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Editorial

Are we protected by not learning about protection?

By Jena Sauber
Editor in Chief

It started in elementary school, when we had to watch “the movie.” Then it was a required semester class in junior high, and part of a required semester class freshman year. For years, we have had sex education pounded into our heads, but with mixed messages. We’ve learned about contraceptives and protection and we’ve been preached at to simply refrain from sexual activity until marriage. But which is better?



The issue of “abstinence only” education, which stresses saving sex until marriage, versus “comprehensive sex” education, which stresses contraceptive use and other “safe sex” practices, has been in the spotlight over the past few years. In 2005, \$105 million dollars was spent on secondary schools’ “abstinence only” education. However, according to Leslie Unruh, president of Abstinence Clearinghouse, only \$1 is spent on “abstinence only” education for every \$12 that is spent on “comprehensive sex” education.

According to the report, “Teens Who Make Virginity Pledges Have Substantially Improved Life Outcomes,” teenagers who publically make a pledge to refrain from sexual activity have a significantly lower chance of teen pregnancy.

But how many teens make that pledge and how effective is it really? According to CNN, as many as one in eight teens make a virginity pledge sometime during their lives. In their study, they surveyed a group of 286 teenagers who had received abstinence-only education and who had taken abstinence pledges, and 694 teens who had not taken the pledge. Five years after the initial study, 85 percent of the 286 students (then age 21) who had taken the pledge adamantly denied or had “forgotten” about taking it. This shows how little of an impact that abstinence-only education and virginity pledges can make on today’s teens.

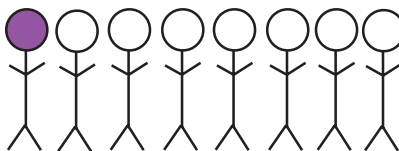
For those teens who do keep their abstinence pledge, however, there are many factors be-

sides their education that can play key roles. Those who do keep their pledges are often motivated by another source, such as religious background or conservative political views, not just their abstinence-only education.

While teens who refrain from premarital sex have a significantly lower risk of contracting HIV or HPV simply because they will have fewer partners, research has shown that abstinence-only education is “benefiting some young people in the short term but placing them at greater risks later” (www.advert.org). This “greater risk” comes when teens who are engaging in sexual activity outside of marriage are not given all of the information, causing (Continued on page 2)

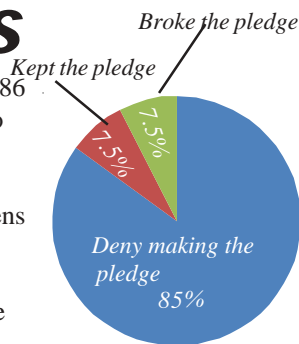
Quick Facts

Average ratio of teenagers who take a virginity pledge...



1 in 8

A survey of 286 students who had made the pledge when they were teens found that, when the pledgers were 21...



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Teisha Rogers, sophomore, leads her group in their dance during a boys’ home basketball game. The Sparklers held their annual Dance Clinic in late January and their groups performed at the home game versus Sacred Heart on Feb. 3. (Photo by Ryan Haxton)

The Real Deal

Students weigh in on current issues.

“Do you think high schools should teach safe (comprehensive) sex education or abstinence-only education?”



I think they should teach us safe [comprehensive] sex.
-Matt Butler, jr.



Abstinence, because us students at this age will comprehend it more.
-Joathan Rodriguez, jr.



Comprehensive sex because kids at this age are having sex and some may not know about all the ways for safer sex. They need to be taught or reminded.
-Krista Benda, soph.



Comprehensive because it’s going to happen anyways, but this way people are more informed.
-Brandon Farmer, soph.

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Mixture of comprehensive and abstinence-only education key

ing them to make uniformed decisions that are sometimes dangerous.

Approximately two-thirds of teens will engage in sexual activity before they graduate high school (www.heritage.org), and by not being armed with accurate information, statistics and protection knowledge, more harm than good is being done.

While some politicians believe that simply preaching to us that “Premarital sex is bad” and “Don’t have sex or you will get pregnant and die” will make us change, the truth is that, as a society, most of us aren’t going to heed their advice. If teens are educated about safe sex practices, they are more likely to be safe when they engage in sexual activity. If an abstinence program fails, it fails completely.

However, there are some programs that meld the two ideas. They discuss “safe sex” practices but offer abstinence as the only 100 percent surefire way to avoid unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. This option provides a bal-

ance between the two sides and gives students much more information than a single-goaled program (the “abstinence only” or “comprehensive sex” programs) would.

Simply put, statistics show that teens are likely to engage in sexual activity before marriage. By preaching abstinence as the only option, educators fail teens by not educating them to be able to make their own informed decisions, no matter what they choose. The smartest solution? A program that mixes “abstinence only” education with “comprehensive sex” education to allow teens to either decide to remain abstinent until marriage or to make informed decisions about their sexual health.

Informed people can make informed decisions. Students deserve to know the information, both about abstinence and safe sex, to make their own informed decisions about their sexual health. You can’t force us to remain abstinent until marriage, but you can arm us with the knowledge to make informed, smart decisions about our bodies.

∇ **Opinion**

Three down, 1 to go- seize the day!

By Krisanna Graham

Columnist

For some of us, this year has gone quickly. For others, time may have felt like it was dragging by. Either way, the truth is that you have almost arrived at the last nine weeks of school. It’s time to take a look at where you are and see if you need to set some goals for the time left in this school year.



Freshmen: This year sets the tone for the rest of your high school experience. Are you satisfied with the direction you’ve taken academically? Are your grades the best they can be? This would be a good time to identify trouble spots and ask teachers and parents for help. Nine weeks seems like plenty of time to bring grades up. However, with various sports and activities going on, it’s barely any time at all.

Sophomores: The sophomore year is typically a low-pressure year. You are hopefully comfortable with the high school setting, but, sorry, the easy ride is about over. Soon you will be choosing classes for next year. It’s time to look ahead and think about what you want to do in the future. Now you get to start considering career choices and what goals you need to set. College is usually in the back of everyone’s mind and it’s time to participate in activities that will lead to scholarships.

Juniors: For juniors, this is a transition year. The pressure has been turned up a notch. The realization that you only have one more year until graduation means you need to assess where you are and if you need to do better. You take the ACT and get lots of mail from colleges. Your decisions become important ones that will affect your future.

Also, by now, your social lives have pretty much settled. You’ve made your friends that will most likely stick with you past high school. It’s time to make those friendships even stronger as they will be there in some of the best, and hardest,

years of your life!

Seniors: Your high school career is one nine-week session from being DONE!!! (Yes, three exclamation points were necessary). Some of you are excited; some of you are getting a little sad. Whatever your experience has been, make the most of the time you have left. If there’s a goal you have set that hasn’t been met, take care of it now. If there’s a friend you’ve drifted away from for whatever reason, find your way back to them. Settle old scores, heal old wounds. If there’s a teacher that’s been an inspiration, now is the time to show your appreciation. Nine weeks will go fast, enjoy it. You are only in high school once.

So, whether the school year has been a drag or it has sped by, there are only nine weeks left! Spend them wisely.

