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King(Coy Cox), Queen(Kristi Roe), and Gloomy Princess(Taylor Garretson) listen to the Storyteller(Shai Elliott) while she is explaining to the audience of "The Invisible Dragon" why the princess is always so gloomy. (Photo by Jessica Yum)

What is something you learned in high school?



"It is possible to get senioritis as a junior."
- Chelsea Unruh, junior



"Doing what you can is better than doing what you need to get by."
- Vernon Cathey, senior



"How pointless it is."
- April Torske, senior



"Procrastination can be your friend or your enemy."
- Alex Mutschler

Who ever said senioritis isn't a disease?



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By Tammi Verhoeff

It's a disease that spreads like cancer. It feeds on lack of sleep, anger and PMS. Its symptoms include irritability, sarcasm, glaring of the eyes, mood swings, etc. There is no cure.



Senioritis is a horrible condition that is known to arise mostly in students preparing to graduate, but in reality, it infects most high school students.

Toward the end of the year, everything that has been put off or left undone comes together in one final mass that has an immovable deadline. Students have tests, projects and other material that need to get done before the days of fun in the sun begin.

By this time of the year, we have been in the same building with the same people for 10 months. Ten months and who knows how many years of the same people, the same faces. School has become our home, and our peers have be-

come our brothers and sisters (which is why dating should be outlawed at SES). Now that we are finally reaching the brink of vacation, we have grown tired of the same old faces. We are ready to venture out and relax and meet people with different experiences than your own.

At the beginning of the school year, everyone seemed to be on decent terms. Everyone was trying to turn over a new leaf, but by the end of the year, nobody really cares. We're tired. We're stressed. And we're grumpy.

But that's all the more reason to show that we are like finely conditioned marathon runners who need to find that second wind and sprint to finish the race so we can enjoy the rest that comes with knowing we've done a job well.

We are in the last month of the year. The mark we leave today will be the mark that will carry the underclassmen through the summer and the seniors through life.

We need to reach down deep and find those hidden reserves that will let us finish the race strong. If we do that, we'll be able to follow the advice to Mark Twain, who said, "Work like you don't need the money, Love like you've never been hurt, dance like nobody is looking!"

The things we learned in high school

And the things we wished we had learned

By Shai Elliott and Tammi Verhoeff

These are our last days at Southeast of Saline, so we thought we'd pass on a little advice to those who will be our successors. We put together a compilation of all our knowledge outside the textbook so you won't make the same mistakes we did (though we both know you will!).

What we did and didn't learn in high school

Things we learned:

1. Go to After Prom

Why? After Prom follows Prom and After Prom equals money!

2. We always get screwed by the government:

Why? New programs always start with us. (AKA 50 hours of driving, math competencies, etc.) It's a conspiracy!

3. Don't use seminar passes when you're a senior.

Why? Did you see the word "senior" in that sentence?

4. Mrs. White is an essential part of your senior year.

Why? With out her, we would be paying on our college depts until we are 90!

5. Be sure to call Mr. Anderson by the right nickname:

Why? T.J. Anderjack doesn't like you to call him Terry Jo.

These are just a few tidbits of 411 you should pick up in your own experiences in high school, but there are some lessons we had to learn the hard way. Things we wish we had learned, but didn't:

1. Not to Procrastinate

Why: We wish last year's senior class had told us that "Senioritis" isn't really a disease; you still have to DO something; especially in Mr. Wagner's class.

2. Not to speed on K-4

Why? You will get caught. Don't be as stupid as the cops know you are.

3. Biology

Why? Sports reports, chopping off hamster tails and spearing fish isn't the study of plants and animals.

4. Stealing tests is bad:

Why: Getting caught is the downfall. Some of our

CopyCo attending students in our class learned this the hard way.

5. Male bonding is a popular pastime.

Why? We don't know, but if you look down at the senior lounge you might get the gist.

We hope this helps guide you through another year at SES. We've had a "fun time" figuring out the do's and don'ts of high school and we're sure we'll have more fun doing the same thing in life. With that, we have one last thing to say "We are free in '03! Free at last! Free at last!"



Shai Elliott gives a look of disbelief when Keith Davis says he's going to lift both her and Hannah Zerbe. Davis spoke to students last week about being a dream maker, not a dream breaker. (Photo by Jessica Yum)



Davis lifts Tammi Verhoeff as he does a push up. (Photo by Jessica Yum)

Foreign student excited about home but sad to leave Kansas

By Nataliya Chornak

The year in America is almost over and I am looking forward to stepping on the land of my native country and meeting all my relatives whom I haven't seen for a year. I have changed a lot during this year, and I am pretty sure there were some changes in Ukraine about which I don't know yet, but I am going to find out about them soon.



As one might think, I should feel very excited about going home, and I surely do, but I'm also overwhelmed with the feeling that when I leave and go back to Ukraine, I will leave a part of my life here: my American family, friends from school and church.

The hardest thing to give up will be my American family. From the very beginning, when they met me in the airport, I knew that these people were ready to accept me as a member of their family. It will be hard to go away from them.

Though I need to go, I have a lot to remember about all those fun times that we have had together. My host family showed me that an American family is not what you see on TV watching soap operas. They broke some stereotypes that I had when I was coming here.

They also changed my opinion about church. It's not any more a place where you "have to go" because your parents/grandparents ask you to and you are bored most of the time. Now church for me is a place where I can actually have fun, communicate with people and be involved in different activities.

