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Editorial

Open source software could enhance curriculum

By Patrick Eslick
Layout Editor

The entirety of the educational system can be reduced to one brief but immortal question- “Why?” That question lies at the epicenter of all learning. It is the heart of schooling. It pumps life into each of education’s numerous appendages.



In almost every subject, our teachers attempt to answer this question, then answer it again. That is why we write proofs in Algebra 2, why we study the Krebs Cycle in Biology, why we attempt to comprehend the motivations of Hitler when studying World War II, and why we discuss object pronouns and gerunds in Spanish.

There is one subject, however, in which we seem avoid the question as we would venomous serpents. That subject is computer class. We are shockingly uninformed as to what makes our computers “tick,” so to speak. It is by no direct fault of our educators that we are deprived of the answer to this question. It is rather a fundamental, although rectifiable, issue with our utilization of software.

The software that SES uses is produced by a corporation (primarily Microsoft). As a company seeking to make a profit, Microsoft keeps its software secrets guarded just as Coca-Cola keeps its formula a secret.

It purposely keeps the public uninformed as to what is really going on. This is not an accusation against them; the guarding of corporate secrets is as justifiable as it is necessary. It is not, however, remotely conducive to or supportive of the basic motives of education. Most SES students remain completely ignorant of even the most basic concepts of computer science even as they graduate.

Our school’s computer curriculum cannot be allowed to continue unchanged. A continuation of this is completely inexcusable on the part of our administrators. The investment required in the solution would be essentially free and it could eventually save the school over \$10,000.

The solution is one that most are ignorant to and one that many will be initially apprehensive to. There exists a type of software whose basic motivation is to share the secrets of software, to promote understanding of computer science and an atmosphere of cooperation. It is called open source software.

This software is not created by a corporation. Instead, it is produced by a community of programmers and coders who volunteer their time to create useful programs. Working together, these programmers produce what has been proven time and time again to be more stable and more reliable than the software engineered by their traditional counterparts.

Open source software could be used to replace every other piece of software currently being utilized within our school. These products would allow students and teachers to really examine what drives the software – to perform experiments, make modifications, look at what operates the software and gain something of an understanding of what is really going on “under the hood” of their computers. On top of all that, this software would be free, which could eventually save the school a lot of money.

Making an abrupt switch from Windows to an open source operating system would not be easy, but it is not necessary to make that commitment right now. The first step the school must take is to install an open source operating system such as Ubuntu Linux on several

(See “Software,” page 3)

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The Real Deal


Students weigh in on current issues.
“What would you like to see happen nationally in 2009?”




“I want to see adults and teens spending more wisely.”
-Chloe Seim, jr.



“People cutting back on romantic getaways. The economy is already decreasing majorly.”
-Sierra Yianakopulos, so.



“No decreasing of student loans so people can get a steady job and decrease unemployment.”
-Rachel Pantle, sr.



“I want abortion to become illegal!”
-Presley Wilson, so.

Front Page: Sophomore Sara Hettenbach and junior Amanda Wilson model their “butterfly wings” during StuCo’s Random Stuff Auction in January. For more club information, see The Club Corner. (Photo by LaCrista Brightbill)

Opinion

Columnists predict local, national newspaper headlines for new year

By Amanda Keeler and Krisanna Graham
Columnists

As the new and exciting year of 2009 begins, we look to the future and wonder what the headlines will say in the coming year. Will there be a record number of celebrities in rehab? Or will there be world peace? We can't be sure what the future holds, but we can predict what newspaper headlines we might see in the coming year. Here's our best guess.



"No snow days used this year" At the rate we are going, it is possible that, by the end of the year, we will not have missed a day, or even an hour, of school due to the weather. While this isn't as big of an issue as say... world peace, it is almost an expected part of every kid's (and teacher's) school year. If we do not have at least one snow day, that would sure set some kind of record. (Hopefully, they let us use those unused snow days as get-out-of-school-early-in-May days!)

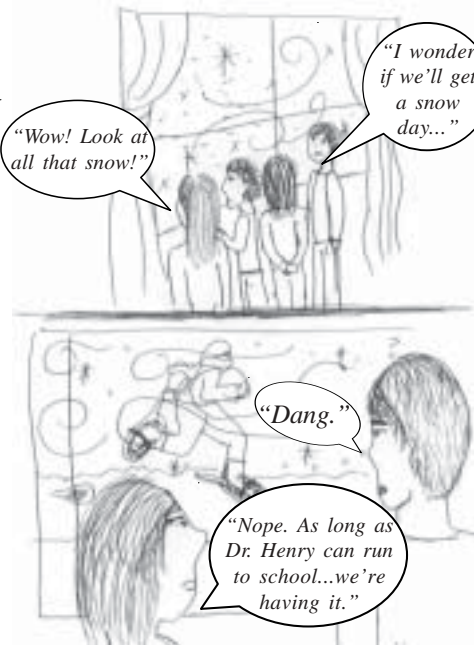
"Generation Y cleans up mess" Another issue of the new year will definitely be the economy. Even though we hear about it every day, it is an unavoidable issue that we will all be paying the price for (literally!), long after the people that caused the problem are gone.

"Celeb image undergoes makeover in 2009" Even though 2008 saw plenty of celebrity drama- DUIs, jail sentences, robberies, deaths, etc.- 2009 could be just as bad, if not worse, for certain celebs. Hopefully Hayden Panettiere and Angelina Jolie can continue setting good

examples for those troubled celebrities and help them do as much good in the world as these two celebrities are with their work to stop whaling and continue helping people in poor nations.

"Obama pressured to make appropriate decisions" President Barack Obama will probably end up being one of the most influential people of the year. He is the first African American president and came into office at one of the most tumultuous moments in history. Everyone in the country will be relying on him to lead the USA.

The year of 2009 can be expected to bring lots of news-- some good and some bad. For more student predictions about the new year, check out The Real Deal on page 2. Now, it's your turn to make predictions about what will happen in the next year. Will there be world peace? A better economy? Or perhaps...Google replaces U.S. Government (or maybe not yet!). We are left to wonder whether the outcomes will be good or bad.



Keva Schlepp

Editorial (continued)

● Trial run with program would benefit school, students

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computers. By using a dual-boot system, the school could keep the windows functionality of these computers. This step would not be difficult.

School administrators and educators should then make an effort to demonstrate the use of these machines to students and teachers. Once students, teachers and administrators have had a chance to use them, they can then look to

the future from an informed standpoint.

The first line of the SES mission statement states that "students have... the right to receive the best education possible at our school." Can we say that our computer curriculum is meeting state standards? Probably. Can we honestly say that our computer curriculum is succeeds at providing the best education possible? Probably not.

Review Column

2008 chart toppers, 2009 new talents shine in music realm

By Jena Sauber
Editor in Chief

With 2009 underway, it's time to look back over the top songs of 2008 and into the future for rising artists.

In 2008, Chris Brown claimed three spots in the top ten according to Billboard Magazine. Check out who else earned themselves a spot in the best of the best list.

1. Low by Flo Rida featuring T-Pain **2. Bleeding Love** by Leona Lewis **3. No One** by Alicia Keys **4. Lollipop** by Lil Wayne featuring StaticMajor **5. Apologize** by Timbaland featuring OneRepublic **6. No Air** by Jordin Sparks, duet with Chris Brown **7. Love Song** by Sara Bareilles **8. Love in This Club** by Usher featuring Young Jeezy **9. With You** by Chris Brown **10. Forever** by Chris Brown

In the country music realm, no single artist dominated the charts. The number one single went to rising star James Otto, while country music man George Strait slide into the number two spot. Check out the rest of the top ten list.

