

# The Trojournal

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## Ropes course challenges Science Club members

By Amanda Penn

Science club members challenged their fears on Friday, Nov. 5 at the Mosey Outdoor Adventure Park near Wichita. At the Adventure Park, members challenged themselves by overcoming fears ranging from being loud to heights to working with others.

"We climbed a rock wall and did a lot of interesting things like that," Science Club

## Chicago's Brooks to photograph students

By Charly Bloom

Today Chicago artist Adam Brooks will visit Southeast of Saline to participate with the students in a photo session.

His visit at SES is part of a weeklong stay from Nov. 15-19 in the Salina area.

While here, he will begin his Portrait Project, sponsored by the Salina Art Center.

The purpose of the project is to offset the negative images of the children and teenagers that are so prevalent in today's media.

Students in the secondary that were selected for this are Theo Brittian, Jamie Wilcox, Ben Ryan, Charly Bloom, Chelsie Schwarz and Derik Unruh.

There was no formal selection committee to choose these students. Students who wanted to participate simply took a request form to the office. Then names were drawn randomly out of a bag.

Brooks is planning to take several pictures of the students and have them surround one 16 x 20 photo. He also is planning to write a one-paragraph summary that will describe the student accurately, and this summary will be edited by the students.

Students are encouraged to wear everyday school clothes, so as to represent each person as honestly as possible. Each person selected also has the opportunity to have one or two of their closest friends with them during the session, which will last for approximately 30 minutes.

During the photo session, Brooks will be talking with the students about themselves and their opinions about the world they are living in. The portraits Brooks takes will be displayed in school in the spring. During the latter half of the spring, the portraits will be on display at the Salina Art Center. The portraits will then go around the nation and the students will be identified by their first names only. The students participating will receive a copy of their portrait.

member Jayme Sauber said.

Not only did members climb a rock wall and jump off poles, but they also participated in other challenging activities. They had to get their group (about twelve people) over a 13-foot wall, run as fast as they could screaming as loud as they could for as long as they could and climb a tower about thirty feet high. Then two people had to stand on the tower and jump for a bar six feet away. The platform was about six inches wide and a foot long.

During all aerial activities, participants wore a safety harness, but that precaution did not alleviate all fears.

"I hoped to work on building trust with peers, extending personal comfort zones and developing an attitude of cooperation to accomplish a group task," Mr. Bill Nelson said.

Although most of the trip was a physical challenge, members also gained leadership qualities and teamwork.

"I had been there before and knew the benefits of having students go through the tasks of the course. Problem solving, working together with our current level of knowledge and combining our efforts to accomplish new tasks is why I chose Mosey Outdoor Adventure Park," Nelson said.

Nelson said he hopes to return to Mosey because he felt it was a good experience. He's also planning several other activities.

"We plan to take another in-state trip in January or February and hopefully an out-of-state trip in the spring. The director of the course was really impressed with the effort, attitude and level of cooperation from the SES students," Nelson said.



*Clockwise from upper left: The men's chorus sings with male lead, Wild Bill Hickock, (Kyle Tanner). Calamity Jane, (Darcy Reese) expresses her feelings through a song. Men are served drinks in the saloon. (Photos by Amber Byarlay) For more musical coverage, see pages six and seven.*

*If you could change anything about Thanksgiving, what would it be? Why?*



**Cliff Fowles:**  
I would want to get out of school more days because I need a bigger break.



**Amanda Burnett:**  
I wouldn't have baked beans and turkey for school lunch because I don't like them and they serve them too often.



**Carl Ade:**  
I would change the turkey, I hate turkey. You can have it about once a year, but that's it. I don't care what we would have, just as long as it wasn't turkey.



**Mandy Preston:**  
I would have two weeks off from school and the school's menu changed. I don't like the menu and want more time off from school.

**Barbie proves to be poor role model**

By Sylvia Sawyer

It is a recognized fact that little kids look up to their older peers. Also, what they see and hear influences the way they think and act. Little girls have an extra challenge, though. They have poor role models that force them into a negative way of thinking about themselves.



Probably the most popular toy among elementary aged girls is, of course, Barbie. Take one look at Barbie, and you'll know why girls in high school have poor self-esteems. They played with Barbie half of their lives, and have her image in their minds as the "perfect body." Barbie's bust, waist and hips are extremely skewed out of proportion. If Barbie were a real woman, she would have to walk on all fours due to her measurements. Barbie's original purpose is unknown to most people. She got her start as a practical joke doll for bachelors. Now she is the most idolized doll in the world.

Brittany Spears is probably one of the most prominent teen stars today. She can be seen anywhere from magazines to tee shirts. The Disney Channel promotes her and airs her concerts.

What kind of message does Brit-tany Spears send out to little girls all over the world? What God gave you is not good enough. Not only does she lip-sync her concerts, but she went further to be altered like a dress. She has had nips and tucks, along with reductions and implants. This makes her almost as plastic as Barbie. A good influence?

Should we abolish these influences? It would be impossible, but we should at least include some positive ones. Hopefully in the near future, girls in high school will be able to look in the mirror and like what they see.

In order to do this, we must encourage girls to be healthy, but not to starve themselves, to enjoy music, but not idolize the picture-perfect figure of the artist and to reject the impulse to alter their own bodies. Uniqueness is a gift and should be recognized as one.

