Couchman said.

During the ceremony in the theater, teachers presented their nominee with a medallion and certificate.

"Being chosen for this award is a terrific honor, and the students should be proud," Couchman said.



Sophomore Krista Benda receives her award from Mr. Kurt Krehbiel. Other students selected for the Trojan Choice Award are seniors Kaley Rodriguez, Mr. Quentin Breese; Chadd Johnson, Mrs. Brandi Calahan; Nathan Smith, Mr. Rex Cooper; Megan Sauber, Mrs. Juanelle Garretson; Zach Downey, Mr. Dwight Lilly; Skylar Bosco, Mr. Matt Hanson; Meggan Meehleis, Mrs. Judy White; juniors Matt Mortimer, Mr. Terry Anderson; Patrick Eslick, Mr. Todd Baird; Bryant Beneke, Mr. Eric Deneault; Amanda Keeler, Mr. Gary McClure; Ryan McMichael, Mrs. Tammy Streit; Josh Puetz, Mrs. Kristy Rodriguez; Jena Sauber, Mrs. Dawn Rohrer; sophomores Megan Lofton, Mrs. Brandie Disberger; David Alexander, Mr. Scott Emme; Krista Benda, Mr. Kurt Krehbiel; Dakota Reese, Mr. Chance Ptacek; freshmen Genelle Talbot, Mr. Bill Gies; Josh McMichael, Mr. Pat Haxton; Cheney Kohman, Mrs. Peshia Ptacek; Lindsey Lockhart, Mr. Wayne Sager; Cory Craver, Mr. Bob Sauber; Shane Shields, Mr. Brad Settle; Morgan Fritz, Mrs. Kari Schmidt; John Balthazor, Mr. Ky Swisher. (Photo by Elizabeth Reece)

## √ Student Accomplishments

# Southeast students perform their way to State

By Marissa McClure

Features Editor

After spending lots of seminars and many hours practicing, 15 students and one ensemble earned I ratings at the Regional Music Festival in Manhattan on April 4, giving them the opportunity to represent Southeast of Saline tomorrow in state competition. From the 51 entries, 16 SES entries qualified for the State Music Festival, which SES will host.

"I thought the kiddos played really well," Mr. Quentin Breese, band director, said.

In order to qualify for State, SES students had to receive a "I" rating on a scale of I-IV at the Regional Competition.



Megan Lofton, sophomore, rehearses her french horn solo before performing at the Regional Music Festival in Manhattan on April 4. She received a II rating on her solo. For a complete list of soloists and their results, see "Regional Music Results" column. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

## √ Student Accomplishments

# Juniors qualify through 1 in 1000 chance

By RoiAnn Wellman  
Staff Reporter

Juniors Patrick Eslick and Chloe Seim are preparing to succeed in the big National Chemistry Olympiad Competition on April 25 in Wichita, KS. This competition consists of about 1,000 students who take a three-part national exam and the top 20 scoring students will be sent to a study camp where they will try and win a spot on the U.S. team.

This competition is designed to inspire and promote high school chemistry. According to ACS (American Chemical Society) the

local and U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad competitions are sponsored by the American Chemical Society. Each year, four students are chosen to represent the United States team at the International Chemistry Olympiad competition.

"If you qualify, you win a trip to Cambridge, England," SES chemistry teacher Mrs. Kristy Rodriguez said.

Eslick and Seim didn't do

much to prepare for the exams. Seim looked over the past exams that they had posted on their website, while Eslick on the other hand didn't really do anything at all to study for the exams.

"Procrastinating and being unprepared usually leads to my best test scores," Eslick said.

Eslick doesn't plan on making a career out of chemistry no matter how successful he is. However, he already is working a chemistry related job with his dad

large number of entries and the fact that many of the participating schools requested morning times because their Proms are the same day.

Brothers Greg and Nathan Peterson both were happy with how they performed at Regionals.

"I was pleased with how I performed, because I didn't get nervous and I hope I don't get nervous at State either," Greg Peterson said.

Younger brother Nathan also felt confident about his performance.

"I thought I played as good as I could. I had a few mess-ups, but it went ok," he said.

For a list of students who qualified for the State competition, see the results box.

## Regional Music Festival Results

Alicia Oard	Flute	I	Dakota Reece	Bari Sax	II
Sarah Reece	Saxophone	I	Sax Ensemble		II
Jena Sauber	Flute	I	Zach Blomquist	French Horn	II
Marissa McClure	Tenor Sax	I	Rachel Peuchon	Flute	II
Nathan Peterson	Trumpet	I	Lynnsey Heimer	Trumpet	II
Sutton Sanders	Bassoon	I	Sara Hettenbach	Flute	II
Marie Pinder	Oboe	I	Chris Miles	Sax	II
Sierra Yianakopoulos	Percussion	I	Kendra Lawson	Vocal	II
Percussion Ensemble		I	Shane Shoenhofer	Vocal	II
Dylan Howe	Vocal	I	Nathan Peterson	Vocal	II
Rachel Holzmeister	Vocal	I	Lindsey Lockhart	Vocal	II
Brea Sly	Vocal	I	Cody Blaha	Vocal	II
Greg Peterson	Vocal	I	Lynnsey Heimer	Vocal	II
Max McClure	Vocal	I	Braxton Obanan	Vocal	II
Skylar Bosco	Vocal	I	Madrigals	Vocal	II
Sutton Sanders	Vocal	I	Caleb Muleberg	Vocal	II
Greg Peterson	Trumpet	II	Marissa McClure	Vocal	II
Presley Wilson	Trombone	II	Myriah Jensen	Vocal	II
Max McClure	Trumpet	II	Lindsey Lockhart	Trombone	III
Megan Lofton	French Horn	II	Horn Quartet		III
Chloe Seim	Clarinet	II	Rachel Holzmeister	String	III