1. Just Got Started Lovin' You by James Otto **2. I Saw God Today** by George Strait **3. Small-Town Southern Man** by Alan Jackson **4. Don't Think I Don't Think About It** by Darius Rucker **5. Home** by Blake Shelton **6. Love Is a Beautiful Thing** by Phil Vassar **7. You're Gonna Miss This** by Trace Adkins **8. I Still Miss You** by Keith Anderson **9. Cleaning This Gun (Come on in Boy)** by Rodney Atkins **10. I'm Still a Guy** by Brad Paisley

Even if they aren't in the top ten hits of the year, I think there are a few more singles that deserve some credit as songs of 2008.

Kid Rock's "All Summer Long," while it was probably the most overplayed song (being played on the radio well into December) of the year, was a summertime mantra for 2008.

Rihanna didn't even crack into the top ten; she deserved to with her single "Disturbia."

Teen star Taylor Swift's "Our Song" belongs in at least the top 20 country hits of the year as almost every girl over eight knows the lyrics by heart.

As 2009 starts up, new artists, records and breakouts are a sure-thing. If you're waiting for The Fray's album (*The Fray*) to be released on Feb. 2 or Lilly Allen's (*It's Not You, It's Me*) on February 9, check out Craig David. David, an African-British R&B singer/songwriter, released his *Greatest Hits Standard* album in November of 2008. His other albums include *Trust Me* (2007), *The Story Goes...* (2005), *Slicker Than Your Average* (2002), and *Born To Do It* (2000). Even though I'm not much of an R&B fan, David has definitely earned himself an honorary spot on my iPod.

So, reflect over the top ten songs of the past year, add your own, and look to the horizons for new artists and albums. What will be on the top ten list for 2009?

✓ Student Feature

Junior, car escape bus incident relatively unharmed

By Max McClure
Sports Editor

Junior Garrett Sager and his car have been through a lot in the past two years. Most recently, his car was hit by a bus in the Sacred Heart parking lot on Jan. 6.

"When I got the car, it already had a dent in it. The new dent is in the exact same spot on the other side of the car," Sager said.

But Sager concedes that he doesn't know whose fault it was.

"It's hard to say whose fault it was. It was a parking spot, but it was also in front of a bus," Sager said.

Although he did park his car in front of

the bus, he said he didn't expect that his car had been hit, even after his car was described and license plate digits called at the game.

"I gave my keys to Matt Butler to go move my car because they called it over the speakers. When he got back, he told me my car was hit by the bus. I thought he was joking until I saw my car later," he said.

After the fact, Sager seemed to understand why his car was a good target.

"It is probably (easy to be hit) because it sits low to the ground and higher vehicles can't see it," Sager said.

He also said he was glad his car was the target and not him.

"It would have been kind of cool to say I survived getting hit by a bus, but I'm glad it was my car," Sager said.

After the ordeal, Sager speculates what will happen to his car next.

"It's been broken into and it has been hit by a vehicle. I think the next step is extermination," he said.

The bus hit wasn't even the first hit that Sager's car has taken. About a year ago, Sager's car was the victim of a group of thieves.

"It was two days before my birthday. We reported it that morning, but the thieves were caught the night they did it, before we reported the stolen items. And I came home the next day and a message was on the answering machine from the police that said, 'We have your Zune,'" Sager said.

Sager speculated the car was broken into with a bat since the window was destroyed.

"The glass from the window was sitting in my driver's seat when I saw it the next morning," Sager said. "My best guess is that they broke into (the car) with a bat, but I don't really know."

According to Sager, they had a reason for breaking into his vehicle.

"I guess they broke into my car to take my Zune and auxiliary cord. I guess I lost a couple tic-tacs, too," he said.

Sager considers both issues to be relatively unimportant.

"Overall, I think it's really not that big of a deal. Truthfully, I wish the bus would have done more damage so I could get a new car," Sager said.



Garrett Sager, junior, stands with his car in the SES parking lot. His car was hit by a bus while it was in the Sacred Heart parking lot on Jan. 6. "It's hard to tell whose fault it was," Sager said. (Photo by Elizabeth Reece)

✓ Student Feature

Senior takes spill in the locker room, requires staples

By Krisanna Graham
Managing Editor

Floor coating manufacturer Desco states that the new Resinous flooring in the boys' locker room is classified as a safe walking surface as to slip resistance. However, senior Zach Downey doesn't agree.

Downey slipped while getting out of the shower earlier this month, causing him to fall and hit his head on the concrete floor. According to Downey, there was no horsing around involved.

"I just took one step, and it was bad," Downey said.

He received a concussion and a cut on the back of his head that required seven staples.

"Having a concussion sucked because I couldn't sleep for more than two hours at a time," Downey said.

Although Downey could sue the school for damages, he has no interest in doing so. He just feels that there may need to be some additional safety measures taken.

"I think mats would help prevent us from slipping," Downey said. Carpet was removed from the locker room last year to prevent further disease following the MRSA outbreak.

His experience makes him see the floor as a hazard when wet.

"Before I fell, I knew the floors were slick but wasn't worried about it. Now, I am more cautious when I'm in the locker room. Be careful in the locker room, or you may fall like (I did)," Downey said.



The boys' locker room got a new surface after the old carpet was pulled out at the end of the 2008 school year. The locker room is where senior Zach Downey fell. His fall required him to get seven staples. (Photo by Max McClure)



√ New Student Feature

Zimmerman finds unique niche in new school

By Keva Schlepp
Cartoonist

Changing schools wasn't a new thing for senior Karissa Zimmerman — she's been the "new face" in several schools. But she acknowledges that her new face will prompt a few questions such as, "Whoa, who's that chick with the bright pink hair?"

Zimmerman is accustomed to the surprise.

"I like the mostly positive reactions and try to brush off the negative ones about my style," Zimmerman said.

However, SES students weren't the first students to notice the unique appearance of "the new girl."

"I originally came from Ell-Saline, then (I went) to Abilene, then to Central, and now here," Zimmerman said.

She said that, at Central, she didn't have time to participate in very many activities. However, she wants to change that at SES.

"I want to be a cheerleader," Zimmerman said, "but I don't know if I can."

According to Zimmerman, her previous schools had some similarities to SES, such as the teachers and class structure. However Zimmerman notes one big difference.

"My previous school was *way* bigger," Zimmerman said.

Even if her old school was larger, Zimmerman still said she enjoys SES.

"I love it here; everybody is nice and respectful towards me," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman transferred school when her parents moved to Gypsum while she was in Wichita in a group home. Zimmerman said she lived in the Wichita home due to personal and family issues. However, the Gypsum area wasn't completely unfamiliar for Karissa when she moved.

"[I knew] some [people], but not a lot," Zimmerman said.

As she gets to know more people in the school, Zimmerman likes to take time for some activities outside of school, too.

"I love to fish," Zimmerman said.

Overall, both in school and out, Zimmerman said her experience has been very positive as "the new girl."

"Thanks to everyone who has been really nice," Zimmerman said.



Karissa Zimmerman, senior, transferred to SES at the semester break after her parents moved to Gypsum. For Zimmerman, SES is quite a bit smaller than her previous schools, but she says she still enjoys SES. Outside of school, she enjoys fishing and many other activities. (Photo by Keva Schlepp and Kendra Lawson)

√ New Student Feature

Senior makes move from Beloit Trojan to SES Trojan

By Amanda Keeler
Copy Editor

Starting at a new school may not be an easy task, but senior Katherine Boutz is adjusting to the new environment well.

"I like SES, so far. Everyone seems pretty nice and the classes are similar to the ones at my old school," Boutz said.

Before moving into the district and coming to SES, Boutz attended Salina South High School and Beloit High School.