Though church is fun, I don't think anything can compare to the American school. School was really easy (with one exception; American History was hard). Maybe it's because I took only fun classes (like Journalism). There is no doubt that I had

fun this year, but I also learned a great deal. I learned computer skills, English communications skills, and how to be more patient.

People often ask me if I had a chance to go to college here or just to come to United States again, would I come to Kansas. Local citizens, mostly teenagers, think that if they would have an opportunity to go and live somewhere else but not in Kansas they would do so without hesitation. But being an exchange student, who finds everything exciting and interesting, I find Kansas an awesome place to live and, of course, if I have an opportunity to come back, I will.

I didn't have a chance to pick where I wanted to go, and when I heard that I am going to Kansas, the very first thing that came to my mind was the "Wizard of Oz" movie. I think everyone has heard of the Wizard of Oz. Though my knowledge about Kansas and people that live here was pretty poor before I came, I knew anyway that I would have fun and great experience, and I did.

I think after the third month of staying here, I began to act like an American and think like an American. I would say I became an American. It means that when I was thinking about something, it was in English; when I was writing letters to my friends, I was confusing Ukrainian letters with English ones; when I was talking on the phone with my mom, it was taking me a while to switch my mind to the Ukrainian language; and lastly I started to smile and say "hi" to people whom I didn't know. (We don't do that in Ukraine, because living in a bigger city you might get in trouble for saying "hi" to unknown people).

However, becoming an American was only the beginning. The year in United States brought me to realize some important things. If I wouldn't have come here, I wouldn't know how much I would enjoy my experience in America, but I also wouldn't have known how much I love my country, my family and my friends and how much I want to see them!

Jackson learns life lesson the hard way

By Jessica Conway

Not everything works out the way we plan it. That's a lesson that junior Hailey Jackson, who transferred from Salina South to Southeast of Salina at the beginning of the year, is learning.



Although she insists she didn't transfer just for an opportunity to play softball, she did hope to play softball at SES. However, an unhealed rib fracture thwarted those

plans.

And although she had planned to move to Florida after she graduates from high school, her pre-engagement to her fiancé Jeremy Phelps is prompting her to reconsider those plans.

"It's hard. I'm trying to plan for my future a little too soon, I think," she said. "Before we got engaged, I was planning to go to Florida (after graduating from high school), so that's kind of a hard decision I've had to make."

Although Jackson has had to make some changes she's still making sure the present provides for her future. "I like it here, a lot. I think the teachers are willing to help and it's smaller and friend-

lier," she said. "I didn't like South. I felt like I wasn't getting the education I needed.

Jackson feels that education is important, regardless of what her future holds.

"I'm going to the Academy of Hair Design in Salina," she said.

At least that's her current plan.

"Before we got engaged I planned to go to Florida after high school," she said.

Jackson said that she's gotten a lot of support from her family to help her through the tough decision of getting engaged and planning to stay in Kansas.

"My mom was engaged at 16 so she doesn't find it that big of a deal," she said.

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Foreign exchange learned a lot while visiting Kansas

By Jessica Yum

There is an old Korean saying, "When you are young, you even pay to suffer."

First when my foreign exchange student organization coordinator told me I was going to live in Kansas (a place famous for the Wizard of Oz and tornadoes), I was a little bit disappointed. All I knew about Kansas was that it was a mostly rural area with farming people. I've never lived in a small town before, so maybe I got a little nervous. But after writing e-mail back and forth with my host sister Amber Earles, I thought I would have fun and be all right.



NOPE. I got scared the moment I was left all alone at the Chicago airport. I had to change planes since there was no direct flight from Incheon to Wichita. I thought I would speak English fine after all those years of studying English plus the experience of living in California before. But I lost my confidence right away and had trouble communicating with airport personnel.

My confidence did not return when school started. The classes weren't that difficult, but getting acquainted to people was another problem. I always felt I was different than everybody else. Maybe it was because I was shy or because I was really different in a way – being a foreigner. But maybe it was because I was stubborn as a mule and didn't want to fit in and accept other people.

In this planet earth, everything is give and take. If you don't want to give up something, it is more likely that you won't get what you want.

In addition to that, I got homesick a lot. I missed – and still do – my family and friends and even the 15-hour-a-day-six-days-a-week school. Whenever I got homesick, I kept blaming myself about all the bad things that happened around me. I also felt so sick I couldn't concentrate on any positive happy thoughts. I was like being a character in a Harry Potter book, where the dementors would try to make me gloomy. I could win over them by thinking the happiest thoughts; I wasn't always the winner but I learned not to be too harsh on myself.

Life has been difficult at times, but I've learned and changed a lot from this tough year.

First, I learned to appreciate. I never thought I had so many things in my life that I loved. Looking around crowded shops, riding subways and buses, hanging out with my best friends after exams and going out to eat with my family on weekends were just common

daily things I never thought were special. But now I know these things are precious, and I will enjoy them more when I go back home. Also, I'm thankful that I have wonderful families — my real family back home and my American host family here — who support me and encourage me to do new things.

Second, I learned to be independent. Instead of depending on my parents, I can make decisions by myself and forge my own path. While enjoying the freedom of no one telling me what exactly what I should do, I can still keep up with things going around me such as homework, tests, studying, chores, etc. Also, nobody understands you better than yourself. As Emerson said, "Trust thyself." If you think it's right, go for it.