Eslick



Seim

in the field of ground water and soil. A career may be in his future in physics, though.

"I assist with the tests such as specific gravity and I make pH buffers and make conductivity standards," Eslick said. "Conductivity standards are used to calibrate instruments that measure conductivity."

Seim, just like Eslick, doesn't really plan on going into any kind of career that has to do with chemistry.

"I honestly wouldn't want to go into any career involving chemistry," Seim said.

# 'Faith County' debuts after just one month practice,



## ✓ Captions

1. Radio hosts Lottie Carmichael (Brea Sly) and Dottie Pembleton (Ann Marie Sparacino) interview write-in character Ping Ling as she recounts events from the winter play "Get Smart." Ping Ling (played by Joey Platt) was written into both plays.

2. "CA-CAW! CA-CAW!" Faye McFaye mimics a blackbird as she recites a portion of her "beautiful" poetry. Gladys Pembleton (Sparacino) accompanies her on the piano.

3. Faye leaps into the arms of Delbert Fink (Kaleb Lawrence) as she attempts to convince him to marry her.

4. Luther Carson (Trask Engel) proposes to Naomi Farkle over the corpse of Gladys.

5. Bubba Bedford (Sarah Reece) demonstrates his tap-dancing skills to Naomi as he clutches his triangle.

6. Mildred Hayworth Carson (Amanda Wilson) "dazzles" the wedding-goers with her rendition of "My Heart Will Go On."

7. Pregnant Violet Sparkle (Megan Sauber) and Mildred discuss Mildred's disastrous haircut (courtesy of Naomi).

8. Naomi attempts to snap a picture of Violet's baby prior to its birth at the wedding.

9. The bride-to-be emerges from her dressing room (a porta-potty).

(Photos by Patrick Eslick and Jena Sauber)



# blends comedy, poetry, birth, death and matrimony



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## Spring Play ‘Faith County’ to debut tonight

By RoiAnn Wellman  
Staff Reporter

Just a few weeks after performing “Get Smart,” the drama department is back at it, returning a play to the SES stage— “Faith County.”

“Faith County,” written by Mark Landon Smith, will debut on April 24 and 25 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$6 at the door and \$5 in advance. Play attendees are also welcome to enjoy the picnic dinner served by FCCLA at 6:15 on Saturday night for donations.

“Faith County” is a comedy with the first half set at the county fair and the second half during a wedding. The cast includes a “town full of hillbillies” and their crazy triangle-playing, poem-reading, getting-married antics.

Mr. Terry Anderson, play director, and the actors haven’t had much time to prepare for the “Faith County” play. According to Anderson, play practice progressed fairly well, though.

“The cast is very easy to work with and most of them have some experience,” Anderson said.

This isn’t the first time for “Faith County” to be performed on the SES stage. It was first performed in 2001.

“I decided to do it again because I really enjoy the play. It is easy, and I had a good cast this year,” Anderson said.

Anderson said the actors’ experience and desire to perform helped the cast get ready in a short time.

“They are ... neat kids who all really like drama,” Anderson said.

## √ Student Organization News

# Thespians claim League titles, prep for State

By **Jena Sauber**  
Editor in Chief

With the State competition nearing, SES thespians have successfully qualified multiple events for the State competition and claimed three League champion titles.

At the League competition held at Sacred Heart Elementary on April 1, senior Bria Sweeny and junior Amanda Wilson took first place with their Improved Duet Acting performance. Senior Trask Engel placed first for his Prose reading. For the rest of the results, see "Forensics Results."

SES hosted the "Border Wars" competition at home on April 9. At the home tour-

namment, three more events were qualified for the State competition.

For their last meet before the State competition, SES traveled to Minneapolis on April 18.

The State competition will be held on May 2 in Wichita.