So far, Boutz has noticed that classes at Southeast are very similar to the ones she has previously experienced but she has seen a few significant differences.

"SES has a grade school in the same building as the high school and here there is block scheduling, which is something different for me," Boutz said.

While at Beloit, Boutz enjoyed participating in speech and drama clubs, but said she probably won't continue these activities this year.

"I have to catch up (with my schoolwork), so I probably will not be doing any activities this year," Boutz said.

In addition to her school activities, there are many other things that keep her busy at home and on the weekends.

"I enjoy singing, writing, swimming and horseback riding," Boutz said.

After graduation, Boutz would like to attend college in Kansas City. However, while she is at SES, Boutz plans on enjoying school.

"I like SES. All of the people here are extremely welcoming," Boutz said.

Student Feature

SES has triple dose of ‘double trouble’

By Elizabeth Reece
Photo Editor

There are approximately 30,090 sets of twins in the Kansas, 600 in Saline County, 485 in Salina, and eight in Assaria and Gypsum. Three of them go to Southeast of Saline high school.*

The Boscos

The oldest set of SES twins are seniors Skylar and Cati Bosco. The Bosco sisters were born on Nov. 17, 1990. However, they aren’t *exactly* the same age.

“Skylar is older by 59 seconds,” Cati said.

Having a sister in the same grade can also be very handy, they said.

“We have some of the same classes so when one is gone the other can get the homework,” Cati said.

There are other perks to having a sibling the same age, according to the girls.

“She’s always there; (I) experience every big moment with



Skylar

Cati

her. (We) learn everything together,” Skylar said.

However, sometimes there are downfalls.

“You share the same birthday, she’s always there, (and) you’re always considered two,

never just ‘Skylar,’” Skylar said.

The twins aren’t the only girls in the family, either. They have a younger sister, Mackenzie, who is 13.

“She probably doesn’t like (having twin sisters) because we gang up on her sometimes,” Cati said.

The Mortimers

Another set of SES twins are the Mortimer girls. Freshmen Hannah and Haley were born on Dec. 19, 1993. However, they dispute on how much older Haley is.

“Haley is older by four minutes. She is probably going to say five, but it’s really four,” Hannah said.

Obviously, Hannah knew her sister’s response well.

“I am older by five minutes. I bet \$500 Hannah will say four minutes. You can settle for four and a half though, right?” Haley said.

No matter how much earlier Haley was born, they both agree that having a twin sister has its perks.

“We share all our clothes!” Hannah said.

In addition to sharing clothes, Haley agrees that having a sibling her own age is a positive thing.

“Sharing life experiences is really fun,” Haley said. “Since we do everything together, it’s awesome to have random life things to share with them. Like firsts: first word, Hannah was there; first steps, she was right beside me.”

However, having a twin isn’t all great. Being compared to each other is a downfall according to the Mortimers.

“(We are) always being compared. It really sucks,” Hannah said.

Haley agrees that being twins, they are often compared. “(We’re) always, always, always compared. Who’s bet-

ter at this and that? Basketball? Volleyball? Drawing? School? And when someone says, ‘Well, I think Haley is smarter, (or) I think Hannah is better at basketball,’ then it becomes a competition between us, and we get in an argument over it,” Haley said.



Haley

Hannah

Their older brother Matt, a junior at SES, said it feels normal to have twin sisters.

“When Matt was little, he called us one name: HannahHaley, but just one word,” Haley said.

The Muehlbergs

The freshman class isn’t home to only one set of twins, but two! Twins Christian and Caleb Muehlberg were born on Dec. 21, 1993 According to both twins, Caleb was born first, but had problems in the delivery.

“Caleb had to be flown down to Wichita for a problem that he could have died from,” Christian said.

Fortunately, both twins survived and get to enjoy each other’s company every day.

“(It’s good to have a twin because) you can keep each other out of trouble,” Caleb said.



Caleb

Christian

Even if they can keep each other out of trouble, they agree that sometimes it’s not so good to have a twin.

“(We) get into a lot of fights,” Caleb said.

They enjoy being twins, however, and the rest of the family enjoy

the fact that they have twins in the family too.

“(My family thinks its) good (to have us) because not every family has twins in their family,” said Christian.

Through the ups and downs, all of the twins are grateful for their “special” connection between each other.

“Someone’s always ‘there’ for you. Even if me and Hannah don’t talk a lot about personal stuff, it’s always nice to know that they are still there, no matter what goes on in your life. I think it’s that twin connection. It’s not just the connection you have with sisters, but a twin one,” Haley said.

* ask.com

<http://www.childbirthsolutions.com/articles/pregnancy/oddmulti/index.php>

√ Student Feature

Sophomore follows in sister's FCCLA footsteps

By Jena Sauber
Editor and Chief

There are only 10 in the entire United States and sophomore Joey Platt plans to have one soon.

Platt started her Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) leadership career as Freshman Representative last year and continues to expand her leadership roles- including a goal to hold one of those 10 FCCLA national offices someday.

"Right now, I'm the District G President, SES Chapter Vice President of Public Relations, Vice President of the Kansas FCCLA State Board and a Member-At-Large on the Kansas FCCLA State Board," Platt said.

As District G President, Platt plans, leads and oversees all District G events such as the Fall Leadership Academy and Chapter Officer Training.

"I've been the District G President since February 2008," Platt said. She will retire her position in February 2009.

Platt also is active in FCCLA at the local level.

"As the SES Vice President of Public Relations, I write the FCCLA page in the District newsletter every month and publicize current fund-raisers for our chapter," Platt said.

She started her officer position last April and will retire in April 2009.

Despite her current accomplishments, Platt still has high goals for her FCCLA involvement in the next year.

"I cannot wait to see what FCCLA brings me next year!" Platt said. "I plan on running for a Kansas FCCLA State officer position this March to serve in this upcoming year."

However, Platt has goals beyond the state level that she wants to accomplish in her two remaining years of high school.

"Before I graduate, I have a lot of exciting goals! (In addition to running for a state office this year), I'm planning on running for a national office my junior year," Platt said.

Behind all her goals, Platt has personal motivators.

"My older sister RanDee has been a huge inspiration to me throughout my involvement in FCCLA," Platt said. "I admire her leadership and achievement so much, and it continues to inspire me to become a better leader."

While she was in high school, RanDee served as a Kansas FCCLA State Officer, held several chapter offices and competed in FCCLA Students Taking Action With Recognition (STAR) Events.

In addition to her older sister, Platt says that FCCLA advisor and SES FACS teacher Mrs. Juanelle Garretson is also an inspiration.

"(She) has been a big motivator for me! Every day, she continues to guide, support, and help lead me to success in FCCLA," Platt said.

In addition to following in her sister's example with FCCLA leadership positions, Platt also participated in STAR Events.

"I hope to continue doing STAR Events, too," Platt said.

Between juggling all of her FCCLA responsibilities, sports, extracurricular activities and school, Platt admits that her schedule can get hectic.

"It is tough at times to successfully balance (my) school work with FCCLA, but it is very important," Platt said. "Although I have been very busy with FCCLA this year, I always try to set time aside to focus on school because success in school leads to success in FCCLA."

Despite having to consciously juggle her schedule, Platt says that all of her great experiences make it worth it.

"All of the great leadership

opportunities and people I have met through FCCLA has made this an amazing leadership experience!"