Third, I learned to be responsible. Not only had I learned how to make decisions for myself but to accept the consequences. I can't always be perfect and be satisfied with every decision I make, but I can be responsible for what I have done and finish the work.

And here's the important philosophy when you get tired of cleaning the mess you made and just want to run away: Never give up. These three words work for me every time. When I went out for volleyball, I wanted to quit after a couple of days of practices. But I didn't and am glad when I think about it now. I wasn't a good athlete, but I was being responsible of what I decided to do and didn't give up; that's what really matters.

Lastly, I have also learned about patriotism. To be honest, before I came here, I didn't care much about my country and couldn't decide what I wanted to be when I grew up. I haven't clearly decided yet either, but I'm definitely going to get a job where I can serve my country and be proud. Being patriotic doesn't always mean you have to go to war and fight for your country; you can show it in other ways.

When we had the 2002 Korea-Japan World Cup, most of the Koreans, including those who don't even like soccer very much, cheered wildly for our national team to win. Now that I've been away from home, I know how much I appreciate my country and will cheer even more when I return.

I still have one and half years of high school left, and I will be going to college after I graduate high school and study politics and diplomacy or a division of international studies. I'm hoping to become a diplomat or a government officer where I can work for my country, learning more about international relations and the world. I believe chance and luck come to people who work hard for them. Like another Korean saying, "If I fall down eight times, I will still stand up for the ninth try."

Jackson says change still brings happy results

"She just wants me to be focused on school."

Her teachers would agree that Jackson is staying focused on school. In fact, she was chosen for a Trojan Choice award this year by Mr. Terry Anderson.

"Hailey has been one of the hardest working juniors in any of my English classes this year," Anderson said. "She consistently

turns in good work, but more than that, if she isn't happy with a grade on a composition, she takes advantage of my revision policy and rewrites her work. She wouldn't have to do that; it's just that she is a true student...always trying to learn and improve."

In the end not everything works out

the way we intended, but Jackson feels that it has all worked out ok.

"I'm happy with the way things have turned out. I love Jeremy and he's made sacrifices for me, and I've made sacrifices for him," she said.

California to Kansas creates culture shock

By Jessica Conway

After moving from Santa Rosa, California to Salina, Ks., Samantha Presler finds herself in culture shock, but she says that's not necessarily a bad thing.

"I'm definitely culture-shocked," she said. "It's just so different that you don't know what to say or what to do. You don't know how people act. It's weird."

Presler's mom is a music teacher, but she just had a baby, so one of the main reasons they moved was to be closer to family.

When we were in California, my mom taught at Wilson school in Santa Rosa," she said. "But she just had a baby, so I don't know what she'll do now. She wanted to live closer to her family, though."

Presler says that California and Kansas are way different and she isn't sure

how to react. She said that some of the main differences are the people and options.

"I'd say the main difference between here and California are the personalities in people. They're more genuine here," she said. "Another difference is there aren't as many options here. You only have one movie theatre where there are six in California.

Even with the differences, Presler says she likes it at Southeast of Saline. "(The people here) take time to listen to you, more time than people had in California," she said.

Even though she just moved here and she doesn't know how to act around the people here, Presler said she is staying plenty busy.

"My mom is a singing teacher so I love to sing and I spend time with her,"

she said. "I have two sisters, and I spend time with them. I just got my license so I like to drive. I like to hang out with my friends, although right now that consists of my cousins. I want to be a vet, so I'm also working in Abilene with my Uncle that's a vet."

Besides all of her activities at home, Presler also plans to participate in school activities next year.

"It's too late this year," she said. "But next year I want to play volleyball, basketball and softball. I was a cheerleader in California, so I hope to do that (too). I hope next year to get involved in all of those things."

Presler says that she would call herself interested in everything. "I'm very interested in everything," she said. "I love to be around people and try new things. I'm very family oriented."

Baldwin looks forward to another year of softball, Southeast

By Nataliya Chornak

"It was an exciting thing to try," said Shauna Baldwin at the reminder about transferring from South High School to Southeast. She changed schools because she wanted something new in her life.

"There wasn't anything wrong with South; I just wanted something different," she said.

Shauna found that she likes Southeast and finds it easy to fit in here.

"People here are very accepting towards change and new things. I made a lot of friends," she said.

One of her friends, Sarah Maine, shared her thoughts about Shauna Baldwin.

"Shauna can fit in everywhere. She loves people, and they can tell she is a great girl," she said.

Maine has known Baldwin since she moved to Kansas in second grade and they have been friends since then.

"Shauna has always been a friendly



face in the crowd," Maine said.

However, her softball career was one of the factors that influenced her move to SES. If she would have stayed at South, she felt she wouldn't have been able to play softball in the pitching position.

"I wouldn't be able to pitch this year because we had two really good pitchers (at South). I would (have pitched) next year, though, so it would have given me another year to improve and get to a different level," she said.

Instead, she came to Southeast and has pitched already in six games.

Head softball coach Ms. Pesh Schwensen is satisfied with her play.

"Shauna has been a great addition to the team. She is very consistent and works hard. She always has a smile on her face! She consistently throws strikes and has a great off-speed pitch," she said.

Shauna feels good about being in a leading position.