## Forensics Results

### League

Bria Sweeny/Amanda Wilson- IDA, 1st  
Trask Engel- Prose, 1st  
Shelby Meyer- Prose, 2nd  
Cody Blaha/Trask Engel- IDA, 3rd  
Jena Sauber- Original Oration, 4th  
Shelby Meyer- Serious Solo, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sarah Hettenbach- Poetry, 5<sup>th</sup>

Jena Sauber- Informative, 6<sup>th</sup>

Amanda Wilson- Humorous Solo, 6<sup>th</sup>

Dylan Howe/Bria Sweeny- Duet Acting, 6<sup>th</sup>

### Border Wars

Shelby Meyer- SS, 1<sup>st</sup>

Amanda Wilson- HS, 1<sup>st</sup>

Megan Sauber/ Caitlin Conley- DU, 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Minneapolis

Sara Hettenbach- Poetry, 2nd

Sara Hettenbach/Carley Melander- IDA, 2nd

Dylan Howe- Poetry, 4th

Shelby Meyer- Prose, 4th

Lynnsey Heimer- HS, 4th

Shelby Meyer/Ann Marie Sparacino- IDA, 4th

Marci Forristal- Poetry, 6th

Bria Sweeny/Marci Forristal- IDA, 6th

## √ Upcoming Events

# Trojan Calendar

**April 24** – Senior Citizens Day

3 pm JV & V BSB vs. Beloit (H)

3 pm V TR @ Halstead

SB vs. Beloit (H)

7:30 pm "Faith County"



**April 25** – 7:30 pm "Faith County"

State Music Festival @ SES

**April 26** – FCCLA Family Night

**April 28** – 3:30 pm V BSB/SB vs.

Minneapolis

3 pm GLF @ Bennington

**April 30** – 1 pm GLF @ Hesston

**May 1**- 10:00 am V Track @ Concordia

4:30 pm V & JV BSB @ Beloit

4:30 pm V & JV SB @ Home

**May 2**- State KSPA @ Lawrence

State Forensics

Foundation Golf Tourname

Relay for Life @ Salina



**May 4**-10:00 am. SES Golf Inv.

4:00 pm. JV Track @ Ellsworth

7:00 pm. Sr. High Awards Night

**May 5**- 3:00 pm. Golf @ Marion

3:00 pm. Track @ Minneapolis

4:00 pm. V BSB and SB @ Ellsworth

**May 7**- 4:00 pm. JV/V BSB and SB @ Russell

**May 8**- 4:00 pm. Track @ Ellinwood

ACT Deadline

**May 12**- 7:30 pm. Band/Vocal Concert

**May 14**- 3:00 pm. NCAA GLF @ SES

3:30 pm. SBS vs. Chapman

**May 15**- 4:00 pm. NCAA Track @ Beloit

3:30 JV SBS vs. Chapman

**May 17**- 2:30 pm. Graduation

**May 18**- 2:00 pm. Regional GLF @ SES

**May 22**- NOON DISMISAL- LAST DAY

Regional Track @ Marion



## √ Club Information

### Club

**O** **FCCLA**- Chapter elections were held at 1:00 p.m. in the FACS Room on April 10. The results are as follows: Elizabeth Peuchen, president; Joey Platt, vice president; Kristin Conley, secretary; Lindsey Lockhart, treasurer; Amanda Wilson, VP of School Public Relations; Megan Kincaid-Heidel VP of Community Public Relations; LaCrista Brightbill, VP of Programs; and Alyssa Houchin, freshmen representative.

**E** **FCCLA** will be hosting a family night for all FCCLA members and their families on April 26 at 5:30 p.m. The night will include Recognition of Awards, Installation of New Officers and an Auction Benefit. FCCLA is also fundraising for their nationals trip to Nashville, TN, by making and selling enchiladas, selling Macron pies, selling Quizno's value card, and much more. To purchase any of these items contact any national delegate.

**F.O.R**- Friends Of Rachel members continue to meet on Wednesday morning and are working on hosting a Senior Recognition Night. The date has not yet been determined.

**BB/BS**- Big Brothers and Big Sisters Hosted their Recognition Night April 21 from 6-8 p.m.

**Art Club**- Art Club traveled to Hays for the Fort Hays High School Art Show on April 15. League art competition will be held May 6.

**Varsity Club**- Varsity club held elections on April 7 to elect officers for the 2009-2010 year. The officers were as follows: Spencer Baird, president; Braden Long, vice president; Heather Hardesty, secretary; and Garrett Sager, public relations.



*Freshman Cory Craver, junior Breanna Spaeny, freshman Myriah Jensen and freshman Katie Heimer judge pigs while in Hutchinson for FFA (Photo Courtesy of Mrs. Brandie Disberger)*

Student Fun



# Seniors of TROY



A. This senior "thoroughly" enjoys blueberry flavored foods like yogurt but he/she can't stand to eat actual blueberries.

