



# The Trojournal

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## 'Godspell' cast faces challenges but overcomes

By Katie Geisler

Even Jesus is challenged. As the cast continues to prepare for the upcoming musical of "Godspell", the challenges are many and even Mark Troutfetter who plays Jesus says that he's challenged.

"I must have two thirds of the lines in the play," Troutfetter said. "I sometimes worry about forgetting some lines because there are so many."

He also said that it was challenging to portray Jesus. In the play, Troutfetter simply waves his hand and the cast begins to enact the parable. Troutfetter said that he is not used to that kind of power, though he does find some similarities between playing quarterback and playing Jesus in the musical.

Troutfetter shows the confused people the way they should go and he empowers them to make the right decisions.

"I'm showing the audience what's good and what's right," Troutfetter said.

He also has the power to perform miracles in people's lives such as raise them from self-pity.

But for him to be able to make these miracles happen, Troutfetter has had to discipline himself to be able to perform to the best of his ability.

"I can't just sit down and think I have nothing to do," Troutfetter said.

He said he has to read through lines every night before bed. There is less chatting on the computer and less TV.

But Troutfetter is not the only one facing challenges in "Godspell".

"Godspell" is Brandon Pourier's first performance in a musical. He plays four or five parts as a town's person. The most challenging part of the musical for Pourier is the music.

"The hardest part is the music because I've never been in vocal," Pourier said.

Pourier said that he wished that he had been in (See "Pourier..." on p. 10)



Mark Troutfetter (a.k.a. Jesus) preaches to the rest of the cast in the musical *Godspell*, which they will be performing on Nov. 10 and 11. (Photo by Tammi Verhoeff)

## Fire causes evacuation of school

By Tammi Verhoeff

"I always miss the exciting stuff," Ashley Mueller said.

Mueller and the rest of the cross country team were at Downs competing in NCAA league last Thursday when Superintendent Robert Goodwin decided to evacuate the school due to a grass fire.

The fire was four to five miles from the school before it was under control. The fire originally started in McPherson county

where firefighters thought they had the fire out, but the fire rekindled and with the high winds on Thursday rushed through the county.

The elementary students were evacuated at 2:30 and then the high school was evacuated at 3:10. Everybody was bused to Assaria Lutheran Church.

Students sat in or around the bus waiting for their parent/guardians.

"We didn't want to release kids for

fear of the fire switching directions, or leaving kids home alone with the fire still going," Goodwin said.

The cause of the fire was unknown.

Of the three major evacuations, this is the only one that required students to be removed from school grounds. A bomb threat in 1993 caused an evacuation outside of the school, and a tornado in 1998 required everybody to be moved downstairs until the danger had passed.

# How can we prevent students from having alcohol at school functions?



Jesse Hanson:

*Have a massive strip search with rubber gloves!*



Brandon Harrod:

*Keep kids in certain areas and have more adults around to supervise.*



Mr. Cooper:

*Prevention should come from education, but you can't prevent somebody from drinking, all you can do is punish them.*



Mitchell Lacy:

*Remind them they're not 21.*



## Southeast of Saline THE TROJOURNAL

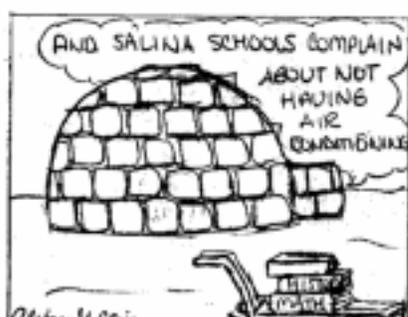
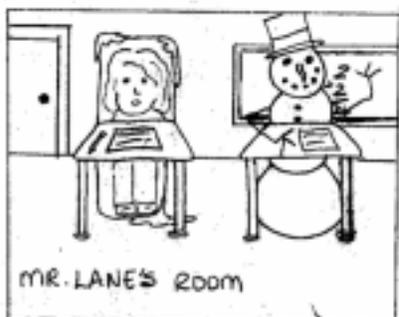
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SOUTHEAST OF SALINE: SUCHA HEARTWARMING SCHOOL



Alvin K. Cole

# Music is nothing if it falls on deaf ears

*When will we learn that alcohol kills?*

By Tammi Verhoeff

When you burn your hand on a stove, you learn not to put your hand on the stove when it's hot.