P.S. If you want to look at some esteem stats, consider the following web site: <http://www.self-esteem-nase.org/research.html>



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# “Let’s Talk” panel discusses issue of teen pregnancy



A teen talk panel talked to a group of students on Nov. 1. The panel consisted of: Christinia Schnieder, Lindsi Smith, Ashley Slidesburger, Hannah Kelly and Franswa Smith (photo by Tammi Verhoeff)

By Tammi Verhoeff and Shawna Macy

In Salina alone, 40 teens are pregnant or parenting. Six out of ten girls and eight out of ten boys surveyed by *Seventeen* magazine say that they regret having sex.

These facts and others were the subject of a guest panel discussion about teen sexuality on Nov. 1 when five young ladies from Salina came to visit Mrs. Juanelle Garretson’s Living on My Own class and Mr. Gies’s junior high class.

Franswa Smith, Christina Schnieder, Ashley Slidesburger, Lindsi Smith and Hannah Kelly came to share their stories and opinions about virginity, parenting and teen sexuality.

Three out of the five young ladies who were apart of the teen panel were pregnant or had had the scare of being pregnant.

“You can’t go back,” Ashley Slidesburger, a freshman at Central said. “I regret getting pregnant.”

Ashley Slidesburger was one out of the two teens that were pregnant at the time of the discussion. She was seven months pregnant. The other teen who was pregnant was Christina Schneider; she was eight months pregnant.

The girls all stressed the need of abstinence or protection if teens are sexually active.

All of the participants in the panel were strongly opposed to abortion. They stressed the need to be abstinent, but if a teen did get pregnant, they all strongly disagreed with abortion.

“I can’t bear thinking about killing something that was apart of me,” Hannah Kelly a graduate of South High School said.

The girls also stressed the importance of a relationship and the responsibilities that go along with it.

“If you don’t have respect for yourself, you won’t have respect for other people,” Franswa Smith, a junior at Salina Central High School, remarked.

Along with this, they also shouldered the responsibilities of the father. Out of all the teenage girls who get pregnant, only six percent of the “fathers” actually stick around and emotionally support the mother and pay child support. That leaves 94 % of the early mothers stranded and having no “father figure support.”

Most of these girls live in an environment where having a child, financially, wouldn’t be good idea.

“A regular day’s schedule would consist of getting up at five and not going to bed until midnight,” Lindsi Smith, a junior at South said. “I just wouldn’t have the time. If you can’t care for a baby, then you shouldn’t put yourself in a situation where you would have to deal with these problems.”

“Abstinence and secondary virginity are nothing to be ashamed of,” Christinia Schnieder a senior at South said. “After I have my baby, I plan on secondary virginity.”

“If you do have sex, at least have some type of protection, whether it’s a condom or a pill, and a plan for early motherhood,” Ashley Slidesburger added.

## Top Ten Reasons to Not Have Sex

By Tammi Verhoeff and Shawna Macy

- 10) STD’s (No one wants to die before they graduate or have their nose rot off from syphylisilis)
- 9) AIDS (Need we say more?)
- 8) Babies, Babies, Babies oh yeah dirty diapers along with babies
- 7) Sleepless nights due to the constant screaming of your baby
- 6) Puke stains on your new clothes do NOT pick up guys!
- 5) Money (Do you have enough to feed another?)
- 4) Social life (Birthday parties are better than baby showers.)
- 3) Five minutes of pleasure, nine months of pain, and a lifetime of regret.
- 2) You don’t want your friends to argue about who has to sit in the car seat when you’re cruisin’ Fe.
- 1) How are you going to tell your parents?

# Proud papa experiences sleepless nights



Mr. Kurt Krehbiel and his wife Sara, display their new "peice of art."

By Tammi Verhoeff

Nine months and 21 and a half hours later, Brandon James Krehbiel is here.

It was a long labor, and Brandon has been a sick and sometimes fussy baby, but SES high school art teacher and first-time father Mr. Kurt Krehbiel and his wife Sara are overjoyed with the new addition to the family.

"It was really cool," Krehbiel said. "I thought that it was really interesting."

But having a baby isn't all fun and

games.

"Your life revolves around the baby," Krehbiel said. "You eat and sleep when the baby is taking a nap."

School for Krehbiel has taken a drastic change as well.

"There's a lot of sleep deprivation that's involved with taking care of a baby," Krehbiel said.

Having a baby can be really scary.

"When we got home from the hospital, we realized that the nurses were gone and we were on our own. We just looked at each other and said now what?" Krehbiel said.

Another change that Krehbiel has encountered is the amount of hours he spends at home.

"I'm spending a lot more time at home than I did before so I can be with Brandon," Krehbiel said. "I really enjoy staying at home."

Though he enjoys spending more time at home, he realized that being a father is a big responsibility.

"At this stage of my life, I feel I'm mature enough to handle a baby in my life, physically, mentally, socially and financially."

Children are a joy when they come at the right time in your life, Krehbiel said.

"One of the really cool parts about the birth was that I got to cut the umbilical cord," Krehbiel said.

The baby seems to be taking after his father in more ways than one.

"So far, Brandon can track well with his eyes, he can hold his head up by himself and grab at things, so he's really advanced for his age, (7½ weeks old)," Krehbiel said.

While Krehbiel enjoys observing his child's progress, he hasn't taken off much time from school to stay home with him.

"I took five or six days off of school sporadically. My wife, a high school math teacher at Smoky Valley, is taking seven weeks off to be with the baby," Krehbiel said.

When the mother returns, the baby will stay at a trusted day-care provider.

Krehbiel acknowledges that that day will be difficult for his wife, but he's been at work all along – enjoying his work and enjoying fatherhood.

"No matter what happens, no matter how bad things get, I know I can come home and no matter what, I know he'll always love me," Krehbiel said.