B. This senior has a different laugh every time he/she laughs.



C. This senior is going to the American Academy to be a cosmetologist.

D. This senior is determined to go to K-State, but he/she does not know for what major, yet.

E. This senior's favorite part of high school was seeing the smiles of everyone walking down the hallway.



F. This senior is going to Fort Hays State and K-State Salina with the Kansas Army National Guard.

G. This senior and his/her their cousin love the movie "Chicago" and can dance and sing to the song "He Had it Coming."

H. This senior has been to the emergancy room seven times! Once for his/her eye being super-glued shut!








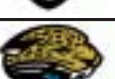




Talbot (H) Kirk Nelson

Answers: A) Rachel Pantle B) Skylar Bosco C) Catt Bosco D) Greg Peterson E) Kaley Rodriguez F) Jake Matthews G) Genessa

# NFL Draft 2009 simulation

By Michael Bauer , Garrett Sager and Max McClure

1.		<b>Matthew Stafford - QB</b> Georgia	The Detroit Lions can use everything in this draft and it all starts at quarterback. The Lions need the leadership of the best quarterback in the draft to build a successful team around.
2.		<b>Jason Smith - OT</b> Baylor	The St. Louis Rams need a better offensive line with a replacement for Orlando Pace. The Rams need the protection of an athletic OT to help their offense run efficiently.
3.		<b>Aaron Curry - LB</b> Wake Forest	The Chiefs have numerous needs, but now that they have QB Matt Cassell, their next task is to get a pass rusher, and Aaron Curry will do just that thanks to his versatility to play outside or inside in a 3-4 or 4-3 scheme.
4.		<b>Eugene Monroe -OT</b> Virginia	With the signing of T.J. Houshmandzadeh, the Seahawks won't be needing wider-reciever Michael Crabtree. Their next shoe to fill will be on the offensive line, since their current starter is 35 years old and nearing retirement.
5.		<b>Michael Crabtree - WR</b> Texas Tech	The Browns are in need of a better pass-rusher after only forcing eight sacks total last season. However, the Browns also need a player who can catch a pass, so they'll nab wide-reciever Michael Crabtree.
6.		<b>Andre Smith -OT</b> Alabama	With an offense that ranked 30th in passing and 29th in rushing, it's obvious Cincinnati needs improvement on the O-line. But with Monroe and Orkapo likely to be taken by this pick, then Andre Smith will be the next best choice.
7.		<b>Jeremy Maclin- WR</b> Missouri	Last year the Raiders were last in passing offense and tenth in running offense. Al Davis is set on Russell as the franchise QB, so they will look towards Maclin to help pick up the slack that the Raiders had on the passing game from a year ago.
8.		<b>Brian Orakpo - DE</b> Texas	Brian Orkapo is the beast of this draft. He benched 225 31 times and ran a 4.63 40 yard dash at 263 lbs. He has the speed and strength to help at team that only recorded 29 sacks last year.
9.		<b>B.J. Raji - DT</b> Boston College	Raji has been speculated to be the top DT in the draft. Raji will play a major role in a developing Packer defense. Last year, the Packers were ranked 25th in total yards allowed.
10.		<b>Mark Sanchez - QB</b> Southern California	After drafting quarterback Alex Smith four years ago, the 49ers have had little to no improvement. Since Mark Sanchez is the second best QB to Matthew Stafford available. With Matthew Stafford out of the picture, Sanchez will bring a good play making attack to the 49ers offense.

11. Buffalo
12. Denver
13. Washington
14. New Orleans
15. Houston
16. San Diego
17. New York Jets
18. Denver
19. Tampa Bay
20. Detroit
21. Philadelphia
22. Minnesota
23. New England
24. Atlanta
25. Miami
26. Baltimore
27. Indianapolis
28. Philadelphia
29. New York Giants
30. Tennessee
31. Arizona
32. Pittsburgh

- Aaron Maybin- DE/OLB
- Robert Ayers- DE
- Michael Oher- OT
- Brian Cushing- OLB
- Malcom Jenkins- CB/S
- Rey Maualuga- ILB
- Beanie Wells- RB
- Josh Freeman- QB
- Darius Heyward- WR
- Clay Matthews- OLB
- Knowshon Moreno- RB
- Eben Britton- OT
- Vontae Davis- CB
- Louis Delmas- FS
- James Laurinatis- ILB
- Alphonso Smith- CB
- Perria Jerry- DT
- Brandon Pettigrew- TE
- Percy Harvin- WR
- Everett Brown- DE
- Larry English- DE
- William Beatty- OT

- Penn State
- Tennessee
- Ole Miss
- Southern California
- Ohio State
- Southern California
- Ohio State
- Kansas State
- Maryland
- Southern California
- Georgia
- Arizona
- Illinois
- Michigan
- Ohio State
- Wake Forest
- Ole Miss
- Oklahoma State
- Florida
- Florida St.
- Illinois
- Connecticut

√ Sports Feature

# SES senior sets State record

By **Krisanna Graham**  
Managing Editor

They say records are made to be beaten. Senior Kaley Rodriguez took this saying to heart when she set a new state record, and then broke it again with her next lift, at the Kansas AAU Powerlifting State Championship.



On April 5 in Marion, Rodriguez set the state record for squats at 315 pounds. Then, she went up to 325 pounds, breaking her own record and setting the state record higher.

"It was a great experience and hopefully my record will last," Rodriguez said.

The rules of power lifting changed this year. Old state records reflect higher weights, but they were done with aids such as wraps and body suits that helped lifters. This year, the aids were not allowed.

"This meant that all squats and bench presses that won were new state records," Coach Pat Haxton said. "But with that said, (325 pounds) was a very impressive weight."

Compared to the rest of the competition, there was early indication that Rodriguez would be the one to beat.