"I love softball. I have been playing since I was ten and I am having a great time," she said.

Besides softball, she sometimes plays basketball, but it's nothing serious, she said.

However, she is serious fan of KU basketball. Even her bathroom is decorated with KU wallpaper.

Her future though is not connected with KU.

"I want to go to Baker College and work in the hospital as a dietitian," she said.

Shauna even has a job that's connected with food.

"The best thing about Shauna is her summer job," Maine said. "She cooks and serves meals at Webster Conference Center; she's a great lunch lady."

Though she is very busy with her job and softball practices, she always finds time to attend the First Southern Baptist Church Bible study and to hang out with her friends there.

"Shauna is very active at church and in Bible studies. She has a great family that supports her in everything she does," Maine said.

Her family is not very big. It consists of Shauna, her 20-year-old sister Tara, who goes to KU, and her mom and dad.

All of her family was very supportive and helpful with her choice to attend Southeast.

Shauna is very excited about going to SES next year. It will be her senior year which means the last year of school softball.

"It seems I have been in high school forever and finally next year I'll be senior," she said.

FFA wins state competition

By Nataliya Chornak

Sophomore Coy Cox won first place out of 219 dairy judges, anchoring his Southeast of Saline FFA Dairy Judging team, which won the state competition on April 28. The team was first of the 66 teams competing.

The team will represent Kansas in the National competition in Louisville, Ky., in October.

In addition to Cox's first place, Mandy Preston

got 3rd place out of 219, Emily Henry was 23rd, and Kyle Hawkes placed 165th.

In the Agricultural Sales Results category, the team placed 8th place out of 29.

That team included Preston who placed 10th, Coy Cox, Emily Henry, and Samantha Abker.

In poultry judging, a team including Coy Cox, Samantha Abker, Seth Stanley, Kyle Hawkes received 21st place, competing with 47 teams.

"We are the champions," said sponsor Ms. Brandie Rice.

Next year, FFA officers will include President Abby Staab, Vice-President Kyle Hawkes, Secretary Jesica Brown, Treasurer Coy Cox, Re-

porter Samantha Abker, and Sentinel Eva Spare.



The state-winning SES dairy judging team - Emily Henry, Mandy Preston, Coy Cox, Kyle Hawkes (along with advisor Miss Brandie Rice) display their trophies.

Forensics team takes 7th in State

By Shai Elliott

SES placed seventh out of 41 3A schools at the state forensics championship.

Mr. Terry Anderson attributes this to great senior leadership.

"We had four finalists, a task that is so extremely hard to do, considering the quality of performers," said Anderson.

Those performers that placed were Shai Elliott, second in Serious Solo Acting; Ben Ryan and Mitcher Barnes, fourth in Improvised Duet Acting; Rachael Flax and Adam Stephenson, fifth in Improvised Duet Acting; and Coy Cox and Meladee Garst, sixth in Improvised Duet Acting.

At State Forensics festival, all the stu-

dents received 1's: Lacey Bruggeman in Prose, Mandy Preston in prose, Mandy and Manuel Frater in I.D.A., and Kelsey Delker and Kristi Roe in Duet.

Other forensics members who participated were Calvin Roesner, Autumn Butler, Logan Henry, and Rena Fowles.

State Championships is a tournament. In a tournament performers are competing for places in the state.

In State Festival, performers compete for quality, a I, II, III, or IV rating.

"It's a coaching decision. I felt that some students would compete better (for state placings) and others should just compete for quality," Anderson said.

Vocalists claim I's at state contest

By Shai Elliott

Two Ensembles and five soloists receive I ratings at the state contest for small ensembles and solos on Saturday, April 26.

Nearly 3,000 students attended the State class 4A music festival. Southeast is proud to compete in the 4A competition because our school hosts the 4A contest.

Those students and groups receiving I rating were The Men's Ensemble, the Madrigal Singers, Kelsey Lynn, Shai Elliott, Jason Korbelik, Manuel Frater, and Ben Ryan.

Others participating and receiving II ratings were Amanda Ziegler, Rachael Flax, Jakki Jirak, the Women's ensemble, and the freshman mixed ensemble.

Southeast Shorts

Maine claims second in 3A in yearbook sports writing

By Shai Elliott

For the second time in three years Sarah Maine has proved that she can write sports. Maine placed second in yearbook sports writing at State journalism contest on Saturday, May 3, two years after placing third in newspaper sports writing as a freshman.

Others that earned the privilege to participate were Tammi Verhoeff and Hanna Lenz.

Students who placed in the top three or earned honorable mention at the regional contest participated at the state contest.

Bigs and Littles get together

By Jessica Conway

Big brother Troy Terry was recently named brother of the year. On Tuesday Apr. 29 at the annual Salina/Saline Co. Big Brother/Big Sister recognition ceremony Dakota Reese, Terry's "little", gave his nomination speech for his "big", Terry, to be Brother of the year after being named Brother of the year for Southeast of Saline. Terry was named Saline County Brother of the year.

Also attending were high school counselor Mrs. Judy White, junior high and elementary counselor Mr. Ray Everhart and the other "bigs" and their "littles" from Salina and Saline County.

"It was a wonderful time of recognition for all the volunteers and their 'littles,'" Everhart said.

Cheer, Chant, and Dance!

By Jessica Yum

All eleven returning dance team members have made the squad have been chosen again for next year's squad, leaving room for only one new member to join the group.