# Mother and baby are well at last

By Shawna Macy

After 27 long hours of labor, junior high teacher Mrs. Kim Clements and her husband John welcomed Sydney Ann Clements into the world at 6:20 a.m. on July 24, 1999.

Clements spent the first nine weeks of school at home bonding with Sydney and enjoying her, but she also discovered that parenthood wasn't all smiles and coos.

Both Clements and her baby were sick with a virus Sydney's first week and Sydney cried a lot.

"The doctor thought we were infected by it while we were at the hospital. Sydney was very sleepy from it and didn't want to eat. For me, it was a very tough first week," Clements said.

Parenthood has improved since then, partially because of John's help with Sydney.

When Sydney was born, Kim and her husband John took time off from work to help parent.

"I took the first nine weeks of school off. It was wonderful though I did have to use my sick days. My husband, on the other hand, doesn't have sick days, so he only took one day off," Clements said.

Now that Clements is back at work, she really appreciates the support of family

in taking care of Sydney.

"John is a great help. He works Sunday through Wednesday and has Thursday through Saturday off. When he's off, he stays at home with Sydney and gets up with her at four a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday nights so I can get some sleep."

Sydney gets up around 4 a.m. and wants to eat. When she is done, she'll get back to sleep at about 6:30 a.m.

Clements said she is very grateful for all the support she receives from her husband.

She's also appreciative of her extended family.

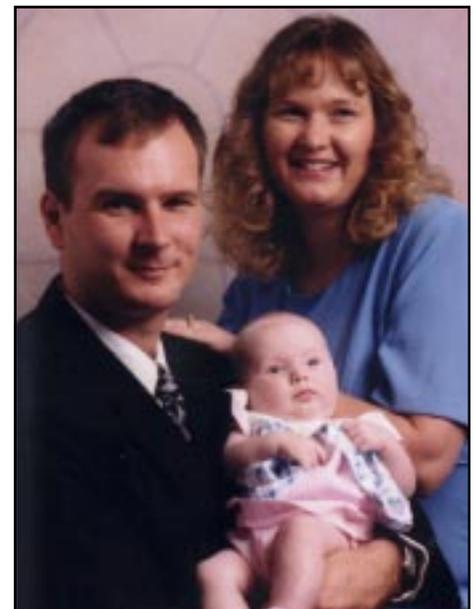
"Our families live near my mother and mother-in-law. Both have been great help, especially my first week home with Sydney," Clements said.

With all that help, Clements can't imagine what it would be like to be a teen mother abandoned by the baby's father.

"I know that if I would have had Sydney when I was sixteen, I wouldn't have had the same support. A baby requires a lot of time and a lot of attention. If I'd had her at the age of sixteen, I don't think I could have handled it," Clements said.

But having Sydney as an addition to her family now is wonderful, she said.

"Surprisingly our life hasn't changed too much. Sydney travels well and goes almost everywhere with us, although I do miss sleeping through the night and sleeping late on the weekends."



Proud parents Kim and John Clements aren't ashamed of bragging about their bundle of joy.

# Baby-think-it-over makes students see reality

By Amber Byarlay

Baby-think-it-over once again made its presence known in SES classes, homes and churches as the students in Mrs. Juanelle Garretson's Human Development class took turns experiencing the frustrations of parenting.

The life-like doll, which cries at feeding time and at random intervals, went to classes and home with each of the five students in the class.

Now that the Baby-think-it-over simulation has been a part of the class for five years, the pretend child appears commonplace to many at SES. Nevertheless, the baby did manage to draw its share of attention from teachers, students in the Human Development class and others.

Following are their comments:

## Students who are in the class and carried the doll to classes:

Amy Long – "When I had it I couldn't find the hole to put the key into and I cried during our Day-of-the-Dead party in Spanish and I had to run across the room to get to it."

Meranda McMillan – "Its cry was really fake and it bugged me."

Jesse Hanson – "I went to a movie with my friends and I had to hold the key close to the hole so I could shut it up quickly if it started to cry. Also people would try to hit it to make it cry."

Elisabeth Myers – "I didn't like having to carry it everywhere I went. I felt stupid because I thought that people would either think I had a baby or that I was carrying around a doll."

Shala Bloomberg – "It started crying and wouldn't shut up because I couldn't make the

key work."

Heather Mincey – "It woke me up three or four times a night."

## Teachers:

Mr. Cooper – "When the kids (not those with the doll) start paying more attention to the doll than they do to the class, (it can be frustrating)."

Mr. Morris – "I've had students who have had the doll in class, but there has never been a problem with it."

Mr. Wagner – "It's started crying before, but then they (the student with the doll) shut it off. It's never really been a problem before. I just wish it was that easy to turn off some students –put a key in and turn them off."

Mr. Anderson – "Baby-think-it-over hasn't been annoying for me. What was annoying to me was the flour babies – I think that freshmen are just too immature to take care of them."

## Students:

Erin Petitjean – "It's really spontaneous and when it first goes off, it's surprising, and then it's like, oh, whatever, it's a doll. It's annoying if it goes off and doesn't get turned off and just sits there and cries forever."

Karen Leiker – "It cried during the middle of a biology lab."

Rena Fowles – "It started crying during a song in vocal and made Mr. Tuzicka angry."

Alex Harbin – "It cried when Mr. Baird was talking and made it hard to hear him and then you could still hear it when they (the student with the doll) took it out into the hall."