√ Sports Feature

# Area honors announced for winter athletes

By **Garrett Sager**  
Sports Writer

Coaches within the NCAA, along with another panel of coaches, recently came together to award area athletes with All-League, All-County, and All-State honors. Trojan athletes grabbed four All-League spots (Stephanie Frost, Ryan Hahn, Christine Russell, Brock Long), two honorable mentions (Greg Peterson and Courtney Sager), and one was named to All-County and to an All-State team (Stephanie Frost).



**Frost**



**Russell**



**Sager**

Senior Stephanie Frost was awarded All-League for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. Along with being named to the NCAA's All-League team, she was also named to the All-County team and All-State 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

"I was surprised about the 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-State," Frost said.

Frost, however, was not alone this year on the All-League squad. The senior was joined by an underclassmen, sophomore Christine Russell. It was Russell's first time be-

"Her opening lift was heavier than all other lifters' final lift except one and that lifter was eliminated after her second lift," Haxton said.

Rodriguez also had support from Haxton even though scheduling conflicts kept Haxton from being able to go.

"I thought she could get around 315. She did miss 315 in class on occasion, but the adrenaline of competition usually gives you extra weight. But I was really impressed with 325," Haxton said.

In the overall match, Rodriguez took third individually and third as a team with Hannah Mortimer. One motivation for Rodriguez's success is a love of competition.

"Setting goals for me or a team and then conquering those goals is such a great reward. Words cannot explain it," Rodriguez said.

Another motivation is the love of interacting with students from across the state.

"When you go to powerlifting meets, you meet so many kids across Kansas and make new friends," Rodriguez said.

As a senior, Rodriguez knows she's leaving the school this year, but doesn't want to be forgotten just yet.

"I know that beating this record will keep my name at Southeast, at least for awhile."

ing named as a All-League member.

"It was awesome," Russell said.

Another sophomore left her mark this winter—Courtney Sager. Sager was named Honorable Mention to both the NCAA All-League team and the All-County team.

"It feels pretty amazing," Sager said.

On the boys' side, senior Greg Peterson was named as an Honorable Mention to the All-League team.

"It really would have finished by basketball career of right," Peterson said.

Basketball wasn't the only sport to have athletes selected for the teams. Senior Ryan Hahn, who finished the year 33-11, and freshman Brock Long, who finished at 35-9, were selected for the All-League team.

"It feels pretty good being a freshman and all," Long said. "I want to get it all four years."



**Peterson**



**Hahn**



**Long**

√ Sports Shorts

# Powerlifters succeed despite low numbers

By **Max McClure**  
Sports Editor

With Prom and regional music contests occurring at the same time, only three of the original 17 lifters in power lifting — senior Kaley Rodriguez, freshman Hannah Mortimer and sophomore John Terry— were able to compete, but even with low numbers, the team still fared well individually with both Rodriguez and Mortimer winning their weight divisions.

Rodriguez not only won her weight division but she also set the new squats record, lifting 325 lbs.

"I thought she could get around 315, but the adrenaline of competition usually gives you extra weight," Haxton said. "I was really impressed with 325."

Haxton also said he was very pleased with freshman Hannah Mortimer's performance.

"Hannah won her 114 lb. division. Hannah's first place finish is really impressive for a freshman," Haxton said.

State records were set across the board this year with whoever won their class.

"They changed the rules this year so the lifters weren't allowed to wear squat suits or body suits, so all the squats and bench presses that won set a new state record. But Kaley's weight was very impressive," Haxton said.

Haxton said he was very satisfied with the SES performances but that he did wish more could have attended.

"We only compete at one each year, which is the State meet. We did have 12 boys and five girls scheduled to go, but because of music, Prom, and other commitments, only these three were able to go," weight lifting teacher Mr. Pat Haxton said.

# Cheerleaders for 09-10 announced

By **Jena Sauber**  
Editor in Chief

Following tryouts in late March, the 09-10 cheerleaders for the fall and winter sports seasons have been announced.

The fall cheerleading squad for next year will include current juniors Breanna Spaeny and Chelsea Hanks; current sophomores Alicia Oard, Krista Benda, Brittany Beneke, Sarah Dennison and Presley Wilson; and current eighth grader Shylie Kefier. Spaeny, Hanks, Beneke, Dennison and Wilson are all returning cheerleaders.

The winter cheerleading squad will include Hanks; current sophomores Heather Hardesty, Kendra Lawson, Taylor Peterson, Corey Donnelly, Vanessa Almaguer and Oard; and current freshman Charity Winship. Hardesty, Lawson and Donnelly are returning cheerleaders.

## Baseball

# Baseball team hopes for first win against Beloit

By Ryan Haxton  
Staff Reporter

Despite a 0-6-1 record, the Trojans baseball team is hoping to bring in their first victory against the Beloit Trojans tonight. The game will start at 3:00 p.m. today at the SES baseball diamonds.