Sophomore Ashley Houchin was the sole newcomer selected to complete the squad. All who were selected had to try out.

Returning members are Nicole Koffman(captain), Chelsie Unruh(co-captain), Colby Stephenson(officer), Kelsey Lynn, Taylor Garretson, Lindsey Zeller, Christina Sparacino, Kristina Lenz, Caitlin Bungler, Janie Verhoeff, and Aubrey Nisbeth.

Cheerleaders have also been chosen. The following students will be cheerleaders for football season next school year: Jamie Wilcox (captain), Bridgette Bloomquist, Sarah Moon, Ashley Turnbull, Lindsey Settle, Kristi Mendenhall, and Sarah McNelly.

Wilcox, Bloomquist, Moon, and Turnbull cheered last year. Settle, Mendenhall, and McNelly, all freshmen next year, will be new to the squad.

SES Drama presents The Invisible Dragon



"My trusty steed, if you please." The handsome prince (Ben Ryan) hands his horse to the stage manager (Amber Earles). (Photo by Jessica Yum)



The storyteller (Shai Elliott) tells the story of the Invisible Dragon. (Photo by Jessica Yum)



"You are so beautiful...will you marry me?" The handsome prince (Ben Ryan) confesses his love to the beautiful but gloomy princess (Taylor Garretson). (Photo by Jessica Yum)



"What to do, what to do." The happy king (Coy Cox) and the happy queen (Kristi Roe) ponder what the dragon could want for an afternoon snack. (Photo by Jessica Yum)



A Double Dragon Feature

The Timid Dragon



Princess Lydia (Kelsey Delker), Prince Egbert the Simple (Kyle Hawkes) and the queen (Mandy Preston) discuss their views on the dragon. (Photo by Jessica Yum)



Jessica (Tammi Verhoeff), Adele (Emily Henry) and Marilyn (Amber Earles) tries to listen in on the dragon. (Photo by Jessica Yum)



Shiftless (Mitchell Davis) and his pregnant wife Agnes (Taylor Garretson) worry about enchanted dragonflies. (Photo by Jessica Yum.)

Seniors of Troy

We will remember you, you, and you!

By Jessica Yum

On May 18, the year 2003 Southeast of Saline seniors will graduate. Although their bodies may be leaving, the memories they shared with teachers and friends will last forever. Here are some moments which teachers remember.

"A Chance"



Mr. McClure remembers Shai when she was in eighth grade. In the lunch line, Shai was standing next to him. All of a sudden she pulled out her wallet and showed Mr. McClure a picture.

She said, "Look, this is my older sister. She's pretty good-lookin'. I still might have a chance."

"Backing Up"

Erinn Rogers, nicknamed "Squeaks," in her driving debut, tried to back her parked Chevette out of the parking spot. Squeaks went forward instead. Her front bumper hit and broke out the front lights of parked truck in front of her in the SES parking lot! -story from Sandy Rogers, SES School Nurse.



"Haunted Camp"

Tammi Verhoeff attended writing camp at Rock Springs, and she not only had a good time writing, but she and her "friend" were terrorized by the ghost at the old water wheel. She screamed and ran and told wild stories to anyone who would listen. -story from Mr. Don Wagner.



"The Ring"

At Beloit during forensics, Meladee Garst was so nervous that her fingers were swelling up really bad. She said to Mr. Anderson, "I think my rings are stopping my blood from circulating through my fingers!"



"For a Kiss"

Mr. Anderson remembers when Mitcher Barnes had to kiss Lindsey Shirack for the play and it took him an hour rehearsal for just the kiss scene. Jacob



Wrench had to teach Mitcher so he could actually do it right.

What are your future plans?

By Jessica Yum

Curious what the seniors will do after they graduate? Through short interviews, I found out some of the graduating students' future plans.

Saioa Arostegui...going back to Spain and planning on majoring medicine in college.

Mitcher Barnes...Kansas State University (majoring Management Info Systems).

Molly Carter...South Western College (majoring Athletic Training).

Vernon Cathey...working as a Lube Technician and going to college for second semester.

Kendra Clark...Hutchinson Junior College (majoring Radiology Technology).

Haylie Colby...Ottawa University (majoring Sociology and Psychology).

Emily Eilders...Wichita State University (haven't decided yet).

Shai Elliott...Kansas University (majoring Broadcast Journalism).

Meladee Garst...Wichita State University (majoring in Psychology).

Emily Henry...Hutchinson Junior College (majoring Agricultural Education).

Jay Knopf...Kansas State University (majoring Architecture).

Jason Korbek...Middlebury University in Vermont.

Casey Krager...Bethany College (majoring in Music).

Kody Losey...finishing Vo-Tech in Salina.

Alicia Pavkov...William Jewell College (majoring in Business).

Amanda Preston...Kansas State University (majoring in Food Science and Industry).

Laura Reed...McPherson College (majoring in Biology).

Roy Riffel...Kansas State University (majoring in Horticulture).

Ben Ryan...Kansas University (majoring in Biology).

Jamie Schropp...McPherson College (majoring in Biology).

Kelsey Short...Kansas State University (majoring in Business).

Joe Sparacino...Kansas University (majoring in Biology).

Broc Tanner...Kansas State University (majoring in Physical Therapy for Kids).

Eric Tweedy...Bethany College (majoring in Christian Ministry).