1. (Left to right) Joey, RanDee, and Raimie Platt are sisters who have been very involved in FCCLA. Joey's goals include following in her sister's FCCLA footsteps. 2. Joey's activities in FCCLA include holding local, district and state officer positions and attending events such as the November FCCLA Cluster meeting in Dallas, TX (second from right). (Photos courtesy of Platt family and Mrs. Juanelle Garretson)

√ Public Service Announcement

SES's apple supply, students, staff safe

In response to the fact that other area school districts recalled and destroyed several cases of prepackaged sliced apples this week, the Southeast of Saline School Food Service Department wants to assure Students and Parents of Southeast of Saline School that our school Food Service has NOT, to date, ever used the prepackaged apples. While we often have apple halves, we start with fresh whole apples, wash, cut and serve on-site. The pre-sliced, packaged apples were destroyed after being notified by the distributor that the apples could possibly be contaminated with listeria, a bacteria that can produce food-borne illness. The apples were destroyed as a precautionary

measure, as no confirmed cases of the illness have been confirmed in our area. Students at Southeast of Saline are "safe" from this possible contamination. Southeast of Saline also continues to monitor the recall of peanut butter and products that were apparently made from the possibly contaminated peanut butter distributed by a Peanut Corporation of America. To date, we have not received any products that have been recalled by this far reaching recall effort—the recall is ongoing, as companies are still tracking down the source of peanut products used in their production! SES will continue to safeguard our student!

- Susan Wilson
SES Food Service Director

√ Student Activity News

Scholars' Bowl team gears up for Regionals

By Jena Sauber

Editor in Chief

With the close of the regular season, the SES Scholars' Bowl team's championship part of the season has gotten off to a bit of a rough start.

At the League Scholars' Bowl meet on Jan. 26 at Sacred Heart, juniors Michael Bauer, Patrick Eslick, and Spencer Baird, and seniors Layton Everhart and Kristi Hargadine went 4-2, placing fourth.

"It was one question and if we'd answered it right, we would have gotten first," Eslick said. "But we didn't and we got fourth. The question was, 'Which number comes first in blood pressure notation?'"

The Regional competition will take place on Feb. 4 at Council Grove. Senior Layton Everhart and juniors Michael Bauer, Patrick Eslick, Jena Sauber, Krisanna Graham and

Spencer Baird will represent SES.

The regular season wrapped up with two meets in January. At Quivera Heights, senior Layton Everhart and juniors Krisanna Graham, Spencer Baird, Michael Bauer, and Patrick Eslick went 9-0 and placed first out of 16 teams.

"We were down by 15 points in one of the rounds. The second to last math question was a really hard one; I didn't think I'd get. My heart was pounding; it was the most intense round we've ever had," Eslick said. "We answered the last two questions and won by five points."

The regular season ended on Wednesday, Jan. 22 when the team of juniors Spencer Baird, Patrick Eslick, Michael Bauer and senior Layton Everhart went to Bennington to compete. They finished with a 4-1 record but did not place.

"We just kind of had an off night, despite our record," Bauer said. "Some of the questions just weren't going our way."

√ Upcoming Events

Trojan Calendar

By RoiAnn Wellman

Staff Writer

- Jan 29 - WR @ SES
JH WR @ Russell
Forensics @ Sylvan Grove
- Jan 30 - Chalupa Supper
(sponsored by Assaria and Gypsum Lions Club)
- Jan 31 - 9-12 Dance Clinic
Forensics @ Smoky Valley
- Feb 2 - JH Sch Bowl @ Russell
- Feb 3 - 6:00 pm BB vs. Sacred Heart (Home)
- Feb 6 - 6:00 pm BB vs. Chapman (Home)
- Feb 7 - 10:00 am WR @ SES Inv. Sr. Rec.
ACT Test Date
Forensics @ Abilene
- Feb 9 - 4-7:30 pm Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb 10 - 6:00 pm BB vs. Beloit (Home)
- Feb 12 - 6:30 pm WR @ Russell
NO SCHOOL
1-7 pm Parent Teacher Conference
- Feb 13 - NO SCHOOL
6:00 pm BB @ Minneapolis
- Feb 14 - BB FR Girls @ Hesston
9 am WR @ Remington
FFA @ Ellsworth
SES Forensics Special Olympics @ SES
- Feb 16 - BB FR Girls @ Hesston
- Feb 17 - 6:00 pm BB vs. Ellsworth
- Feb 20 - 6:00 pm BB @ Russell
- Feb 21 - 10:00 am JV BB Tournament
- Feb 24 - 6:00 pm BB vs. Republic County (Home) Sr. Rec.
- Feb 25 - NOON DISMISAL
- Feb 26 - FCCLA @ Haysville
- Feb 27-28 - State WR @ Hays



Club

By Ryan Haxton

Staff Writer

O FCCLA- National FCCLA Week will be Feb. 8-14. SES chapter members will be selling Crush (soda) to benefit the Feed the Children Foundation (an FCCLA National Program). The District

n Officer Elections and STAR Events Competition are planned for Feb. 4 in Newton. FCCLA officers Megan Sauber and Joey Platt attended a State Board Meeting in Topeka on Jan. 13.

e Varsity Club- Varsity Club needs volunteers for the Special

r Olympics event. Talk to Mrs. Baird for more information.

FFA- The Southeast of Saline FFA hosted a Wii Olympics party on Tuesday, Jan. 20. There was also a chapter FFA meeting on Jan. 20.

F.O.R.- Friends of Rachel hosted their Extreme Makeover: Home Edition party on Jan. 25 at Mrs. White's house.

NHS- The NHS Induction Ceremony took place on Jan. 29 at 7:15 a.m.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters- BB/BS is currently planning for the Extreme Bowl for Kids Sake, which will be held on March 8.

Scholars' Bowl-The Varsity Scholars' Bowl team took first place out of 16 teams at Quivira Heights on Jan. 12. Medal winners were Layton Everhart, Krisanna Graham, Spencer Baird, Michael Bauer and Patrick Eslick. At League on Jan. 27, the team went 4-2 to place fourth.



F.O.R. members Carley Melander, sophomore; Jena Sauber, junior; Elizabeth Peuchen, junior; Tiesha Rogers, sophomore and Sara Hettenbach, sophomore, get ready to get their pizza during the F.O.R. Extreme Makeover: Home Edition party at Mrs. Judy White's house. (Photo by Mrs. Judy White)

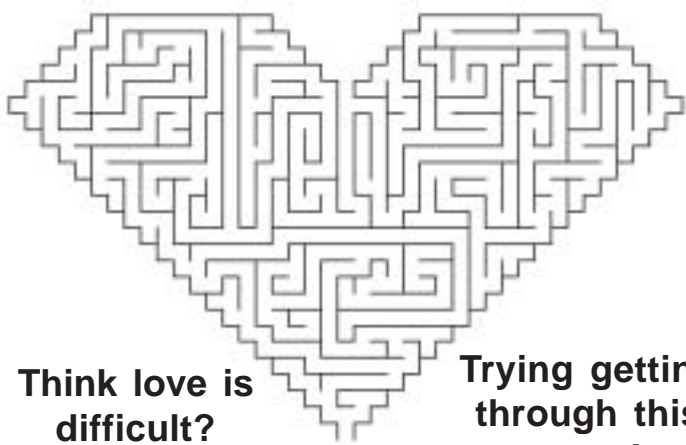


Valentine's Day Fun

XOXOXO

Guys, if you're looking for a sweetheart for Valentine's Day, you probably shouldn't try these pick-up lines.

- *I seem to have lost my telephone number; may I borrow yours?*
- *Do you believe in love at first sight or should I walk by again?*
- *If you were a burger at McDonalds, you'd be named McGorgeous.*



Think love is difficult?

Trying getting through this maze!

Valentine's Day Word Search

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candy
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 chocolate
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hugs
 kisses
 love
 roses
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from (<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/valentines/m-wordsearch.htm>) and



Top Ten Valentine's Day Candies

Trying to find something to give your Valentine on the special day? Check out these top ten sure-fire ways to go.