In addition to having a slow season so far, the weather has had an impact on the games, too. The first game, originally



Senior Tyler Herrington jogs into home base after hitting a home run during the game against Sacred Heart on April 14. The Trojans lost 5-6. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

## Softball

# Softball suffers back to back losses to Sacred Heart

By Michael Bauer  
Sports Writer

Facing their Salina rivals without the presence of senior Cassie Schlessener as the starting pitcher, the Southeast softball team faced a difficult task of stopping Sacred Heart's Knights last week. It proved true with the Knights winning 3-2 in the first game and piling up a dozen hits in game two, which ended with a score of 9-4,--making the Trojans' record 2-3.

"There were some things we did really well, but there are things that we need to improve on, so it was nice to get a couple of games under our belt and know what we need to work on," said head coach Peshia Ptacek.

Getting "a couple of games under the belt" was one thing the Trojans have accomplished since the softball team has been forced to postpone three games so far this season- two against Abilene and one against Rock Creek- because of inclement weather.

Taking over Schlessener's spot on the mound were sophomore Sara Hettenbach and freshman Kristin Conley. The two underclassmen started in both games one and two respectively.

Considering it was a varsity game and it was a Sacred Heart team that improved to a 7-0 record after the night, Hettenbach believed she

was facing some anxiety going into the game.

"It was a lot of pressure because we were playing Sacred Heart, but it was a lot of fun, I was really excited to play. I thought we all did a pretty good job since we only lost by one in that game," said Hettenbach.

According to Ptacek, having two underclassmen starting pitchers should also help the Lady Trojans in the long run but it also added to the lack of leadership.

"It's going to be great for our future to have a freshman and a sophomore with a significant amount of varsity experience," Ptacek said.

Ptacek also added that Schlessener's absence did hurt the team as well as the leadership.

"It hurts to not have Cassie (Schlessener) in the starting line-up; she has a really strong bat and she's a great pitcher. Plus, as a senior we really missed that leadership aspect too," Ptacek said.

Last night, the Trojans took on the Abilene Cowgirls in a game that originally should have been played on March 31, but was postponed.

"Abilene is traditionally a strong team, they have legitimate pitching and they have a good summer program, these girls play a lot of summer ball," said Ptacek.

Results for that game were too late for publication.

scheduled for March 31 against Abilene, was moved to April 24.

The weather did stay sunny, though, for the Trojans' first game of the year against the Wichita Word of Life on April 4. Starting the game with senior pitcher Zach Downey on the mound, the Trojans lost the first game with a close score of 8-10.

The Trojans then went back to the field for the second game of the double header. The game had to be called a tie due to not enough lighting on the field. The final score was 8-8.

Next for the Trojans was the rescheduled Abilene Cowboys. In the first game of the double header, the Trojans fell to the Cowboys with a score of 5-9. The second game of the night was then cancelled due to foul weather.

Despite their then 0-3 record, the Trojans came out strong in the first of two home games against rival opponent Sacred Heart on April 14. However, the Trojans fell 5-6 to the Knights in a close game, despite two homeruns from junior Spencer Baird and senior Tyler Herrington. The Trojans didn't fare any better in the second game as they fell to the Knights, 2-15.

The Trojans went to Chapman yesterday to play the Chapman Fighting Irish in a two-game series. The Trojans fell to the Fighting Irish 11-10 after being ahead until the seventh inning. The Trojans then went on to lose their fifth consecutive game by a score of 8-6.

The Trojans will also take on the Beloit Trojans at home tonight. Unlike the Abilene game, this one should be played on its original date.



Sophomore Sara Hettenbach pitches the ball to a Republic County hitter on April 3. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

## Golf showing signs of improvement

By Garrett Sager

Sports Writer

Spring is in the air and golf is in full swing. The SES golf team has completed three full meets, in which there have been signs of improvement.

"We are getting better," Coach Mr. Bill Gies said. "We suffer from not playing enough in the offseason."

The first signs of improvement were at a varsity-only meet held at Minneapolis on April 14. Seniors Joel Prater, Thomas Patry and Kirk Nelson were the only three that teed up.

Prater shot the team best of the year so far with a 93. It earned him sixth place. Patry shot 103 and Nelson shot 111. The senior three earned a third place finish. On that same day, the JV team made a trip to Ellinwood to place second. The scores were the best of the year, but the course was not very long.

"It's really short, so the scores looked really good," Gies said.

Four freshmen led the way for the JV team. John Balthazor shot a 47 and Cole Brightbill was

only two shots behind him with a 49. Jayson Gagna and Hayden Sanders each shot in the fifties, 51 and 56 respectively.

Prior to the Minneapolis meet, the team competed at Herrington on April 7. Prater led the Trojans once again with a 97. Seniors Nick Ostmeyer and Nelson were right behind him, both shooting a 100. Balthazor shot a 107, rounding out the top four for the team.

In the latest meet on April 21, the Trojans teed up NCAA League foe's place, Bellville.

Prater matched his season best with a 93 to place 15<sup>th</sup>. He was followed by Balthazor with a 101 and Ostmeyer and Patry both shot a 102 for the top four on the team.