Tammi Verhoeff...Baker University (majoring in Journalism).

Wade Waddle...Joining the Air Force (also called Security Force).

Amanda Ziegler...Kansas University (majoring Architectural Engineering and Architecture).

Trojan athletes of the year

This year as the Southeast of Saline Trojournal sports editor, I have tried to give readers editorials that were unique and enjoyable to read. This is my last sports editorial and I have chosen to try something that no previous SES sports editor has done: name a male and female athlete of the year.

This is something I've always wanted to do, and I feel the two athletes I've chosen are two great athletes among many others.

Unfortunately, I had to choose one male and one female. The Trojan male and female athletes of the year were judged upon the following criteria. They had to participate in at least three seasonal activities (fall, winter, spring). They had to be a valuable asset to their teams or squads. And finally, they had to show leadership, determination, and courage both on and off the field.

Male Athlete of the Year

Adam Stephenson

By Mitcher Barnes

Senior Adam Stephenson has had one of the most memorable sports seasons this year. Stephenson was a standout running back in football, state champion in power lifting, and a state returnee in track. Stephenson has had a terrific year ranging from an All-State running back to a state champion power lifter.



In football, Stephenson made the switch from wide receiver to running back in the off-season. Head Coach Pat Haxton couldn't have asked for more from Stephenson.

"Adam's a type of kid who works so hard that I knew the transition (from

wide receiver to running back) wouldn't be that hard for him. He went way beyond my expectations," said Haxton.

Stephenson rushed for a school record 2,176 yards, was recognized by the Kansas Football Coaches Association (KFCA) 3A All-State first team. Both the Wichita Eagle and the Topeka Capital recognized him as first team all-state. Stephenson was also recognized as top 11 All-Area and All-County by the Salina Journal.

At the end of Stephenson's season, he accepted Kansas State University's offer to walk on their football program as a running back next season.

In power lifting Stephenson's four years of hard work paid off when he won the 178-pound class with 920 total lbs. Stephenson bench pressed 220, cleaned 285, and squatted 415.

"He worked so hard for four years straight. I think for the last four years he's been a state caliber lifter. It's meant so much to him that I think in the off-season he was thinking about state lifting when everyone else was thinking about football," Haxton said.

This track season Stephenson was coming off a junior year where he placed seventh in the 100-meter dash. So far this season Stephenson has run a season-best 11.17 in the 100-meter. He has also won the 100-meter dash twice this season at Ellsworth and Belleville.

"If somebody would have told me his freshmen year that Adam would have placed in state as a junior, I would have thought they were crazy. This year his times have been going down each week. I know that his times will drop drastically as we approach regionals and state," Haxton said.

Female Athlete of the Year

Emily Eilders

By Mitcher Barnes

Senior Emily Eilders contributed to Southeast of Saline sports in volleyball, basketball, and softball. Eilders unquestionably established the role of leader in all three sports. Eilders had a magnificent senior season ranging from All-County recognition by the Salina Journal in Volleyball to being a leader on the Southeast of Saline softball team.



In Volleyball Eilders head coach Pesh Schwensen moved her from the hitter role on the team to the leadership role of setter.

"Emily started as a hitter and has an incredible vertical jump and arm speed that makes her a great hitter," Schwensen said. "But she was such an outstanding athlete I moved her to a setter so she could take on more of a leadership role. She has the quickness we needed to get to the second ball and make a good set. She has that competitive spirit and hates to lose and wants to be the best at everything she does."

In her career Eilders finished with 543 assists and helped her team win the NCAA league title (9-1).

At the end of Eilders's season, she accepted Wichita State University's offer to redshirt on their volleyball program as a setter next season.

In basketball Eilders was coming off a stellar All-County junior season. This season, however, Eilders improved her assists and steals from 4.2 assists and 3.9 steals a game to 4.8 assists and 4.0 steals per game. Eilders also helped her team win its second straight NCAA league title (9-1).

"Emily was a tremendous asset to the team. She has four years of varsity experience at a point guard position. That is extremely valuable as the point guard is usually the floor general on a basketball team," head coach Wayne Sager said.

In softball this season, Eilders has a batting average of .421, slugging percentage of .763, and an on-base percentage of 63 percent. On the season thus far, Eilders has 16 hits including three doubles one triple and one home run. She also has six stolen bases and eight RBIs.

"Emily is a competitor. She is extremely aggressive and has a knack for making tough plays look easy. She keeps the tempo of the game up with her constant hustle!" said Schwensen.

Softball steamrolls into postseason

By Mitcher Barnes

The southeast of Saline softball team started red-hot this season and continued that way throughout almost the entire regular season. The Lady Trojans are an exceptional 17-1 heading into regionals next week.

Their only loss of the season came at the hands of the Concordia Panthers game score.

"We started off great because of all the hard work we put into practice and the early mornings of hitting on game days. But losing to Concordia might have been the best thing to happen to us heading into regionals. We got it out of our system," said Eilders.

In the game against the Concordia Panthers, the Trojans offense was shut down. Pitcher Jamie Schropp took the loss for the Trojans after the team failed to score in a 1-0 shutout.

On the season, however, Schropp has helped the Trojans by accumulating a 14-1 record with an ERA of 1.27. Schropp has already pitched a perfect game earlier this year.