∇ **News**
SES seniors win money from Dane Hansen

By Garrett Sager
Sports Writer

“Show me the money!” That’s what six Southeast of Saline seniors were probably hoping after their Dane Hansen Scholarship interviews on Tuesday, Feb 10, and their hopes came true yesterday.

The “Hansen Ten”, as they are called by Mrs. White, all received money.

Trask Engle received the most at \$20,000 in a four-year \$5,000 per year renewable scholarship.

Kristi Hargadine and Caitlin Conley got \$3,000 per year renewable for two years.

Abbey Wilson, Greg Peterson, and Layton Everhart each hauled in \$2,000 per year renewable for two years.

Southeast also had four students get the Vocational part of the Dane Hansen Scholarship; Zach Short, Ryan Hahn, Stephanie Gant, and Jenifer Burkhart. Each of those four seniors received \$2,000 for one year.

∇ **Review Column**

The Kills trump ‘overstocked, polished, high-fi, mass produced junk’

By Patrick Eslick

Layout Editor

The Kills are a picture of perfect minimalism. A band that has only two members almost has no choice. Far from being a



bad thing, this minimalist lo-fi garage band is exactly the medicine we need. They are the antidote to all the polished, high-fi, mass-produced junk

that seems to be overstocked these days. The Kills are more than lo-fi. They’re bitter and hateful- a bane to the teenybopper music fans.

Musically, the album is like a combination of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, the Black Crowes and the White Stripes. In other words, they’re very bluesy, have heavy, catchy guitar riffs and have chorus melodies that are utterly singable.

It isn’t really possible to overstate the simplicity of this music, but if it’s the band’s greatest strength, it’s also one of its big weaknesses. The challenge for them becomes to keep the music interesting for 45 minutes. The interest doesn’t really come from the singer (nicknamed “VV”), although she does show moments of wonderful expression. The interest comes from two places—the guitar and the lyrics.

Most of the time, the guitar is just plodding along, becoming almost hypnotic, but then, all of the sudden, the guitar comes to the forefront of the song, climbing admirably into an amazing bluesy solo, then climaxes and becomes a Sonic Youth style noise solo. It’s the guitarist’s (nicknamed “Hotel”) ability to blend the two contrasting styles that makes his utilization of the instrument so fascinating.

The lyrics are dark and possessive. Again, the genius is in the blending. The lyrics are a mix of many things. They put together *Fatal Attraction* style obsession with Poe-like darkness and just plain old apathy.

The album is good on the first listen, but the more you listen to it, the more you will like it. That is usually the way it is in a band that has such pure, simple substance.



√ Feature

Vandalism, lack of courtesy cause school issues

By Keva Schlepp

Cartoonist

Punched-in walls, scratched desks and scribbled-on stall doors. What do all of these things have in common? They are all examples of vandalism within our school. The vandalism rate at SES has been on a slight increase this year compared to the past few years, according to Director of Building and Grounds John Kuhn and Principal Mr. Monte Couchman.

"One place we see (vandalism) in particular is in restroom stalls," Couchman said.

This isn't an occurrence in every bathroom, however.

"Where I see it most is in the junior high boys' restroom," Kuhn said.

The "lack of respect for the property" isn't a new issue. In the past, vandalism has included a student spray painting the words "State Penitentiary" on the front of the school building 25 years ago, and chickens being let loose in the secondary library as a senior prank four years ago.

For the most part there aren't any serious vandalism problems in the school. However, over the years, small vandalism problems have started to accumulate. The most costly act of vandalism has been the engraving of stall doors in the junior high boys' restroom.

"It costs about \$40,000 plus to replace those stalls," Kuhn said, but added that the doors weren't damaged badly enough that they would need to be replaced.

The damage doesn't end in the junior high, either. In the high school boys' locker room, most of the lockers have been severely damaged; locker doors are dented and twisted.

"It would cost about \$40,000 to replace all the lockers (in the men's locker room)," Kuhn said.

√ Student Organization Feature

'Going Green' moves from fad, to class project, to club

By Jena Sauber
Editor and Chief

This just in: Green is the new black! Well, maybe not in the fashion world, but "going green" for the planet has definitely become a nationwide trend, and SES has jumped on the bandwagon with "Going Green."

Last year, the Leadership 101 class, taught by Mrs. Juanelle Garretson, started the "Going Green" project to make a positive impact on the environment. They held an assembly to kick-start the project, and they set out bins for teachers and students to deposit paper in. The paper was then taken to the Salina recycling center.

This year, the project has transformed into the "Going Green" club.

"The club shows that we care about our environment and the future," junior club president Megan Kincaid said. "It helps boost 'green' awareness."

Currently, both elementary and secondary classrooms participate in the program.

"Most (high school) seminars and about two elementary classes participate each time," fellow junior and club member LaCrista Brightbill said.

Students and teachers can collect white

"I would suggest, that in this case, peer pressure can go a long way in preventing instances of vandalism."
- Mr. Couchman

However, Couchman said that money isn't the only thing that vandalism costs.

"In almost all of these cases, it takes a custodian a few minutes of their valuable time to clean up the mess," Couchman said.

While the district has to pay for vandalism damage with money and custodians have to pay with their time, if students are found vandalizing, they have to "pay," too.

"A student who is found defacing or destroying school property could face a range of consequences from detention to expulsion from school,"

Couchman said.

Couchman offers a possible way to help prevent vandalism of school property.

"I would suggest that in this case, peer pressure can go a long way in preventing instances of vandalism," Couchman said.

However, even more than vandalism, Couchman said that a lack of general student courtesy is an issue.

"I would say that the bigger issue we face has more to do with general courtesy issues of not picking up trash, leaving litter in the hallways and commons area, and not taking care of the lunch room tables like we should," Couchman said.

Kuhn agrees that the bigger issue is general courtesy. However, he believes that the problems start at home.

"I think there are kids who just aren't held accountable at home so they don't respect (the property)," Kuhn said.

However, different from Couchman, Kuhn believes there is little that can be done to prevent vandalism.

"There's not much we can do prevent vandalism at this point," Kuhn said. "All we can do is, if it's not functioning, fix it."

paper (such as printer paper or lined paper) in their bins. Every other Thursday, club members help transport the collected paper into bins to take to Salina for recycling.

"We get about four bins of paper per month," Brightbill said.

The club does get paid by the recycle center for recycling those bins of paper.

"We got about \$55 last semester," Brightbill said.

According to Brightbill, the only cost of the program is the gas to drive into Salina. However, that is simply subtracted from the profits. Last semester, the club gave their profits to another school club.

"We gave it to Friends of Rachel," Kincaid said.

However, no matter how much money they earned, both Kincaid and Brightbill said that the effort put into the project is well worth it.

"It takes a little bit of effort, but it has big impact on the environment," Brightbill said. "It makes it worth it."

In the future, both girls also agree that they would like to expand the project.

"I hope to get more seminars to collect paper," Kincaid said.

Brightbill agreed and had her own goals for the club.

"We would like for them to collect things besides paper," Brightbill said, "and to make it more professional."