Mitch Vogel – "It started crying during a

WHAGIR (World History and Geographic International Relations) test and (the student with the doll) took it out in the hall but you could still hear it. It was really annoying."

Dawn Armstrong – "It started crying and wouldn't stop."

Susie Green – "Someone had it in English and it started to cry, but (the student with the doll) didn't know how to make it stop."

Mitch Barnes, Broc Tanner and Adam Stevenson – "It cried in the middle of a song in vocal and even though we working on the musical set, we could hear it."



Alicia Pavkov cuddles baby-think-it-over, a doll that simulates a real baby. (Photo by Andi Keeler)

# Five senior girls achieve perfect 4.0

By Ashley Mueller

Five senior class girls have maintained a perfect 4.0, making up the top 10% of their class.

Shala Bloomberg, Amber Byarlay, Amy Giersch, Karen Leiker and Jami Torske were all honored at a banquet on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at the Salina Country Club. If they maintain their perfect average, they will be honored with a stole and medal at the graduation ceremony.

Five is an unusual number for such a high honor. Since counselor Judy White has been here, the most she has worked with is three.

"It is very unusual. It's been an exceptional year," White said.

Not only have these five accomplished a perfect grade point average, but they have also been selected for scholarships as well.

The SES faculty has selected Byarlay for the DAR Citizenship Award. Bloomberg was the recipient of the Toyota Scholarship and a state finalist for the Wendy Heisman Scholar Athlete Award. She was selected by the North Central Activities Association for first team in volleyball.

"Eating a steady diet of carbohydrates and proteins, along with four hours of Pamela Anderson's 'Full Body Workout' routine keeps me going," Bloomberg joked.

On the more serious side, though, she doesn't really feel much pressure.

"I don't really feel any pressure. I just do

what I've done for the last four years — get my homework done on time and study a little," Bloomberg said.

## Creative Corner

### Being Fifteen

By Tom Komp

At this age my life is a circle  
Always going somewhere, though,  
Never getting anywhere.  
My life is full, I am happy and content  
I like where I am going,  
But not always where I've went.  
I make tough decisions day in and day  
out,  
I always try to make the better choice  
But when the times I don't  
I learn from rather quick  
With the stuff I do and say,  
It makes me who I am today.  
I knew I'd always be unique in my  
own special way.



Seniors Amber Byarlay and Michelle Wilson show off their senior shirts while their siblings Aaron Byarlay and Amanda Wilson wear their old shirts. The seniors first received the shirts in first grade and recently reordered them. Seniors that ordered a shirt and are interested in buying one can get theirs from Shala Bloomberg for \$10. Those who haven't ordered one, but want one can still order a shirt from Bloomberg. (Photo by Erica Flores)



Townspople enjoy Katie Brown's singing as they socialize at the Golden Gater Saloon.



Now to the left! Francis Fryer (Nick Sparacino) and Susan (Angela Wilson) work on their dance outside the saloon.



Stagecoach driver, Rattlesnake (Curtis Bishop), shows off gumdrops to townspeople.



"Deal 'em Doc." Wild Bill Hickock (Kyle Tanner) and "Doc" Pierce (Justin Verhoeff) play poker while waiting for the Deadwood Stage.



Joe (Tyson Dahl), the bartender, works on cleaning the bar after closing hours.



*"Men, men, terrible men." Calamity Jane (Darcy Reese) complains after promising to bring actress Adelaid Adams back to Deadwood.*



*Saloon girls Stacie Justice, Elizabeth Myers, Jami Torske and Emily Stein finish their dance at the Golden Garter.*



*"Love you dearly..." Lt. Danny Gilmartin (Mark Troutfetter) and Katie (Susie Green) profess their love for each other.*



*The one perfect girl. Bill (Kyle Tanner) and the town's men give praise to their favorite actress, Adelaid Adams.*

***"Calamity Jane"***  
**All photos and captions**  
**by Amber Byarlay**

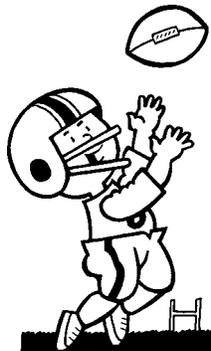
## Varsity Score Box

### Volleyball

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### Football

Football Record 0-7



## Volleyball has all-league players

By Andrea Keeler

For head volleyball coach Mr. Bill Gies, the sub-state volleyball tournament was the end to quite a season.

"I enjoyed the season even though I had hoped for more victories and wins in sub-state," Gies said.

The sub-state tournament was played on Oct. 23 in Belleville.

"I felt we were mentally unprepared to participate once the match started. We did not play to our potential," Gies said.

The Southeast Lady Trojans were ranked second in North Central Activities Association (NCAA) league play. Minneapolis, the team we shared the title with last year, was ranked number one.

"I am pleased we have been able to challenge for the NCAA title the last two seasons," Gies said.

Five players also made the all-league volleyball team consisting of players from Ellsworth, Minneapolis, Russell, Belleville, Beloit and Southeast of Saline. First team selections were Heidi Ptacek, Anne Johnson and Shala Bloomberg. Honorable Mentions were Rachel Smith and Chelsie Schwarz.

Ptacek was second in the league with both assists (sets) per game and serves. She was also third in the league with aces. Johnson lead the league in attacks and kills.

## Cross country finishes season

By Amber Byarlay

Saturday, Oct. 30 was a day that went down in Southeast of Saline cross country history. It was the first day in more than a decade that Southeast of Saline boys' and girls' cross country teams didn't send a team to compete at the state meet.

To be precise, the girls have made it to State the past 15 and years and the boys have made it the past 14.