"I really worked hard in the off-season to get to where I needed to be this year, and I'm glad that I can be a strong pitcher for the team," Schropp said

The Trojans not only have had excellent pitching but great hitting as well. Laura Reed and April Ptacek both have double figures in RBIs this season.

Reed also has a team best batting average of .488. The Trojans already this season have 10-run-ruled their opponents five times.

"This season has been great for the team as a whole. Everyone has put in a lot of hard work and it is showing," Schropp said.



Sophomore Shelly Hillyard warms up before a game last Friday at Russell. (Photo by Sarah Maine)

Golf swings into league action



Jameson Garnett tees off at the Elks Country Club on May 5. (Photo by Sarah Maine)

By Mitcher Barnes

Last Friday, the Southeast golf team attended the Hesston invitational.

The three-man team, including Jameson Garnett, Kody Losey, and Brandon Harrod took fifth overall with a 260 total score.

Jameson Garnett's 82 took sixth overall and third as a sophomore. Brandon Harrod's 84 took 12th overall.

The Trojans five-man team took ninth overall with a 508 total score. The five-man team included Kyle Maine, Joe Sparacino, Scott Wolford, Bret Keeler, and Alex Mutschler.

At Marion, the Trojans two-man team of Harrod and Garnett took second overall. Harrod took third overall with an 85, and Garnett took seventh place with an 87.

The Trojans four-man team of Scotty Wolford, Losey, Keeler, and Jeremy Will took second overall with a total score of 384.

"The team still has not had its best day," Head Coach Mr. Bill Gies said. "The league tournament is at Belleville on Thursday, followed by the regional tournament on Monday, and I am confident we will see the Trojans play some very good golf."

Baseball wins seven in a row

By Mitcher Barnes

It has been a season of ups and downs for the Southeast of Saline baseball team.

After a slow start (4-6), the Trojans have really come together, winning seven out of their last seven games to improve their overall record to 11-7.

"We've gotten solid pitching in the last seven or eight games with six different pitchers getting wins. Our defense has stopped giving up big innings and our offense is getting contributions from the bottom of the lineup. Overall, the team is now confident that we can play with any team we step on the field against," Jordon Komp said.

Senior pitcher Matt Garretson ranks amongst the best in the area in strikeouts with 28. Garretson also has done damage at the plate with a batting average of .453 and 29 hits.

Seniors Daniel Carr and Jordon Komp have also hit exceptionally well. Carr has six home runs on the season, including a grand slam last week against Abilene. Komp hit three home runs last Friday and has 21 hits on the season.

"If we play well, I expect us to go to state," Matt Garretson said. "We have really come on strong lately. Komp pitched a great game for us the other night in relief. Our younger players are really starting to come on strong, and I think we'll surprise a lot of teams."



Kyle Hartman pitches on May 2 at Concordia High School.
(Photo by Jessica Yum)

Track blazes into league with win at Ellinwood

By Mitcher Barnes

Last Friday the Southeast of Saline boys' track team finished the regular season with a win at Ellinwood High School. The Trojan boys easily outscored their opponents with 150 points. Hoisington placed a distant second with 80.

The Trojans had four first place finishers. Jay Knopf won the high jump by jumping 5-8, Vernon Cathey won the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.34, Mitcher Barnes won the 800-meter dash in 2:01.97, and the 1600-meter relay team (Ian Hughes, Knopf, Barnes, Jakob Schopf) won 3:33.16.

The Trojans also had several individuals who placed in the top three.

Broc Tanner was third in the javelin (171-1) and second in the triple jump (39-2^{1/4}).

Jimmy McDowell was third in the long jump (18-6^{1/2}).

Adam Stephenson was second in the 100-meter dash (11.02) and third in the 200-meter dash (22.97).

Vernon Cathey was third in the 100-meter dash (11.04) and second in the 200-meter dash (22.95).

Jakob Schopf was second in the 400-meter dash (51.86).

Mark McClure was third in the 3200-meter run (11:50.87).

Nick Ryan was second in the 300-meter hurdles (43.58), and the 3200-meter relay team (McClure, Hughes, Weese, Barnes) was second (8:46.70).

The Trojan girls were fifth at Ellinwood with 51 points. Brooke Kent was the highest placer for the Trojans. Kent took second in triple jump with a jump of (33-0^{1/4}).

The Trojans had several third place finishers: Chantay Seim in javelin (106-2), April Torkse in shot put (36-8), Holly Henry in 300-meter hurdles (50.00), and the 1600-meter relay team (4:26.25).

This Friday Southeast of Saline hosts the annual NCAA league meet.

"We've been doing well all season long and I think we are a legitimate contender to place as a team amongst the top on Friday," Knopf said

Seniors prepare for graduation

By Nataliya Chornak

Today at 8:15 a graduation rehearsal was held in the lower gym, where all the seniors were getting ready to the annual graduation ceremony which will be held on Sunday, May, 18 2003 at 2.30 p.m. in the lower gym. The senior girls will be wearing purple colors and the guys black.

The keynote speaker will be Superintendent Dr. Bob Goodwin.

In his speech to seniors he will say thanks, remind them of the good times and ask philosophical questions, he said.

"That was probably the best honor I have ever had to be chosen to speak," said Dr. Goodwin. "I think we had a great year."