Junior Chelsey Kohman helps elementary teacher Mrs. Cisneros dump her collected paper into a larger recycling bin during a seminar collection time. Both elementary and secondary teachers contribute to the "Going Green" project. (Photo by LaCrista Brightbill)

✓ Student Feature

Senior 'gets creative' when for applying for college

By Marissa McClure
Features Editor

Most students' senior year is filled with the stress of filling out applications for scholarships and colleges, and planning their future. However, for senior Rachel Pantle, there is even more involved in preparing to leave SES. Pantle plans to attend the School of Fine Arts at KU, and to do so, had some extra work to do.

"To get into the School of Fine Arts at KU, you have to submit a portfolio. You have to send it in by a certain time to get a scholarship," Pantle said.

In her portfolio, she had to include 20 pieces of her artwork with titles and descriptions.

"Along with the 20 pieces (of artwork), I had to write three essays. One (essay) asked me what other institutes I had been looking at and what I expected from my education. Another asked what my professional aspirations and goals were in the area of art and design. The third one asked what my past experiences in art and design were," Pantle said.

In order to finish her portfolio by the Jan. 15 due date, Pantle came in 30 minutes before school almost every morning and utilized many seminars. The only help Pantle received was brainstorming, advice from a KU administrator and an inventory sheet (an index that helps portfolio viewers).

"There were people that would help me think of a title for a piece, or a description, but

mostly I did it on my own," Pantle said. "Cierha Berry, a senior here last year, gave me a copy of her inventory sheet and showed me some things she did with her portfolio, so that really helped me out."

To compile her work, Pantle put her three essays and a slide show of her artwork together in a binder, rather than mailing all her artwork. "I printed out an inventory sheet and my three essays. I put my artwork in a slide show presentation, and I printed that out which I put in a regular binder, and I sent it in," Pantle said. With such a big project, Pantle said her stress levels were high at times, even though she tried not to procrastinate.

"Toward the beginning, it wasn't so stressful. But even working on it every morning for weeks, I still was stressed. It didn't seem like I was getting much done and the deadline was getting closer and closer. I was fairly stressed out at the end," Pantle said.

Although it was stressful, Pantle learned a lot about her soon-to-be-major while making her portfolio.

"This is the type of stuff I will do in my career. You have to submit portfolios for lots of jobs, and I think I will be able to use (the skills I've learned on) this portfolio later on," Pantle said.

Pantle wants to get a degree in Visual Communications and Graphic Design. With this degree, she will be able to work in the advertising industry.

"I want to work for some sort of advertising company: designing brochures, billboards, magazines, things like that. Visual communications and graphic design- it's basically advertising with creative drawing," Pantle said.

To Pantle, the time spent working on the portfolio was worth it when she received a letter in the mail, on Feb. 13. The letter informed her that she had been accepted into School of Fine Arts at KU.

"It (the portfolio) was definitely worth it, because this is what I want to do for a career," Pantle said.



Senior Rachel Pantle submitted images of about 20 pieces of art work, including this painting. "This was kind of the shining glory of the portfolio," Pantle said of her piece. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

✓ Student Activities Feature

Rookies 'get smart' for this year's play production

By Ryan Haxton
Staff Writer

The cast for the winter play, "Get Smart" may look a little bit younger than in previous years. Four freshmen – Haley Mortimer, Jameson Miller, Charity Winship and Lindsey Lockhart – will take the stage for their first high school production this March.

"I feel good about being part of the play, I like being led by the upper classmen," Miller said.

Even though they are younger than the rest of the cast, they said that they are involved in drama for many of the same reasons that the upperclassmen are.

"I think its fun being involved in drama and being able to get up on the stage and perform," Mortimer said.

Mortimer will be playing Linda, a student in "Get Smart." Although it is her first time in a high school production, it isn't her first acting gig ever.

"I was an extra in the independent film 'Au Pair Kansas,'" Mortimer said. "It was filmed in Lindsborg this fall."



Miller

Miller plays the part of Fred, a friend of Linda's.

"I'm a stoner college student who is deeply in love with his girlfriend," Miller said.

Like Mortimer, Miller is not a newbie to the stage; he performed in "Romeo and Juliet" while in eighth grade at Salina South Middle School. He



Mortimer

also plans on making his spot in SES productions a long one.

"I plan on staying in the drama department all through high school," Miller said.

Winship has less acting experience than Miller and Mortimer but hasn't let that stop her. Winship is cast as a six-year-old girl, the little sister to sophomore Marci Forristal's character.



Winship

"I don't really do a lot (in the play), but it's fun just being involved," Winship said.

Lindsey Lockhart agrees that it's fun to be involved in school activities and productions. She's "involved" as Irene Wong, one of the four Wong sisters.

"I have three other sisters and I am a student of KAOS," Lockhart said.



Lockhart

Although this is her first high school production, it isn't her first time on stage. Lockhart was in a play in elementary as a narrator in the play "First Leon."

According to all of the freshmen, although they are younger than the rest of the cast, age doesn't seem to be that big of a problem or controversy.

"Everyone's nice. They might make a comment about us being freshmen, but they are just joking and having fun," Lockhart said.

Student Feature

TRUST group puts on event to educate students, staff

By Elizabeth Reece

Photo Editor

Feb. 3 was not a typical day for Southeast of Saline students. Instead of going to their classes like normal, all secondary students attended three different assemblies sponsored by Teens Reaching Ultimate Success Together (TRUST). They called this day "Alternative Day."

The day started with a Camfel Production movie about "being true to yourself."

"We have had Camfel productions here before, and we know that they usually are popular, so we decided to do it again," TRUST sponsor Mr. Terry Anderson said.

Following the presentation, students were treated to donuts and juice in the commons. Afterward, the students went to the upper gym to listen to a speaker from Netsmartz. She talked to the students about Internet safety and cyber bullying.

"Netsmartz is a program Officer Shea was familiar with and had made a presentation last fall to the elementary students and community, meeting one of the goals of the administration in bringing awareness education of bullying and safety on the internet," TRUST sponsor Mrs. Sandy Rogers said.

Following the Netsmartz presentation, students headed back to the theater to listen to speaker Kiersten Allen. Allen was riding in a car hit by a drunk driver when she was a child; she was the sole survivor. Although she lived, she has had to deal with the repercussions of the accident

since that day.

"We heard Kiersten at camp this summer," Anderson said. "We were very moved by her and decided she would be a great addition to Alternative Day."

To finish out SES's Alternative Day, TRUST members passed out surveys during seminar for students to share their opinions about the day. Overall, the surveys showed good results.

"They seemed to enjoy Kiersten Allen the best," Rogers said. "The Netsmartz presentation received the least favorable responses, partially due to the 'cramped and limited seating.'"

Students also asked for more breaks, donuts, and fun things. Suggestions were also made to have it more than once a year and to separate the junior high and senior high.

"We hope to (do it again)," senior Kaley Rodriguez, TRUST president, said. "We could have a whole day (next time) and do games and activities. We were originally planning to do it that way, (but we didn't because of) everybody's schedule and we were afraid of losing interest."

To afford all the speakers, TRUST applied for a grant with the Youth Grant Makers Council. TRUST member Chloe Seim is currently a member of the council.

"Chloe wrote out an application about why we wanted (the grant) and what our plans were if we did get it," Rodriguez said.