1. **A Box of Fine Chocolates** - Sometimes, going classic is best.
2. **Conversation Hearts** - an easy way to say "I love you."
3. **Chocolate Roses** - A woman's favorites combined into one great thing- both chocolate AND roses.
4. **Pink Marshmallow Hearts** - For when love makes you all soft and mushy inside.
5. **Hershey's Hugs & Kisses** - A cute way to give both hugs and kisses to "just" friends or loved ones.
6. **Colored Taffy** - Everybody loves the jokes on the back.
7. **Chocolate-Covered Macadamia Nuts** - Sometimes you feel like a nut, especially when you're in love.
8. **Hot Cinnamon Hearts** - Don't just give the average candy. Spice it up a little!
9. **Candy or Cookie Bouquet** - Give a bouquet of delicious candies or cookies.
10. **Peeps** - Okay, so they may be more appropriate for Easter, but they are still cute, full of sugar and it will put your Valentine in the mood for Spring!



From (<http://www.everythingvalentine.com/stories/top10candy.htm>)<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/>

Students and staff members reveal thoughts

It's not every day that an SES high school student loses a parent, but when it does happen, it can cause shock, anger, denial, tears and much more. However, for several SES students and staff, time has passed since their loss and they feel comfortable talking about their life experiences.

**By Kendra Lawson
Student Body Info. Rep**

Throughout Alex Manwaring's childhood, he would see his dad light a cigarette, then another. His dad didn't even realize the damage he was causing himself.

When Manwaring was seven, his dad was rushed to the hospital because there was a chance he had lung cancer. Then, Manwaring found himself wiping the tears from his eyes on Aug. 11, 1999, the day of his father's funeral. His dad was 49 years old when he died of lung cancer.

"My dad had always been a smoker, and it eventually caught up to him," Manwaring, a junior, said.

Manwaring recalls that it was the personality of his father that really inspired him the most. "My dad was a bit of a workaholic, but supportive," Manwaring said.

According to Manwaring, his father liked to have fun and mess around. He was the one who taught Manwaring how to play baseball.

"I was really into baseball when I was younger, but after my dad's death, I just kind of lost an interest in it," Manwaring said.

Manwaring said that his memory of his father is "sort of a blur," mainly because his father passed away when Manwaring was seven. However, with time, Manwaring has learned to deal with his grief.

"When I was younger, I felt sad. But now I'm growing up and I've learned to deal with it," Manwaring said.



Junior Alex Manwaring (far right) has fun with his father and brother Ryan in the 1990's. His father passed away from lung cancer in 1999. (Photo courtesy of Alex Manwaring)

Dealing with the pain of a death was hard for Manwaring, but he decided that talking about his grief was a good way to heal.

"What helped me cope with my dad's death was talking about it. I couldn't just keep it all bundled up inside of me," Manwaring said.

For Manwaring, the loss of his dad created a space that he had to look elsewhere to fill.

"After you lose a parent, I have learned that you have to look up to somebody and think of another family member as a father or mother figure," Manwaring said. "Many of people do wish they still had their own dad by their side, but they also try to look at the brighter side."

He did look for the brighter side and sought alternative father figures in his life, such as his uncles.

Even with his uncles as his father figures, Manwaring said that it is hard sometimes when his own father is not there at special events. For example, Manwaring is very involved in music but isn't able to show his father his accomplishments.

"It sucks to not have my dad there to watch my performances, but I'll always remember that he's watching from up above," Manwaring said.

Even though his father isn't here to support him, Manwaring still has a positive outlook.

"I will always remember the good times my dad and I had together. That is a memory that can never be forgotten," Manwaring said.

The Kohman Family

**By Kendra Lawson
Student Body Info. Rep**

Junior Chelsey and freshman Cheney Kohman lost their father in a tragic tractor-trailer wreck on May 1, 2001. Their father, Jerry Kohman, was driving a tractor-trailer on the interstate when his vehicle was hit. The tractor-trailer slid down the interstate on its side then went off the road. After some massive rolling, the tractor-trailer flipped upside down.

"The friction from the rolling and sliding heated up the hydrogen gas that my dad was hauling," Chelsey said.

Hydrogen tubes exploded and left Jerry Kohman's truck upside down. By the time the paramedics got Mr. Kohman out of the truck, it was too late to resuscitate him.

"My dad had a lot of chest, head, and neck injuries," Cheney said.



Mr. Jerry Kohman (pictured here) passed away in a tractor-trailer wreck on May 1, 2001. (Photo courtesy of the Kohman family)

When her older sister Chelsey Kohman heard about the accident, she was at school.

"I remember being in school thinking this is just a dream, but in reality it was a horrible nightmare," Chelsey said.

After his passing, the Kohman sisters still had very positive memories of their father to hold on to.

"My dad was a funny, quiet, soft spoken, hard working man. He always went out of his way to do things for others," Cheney said. "He was a dedicated Christian man and was also kind, caring, and honest."

Although they have good memories to hold on to, there are certain times that are difficult for the Kohman families. Holidays are usually joyful for many families, but for the Kohman family, they can be a struggle.

"The holidays, father-daughter banquets, and Fathers' day is tough without my dad here to enjoy them with me," Chelsey said.

Goodbye is a very strong word that can mean many different things. For junior Chelsey Kohman, she never got a chance to say goodbye to her dad.

"Chelsey will never get the chance to have her dad give her away at her own wedding. She never got the chance to say goodbye to her dad, which is something that really hit Chelsey the most," their mother, Deb Moravec, said.

and memories after the loss of a loved one

By Keva Schlepp

Staff Writer

The loss of their little girl who loved the Rocky Mountains left a mountain of grief for parents Ray and Linda Everhart. Now, 15 years after Cara Everhart's death, the elementary school counselor and his wife recognize some "very valuable lessons" that have followed their grief.

The death of their daughter has affected each of them differently. It has made Mr. Everhart a "stronger person," he said, while it has made Mrs. Everhart more compassionate.

"[Cara taught me] not to take life for granted," Linda said. "If you want to do something, within reason, and can afford it, don't put it off."

She was a girl that didn't take any thing in life for granted the Everharts said. Cara died on March 4, 1994; she passed away at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita due to complications with chickenpox.

"Cara's doctor had put her on a steroid because of a sinus infection," Linda said. "The steroid depleted her immune system, so when she got chickenpox, she got them both internally (in her vital organs) and externally."

Cara was at the hospital for 6 days.

"We went into the doctor in Salina on a Wednesday because she was really sick," Ray said, "she stayed there over night. Because she was so infectious the doctors told us to come in to the ER after hours to prevent contamination. Then got so bad that night that she had to get taken by ambulance to Wichita."

They almost lost her on the ride up to Wichita. Ray and Linda weren't in the Ambulance. At the hospital the doctors called her a fighter.

"By Tuesday of the next week, though, her kidneys were failing and she left on Wednesday," Ray said, "we waited too long to take her to the hospital, she was basically dying at home."

With this new loss the Everharts had to learn to deal and accept their daughter's death. In order to cope with the loss of their daughter, Linda said

she prayed, cried and talked to those who supported her. Mr. Everhart said he used Linda and God as his emotional supports.

"Linda was a huge support to lean on," Ray Everhart said. "Our faith in God and the fact that in the next life, we'll be together again (helped me cope)."

As far as memories go, both of the Everharts hold them close. They keep clothes, school work, home videos, photos, a baby blanket and other mementos in order to keep Cara close to their hearts. They also do special events in her memory. For example, they go to Christmas Eve services at the church where they had her funeral.