On the JV side, they had one that came away with a medal and one that was two strokes out. Gagna shot a 50, placing him 11<sup>th</sup>, earning him the medal. Freshman Shane Shields was two little strokes away from a medal with a 54. Another freshman was relatively close. Alicia Oard was five strokes behind teammate Shields, placing 35<sup>th</sup>.

## Girls, boys claim home victories

By Max McClure

Sports Editor

The SES track teams swept their home meet, out-competing their opponents by at least 40 points in both the men's and women's competitions after a rain delay that required the meet to be finished Monday, April 19.

The women's track team is undefeated thus far after finishing their home meet with 173 points. The Trojans had many competitors place in the top six positions. In the 100 meter dash, sophomore Heather Hardesty won (12.90), and senior Stephanie Frost was third (12.98).

In the 100-meter hurdles, sophomore Aubrey Knox was first (17.58) and freshman Alexis Sterling was third (18.53).

Sophomore Tiffany Cleveland and freshman Brooke Wells were fifth (6:17) and sixth (6:21) in the 1600.

In the 300 hurdles Knox was second (50.77), Sterling was fourth (57.40), and Peterson was fifth (1:00).

In the 3200 Cleveland was second (13:39). The 3200 relay, Kayla Katzenmeier, Kendra Lawson, Presley Wilson, and Elizabeth Peuchen were third (12:47), and the 400 relay team (Knox, Roesner, Hardesty, Frost) won (53.04).

Sophomore Carley Melander won the javelin with a throw of 82'4" and placed sixth in the discus (69'1"). In the long jump Hardesty was second (16'8") and Frost was fourth (15'5"). Peuchen placed second (4'6") in the high jump. In the triple jump Courtney Sager was third (31'4"). In the 400 Sheets was fourth (1:08).

In the 800, Marissa McClure was second (2:38), Sager was third (2:41), and Wells was fourth (2:44). Roesner (26.63) was the champion of the 200 meter dash and Hardesty was third (26.87). The 1600 relay (Sager, Roesner, Wells, and Frost) placed third (4:33).

The boys' team also won the meet title with 159 points.

In the 100 meter dash, junior Michael Helvey won (11.29), senior Cole Williams placed fourth (12.01), and junior Jeffery Platter placed fifth (12.02).

In the 110 hurdles, junior Ryan McMichael won (17.75) while freshman Josh McMichael was second (18.24).

In the 1600 senior Max McClure was second (4:53) and junior Garrett Sager was fifth (5:22).

In 300 hurdles Ryan McMichael won (44.97) and Josh McMichael was fourth (47.16). In the 3200 McClure won (10:27), Sager was fourth (11:10), and junior Michael Bauer was fifth (11:33).

Sophomore Josiah Frost, freshman Nathan Peterson, sophomore Austin Miller, and freshman Tyler Harding were fourth in the 3200 relay. Harding, Williams, junior Bryant Beneke, and Helvey won the 400 relay. Junior Matt Butler was second (103'1") in the discus. Butler was also third (38'2") in the shot put.

Helvey won the long jump (19'11") and the high jump (6'2"); Beneke was second (6') and Frost was fifth in the triple jump.

In the 400, Williams was third (54.76) and Peterson was sixth (59.96). Platter was second (25.16) in the 200; and Beneke, Van Blaricon, Harding and Williams were third (3:50) in the 1600 relay.



Sophomore Carley Melander practices the javelin before competing at the home meet on April 9. (Photo by Elizabeth Reece)

## Sports Box

By Michael Bauer

Sports Writer

### Baseball

Apr. 3	Word of Life	8-10, 8-8
Apr. 9	Abilene	*Postponed*
Apr. 14	Sacred Heart	5-6, 2-15
Apr. 17	@ Ellis	*Postponed*
Apr. 21	@ Chapman	10-11, 6-8
Upcoming Games:		
Apr. 24	Beloit	
Apr. 28	Minneapolis (Sr. Rec.)	
May 1	@ Concordia	
May 5	@ Ellsworth	
May 7	@ Russell	

Record: 0-6

### Softball

Apr. 3	Republic County	10-1, 4-2
Apr. 9	@ Rock Creek	0-7* Game
Two cancelled*		
Apr. 14	Sacred Heart	2-3, 4-8
Apr. 23	Abilene	
Upcoming Games:		
Apr. 24	Beloit	
Apr. 28	Minneapolis	
May 1	@ Concordia	
May 5	@ Ellsworth	
May 7	@ Russell	
May 14	Chapman (Sr. Rec.)	