They used all of their \$1,000 grant, plus a little bit extra as a penalty fee for rescheduling from last Sept., Allen's fees were also more than



Kiersten Allen describes her life after being severely injured in a car accident caused by a drunk driver to students during Alternative Day. Allen was one of the three presentations during the special event. (Photo by Elizabeth Reece)

expected due to mileage, but members felt she was worth it.

"(The most important message we wanted to get across was) to be smart about your reactions before you do them," said Rodriguez.

TRUST's activities aren't over yet for the year, either.

"We have another grant through Central Kansas Foundation with which we will be hosting another 'Welcome to the Jungle' type of party with blow-ups and other activities," Anderson said. "It's going to focus on tobacco use prevention."

Student Organization Feature

National Honor Society inducts new members, prepares for new year

By Amanda Keeler

Copy Editor

Senior National Honor Society (NHS) officer Megan Sauber lights inductee Presley Wilson's candle at the NHS Induction ceremony, held on Jan. 29 at 7:30 a.m. It had been previously scheduled for Meet the Trojan Night, but due to scheduling conflicts, it was moved to a later date and to an earlier time. At the rescheduled ceremony, 28 high school students, grades 10-12, were inducted into National Honor Society. They were: sophomores Sara Hettenbach, Courtney Sager, Tiffany Cleveland, Marie Pinder, Sierra Yianokopulos, Joslyn Wilcox, Teisha Rogers, Alicia Oard, Shelby Sheets, Elizabeth Reece, Christine Russell,

AnneMarie Sparacino, Joey Platt, Emmy Meyer, Presley Wilson, Tiffany Patrick, Eric Hederstedt, Jason Hahn, Eric Schwerdtfager, David Pantle and Dakota Reese; juniors Elizabeth Peuchen, Megan Kincaid-Heidel, Bryant Beneke, Dylan Howe and Cole Henry; and senior Nathan Smith.

Students are selected to be in NHS by teachers and staff members based on citizenship, good grades and leadership. In order to stay in NHS, members must maintain a GPA above a 3.0.

The next NHS members' activity is volunteering at the Elementary Fun Night this Saturday.

Spotlight



Senior Jason Hahn wraps plastic wrap around wrestling coach Mr. Eric Deneault while fellow seniors (from left) Kirk Smith, Jason Prater, and Thomas Patry hold the plastic still. The activity was part of the Feb. 17 pep rally hosted by the cheerleaders in preparation for the home basketball games and wrestling regionals. (Photo by Krisanna Graham)

✓ Student Organization News

FCCLA'ers sparkle at District STAR Events, send members to State

By **Ryan Haxton**
Staff Reporter

With five gold awards and four silvers, SES FCCLA, six FCCLA teams and three individuals paved their way to state qualification at the District G regional competition on Feb. 4 where 28 schools competed in the District G Regional competition in Newton.

All students were there to show their FCCLA talents in the Students Taking Action for Recognition (STAR) Events competition and officer elections.

Three out of the ten officer candidates were from SES. They were freshmen Raimie Platt, sophomore Joey Platt

and junior Elizabeth Peuchen. Raimie Platt ran for a District office and received the position of "District G Vice-president of Power of One."

Joey Platt and Elizabeth Peuchen

were selected to represent District G and to run on March 2 for a state position. SES FCCLA members who qualified for the State Showcase will compete in Wichita on March 29-31.

FCCLA Results Box

Trask Engel, Megan Sauber and Caitlin Conley	Sr. Chapter Showcase Manual	Gold*
Emmy Meyer, Ariel Douglas and Ann Marie Sparacino	Sr. National Program in Action	Gold*
Megan Kincaid-Heidel, LaCrista Brightbill and Amanda Wilson	Sr. Chapter Service Display	Gold*
Heather Hardesty	Sr. Fashion Recycle and Design	Gold*
Kristi Hargadine and Elizabeth Peuchen	Sr. Chapter Service Project Manual	Gold*
Ryan Haxton, Raimie Platt, Kristin Conley, Brooke Wells, Dani Bradrick, Rachel Peuchen and Lindsey Lockhart	Jr. Parliamentary Procedure	Top Silver*
Morgan Fritz	Cards for A Cure	Silver
Joey Platt	Sr. Illustrated Talk	Top Silver*
Bria Sweany, Trel Peterson, Taylor Peterson, Marci Forristal, Teisha Rogers and Eric Schwerdtfager	Sr. Parliamentary Procedure	Top Silver*

*denotes state qualifiers



Freshman Morgan Fritz stands with her "Cards For the Cure" STAR Event. She received a silver medal at the District competition. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Juanelle Garretson)

✓ Student Accomplishments

Students represent SES at League Honor Band

By **Elizabeth Reece**
Photo Editor

Trombones, flutes, oboes, and many more—the Southeast of Saline high school band had all the players the League Honor Band needed. Nineteen students represented SES at the League Honor band performance in Ellsworth on Feb. 9.

Seniors Kaley Rodriguez, Tyler Herrington, Rose Laflen, Max McClure, Greg Peterson, Lynnsey Heimer, juniors Chloe Seim, Shane Schoenhofer, Sarah Reece, Sutton Sanders, sophomores David Pantle, Megan Lofton, Marie Pinder, Sara Hettenbach, Presley Wilson, Sierra Yianakopoulos, and freshmen William Feist, Lindsey Lockhart, and Hayden Sanders were chosen to participate by director recommendation and instrumentation.

At League Honor Band, students practiced for several hours for their performance.

"(Students) played for three hours, received a short break, practiced again for another two and half hours, then received an hour for dinner and getting ready for the concert," Mr. Quentin Breese, Southeast of Saline band director, said.

Before the concert, all League Honor Band participants had the opportunity to listen to a brass quartet made up of the teachers from the schools that were present.

After they watched their teachers perform, it was the students' turn to take the stage. Even though the entire group only had one day to practice together, Pantle, an SES trumpet player, said it was a good performance.

"(The concert) was probably one of the better high school performances I've ever heard," Pantle said.

While Breese participated in the quartet, he said he was most satisfied with the high school performance.

"I was very pleased with the results we had with the band. The clinician was very outgoing and worked well with the students," Breese said.

The students that participated also said that they had a good time.

"I did it last year, and it was (more fun) this year, because the pieces were more interesting," Pinder, an oboe player, said. "I hope to do it again (next year)."

√ Regional Journalism

Trojournalists acquire ‘write’ of way to State KSPA

By Garret Sager
Sports Writer

Most people know about state football, state basketball, and even state forensics, but what about state journalism? On Feb. 19, six SES Trojournal newspaper and TROJAN yearbook staff members qualified at the Kansas Scholastic Press Association (KSPA) Regional Competition for the state journalism contest, which will be held May 2 in Lawrence.

The six who qualified were senior Max McClure, second in Yearbook Sports Writing; juniors Jena Sauber, first in Yearbook Copy Writing and first in Feature Writing; Patrick Eslick, first in Newspaper Design and third in Editing; Garrett Sager, first in Infographics and second in Newspaper Sports Writing; Sarah Reece, third in Editorial Cartoon; Amanda Keeler, third in Sports Photography; Keva Schlepp, honorable mention in Feature Photography; sophomore Elizabeth Reece, first in News Writing; and freshman Marissa McClure, third in Headline Writing.