Not only do Mr. and Mrs. Everhart have local rituals that they do to remember Cara, but they also go out of state to keep her close.

"We also like to hike to Adams Falls in Colorado. She loved that," Linda said. "We usually try to go to Colorado around her birthday in July."

As another part of remembering Cara, Mr. and Mrs. Everhart talk to others about their child. They recommend that when you talk to a person who has lost their child you say the child's name instead of saying him/her as a constant reminder.

"We're afraid our deceased child will be forgotten," Ray said.

Time is part of the healing process. The wounds of a lost loved one linger for a while, but with that healing time, the wounds become scars.

"Everyone grieves differently," Mr. Everhart said. "Yes, I would say wounds turn to scars with time."

On the flip side, however, Ray and Linda have accepted the fact that their daughter is gone. They do not feel ashamed of showing their emotions to people who want to know about Cara.

"I'm not ashamed of my tears. I'm an emotional person, so if I cry, it's okay," Linda said. "I don't apologize and I tell the other person it's okay for me to cry. It's really very healing."

Cycling through the stages of grief

By Keva Schlepp

Staff Writer

Many students in our school have experienced a loss. Although everyone deals with a loss differently, there are some typical stages that people go through during the grieving process.

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, author of the book On Death and Dying, says that the stages of grief are:

- Denial (this isn't *happening* to me!)
- Anger (why is this happening to *me*?)
- Bargaining (I promise I'll be a better person if...)
- Depression (I don't *care* anymore)
- Acceptance (*I'm ready* for whatever comes)

(*http://www.helpguide.org/mental/grief_loss.htm)

While these are the typical stages of grief that a person may experience after the loss of a loved one, not all people will exhibit the same signs. As Kubler-Ross said, there is not a typical response to loss, as there is no typical loss.

In addition to depression, many people going through the grief stages will experience other physical symptoms including fatigue, physical pain, shortness of breath, a change in appetite, and more.

There are several things that can be done to help those in the grieving process. Some of those things include acknowledging the loss and talking about the issue.

http://www.medicinenet.com/loss_grief_and_bereavement/page4.htm



(Clock wise from the top) Ray, Cara, Andrea, and Linda Everhart pose for a family photo. Cara passed away from complications of chicken pox in 1994. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Ray Everhart)

√ Sports Opinion

Cardinals, Steelers meet in Super Bowl XLIII

By Michael Bauer
Sports Writer

On Sunday, two teams will move to center stage in Tampa, Florida in the most watched television event, the Super Bowl.

The teams that will meet in the 43rd edition of the Super Bowl are the Pittsburgh Steelers and (surprise!) the Arizona Cardinals.

When NFL season 2008 began, the idea of the Cardinals playing for all the marbles in the Super Bowl would've been quite jocular, thanks in large part to their 28-42 record in the last four seasons prior to this year. But after going through a 9-7 record in the regular season and winning the NFC championship, the Cardinals are super bowl bound for the first time ever.

Their play-off road consisted of their beating the Atlanta Falcons 30-24, which sent them to the NFC division game at Carolina. Entering the game, defeat looked almost certain for Arizona since they were 0-5 when playing on the east coast in the regular season. Instead, the Cardinals easily knocked-off an impressive Carolina Panther squad, 34-13.



In the NFC championship, the Cardinals shot down the Philadelphia Eagles 32-25. The game featured an Arizona lead of 18 points before quarterback Donovan McNabb and the Eagles woke up and cruised back to a 25-24 fourth quarter lead which lasted eight minutes until Arizona's Kurt Warner completed an eight-yard pass to running back Tim Hightower for a touchdown.

But throwing the ball is nothing new for Arizona as quarterback Kurt Warner and wide-receiver Larry Fitzgerald have both led the way for the Cardinals thought this year.

Warner has completed 401 of his 598 passes for a total of 4,583 yards this season and has yet to pass for less-than 192 yards in a single game this season.

Most of those 401 completions by Warner have ended up in the hands of Larry Fitzgerald. The wide receiver has caught 96 passes for 1,431 yards and 12 touchdowns.

In post-season play, Fitzgerald had 101 yards receiving against the Falcons. The next week, he had eight receptions for 166 yards against the Panthers. Then against the Eagles he found the ball nine times for 152 yards, giving him 419 total receiving yards and breaking Jerry Rice's NFL post-season record for receptions with still only one game left.

Unlike the Cardinals, the Pittsburgh Steelers will be playing in the Super Bowl for the seventh time in team history, losing only once and winning the other five attempts.

Their most recent Super Bowl victory came just three years ago when Pittsburgh defeated the Seattle Seahawks 21-10 in Super Bowl 40.

Pittsburgh returns about 90 percent of that team three seasons later, including quarterback Ben Rothlisberger.

Rothlisberger passed for 255 yards in the Steelers' 23-14 win over the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC championship. He has improved to 7-2 in post-season games, the second most wins by a quarterback in the NFL. The only thing that has stood in his way this season are concussions, some of which have forced him to sit out a few games. But Rothlisberger isn't as good as Kurt Warner since Rothlisberger has passed for only 3,301 yards—Warner has more—and Pittsburgh's offense isn't as effective as Arizona's.

What makes the Steelers good is their defense.

On the defensive side of the ball, Pittsburgh's safety Troy Palamalu improves a deadly threat as he leads the number one defense in the nation.

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Garrett: Arizona by 3 Michael: Arizona by 3 Max: Pittsburgh by 7



**Arizona
Cardinals**



Arizona vs Pittsburgh
Where: Tampa, Florida
When: Sunday, 5:17 p.m.
TV: NBC



**Pittsburgh
Steelers**

√ Sports Feature

Freshman finds surprising stress in quadricep tendon

By Marissa McClure
Features Editor

The saying “You never know what you have until it’s gone” hits close to home for freshman Haley Mortimer. In May of 2007, Mortimer first felt a pain in her leg that has currently paused her high school sports career.

Although Mortimer still goes to basketball practice almost every day and shoots the basketball when there is an opportunity, she can’t participate in any games because of her injury.

“On May 5, I was walking around at May Day and all of a sudden it (her leg) starts popping. I was freaking out. After that, every time I played a sport, it started hurting,” Mortimer said.

“It” was her tendon that connects her pelvis to another tendon in her leg on her left side.

Right now, Mortimer is doing physical therapy two times a week. She will continue physical therapy for an additional six weeks.

“I’m hoping (the physical therapy) does work because then I won’t have to wait the six weeks, and undergo surgery,” Mortimer said.

There is a 20 percent chance that the

physical therapy will work and it will stretch Mortimer’s tendon out. If the physical therapy doesn’t work, Mortimer is planning to have surgery to lengthen her tendon and thus heal it.

“On March 6, they are going to cut it. That way, it will grow back longer, or lengthen it. They are going to cut four little holes on my hip and scope it and then go from there,” Mortimer said.

After the surgery, Mortimer will have to give her injury time to heal. She will be on crutches for six weeks and, after that, she’ll continue doing physical therapy.

“Right now, I go to the physical therapist two times a week and I’ll keep doing that for six weeks. He gives me stretches that will help, that I can do at home,” Mortimer said.

Currently, Mortimer is unable to physically participate in basketball. In the spring, she also hopes to play softball, but it all depends on if she has to have the surgery.

“I’d still be on the softball team...but I won’t be able to play,” Mortimer said.

Mortimer continues to support SES even when she is unable to physically play in basketball. She continues to come to many practices and participates in activities that

don’t involve her tendon, such as pushups, learning the plays and shooting. She also films games and cheers the team on. Though Mortimer can’t play the game, she still loves it.