"Every streak will end sometime. We had a very young team this year, and I think that they'll be able to start a new streak next year," Southeast head coach Mr. Wayne Sager said.

In order to compete at the state meet, a team must finish in the top three at Regionals. An individual must finish in the top 10 to be eligible for the state race. Southeast had one runner who qualified for the state meet this year, senior Stacie Justice.

Justice placed 29<sup>th</sup> with a time of 13:13 and received all-league honors.

Sager was pleased with Justice's perfor-



mance at state.

"Stacie ran very well at state. Her last two races were races where you could see that she wanted to perform well and she did. At state, Stacie placed better than six of the girls who had beat her at Regionals, and she was the top girl finisher from our league," Sager said.

"I'm happy with my performance at State. I beat everybody in my league and half of the people who beat me at Regionals. I would have liked to have placed in the top 20 (they qualify for all-state) but just the same, I improved my time from all of my previous years. I'm proud that I got to go to State four times; there's a lot tougher competition than there has been in the past," Justice said.

Saturday, Oct. 23 the team competed at the regional meet in Great Bend. The guys earned a fifth place finish and the girls' placed sixth overall.

"I think that the teams did fine. I don't think that the girls ran as well as they wanted to, but the boys gave it all they had and beat three teams that had beaten them one week before Regionals. The guys were also just 10 points shy of being a state qualifying team," Sager said.

Senior Jeremy Prater (19, 17:16), freshman Tucker Weese (21, 17:18) and junior Mike Pope (31, 17:58) led the guys' team. Justice (10, 13:01), senior Emma Arreola (38, 14:06) and sophomore Jayme Sauber (41, 14:29) led the girls.

## Trojans come up short against Warriors

By Charly Bloom

The Southeast of Saline Trojan football team battled the Marion Warriors Thursday, Oct. 28, losing 42-15 in their last game of the season.

Despite the way the score looked, Southeast played very well and did so throughout all four quarters. They took the opening kick and went 73 yards in four plays (without a score) and continued to play tough after that, according to Head Coach Pat Haxton.

"I'm very proud of the kids; they never gave up," Haxton said.

Another positive aspect in the losing effort is that Adam Ptacek and Mark Troutfetter combined to break the previous passing record with almost 1,200 yards in one season. This game greatly enhanced Troutfetter's passing statistics as he connected on 16 of 31 attempts and threw only one interception. He amassed a total of 256 passing yards.

The Trojans had 297 total yards — 256 passing and 41 on the ground. The rushing yards were divided as follows: Dustin Foresberg, 10-36; Brett Brack, 6-13; Ptacek, 2-2 and Troutfetter, 3-10. Receiving included: Cole Eilders, 8-125; Tom Komp, 2-8; Ptacek, 1-32; Dains, 1-2 and Brack, 4-88. Forsberg had 3 punts with an average of

46.3 yards.

Haxton said these were good numbers and he was proud of the team, especially the seniors.

"The five seniors stuck it out through thick and thin. I wish nothing but the best for them throughout the rest of their lives," Haxton said.

During the second quarter came Southeast's first score, which was a 47-yard pass from Troutfetter to Eilders (PAT Chaid Schwarz).

The final Trojan score of the night, a 45-yard pass from Troutfetter to Eilders, came in the third quarter. A Ptacek run completed the two-point conversion.

"Overall we got better as the year went along, and that is what we wanted to accomplish. We did a lot better on Thursday than in week one," Haxton said.

Haxton said that after this game, senior Cole Eilders talked to the guys about stepping up and being leaders next year.

"Eilders had a great and emotional impact on the team," he said. "All the seniors will be very missed."

Senior Brett Brack also said that he would miss the team and thinks they will be very much improved in years to come.

"Even though we didn't have the best year, we have the potential to be better in the future," he said.

## Girls' basketball has high hopes for new season

By Amanda Penn

Head Girls' Basketball Coach Mr. Wayne Sager sees the upcoming season as promising.

"We have a good group of girls coming back that has experience from last year. Our main goal this season is improvement. We have a good opportunity to make great improvement," Sager said.

The team returns five starters — seniors Anne Johnson, Stacie Justice, Heidi Ptacek and Chelsie Schwarz and junior Nikki Messersmith.

Annie Olsen, the other varsity starter, graduated. Due to a knee injury, Olson only started half the season. Messersmith replaced her during her absence.

The team's strength will be its experience and ability to play together.

"I think that it will be a better season, because the girls have more experience this year," player Anne Johnson said.

The greatest weakness is likely to be height.

"I think the other teams will have an

advantage because of our height but we have to take advantage over what we have on the court," Sager said.



The girls are ready for the season; practice started Nov. 15.

"We are pumped up and ready to go," player Jamie Giersch said.

Their first game will be Dec. 7 against the Chapman Fighting Irish.

"I'm really looking forward to this season. It'll be a lot of

fun and I'll learn many more skills and plays," Amanda Preston said.

The girls played hard last year but didn't win many. At the end of last season, Sager described the experience as a tale of two seasons. The team record was 5-16, with most of the wins coming near the end

of the season.

This year the girls are hopeful they will continue to improve as they did near the end of last season.

"I am really looking forward to playing my first year of high school basketball," player Emily Eilders said.

Sager looks forward to the challenge, too.

"We'll try new things that the coaching staff feels will fit to the girls that we have on the team," Sager said.