“I know that we have talented writers on both staffs, and it’s nice

to receive recognition for our writing,” Sauber said. Sauber is the editor in chief of both the secondary newspaper and yearbook.

Students who placed in the on-site competitions (Yearbook Sports Writing, Yearbook Copy Writing, Feature Writing, Editing, Cartoon, News Writing) will travel to Lawrence to compete again on May 2 at the state level. Students who placed in “Carry-In Contests” (All photography, Newspaper Design and Headlines) will not attend the state competition, but will send their entries along with those who are traveling to the on-site competition.

Eslick is one of the journalists who will be taking both a carry-in and competing in an on-site contest.

“I was surprised that my carry-in made it to state because I did it the day before,” Eslick said. “I would’ve started on Monday but I competed in a marathon on Sunday in Texas and wasn’t back at school, yet.”

√ Upcoming Dates

Trojan Calendar

Feb 27-28 – State WR @ Hays 

March 1-2- FCCLA @ Hesston


March 2 – FFA @ Minneapolis
7:00 pm After Prom Meeting

March 2-7 – Sub State Basketball Week; Finals @ Marion

March 6 – **NOON DISMISAL**
End of 3rd Nine Weeks 

March 7 – Prom A Rama @ Salina

March 10-13 – 3A State Basketball @ Hutchinson

March 13-14 – FFA @ Junction City 


March 16-20 – **SPRING BREAK**

 **March 27-28**- ‘Get Smart’

D Count

W 4 days until the next 1/2 day!

n 9 1/2 days until Spring Break!

 52 1/2 days until the end of school!!! (fewer for seniors!)

√ Club Information

Club

By Ryan Haxton
Staff Writer

O FCCLA- FCCLA Week was Feb. 9-14. Senior Megan Sauber met with Governor Kathleen Sebelius for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Proclamation on Feb 9. FCCLA State President and SES senior State Officer and Peer Ed selection will be held March 2. Last week, FCCLA sold Orange Crushes to benefit the “Feed the Children” program.

The State Leadership Showcase will be March 29-31.
R FFA- On Feb. 5, the FFA Chapter hosted a Dairy Foods and Poultry competition. The chapter meeting was held on Feb. 16 in Mrs. Disberger’s room. National FFA Week was Feb 22-28; the chapter had a variety of activities that week, including making homemade ice cream on Tuesday during seminar.

StuCo- Student Council made about \$230 on the random stuff auction held on Jan. 15. The good things that were left over were put in the teachers’ lounge for the teachers to bid on.

TRUST- Trust hosted the “Alternative Day” event for SES secondary students and staff Feb 3. The day included presentations about “being true to yourself,” being safe on the internet, and the consequences that can occur from drunk driving. TRUST is now selling tickets for a drawing to raffle off a hog donated by the Chipperfield family. Tickets are \$5, and proceeds will go to the Mike Jensen family.

NHS- New members were inducted in the organization on Jan. 29. For more information, see the NHS picture and story on page 6. All

National Honor Society members will be helping at Fun Night on Feb. 28.

F.O.R- Friends of Rachel helped with Valentines for the Windsor Estates. The group continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:45 in Mrs. Garretson’s room.

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters- SES’s Bigs will once again be participating in the annual Bowl for Kids Sake on March 8 at All-Star Lanes in Salina. All SES “Bigs” and “Littles” are encouraged to raise \$50 to participate.



Senior Megan Sauber lights a candle during the FCCLA District officer ceremony while sophomore Joey Platt watches. (Photo by Juanelle Garretson)

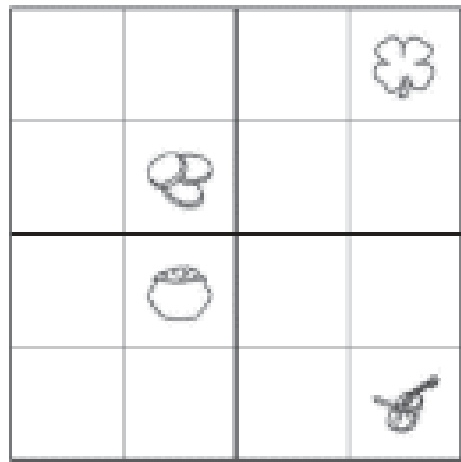
HAPPY SAINT



By Elizabeth Reece
Photo Editor

PATRICK'S DAY!

Here's a Suduko Irish style, can you figure it out?



The shamrock is a small three-leafed clover. An old Irish legend says that St. Patrick planted the shamrocks. The three leaves are said to stand for the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost...the Trinity

<http://www.alphabet-soup.net/hol/stpdot.html>



Luck of the Irish



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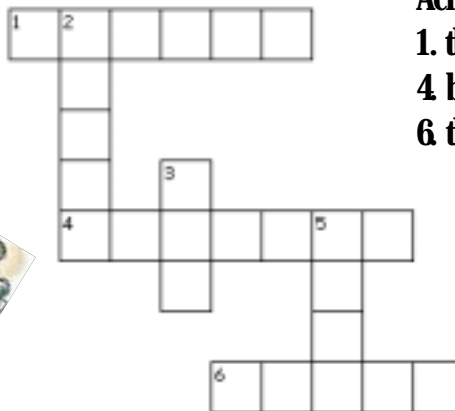
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- 3 oceans
- 5 a fruity shade



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- 4. birthstone of May
- 6. the basic shade



CLOVER IRISH PATRICK
GOLD LEPRICON RAINBOW
GREEN MARCH THREE



Did You Know... (Five fast facts about Saint Patrick's Day)

- Saint Patrick wasn't even Irish? He was born in Britain, probably in a town in Wales
- the word Leprechaun isn't *totally* Irish either? It could be from the Irish Gaelic words "leipreachan," which means "a kind of aqueous sprite," or the words "leath bhrogan," which means "shoe maker."
- lovers can have more than four leaves? A clover was found with 14 leaves!
- the leaves on the four-leaf-clover have a symbol? They stand for hope, faith, love, and luck
- in Ireland people wear a small bunch of shamrocks on their jackets or hats? Children wear orange clothes and white and green badges. Women and girls wear green ribbons in their hair on St. Patrick's Day

http://holidays.kaboose.com/saint-patricks-day/quick_facts.html

√ Column

Is the 'one-and-done' era good for college hoops?

By Michael Bauer
Sports Writer

Usually, when a basketball player is done after his freshman year in college, it's easy to conclude that he/she was the worst on the team and decided to quit out of frustration.

Such isn't the case, however, in real life at the college level.

In the college basketball game, a time known as the "one and done" era—meaning a player comes and plays for one year in college before going pro—has been going strong. Good players like Michael Beasley, Greg Oden and Derrick Rose have abandoned their college teams to play for the NBA.

But is this fair to the NCAA, and its teams, coaches, and fans? Is this healthy for the college game? The answer is no.

If the NCAA forced all athletes to spend their whole four years of college playing in order to qualify for NBA draft, college basketball could be even more exciting and teams wouldn't go from good to bad in one year just because a player(s) decides to leave after only one year of playing.