Stephenson, Korbek to lead Stuco

By Jessica Conway

The competition of Stuco President and Vice president turned out to be no competition at all. Candidates Colby Stephenson and Brian Korbek ran unopposed Thursday, May 1 and were elected Stuco president and vice-president.

Stephenson said that they don't have a lot of new plans, but she thinks it will be fun.

"We're going to run things like it was last year. There are a few things we want to change like (running news on) TVs in the lunchroom but mostly the same. It seemed to work pretty well last year," she said. "I think it's going to be fun and I'm really excited."

Along with Stephenson and Korbek will be two Stuco representatives from each grade and the class officers for 2003-2004. Those officers will be as follows for each grade:

Freshman: President, Ethan Komp; Vice-president, Meaghan Ryan; Secretary Treasurer, Cody Melander; and STUCO Reps, Kent Windholz and Dan Clifford.

Sophomore: President, Taylor Garretson; Vice-president, Holly Henry; Secretary/Treasurer, Carrisa Kruse; STUCO Reps, Chelsey Mueller and Kelsey Losey.

Junior: President, Brian Korbek; Vice-president, Coy Cox; Secretary/Treasurer, Scott Sauber; STUCO Reps, Andy Clifford and Lacey Bruggeman.

Senior: President, Chelsie Unruh; Vice-president, Genell Heimer; Secretary/Treasurer, Derek Kruse; STUCO Reps, Susan Repp and Travis Penn.

Five students place at art show

By Shai Elliott

The Art department participated in the NCAA league art show at Minneapolis on Wednesday, May 7.

Students who placed were Alison St. Clair, Jennifer Kempton, Kelsey Short, Kendra Clark, and Jamie Osborne.

St. Clair earned NCAA Best of Show and an award of distinction in oil painting.

Kempton won a gold medal in oil painting and an award of distinction in wheel-thrown ceramics.

Kelsey Short received a gold medal in wheel-thrown ceramics.

Kendra Clark took home a gold medal in wheel-thrown ceramics. Jami Osborne earned an award of distinction in pencil drawing.

Seniors claim more than \$100,000

By Jessica Conway

SES seniors are once again in the money. The college scholarships are back and many SES students have received awards. Following is a list of the students and what they've won.

Rusty Plymell-Fort Hays Department of Excellence Award.

Kyle Clifford- Fort Hays four year renewable Miller Black and Gold, Stouffer Scholarship and the Award of Excellence from the Department of Business and leadership and first in Masonic Lodge for a total of \$7,900.

Rena Fowles-Medallion Scholarship, Kelcee Foundation for a total of \$2,500.

Kyle Hartman-First in Class from Kelcee Foundation, third in Masonic Lodge and The Phillips National Scholarship for a total of \$11,600.

Jay Knopf- Kelcee Foundation Scholarship, Masonic Lodge, Ivy Monk Scholarship, Paul and the Irma Spellman Scholarship for a total of \$5,900.

Brad Brack-Varying scholarships from Kansas Wesleyan including the Eisenhower, Tinkler, Housing Discount and Football for a total of \$4,700.

Matt Garretson- Varying scholarships from Kansas Wesleyan including Tinkler, Housing Discount and Baseball and the David Heublin Scholarship for a total of \$3,900.

Erinn Rogers- Varying scholarships from Kansas Wesleyan including Presidential, Dance and Kayla Karber Scholarship for a total of \$9,950.

Jordan Komp- Varying scholarships from Kansas Wesleyan including Presidential and Baseball for a total of \$9,700.

Molly Carter- Academic and Athletic Training scholarships from Southwestern College and the August and Nan Krauss Scholarship for a total of \$6,000.

Meladee Garst-\$2,000 academic from Wichita State University.

Amanda Ziegler- Four year renewable Watkins-Berger, The Phillips National Scholarship and the Earl Bane scholarship for a total of \$30,500.

Alicia Pavkov-Volunteer Connections, Elks Club Scholarship, Masonic Lodge, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Presbyterian Church of Kipp Scholarship, the Cara Everhart Scholarship for a total of \$3,700.

Troy Terry-\$1,000 Volunteer Connections.

Adam Stephenson-Gypsum Lions Club and the David Heublein Scholarship for a total of \$300.

Casey Bowman-\$100 Gypsum Lions Club.

Jeremy Will-\$1,100 second in Masonic Lodge.

Jamie Schropp-McDonald's Ray Kroc Award, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, McPherson College Scholarship, Cara Everhart Scholarship for a total of \$9,200.

Amanda Preston-\$500 Saline County Farm Bureau Scholarship.

Emily Henry- Kansas Board of Regents Vocational Ward, SESEA Future Teacher Award and the Saline County Farm Bureau for a total of \$2,500.

Roy Riffel-\$500 Saline County Farm Bureau.

Matt Lacey-\$2,000 Kansas Board of Regents Vocational Award.

Kendra Clark-\$2,000 Kansas Board of Regents Vocational Award.

Kody Losey-\$2,000 Kansas Board of Regents Vocational Award.

Laura Reed- \$7,000 McPherson College.

Emily Eilders-\$200 Paul and Irma Spellman Scholarship.

Shai Elliott-\$250 American Legion Scholarship.

Kelsey Short-Robert Short Memorial and the August and Nan Krauss Scholarship for a total of \$700.

Haylie Colby-Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Earl Bane Scholarship for a total of \$20,000.

Ben Ryan-\$500 Dominic Sparacino Foundation.