This year's team includes: Johnson, Justice, Schwarz, Ptacek, Messersmith, Emma Arreola, Jasmin Koroll, Cara Ade, Rachel Latham, Traci Bell, Jamie Giersch, Kendra Clark, Haylie Colby, Emily Eilders, Rena Fowles, Amanda Preston, Laura Reed, Jamie Schropp, April Torske and Tammi Verhoeff.

"We have a good schedule. We play a lot of bigger schools and in our league, most schools will have a lot of people returning," Sager said.

## Boys' basketball short of seniors

By Sylvia Sawyer

Now that the football season is over, the basketball season is jumping into its place, although second-year coach Dee Kolzow says that little is known about how the season will go.

One main reason for this is the loss of so many seniors. The team lost Scott Chrisman, Tyson Douglas, Nathan Maddox, Kevin Peterson, Chance Ptacek, Nathan Kerj, and Jeff Knopf last year. Five of those graduates started at some point in the season.

Also, this year's team is lacking in height, considering the tallest players are 6'3".

"That doesn't mean that the team will be bad," Kolzow said.

"To be prepared and have a fundamentally sound team on offense and defense is my main goal this year," said Kolzow.

Kolzow would also like to see the team compete for the league title.

Returning players include Cole Eilders, Thomas Stein, Terry Kinsler, Dustin Kruse, Casey Noonan, Jeremy Petty, Phil Schmidt, Justin Sheets, Mark Troutfetter, Kyle Augustine, Ryan Brack, Zach Dains, Justin Hartman, Kerry Kolzow, Tom Komp, Chad Leister, Adam Ptacek, Chaid Schwarz, and Jacob Seim.

Newcomers include Aaron Lamer, Ken Pedersen, Mitch Barnes, Brad Brack, Dan Carr, Kyle Hartman, Jay Knopf, Jordan Komp, Jason Korbelik, Matt Garretson, Justin Lockhart, Ben Ryan and Nick Rortina.

The first game of the season is on December 7. We will host Chapman here, at Southeast.

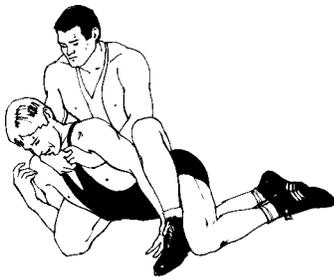
## Wrestling starts off fresh this season

By Sylvia Sawyer

The new wrestling season has been kicked off, and our team has high hopes for this year.

Returning wrestlers are Dustin Forsberg, Carl Ade, Colt Balthazor, Bobby Moran, Jeremy Prater and Justin Verhoeff.

The new additions the team are Tyler Babb, Jordan Dupes, Kody Losey, Michael Sims, Broc Tanner, Adam Stephenson, Da



Coach Dee Kolzow instructs his players at practice.  
(Photo by Erica Flores)

# 25-year-old custodian aspires to teach

By Charly Bloom

Josh Massey, 25, likes his job as an SES custodian, but he's already considering a career change. He wants to teach.

"I've been kicking the idea around for a long time," Massey said.

Massey plans to further his education at K-State Salina or Kansas Wesleyan. He plans to major in secondary education and eventually teach high school history or English. His ambitions were partly why he took the custodial job here at Southeast. Now he can be exposed to student life and also learn what to expect from high school students.

Massey is the oldest of 10 children and grew up in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the capital of the Cherokee nation. When Massey was a young child, his parents divorced and his mother married his stepfather who had five kids of his own.

"I grew up in a nuclear family—always ready to explode," Massey joked.

During high school Massey was quite the cut-up and barely applied himself. But, there was one teacher that he recalls that changed his life.

"There was this one teacher and she really wanted me to go to the constitution contest and I didn't want to go. So, when she asked me what time to pick me up, I lied and said I would be at home, but I went to one of my friends instead. She hunted me down, and I told her I didn't have any nice clothes to wear, and she said it was okay because she bought me a new shirt and tie. I ended up winning the contest and got to go to Nationals in Washington D.C. She really went out of her way to help me," Massey said.

While high school, most of Massey's friends were in college already, including his wife, Sherry. At the age of 18, Massey married Sherry.

"I wouldn't recommend marrying as young as I did. I got lucky... seriously, I lucked out," he said.

So far Massey and Sherry have been married for seven years but there are no children in the picture as of yet, Massey said.

"Right now we don't have any kids, but who knows. Hopefully we'll have some in the future," he said.

Sherry and Josh got married in August and in December he was shipped off to basic training. He was in the army for six and a

half years. He worked as a mechanic on Bradley Fighting Vehicles, but has never been called to fight in a battle. The military has helped him get out of debt and will help pay for his future college education. He also talks about being in the National Guard.

"If you have the chance to be in the National Guard, do it because it will pay for a percentage of your tuition for college. It is the best kept secret in Kansas," Massey said.

Massey is still in the National Guard, and he is working here as a custodian as he begins to focus on his teaching career. He wants to influence children's lives and that is his main reason for wanting to teach.

"It's a job that can change lives. A teacher changed my life for the better and I would like to have that affect on someone someday," Massey said.



Josh Massey drives a Bradley vehicle. (Photo provided by Josh Massey)

## Musical wraps up but music department keeps on playing

By Andrea Keeler

Both the vocal and band branches of the Southeast of Saline music department have many upcoming events in the next month.

There are some events that will be shared by both the band and vocal. The Jazz Band and Madrigals will perform at the Assaria Christmas Tree-Lighting on Nov. 28. The Winter Program is scheduled on Dec. 9 and both the band and vocal will play here, too.

As for the musical, director Mr. Bill Tuzicka, said it was very successful.