Just look at Ohio State.

Three years ago, freshman Greg Oden came to Ohio State University and immediately turned the Buckeyes into a prolific basketball force. That season, Ohio State went 35-4, won the Big Ten conference title, and made it to the Final Four, only to fall to the Florida Gators 84-75 in the national championship.

What happened next season after Oden left? Ohio State endured a 24-13 record and didn't even qualify for the NCAA tournament. Doesn't sound like a lot of fun for the Ohio State Buckeyes.

The same Florida team that beat Ohio State in 2007 was the first team to win back-to-back titles since the Duke Blue Devils of 1991 and 1992. The Florida Gators had a star-studded roster which included players like Joakim Noah, Taurean Green, Corey Brewer, and Al Horford; all of who combined for 51 points per-game in their 2006-07 campaign and all of whom weren't seniors. Had there been a four-year eligibility rule for the NBA, it's safe to say that Florida could've won three national championships. Instead, these players all entered the NBA draft later that year. I'm sure Florida basketball coach Billy Donovan would've relished having three national championship rings and I'm sure Gator fans would rather have three championship banners in their basketball arena instead of two.

Some of these players haven't made much noise since they went into the NBA draft. Hardly anyone is good when drafted as an under-classman. For example, Greg Oden injured himself prior to his rookie NBA season and had to sit out for the entire year. This shows how weak he was for the NBA. Four years of college basketball probably could've made him stronger for the pros.

Of course, Oden is so far leading the Portland Trailblazers in blocked shots; however, he's only averaging 8.8 points-per-game. In his one year at Ohio State, he was averaging 25 points.

Derrick Rose was drafted first for Chicago last year, and the Bulls are still the same as they were. Even though Rose leads the team in assists, the Bulls still have fewer wins than losses.

Hey, K-State fans, remember Michael Beasley? He's playing for the Miami Heat, and so far this season, hasn't lived up to expectations. If he was still playing in Manhattan the Wildcats could possibly be better than last year's NCAA tournament team—espe-

cially since K-State already has Denis Clemente, who is averaging 14.2 points-a-game. Putting Beasley with Clemente would've made a supreme dynamic duo.

Some players, however, have still played well in the NBA without much help from college ball. LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers is one of those, but he's a rarity. Sure, LeBron James didn't go to college and turned the Cavaliers from pathetic to powerful in only a matter of a season, but what are the odds of another player like LeBron coming out of high school every year?

Four years of eligibility would add not only excitement to the college game but also make life less arduous for most basketball coaches.

College coaches have to not only coach and recruit, but they also have to convince under-classmen players to stay.

Last season, when asked if Derrick Rose would stay another year or not, Memphis Coach John Calipari replied, "If he does what's best for his family, he'll leave. If he does what's best for me, he'll stay."

Sure, the above quote was really one-sided, but is it fair to put Calipari or any other coach through that situation?

This year, another good player won't be in the college game much longer. Sophomore Blake Griffin of the Oklahoma Sooners has been on fire, scoring 22 points per game this season and will likely be a first round pick in this year's NBA draft. But will he fall from glory just like the majority of players who depart early for the NBA, or will he be the next "LeBron James?"

Maybe, if he played two more years of college basketball, he'd be more of the latter, but since he won't, don't count on it.



If the NCAA forced all athletes to play four years of basketball, then maybe the Florida Gators (top) could've won three national titles and Greg Oden (bottom) could've led the Ohio State Buckeyes to another title game. (Photos courtesy of ESPN.com)

✓ Student Sports Feature

Williams, Helvey up and coming force on the court

By Max McClure
Sports Editor

Senior Cole Williams and junior Michael Helvey were once players on SES's county rival's basketball team, but, after switching schools earlier this year, are now playing for SES— and making a name for themselves on the SES court.

"Cole is a definitely a good rebounder. It's basically his goal when he gets on the court... to get the rebounds," Helvey said.

While Williams is known for his rebounding, Helvey has been said to be "able to jump out of the gym."

When asked what Helvey was good at, having heard the buzz in the hallways Williams replied, "Must I say jumping?"

But neither Helvey nor Williams want to be known for one certain feature in their game.

"I don't really see myself as a role player because I don't like to be just one thing. I like to do everything on the court," Helvey said.

Both players both have impressive verticals, nevertheless. Helvey has a 33" while Williams has a 30," making other players think twice about shooting over them.

✓ Student Sports Feature

Engel selected for High School Heisman award

By Krisanna Graham
Managing Editor

Academics, community involvement and athletics; teachers stress the importance of these from the day students start freshman year to when they throw their caps into the air and receive their diplomas. For senior Trask Engel, listening to his teachers was well worth it. He was recently selected as the 2008-2009 school winner of the Wendy's High School Heisman award.

"I was happy to get the award because I've worked hard in academics, in my community and in cross country," Engel said.

To be selected, Engel was judged in three areas: academic achievements, community service involvement and athletics accomplishments. To be eligible, students

must be seniors, have at least a "B" grade average and participate in one or more school-sponsored sports. Engel has participated in cross country all four years of high school and was named on the Academic All-State Cross Country team for the last two years.

ACT Inc. reviewed all of the materials and scores the nominees based on the criteria.

As the school winner, Engel received a letter with a \$10 Wendy's gift card, school winner certificate and a Heisman patch. Also, his application was put into consideration for advancement to State finalist.

"I was not selected as a State Finalist, but it was an honor just to have been selected as school winner," Engel said.

The boys' similar situations caused them to transfer to Southeast of Saline from their previous school, Sacred Heart.

"We got suspended for a semester. We needed to get an education so we came to Southeast," Williams said.

Both former Knights have adjusted well to life as Trojans.

"I like pretty much everything. The teachers are cooler, lunch is bigger and you can get what ever you want to eat here," Helvey said.

Williams agreed.

"The people here are nice and the people that come to games are great," Williams said.

When coming to their previous school's rival for the first day, Williams and Helvey had some mixed experiences.

"I was kind of nervous. I didn't really know anybody and I didn't know my way around my new school," Williams said. "I'm a lot more comfortable now. It helps to know my way around the school."

On the other hand, Helvey said he enter the school feeling pretty com-

fortable.

"I got in pretty well because I already knew Josh Peutz. And now I feel like I've been hanging out with these guys my whole life," Helvey said.



Engel receives his state cross country medal after the state race November. Engel's cross country achievements helped him to get the Wendy's High School Heisman award. (Photo by Gary McClure)

Boys' Basketball

Trojans end losing skid before falling to Rep. County

By Garrett Sager

Sports Writer

The Trojan men went into Christmas break with a 2-2 record. But it would be 69 days and 14 games before the Trojans would pick up their third win, but when they traveled westward to Russell, they would ride home with an unfamiliar feeling, the feeling of victory.

"It felt great to finally win one," said junior Kaleb Lawrence. "We were hungry for one." The Trojans beat NCAA foe the Russell Broncos 63-49 to end their 14-game skid and pick up their first league win. The large majority of that victory can be awarded to good defense and senior Greg Peterson's ability to light it up like fireworks on the fourth of July. Peterson went off for 31 points in which he knocked down nine threes. "It was amazing," said Peterson. "It made me feel like I actually accomplished something my senior year." Peterson wasn't the only one who hit a shot from long range. Lawrence hit one, junior Michael Helvey cashed in two, and sophomore Jordan Wyatt also notched one. "It's hard to beat a team that goes 63 percent for threes," said coach Vogt. "On the downside, we shot only 44 percent for free throws."