“(It’s) hard to watch my life go by. Basketball is my life, and I really love it. I’ve been playing ever since I could dribble or was strong enough to make it in the basket. I love the competitiveness, and everything about the game,” Mortimer said.



Freshman Haley Mortimer can not practice basketball with the rest of the team due to her injuries, so she does activities that don’t strain her tendon. (Photo by Ryan Haxton)

√ Sports Opinion

● Cardinals, Steelers in Super Bowl XLIII [cont.]

Palamalu leads the team in interceptions with eight—his last one coming against the Ravens which turned into a 40-yard touchdown—and he will look to increase those numbers against prolific passer Kurt Warner.

But as a whole, the Steelers’ defense is one of the reasons why Pittsburgh is playing in the Super Bowl. They are a ruthless unit that ranks number one in total defense, pass defense, and fewest points allowed (averaging 19 points). Prolific offensive units in the NFL have risen and fallen to the challenge of beating the Steelers’ D.

Quarterback Phillip Rivers, half-back Ladamian Tomilson, and the San Diego Chargers only scored ten points (the first time they played Pittsburgh), while New England’s Patriots crashed and burned 33-14 (on their home turf!),

and the Baltimore Ravens fell not once, or twice, but three times to the Steelers.

When Pittsburgh played the Chargers again in the play-offs, Phillip Rivers was limited to 136 yards passing for three quarters. A week later, the Steelers held Baltimore’s Ravens to 141 passing yards.

Arizona’s D has also posed problems against other good teams. The Cardinals fought off the Dallas Cowboys 30-24 (back when the Cowboys were still good) despite the fact Cowboy quarterback Tony Romo threw for over 300 yards.

But their most impressive performance came a few weeks ago against Carolina. The Panthers had a strong rushing game with DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart. Instead, the Cardinals limited Williams and Stewart to

only 63 and 12 yards rushing respectively.

After looking over both teams, this game will most likely be determined by whether or not Pittsburgh’s defense can stop Arizona’s offense.

The Steelers defense has a 3-4 blitz scheme which doesn’t require a defender at the line on Larry Fitzgerald, so look for how well Pittsburgh can cover Arizona’s wide-receiver.

If the Steelers’ “steel D” can limit Kurt Warner’s versatility as well as Fitzgerald’s receptions, then Pittsburgh’s chances of bringing home the Lombardi Trophy for the second time in four years will be pretty high. But if the Steelers can’t, then Arizona will win it’s first-ever Super Bowl.

Whether you’re a die-hard football fan or just watch the Super Bowl because of the TV commercials, this is one game you shouldn’t miss.

✓ Boys' Basketball

Bearcats edge Trojans in fourth quarter

By **Garrett Sager**
Sports Writer

There have been some rough times for the Trojans men's basketball team. They are currently on a nine-game losing streak and placed last in the SIT. However, the Trojans have not been completely dominated in all of those games. They lost three of the five games by a combined total of eight points, including a 38-41 loss to number two ranked Republic County.

After a loss on the road to Republic County that moved the team's record to 2-7, the Trojans entered the SIT as the number five seed. For the first game, they were matched up with the fourth seed, the Salina Central Mustangs, who came into the tournament with a 4-4 record. During the game, the Mustangs started out fast and never looked behind them, easily beating the Trojans, 69-44.

"They simply played more physical than we did," Head Coach Jeff Vogt said. "That's all there was to it."

After losing to the Mustangs, the Trojans played the Smoky Valley Vikings on Friday, Jan. 23. The Vikings were the eighth seed in the tournament. In the game, things started out well for the Trojans. The Trojans were up 16-4 at one point in the first quarter, but things went south for the Trojans very quickly.

"We just lost focus after the first quarter," senior Greg Peterson said.

The Trojans went into halftime down 31-20, and Smoky Valley picked it up from there. The Trojans lost the game, 60-43.

The Trojans finished the tournament with the seventh place game on Sat., Jan. 24.

✓ Wrestling

Wrestlers start season with full team, host tournament today

By **Ryan Haxton**
Reporter

It's a new year and the Trojan wrestling squad is taking advantage of the fresh start. The Trojans have filled up all their weight class slots and have a full team to take to the mats in January.

The last wrestling meet of 2008 was bittersweet. The Trojans had a dual with the Minneapolis Lions and the Bennington Bulldogs. The Trojans went up against the Lions first, coming up short, 24-46. However, the Trojans emerged victorious against the Bulldogs, 46-24.

"I thought we competed well, and I felt I could have done better," freshman Kyler Beshler said.

On Jan. 10, the Trojan wrestlers competed at the Ellsworth tournament. Freshman Brock Long was the lone first place finisher. Junior Matt Mortimer took home the only second place medal. Third place finishers were junior Braden Long and senior Ryan Hahn. Freshman Jayson Gagna, sophomore Kirk Smith, and senior Zach Short finished the day with fourth place finishes. Overall, the Trojans placed fourth out of eight teams.

The Trojans went to Salina to face off against St. John's and Haven in a dual at St. John's on Jan. 13. They first went up against Haven where they came out with a 54-21 victory. Taking on St. John's, the Trojans shut

them out, 72-0.

It was a Saline County showdown with SES battling Sacred Heart for the seventh place title. Sacred Heart had lost to both the Concordia Panthers and Salina South previously in the tournament to land them in the seventh place game.

During the SES versus Sacred Heart game, Southeast lost 68-49, despite being down by just three points midway through the third quarter.

"We need to put together a total team effort," junior Kellen Womochil said. "We need to bond as a team."

The Trojans' next game was on Tues. Jan. 27 in Ellsworth. The Trojans took the court looking to get the gorilla off their back and pick up a win against a league opponent.

During the first quarter, the Bearcats jumped out to a 14-2 lead before SES's Coach Vogt called a timeout. After the time out, the Trojans picked up the intensity and outscored the Bearcats, 28-15. The Trojans led 30-29 at halftime.

After a somewhat uneventful third quarter, the Trojans were still up 38-35. Then, the Bearcats pounced on the Trojans in the fourth and final quarter and got up by as many as 14 points. Coach Vogt called a timeout and switched things up, putting four shooters on the floor: senior Greg Peterson, juniors Garrett Sager and Kellen Womochil, sophomore Jordan Wyatt, and rebounding threat junior Kaleb Lawrence. It worked out nicely for the Trojans who put together a mini-run starting with a lay-up made by Wyatt. Two key 3-pointers followed that, one by Peterson and the other by Sager.

However, it was not enough to stop the Bearcats. At the end of the game, the score was Bearcats, 59, Trojans: 53.

"We were right there," Lawrence said. "We just needed more time."

The next three games for the Trojans will be at home: Feb. 3 against Sacred Heart, Feb. 6 against Chapman, and Feb. 10 against Beloit.



Junior Kaleb Lawrence goes up for a shot during the game against Sacred Heart at the Salina Invitation Tournament last week. The Trojans lost the game to place eighth in the tournament. (Photo by Elizabeth Reece)

The Trojans went to Halstead on Jan. 16 and 17 for a tournament where, as a team, they placed fourth. Braden Long brought home the team's only second place medal, and seniors Jason Prater and Ryan Hahn came home with the third place medals. Zach Short received fourth place, Matt Mortimer got fifth place, and David Hoelting and Brock Long received sixth.

On Jan. 24, the Trojans went to Council Grove where they received fourth out of six teams. For the first match of the tournament, the Trojans went head to head with Council Grove. The Trojans won, 48-33.

Against Lyons High School, the Trojans were beat 18-51. For the Trojans, the next two matches weren't what they were hoping for: They were defeated 18-51 by Hiawatha and lost to Wichita South by a close margin of 20-24. However, the Trojans ended the day on a good note when they beat Rossville, 50-24.