"It went very, very, well. We gave three really pretty solid performances," Tuzicka said.

As soon as the vocal department fin-

ished with their musical "Calamity Jane," they went on to other tasks.

For starters, the Madrigals will be singing at the Assaria Thanksgiving service on Nov. 21.

Then, on Nov. 22, they travel to league choir in Belleville. The six league schools can each supply 25 singers.

Greg Bontrager, director of the Goessel High School singers, will be the director.

The Madrigals also have been accepted to perform on KAKE TV's 'Choirs of Christmas' program. The program will be aired on Dec. 24 and 25.

The band has many performances scheduled to take place during the holiday

season. On Dec. 2, the Jazz Band will travel to Bethany College in Lindsborg, to play with Bethany's band. As of right now, there are no further plans for the trip to California, which will take place in the Spring of 2000.

"One other thing is that we did have one student qualify for the KMEA District Honor Band," Band Director Mr. Bill Olson said.

Elisabeth Myers, flutist, was one of many students auditioning for a position. There were 12 flutists chosen to be in the Kansas Music Education Association Band.

Sara Prater, tenor saxophonist, and Jim Scheibmeir, guitarist, also auditioned.

Myers will rehearse on Dec. 4 and later that evening play in a concert in Manhattan.

# FCCLA prepares for busy winter season

By Ashley Mueller

Thanksgiving Break was sliced off nicely by FCCLA with a banana split party for members on Nov. 16, one week before break.

At the door, members were given a bowl. They had to "earn" other toppings for their banana split, including vanilla ice cream and a spoon, by answering questions about STAR events. STAR events is Students Taking Action for Recognition. A correct answer advanced members to the next station, manned by a chapter officer.

Questions included: What is applied technology? Are spectators allowed to view the Focus on Children event? "How many people make up a Par Law team?"

"The banana split party was fantastic. I enjoyed it," sophomore and two-year member Traci Bell said.

Members had the opportunity to sign up for STAR events, which many took advantage of. Garretson tries to encourage STAR event participation.

"I try to encourage STAR events. I try to make all students in my FACS classes and my FCCLA members aware of it,"

Garretson said.

Another way Garretson encourages STAR events is by asking the Board of Education for money beforehand, in confidence that someone from the SES chapter will make it to the national competition in the summer of 2000. Last Monday, Garretson received \$4,000 of the requested \$6,000.

The Board last year voted to limit trip funding to \$10,000. Sponsors must apply for their trip funding dollars in advance of their trips. Prior to that vote, the Board decided upon each funding request individually, and the total outlay was sometimes beyond the \$10,000 limit.

The people who attended the National Meeting in Boston, Mass., presented a power point presentation to the board members. The presenters were Jayme Sauber, Lindsey Shirack, Charly Bloom, Emily Hawkes, Melissa Hillyard, Angela Wilson, Amy Giersch, Michelle Wilson and Emily Stein.

Garretson said she believes the students' benefit from STAR events warrants the funding.

"(STAR events) shows you what it's

like to follow through with a goal with a set criteria. There are rewards and benefits from the hard work. It teaches you poise, self-discipline, plus gives you recognition. It's what FACS and FCCLA is all about," Garretson said.



FCCLA member Amy Giersch holds up whip cream cans for the big banana split party. (Photo by Mrs. Garretson)

# QPA visits Southeast once again

By Tammi Verhoeff

Southeast of Saline students were initially scheduled to attend classes until 1 p.m. Wednesday, but classes have been cancelled and the students' Thanksgiving break extended. Do you know why?

QPA.

If you still don't understand, read on.

Wednesday is a day that has been set aside for teachers to work on one strand on the school's QPA improvement plan. QPA stands for Quality Performance Accreditation, and QPA is the state's plan for accrediting schools. In a nutshell, accreditation matters to the students because the school's plan must be approved by a visiting team if SES is to receive state funding. And without money, the school ceases to exist.

On Wednesday, teachers will learn more about a reading strategy called Question Answer Response, or QAR. The purpose of the in-service is to train

teachers to teach students to read better.

The other areas that teachers are working on are math, writing and success. On Nov. 16, the teachers had a preliminary visit with the visiting team to explain their plans for improving these areas.

The chairs of the four subcommittees are as follows: Writing, Mr. Gary McClure; Reading, Mr. Mike Garretson; Mathematics/Problem Solving, Mr. Bob Sauber; and Success, Mrs. Melinda Smith. The boss of overseeing the QPA is Principal Monte Couchman. Mr. Bill Tuzicka and Mr. Rex Cooper are the co-chairmen of the steering committee.

There are a lot of different areas that need to be looked over and revised in each target area that has been chosen for improvement.

"Our research shows that the area of writing which needs the most improvement is conventions," McClure said. "There-

fore, we have chosen to emphasize improving conventions scores on the Kansas Writing Assessment and the CTBS tests."

There are state assessments in three of the four target areas — reading, writing and math. The reading and writing assessments are new and will be given to grades eight and 11 in January or February.

Previously, writing assessments were administered at grades eight and 10.

"There are many changes in the works concerning assessments," McClure said. "We have changes not only in the grade level tested, but also in content. Previous state writing assessments have primarily assessed narrative personal experience writing. This year, the eighth grade assessment will cover expository writing, and the eleventh grade test will cover persuasive writing."

He explained that the state reading assessment would also

give evidence for needed changes.

"There are two main areas of change," McClure said. "First, where only narrative and expository reading were tested in previous years, now students will be assessed in persuasive and technical reading as well. Second, the tests will probably take longer to complete. Last year's reading test was slated for approximately 90 minutes. The new test is more thorough and will probably take twice as long.