The Trojans ruined Russell's Senior Night, and when they took the floor Tuesday Feb. 24, the seniors hoped that the Buffaloes of Republic County would not do the same to them.

It was a low scoring affair, and the Trojans failed to pick up a win on senior night, losing 32-44. Senior Joel Prater came out firing on his last home game of his high school career, scoring the team's first points.

"I just wanted to go out and play hard", said Prater.

The Buffaloes keyed in on Peterson, holding him to just one three point attempt.

"We knew they would key on Peterson and others were going to have to step up", said Vogt.

The game's climax came in the fourth quarter when Helvey came away with a steal and finished it on the other end not with a layup but rather a dunk. "It felt nice, very nice," said Helvey.

On Feb. 3, the Trojans took the floor at home against rival Sacred

Heart. With Peterson sick and not playing and point guard Jordan Wyatt not playing in the second half due to injuries; the Trojans struggled to pick up points, losing 49-59.

The Feb. 6 game wasn't any easier. Yes, the Trojans had Wyatt back, but Peterson, who was still feeling the sickness, was not 100 percent. The Trojans ended up losing by ten again 43-53.



Junior Michael Helvey turns the corner fighting his way to the hoop. The Trojans lost to Ellsworth 45-60. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

at home on Feb. 17— were the same stories. The Trojans would play well in the beginning but not in the end as they lost to Minneapolis 48-72 and fell 45-60 against Ellsworth.

Next up for the Trojans is Sub-State. The SES Trojans recently lost a coin flip between them and Saint John's Military School. Due to the loss, the Trojans will play at undefeated Hutch-Trinity on Tuesday Mar. 2. Sub-State is March 2-March 7.

The Feb. 10 game rounded up the Trojans' three-game home stretch. They played host to the Beloit Trojans who had already beaten them once this year. This was a game which came from the bench. Forty-one of the Trojans' 49 points came from their substitutes.. Peterson came off the bench, scoring 20 points, while junior Garrett Sager added in 13, senior Zach Downey chipped in 4, along with Senior Cole Williams, who did the same. The Trojans lost, however, 49-70.

The Trojan's next two games—against Minneapolis and then Ellsworth

Wrestling

Five wrestlers to compete at State tomorrow

By Ryan Haxton

Reporter

In wrestling, February is an important month. As the season winds down, wrestlers compete at Regionals to travel to the State level. Fortunately, the Trojans turned a positive January into good performances in February when five wrestlers recently qualified for the state competition.

The regional competition was held in Beloit on Feb. 21-22. Overall, the Trojans placed sixth out of 22 total teams, and five individual SES wrestlers qualified for the State meet.

The wrestlers who qualified are: senior Jason Prater, 160, 2nd; senior Ryan Hahn, 119, 4th; junior Braden Long, 171, 3rd; freshman Brock Long, 145, 4th; and freshman Kyler Beshler, 285, 3rd. In order to qualify for the State meet, wrestlers must place in the top four weight classes at the regional competition.

"Not just the five heading to state, but the whole team in general represented SES very well. We're all are looking forward to this weekend in Hays for the 3-2-1A State Tourney," assistant coach Eric Deneault said.

Prior to the regional competition, the Trojan wrestlers also had their share of pins and wins. The Trojans hosted a dual at home on Jan. 29 with Remington and Hesston. First, the Trojans went head to head with Remington. They had just five pins in the match and came out on top, finishing with a score of 59-18.

Next in the dual, the Trojans went up against Hesston. They blew out

the Swathers with a score of 42-16.

The Trojans wrestled next on Feb. 7 at their home tournament. They hosted Remington, Hillsboro, Bennington, Russell, St. Johns and Republic County. First, the Trojans went up against Republic County. They defeated the Buffaloes with a final score of 53-18.

During their next match, the Trojans wrestled another league school, Russell. The Trojans weren't as lucky as the previous time. They fell to the Broncos with a score of 28-41.

However, it then got worse before it got better for the Trojans. They fell to Hillsboro with a score of 31-41 in their third match. However, they were able to finish on a positive note when they shut out Bennington and Remington with scores of 57-18 and 54-9, respectively.

The Trojans went north to Russell on Feb. 12 for a dual against the Broncos. The Trojans lost 21-46.

On Feb. 14, the Trojans traveled to Remington for the Remington Invitational. Junior Braden Long was the lone gold medalist. He won with a total of 30-7.

Freshman Brock Long placed second with a total score of 33-5. Seniors Ryan Hahn and Zach Short placed third, and sophomore David Hoelting placed fourth. Overall, the Trojans took fourth in the tournament.

As the season nears an end, coach Deneault said that it's been a positive one—especially the Regional weekend.

"I have never been more proud of a group of guys than I was this weekend," Deneault said.

Girls' Basketball

Lady Trojans diminish Buffaloes

By Michael Bauer
Sports Writer

The lady Trojans closed the curtains on their regular season in style with a 67-52 victory over Republic County's Buffaloes on Tuesday night.

"I thought it was a nice win by the lady Trojans. They worked real hard, they (Republic County) really doubled down on Stephanie (Frost) and we had a lot of girls step up and play a very good ball game," said Head Coach Wayne Sager. "I think it really puts us in a good mindset going into State."

The difference between Tuesday night's win for the lady Trojans and their previous games this season was senior Stephanie Frost wasn't the scoring leader.

Frost sent ten shots through the basket in her final home game of the regular season, but it was a sophomore duo that stole the show in the number of points made.

Sophomore Courtney Sager, who usually averages 7.1 points per game (PPG), exploded with 23 points. Courtney (Sager) kept raining three's as she made five straight shots from beyond the arc.

"Last night's performance, we just tried to give the ball to Stephanie and we couldn't, so we started hitting outside shots to pull the defense away," said Courtney Sager. "I just kept going and we all had a good game last night. Christine (Russell) also had a good game as well."

Christine Russell was another player who shot better than her season average; she averages 8.7 PPG and ended the night with 18 points.

"They (Russell and Sager) stepped up and played well. Offensively, they got some things and we got some transition buckets off of our defense," Sager said. "It was just a team effort by a lot of different girls on our lady Trojan team."

One player for Republic County came in as a sub in the first-half and proved to be a threat to the Trojans.

Lydia Jones, a 5'6" sophomore, helped the Buffaloes as she made numerous shots in order to keep her team alive. Jones ended up with 12 points total but was unable to get any more thanks to the Trojans' defense.

"Kaley (Rodriguez) played some very good defense on what they (Republic County) thought would be an advantage for them. She came in and shut down that Jones girl and did a very good job defensively for us," Coach Sager said.

Though Frost didn't have the most points, she did improvise as another deadly threat—on defense.

Frost, who before the game had a total of 46 blocked shots, added nine more blocked shots to her repertoire in the evening.