Record: 2-3

### Track

#### Boys

Apr. 9	SES Inv. (Sr. Rec.)	1st
Apr. 14	@ Ellsworth	4th
Apr. 17	@ Smoky Valley	*Cancelled*
Upcoming Meets:		
Apr. 24	@ Halstead	
Apr. 28	@ Hoisington	
May 1	@ Beloit	
May 5	@ Minneapolis	
May 8	@ Ellinwood	
May 15	League @ Beloit	

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#### Golf

Apr. 7	@ Herrington	
Team Score: 404		
Apr. 14	@ Minneapolis	
Team Score: 307		
Apr. 21	@ Republic County	
Two man: 195 5th, Four man: 421 10th, Six man: 616 6th		
Apr. 23	@ Beloit	

√ **“Going Green” with Leadership 101**

# District to spend \$1.4 million to ‘go green’

By **Jena Sauber**  
Editor in Chief

“Going Green” is the latest fad: Grocery stores are urging consumers to use reusable fabric bags instead of plastic, radios are broadcasting commercials telling listeners to make smarter choices when shopping, and celebrities are all about saving the planet. Now it’s time to add Southeast of Salina to the list of eco-friendlier people and places. The Leadership 101 class has started a project aimed at making Southeast a greener school and slashing utility bills almost in half.

“At the beginning of the school year, we decided as a class we wanted to improve the overall outlook of the school and the attitude of the student body, the staff, and guests at the school,” junior Elizabeth Peuchen said.

Senior Kristi Hargadine added that the goal of the project is “to improve our school facilities. We have researched different methods of lighting and other ‘going green’ projects to regenerate money back into our school.”

## What is Important?

The class started its project by conducting a survey of the student body about their concerns.

“After conducting a survey, we pinpointed the major concerns expressed by the student body, the staff, and guests at the school. After looking at the survey results, we came up with ideas of how to improve our school,” Peuchen said.

## Taking Action

Recently, Phillips Lighting has agreed to be a sponsor of the project and will be assisting with the lighting aspects.

“Before we could give them the details about the lights, we had to know how many lights are in the entire school,” Peuchen said.

The goal of the project is to replace the current lighting systems.

“Currently, the school uses 152 watts of electricity for one light fixture,” Peuchen said. “One possibility for the project would use only 74 watts for the same power.”

Cutting the watt amount almost in half would also save on the utility bills for the school.

“Right now, almost half of our utility costs are from the lights,” Peuchen said. “Our electricity bill could be halved by switching the lights.”

Currently, the class is waiting to hear back from Phillips and the school board about progress being made.

“We are working with Trane Commercial Systems, the School Board, Dr. Justin Henry, Phillips and some other people on this project,” Hargadine said.

The class will continue to work with the companies and School Board for a while; it is anticipated that the project will take several years to complete. However, those years of work will be beneficial to the school and student body.

“Upgrades to our facilities...will benefit both student learning and the environment,” superintendent Dr. Justin Henry said.

Those upgrades include replacing many older heating and air conditioning units.

“The three HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) rooftop units are all 31 years old and have to be replaced as part of this project or a stand-alone project,” Henry said. “If we did it as a stand-alone project, it would cost us around \$300,000 this summer. This project allows us to save money.”

## Money Matters

This multi-year project comes at a cost, however.

“There will be an upfront cost, but it is guaranteed that the benefits outweigh the costs,” Peuchen said.

Henry provided more specifics about the money.

“It is projected that over 70 percent of the costs of the project will be paid for by the anticipated savings (\$78,000 per year) over a 12 year period,” Henry said. “The additional 30 percent will be paid for out of the district Capital Outlay Fund.”

The district’s Capital Outlay Fund, Henry explained, can only be used for facilities and equipment.

“By law, we can not use this money to supplement the money we are losing from our general fund due to the state budget shortfall,” Henry said.

However, utility costs must be paid for from the shrinking general fund.

“This project should allow us to reduce general fund expenditures to help offset part of the money we are losing from the state,” Henry said.

Between the two funds, approximately \$1.4 million will be spent on the project. However, it will be paid over the 12 years.

“Our first payment is not scheduled until July 2010. The timing of this works well with the current budget situation,” Henry said. “July 2010 is not for two more budget years for us. This hopefully will allow us to save money during next school year that will be used for the payment in July 2010.”

However, regardless of the cost, the Leadership 101 class feels the project is definitely worth it.

“The end result is to make SES the best it can be by improving the facilities and having a ‘greener’ school,” Peuchen said.

Dr. Henry agreed.

“Health and academic benefits to student and staff plus the benefits to the environment cannot be measured by dollars but are a huge positive for this project,” he said.

## √ Crimestoppers Feature

### ‘The fish was THIS big!’



Freshman William Feist measures a fish caught during the Crimestoppers Fishing Derby on April 18. (Photo by Ryan Haxton)

By **Marissa McClure**  
Features Editor

“The fish was THIS big” was the common saying at the SES Crimestoppers Fishing Derby on April 18 at the Lakewood Park in Salina.

At the derby, participants had chances to win prizes in contests and enjoy free food.

“We had free hot dogs and Pepsi. At the end, we had a drawing and everybody was eligible to get a two-person tent donated by Scanlan’s of Gypsum,” Crimestoppers sponsor Officer Linda Shea said.

The winners of the contests were- Oldest Fisherman (or woman): William Feist’s Grandmother, Nancy Feist; Youngest Fisherman: Rudy Rodriguez; Longest Fish: Canyon Deister; Tent winner: Olajuwane Zimmerman.

“I think everybody had fun. We didn’t have as good of a turnout as we wanted, but there were a lot of activities going on that day,” Shea said.