Math assessments will be administered to seventh and 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

"After the tests are looked over and we receive the results, we first record the data on permanent files. We then categorize the tests into certain student groups (male/female, economic status and grade level). After that we look over the scores of all the groups and report to either the School Board or the State of Kansas," Couchman said.

# Scholar's Bowl finishes second, strives for first

By Amber Byarlay

As the road to state grows shorter, the Southeast of Saline Scholars' Bowl team is looking to put some wins on their record. So far they have three second place finishes, which is just fine with head coach Mr. Bob Sauber.

"I am pleased with the team's effort, although I expected us to place first. This year we have some inexperienced team members who are improving each meet; I'm pleased with their progress," Sauber said.

The varsity team competed at the Hope meet on Saturday, Nov. 13. Their overall record was 5-2 and they placed second. Team members who competed at the meet were Nick Sparacino, Candice Broshar,

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**--Coach Bob Sauber**

Stacie Justice, Adam Smith and Martha Bethé.

"I thought that we did very well at Hope," Sauber said.

The varsity team competed at the McPherson meet on Thursday, Nov. 4. Southeast took two teams but neither of them qualified for finals. Team members included Broshar, Amber Byarlay, Terry Kinsler and Jacob Wrench. Their record was 3-2.

The other team consisted of Angelina Regan, Hillyard, Harbin and Ryan. Their record was 2-3.

Southeast also hosted and competed in a junior varsity meet on Tuesday, Oct. 26. One of Southeast's teams placed second overall with a record of 4-1. Team members were Harbin, Jayme Sauber, Lindsey Shirack, Joe Sparicino and Ryan. The other team failed to qualify for finals and had a record of 0-5. Team members included Hillyard, Tammi Verhoeff, Roy Riffle, Jay Knopf and Rusty Plymell.

The varsity team's next meet will be at Solomon on Monday, Nov. 22 and the junior varsity team will compete on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Peabody.

## Living on my Own spends six weeks job shadowing

By Ashley Mueller

Imagine a class where, for six weeks, you get to take a field trip! That's not exactly what Living on My Own students are doing, but it's close.

For the past six weeks, they have been job shadowing their career interest.

The class includes a wide variety of interests ranging from vocal music to attorney at law to registered dietician to veterinarian.

Junior Susie Green is dual shadowing at Smoky Valley High School in the counselor's department and art department.

"In the art room, I look at and use gesso and observe the class," Green said.

"In the counselor's room, I watch students plan for next year and I met her dog. She has a dealing dog and the kids come in to pet it," Green said.

Green recommends job shadowing.

"I recommend when you're looking into a job, to do job shadowing," Green said.

Occupied with a different learning experience, Amy Long is shadowing at Town and Country Animal Hospital. She both observes and interacts.

"I get to interact and play with the animals. The only major things I have observed is a dog getting neutered and a cat getting spayed," Long said.

Long enjoys job shadowing.

"It's really fun and helps you decide if that's the right profession for you. You learn more about the field," Long said.

Job shadowing will conclude Nov. 24. Until then, students will continue to explore potential future careers.

## Journalism takes a break with trip to KU

By Charly Bloom

Leaving their deadlines behind for a day, SES journalism students will move beyond the print media Tuesday, Nov. 30 when they tour the KU newspaper and radio and TV stations. They will leave at approximately 6:30 a.m.

"For people who are interested in journalism as a career, this trip will further their knowledge on the subject. For those who aren't interested in journalism as a career, they should still benefit from the trip. Hopefully everyone will pick up some information to use in the classroom," advisors assistant, Amber Byarlay said.

Byarlay has been arranging the field trip and has a high interest in majoring in journalism and possibly making it a career.

"This is an opportunity for members

of our staff who are exploring the idea of public relations or journalism as a future career to see what it is really like beyond high school," Editor Andrea Keeler said.

The students are scheduled to tour the Journalism School buildings, studios and newsrooms at 10:00 a.m. Then, at 11:00 a.m. they will sit in on a radio/television class in the Bob Dole building. Finally, to finish up the day, at 1:30 p.m. they will have a panel discussion with current KU students.

In previous years, the Trojournal staff has gone to Salina Access Television, the Salina Journal, KWCH TV, Wesley Medical Center and the Wichita Eagle.

The class is planning to begin the return trip around 2:00 p.m. to be back for the afternoon buses or evening activities.

## Lynn to host Accelerated Reader Contest

By Erica Flores

Programs, points and prizes are all a part of the Accelerated Reader Program.

At the beginning of the second quarter, librarian Kendall Lynn initiated an Accelerated Reader contest for each grade level.

Lynn will award prizes at the end of this quarter and at the end of the next two quarters.

"This idea not only gives the students an incentive to read by giving out prizes, but it also improves their reading comprehension," Lynn said.

The school purchased the Accelerated Reader program two years ago for \$1,580.25 and since then has been encouraging students to participate in this program.

Each book is worth a certain amount of points. After reading various books, students are quizzed. The lowest book level is worth 0.5 points and the highest point value for one book is 18 points. By accumulating points, students place themselves in the running for prizes. The people with the most points win prizes in the third nine weeks. There will be three prizes per grade level — CD's, board games and gift certificates.

All students from seventh grade to twelfth have the option to partake in this reading program. Depending on your teacher, they may use points for extra credit or as part of the curriculum.

There are 683 books that are covered by the tests.

The contests are being held in the library and Lynn is in charge.