Today, the Trojans will be hosting a Triangular tournament at SES. They will go head to head with the Hesston Swathers and the Remington Broncos starting at 5:30 p.m.

V Girls' Basketball

Lady Trojans trump Vikings

By Michael Bauer
Sports Writer

The weather outside might have been cold and snowy on Monday night, but inside Southeast's gymnasium, the Lady Trojans were bringing on the heat against the Smoky Valley Vikings.

The Lady Trojans defeated Smoky Valley 56-47 in the first round of the SES Girls' Basketball Invitational.

Head coach Wayne Sager believed Southeast had a different amount of people succor in the Lady Trojans' victory.

"I thought we got a lot of contributions from a lot of different people and that was nice to see. The girls definitely want to play hard, and I was very proud of the effort," Sager said.

Senior Stephanie Frost led the way for the team in scoring. She made ten of her 18 shots and went four of eight from the foul line.

After trailing 9-8 in the second quarter, the Trojans came back and didn't trail for the rest of the evening, but Smoky Valley never went away.

Southeast had a nine-point lead in the closing minutes of the first half, but it was shortened to five after the Vikings laid in two quick baskets to narrow the gap between the schools for a 22-17 halftime score.

In order to get the Vikings off the radar, the lady Trojans just did their part in playing. Head Coach Mr. Wayne Sager said.

"We just played our game. The thing was, we would get a ten-point lead and I probably should've done some more rotation because what happened is they (Smoky Valley) a lot of long balls on us. We weren't getting back on the defensive side," he said. "So maybe I could've changed up some defenses and maybe keep that from happening, but the girls rose to the challenge every time and that was good on our part."

With Southeast ahead in the third quarter, Smoky Valley tried to stay caught up with the Trojans and got a little help from the officials when one of Smoky Valley's players stepped backcourt but no violation was called. The play ended with Taylor Whittaker sending the ball through the basket for two.

In the same quarter, SES true freshman Hannah Mortimer helped get the Trojans away from danger with two of her own shots from the inside and a free-throw to succor Southeast a 37-29 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Both teams shot better in the second-half. After the second quarter, Southeast and Smoky Valley only combined for 39 points. When the game ended, the teams had over 60 points scored.

One factor for the Trojans was their difficulty in controlling the ball. SES fumbled several passes and committed a total of 15 turnovers. Sager had one word to describe it — inexperience.

"We're inexperienced in pressure situations and (Smoky Valley) and we went to run-



Senior Sadie Roesner dribbles the basketball down the court at the SES Invitational Tournament on Monday of this week. The Trojans won their first game of the tournament against Smoky Valley, 56-47. They play Abilene tonight at 7:30. (Photo by Genessa Talbot)

ning a weave. They trapped the weave and we panicked a little bit, but we have to learn from every ball game especially with as many sophomores that we're playing. They must learn. We've got some good seniors that are doing a nice job but our younger girls just have to learn," Sager said.

On the positive side, SES forced 25 Smoky Valley turnovers.

The lady Trojans galvanized their lead to 13 points in the waning moments of the fourth quarter.

The best the Vikings could do was shorten the score to nine points as the Lady Trojans went on to win, 56-47.

Tonight, the lady Trojans will take on their 4A neighbors from the east, Abilene, in the semi-finals of the SES tournament tonight at 7:30.

Abilene will be coming in with a 6-5 record as of Tuesday, while Southeast will be coming in riding an 8-3 record.

Abilene might be shooting from the inside—one of a few reasons why they could be a tough opponent.

"They (Abilene) are a good team; they've got everything you need on a ball club. They have good inside play and good guards, so it will be a heck of a challenge for us Thursday night," Sager said.

Sports Box

By Michael Bauer
Sports Writer

Boys' Basketball

Dec. 5 Centre	W 65-60
Dec. 8-13 Sacred Heart Blue and Gold Tournament	
Dec. 9 Sterling	L 66-71
Dec. 11. Bennington	L 43-63
Dec. 13 Ell Saline	W 77-54
Jan. 6 @ Sacred Heart	
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	
Upcoming games:	
Feb. 3 Sacred Heart	
Feb. 6 Chapman	

Record: 2-9

Girls' Basketball

Dec. 5 Centre	W 67-37
Dec. 8-13 Sacred Heart Blue and Gold Tournament	
Sterling	W 57-47
Minneapolis	W 72-61
Sacred Heart	L 42-57
Jan. 6 @ Sacred Heart	L 46-55
Jan. 9 Minneapolis	W 60-56
Jan. 10 @ Beloit	L 40-56
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
Upcoming games:	
Jan. 29 Abilene	
Feb. 3 Sacred Heart	
Feb. 6 Chapman	

Record: 8-3

Wrestling

Dec. 5 @ Ellsworth	L 39-31
Dec. 6 @ Lincoln Trny	1st
Dec. 11 Beloit	L 28-51
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
Upcoming meets:	
Jan. 29 SES Triangular	

✓ School Production News

Date of winter play changes, plot stays the same

By **Krisanna Graham**
Managing Editor

Guns, gadgets, and go-go dancing. Scenes from the 60s are coming to the SES stage this spring in Christopher Sergel's adaptation of "Get Smart."



SES's version of "Get Smart" is based on the TV show that ran from 1965 to 1970. (www.wikipedia.com)

The play is adapted from the series originally created by Mel Brooks and Buck Henry. The main story line involves Maxwell Smart (Trask Engel) being assigned by his Chief (Nick Ostmeyer) to foil KAOS' latest plans to take over the world.

Smart has a very unique detective style that oscillates between genius and incompetence. However, Agent 99 (Shelby Meyer) is always there to give assistance, and together, they defeat evil.

"The plot is really funny with a lot of action. It's fun to see all the exciting things that happen while Trask defeats the KAOS," Meyer said.

The original date has been moved from the March 13 and 14 to March 27 and 28 due to scheduling conflicts.

"It worked out better for the week after Spring Break because of the basketball schedule and cast members' busy schedules," Engel said.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. For tickets, call 785-536-4286.

✓ School Trip News

Low numbers cause spring music trip cancellation

By **Jena Sauber**
Editor and Chief

Nashville is no longer in the 2009 Spring Break plans for SES band and vocal students. Due fewer students signed up to go than were anticipated, the trip has been canceled.

"Because of lack of numbers of students participating, we were unable to perform [while in Nashville]," Mr. Quentin Breese, band director, said.

He attributes the low numbers to several different causes.

"I believe that [the trip destination change] had a significant role [in the low numbers] as well as the poor economy at the moment," Breese said. "It was also brought to my attention that some students didn't want to go because they didn't want to miss other trips during spring break."

It was the first year for the group to plan to attend Nashville over Spring Break. In the past, groups have toured Washington, D.C. over the summer.

There were several reasons that Breese and vocal director Mr. Matt Hanson worked to change the trip destination.

"The 30 hour bus ride one way was a key [to changing the trip]. Also, the limited access we get now in D.C. was a concern with taking a large group," Breese said. "...(O)ur time would be more productive with

an 18-hour bus ride and less time standing; (that) was the reason for changing the trip."

Originally, Breese said they had planned on approximately 115 people with students and sponsors.

"However, we only ended up with 33 people [both students and sponsors]," Breese said.

Traditionally, a band and vocal trip is taken every three years. However, there is some uncertainty about the future plans after this year's canceled trip.

"We will see where we are next year. We are looking into Nashville again and some other possibilities," Breese said.



The trip from SES to Nashville, Tennessee was canceled because fewer than anticipated students signed up to go. This was the first year for the band and vocal departments to plan a spring break trip to Nashville. In previous years, the group has gone to Washington D.C. over the summer break. (www.50states.com)