"That's good in a sense. I hope she (Frost) doesn't start to think that's what she always has to do because that could get her into foul trouble," Sager said. "We really talked about her staying down on her feet later in the ball game, but that's the talent she has. She's a very good shot blocker

and as long as she uses that effectively, then I'm ok with it."

Jones didn't stay in the game for long. She was fouled out; but she wasn't the only player to reach the five-foul limit.

Two more Republic County players also fouled out. Hunter Duensing was the next victim and then later, Celsey Beneda was sent off too.

Luckily for the Lady Trojans, there was no concern foul trouble-wise.

"I have a lot of girls that I can rotate in if we get into foul trouble. We have a very good bench that can come in and help us out," Sager said. "Foul trouble can hurt some teams and if we get certain people in foul trouble, yes, we're in trouble, but I think we played a hard, full-court game and it ended up working to our advantage in the end."

Senior Sadie Roesner was the closest Trojan to get in foul trouble, but after drawing her fourth foul of the night, she was benched late in the game.

In the fourth quarter, the Buffaloes kept hurting themselves offensively because of their inability to put the ball through the basket. There was one play where Republic County made six rebounds and were still unable to make a shot.

The lady Trojans are now going to turn their attention towards post-season play.

Next week, sub-state will ensue and the lady Trojans are the number one seed. Thanks to their top seed, they will have a bye game in the first round. Their opponent is yet to be decided.

Coach Sager's attention is now turned to next week, and he will need his team to compete well in order to do well next week.

"I'm just looking forward to it (sub-state). The team plays hard and that's what we want," said Sager. "We just want to have them play hard, and that's what we want."



Freshman Brooke Wells dripples past an Ellsworth defender in last week's game. The lady Trojans won 50-34. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

Sports Box

By Michael Bauer
Sports Writer

Boys' Basketball

Jan. 6 @ Sacred Heart	L 56-85
Jan. 9. Minneapolis	L 58-63
Jan. 10 @ Beloit	L 49-62
Jan. 13 Russell	L 47-49
Jan. 16 @ Rep. County	L 38-41
Jan. 21-24 Salina Invitational Tournament	
Jan. 21. Salina Central	L 44-69
Jan. 23 Smoky Valley	L 40-63
Jan. 24 Sacred Heart	L 49-68
Jan. 27 @ Ellsworth	L 53-59
Feb. 3 Sacred Heart	L 49-59
Feb. 6 Chapman	L 43-53
Feb. 10 Beloit	L 49-70
Feb. 13 @ Minneapolis	L 48-72
Feb. 17 Ellsworth	L 60-45
Feb. 20 @ Russell	W 63-49
Feb. 24 Rep. County	L 32-44
Upcoming games:	
Mar. 3 @ Hutch Trinity	

Record: 3-17

Girls' Basketball

Jan. 6 @ Sacred Heart	L 46-55
Jan. 9 Minneapolis	W 60-56
Jan. 10 @ Beloit	L40-56
Jan. 13 Russell	W 73-42
Jan. 16 @ Rep. County	W 58-51
Jan. 20. @ Ellsworth	W 54-26
Jan. 26-30 SES Invitational Tournament	
Jan. 26 Smokey Valley	W 56-47
Jan. 29 Abilene	W 69-65
Feb. 3 Sacred Heart	W 54-49
Feb. 6 Chapman	L 48-55
Feb. 10 Beloit	L 50-58
Feb. 13 @ Minneapolis	W 60-47
Feb. 17 Ellsworth	W 50-34
Feb. 20 @ Russell	W 63-46
Feb. 24 Rep. County	W 67-52
Upcoming games:	
Mar. 2-7 Sub-state	

Record: 14-6

Wrestling

Dec. 13 @ Minneapolis	5th
Dec. 19 Minneapolis, Rep. County Dual	
Jan. 10 @ Ellsworth Inv.	4th
Jan. 13 Triangular @ St. Johns	
Jan. 16 @ Halstead Inv.	9th
Jan. 17 @ Halstead Inv.	4th
Jan. 29 SES Triangular	2nd
Feb. 7 SES Dual	1st
Feb. 12 @ Russell Dual	L 21-47
Feb. 14 @ Remington	4th
Feb. 20 Regionals @ Beloit	6th
Feb. 28 State @ Hays	

√ Student Organization News

Forensics team qualifies six events for State Champs

By Jena Sauber
Editor and Chief

The SES Forensics team has started their season fairly successfully, qualifying six events for the State competition in the first three meets of the year. Seniors Trask Engel, Lynnsey Heimer, Bria Sweany, juniors Jena Sauber and Amanda Wilson, and sophomore Sara Hettenbach have qualified to represent SES at the State Forensics meet in May.

The team kicked off their season with a lock-in at the school on Jan. 24. The first meet of the year was at Smoky Valley on Jan. 31, followed by the Abilene meet on Feb. 7.

The SES "Forensicators" hosted their own meet on Feb. 14 at SES. They helped run the meet and did not compete.

On Feb. 21, students went to Clifton-Clyde to compete. For individual and team results from all the meets, see side score box.

Smoky Valley

Engel and Heimer	DA	3 rd *
Sweany and Wilson	IDA	3 rd *

Abilene – 3rd

Blaha and Engel	IDA	1 st *
Trask Engel	Prose	1 st *
Jena Sauber	OO	1 st *
Sweany and Wilson	IDA	3 rd
William Fiest	SS	5 th
Matt Butler	IS	6 th

Clifton-Clyde- 2nd

Hettenbach*	Poetry	1 st *
Jena Sauber	OO	2 nd
	IS	3 rd
Hettenbach	IDA	3 rd
Engel and Heimer	Duet	4 th
Sparacino and Miller	Duet	5 th
Blaha and Engel	IDA	5 th
Lynnsey Heimer	OO	6 th
Sparacino and Douglas	IDA	6 th

*denotes events that qualified for state competition

OO - Original Oration
 DA - Duet Acting
 SS - Serious Solo
 IS - Informative Speech



Sophomore AnnMarie Sparacino, acting as a dog, looks up at her "owner," freshman Jameson Miller, while practicing during their duet at the Smoky Valley Forensics Meet. (Photo by Jena Sauber)

√ Student Organization News
Scholars wrap up positive season on bitter note

By Patrick Eslick
Layout Editor

The varsity scholars' bowl team ended their season with a little good news and a little bad news. With a record of 3-4 at the regional competition, the team of seniors Kristi Hargadine and Layton Everhart and juniors Patrick Eslick, Krisanna Graham, Jena Sauber and Michael Bauer failed to advance to the state level. However, with a final record of 51-27 the varsity team ended with a winning season, reconciling last year's losing season.

Last year was the first time in over a decade that the varsity team had sustained a net loss.

"We knew going into the season we were a very strong freshman-sophomore team last year," junior Krisanna Graham said. "We wanted to bring that success this year to get us back on a winning track. Being coupled with Layton and Kristi made a great advantage to get on that track."

The difference between going to state and stopping at regionals was only one question.

"We were so close to going on, but we just couldn't make it," junior Patrick Eslick said. "There was one question I could have answered that would have made the difference, but now I'm just looking ahead to next year."

The team will be graduating several key seniors this year including Everhart and Hargadine.

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