When your mother tells you not to play ball in the house because you might break something and you go to bed with no supper because you broke a lamp, you learn to listen to your mother.



When somebody dies because they made the mistake of drinking and driving, there's obviously a lesson. But why haven't we learned it yet?

Recently at Southeast of Saline's Homecoming, somebody "spiked" the beverage that Stuco had provided. Though the alleged spiking incident was discovered before the punch was drunk, it opened some people's eyes and raised a few questions.

People wondered what happens to

those who spike drinks, whether pop bottles should be allowed in lockers and on dance floors, and whether students realize that drinking is not only illegal but also deadly.

Teachers and dance sponsors aren't as dumb as some students might think. People who spike drinks will be caught and punished, and before long, pop will be banned on school premises just because school officials cannot trust us to keep only pop in the bottles and cans. Furthermore, sponsors will soon come to the conclusion that they need to make the consequence BIG.

They'll acknowledge that kicking kids out of dances for having alcohol is like a slap on the wrist. And they'll realize that the offenders will simply sit out in their cars, get drunk, then brag about how they were kicked out. Since drinking is an illegal offense, officials will call the police if anybody has alcohol either on their breath or in a bottle. And being booked into jail won't be fun for the offender.

But dealing with the police isn't the greatest potential consequence. Unfortunately, some students don't realize what happens when they take their first sip.

Drinking messes up minds and immobilizes them if they have too much.

And often young people do drink too much. The pasture parties are among the biggest killers of them all.

A friend who dies in an alcohol-related accident can never come back. If you go without supper, you'll eat again and if you burn your hand, it will heal, but you will never bring your friend back. NEVER.

Death is the biggest consequence of all, but that's one lesson we haven't learned. True, some people may go a week without drinking after a death but perhaps only because they know people are going to be on the lookout. After that week is up, many go back to the same old routine.

Whether it's a six pack every night, a sip once a month, or a bottle smuggled into the Homecoming dance, drinking is wrong. There's no excuse for it and if that doesn't stop you, DRINKING IS ILLEGAL for those people under 21 and after that, it's just plain stupid! Why get dependent on something that's going to waste your money, get you in trouble, hurt your body and mind and might eventually kill you?

# Quick evacuation decision saves lives

By Caitlin Bunger

School administrators deserve the praise of students and the community for evacuating the school when a grass fire became a threat to the school two weeks ago. Deciding to evacuate the building near leaving time was a decision that was bound to invite criticism, but it was a decision that needed to be made.

It was a decision that assured a safe and secure environment for the students of Southeast of Saline.

However, as with all things we don't do often, there were a few things we all



could learn from the experience.

1. Since school was scheduled to be dismissed in ten minutes, wouldn't it have been just as cautious to cancel all after-school events and send everybody home? If there was danger of fire for those in a part of the district, perhaps those students only could be evacuated to another part of the district. If administrators were concerned about students driving toward the fire, maybe they could have cautioned students to go directly home and not risk their lives by driving near the fire.

2. If everyone has to be evacuated, let us take our homework. Since students were in seminar anyway, they should have already had homework with them, so all they'd have to do is carry their backpacks out to the bus and either hold them on their laps or put them under the seats of the bus.

That wouldn't really cause the buses to be overcrowded, would it?

3. Provide more communication to faculty and students before the evacuation. Granted, we don't want anyone to panic, but communication is more likely to reduce panic than increase it. An e-mail could be sent to teachers outlining procedures just as soon as the evacuation decision is made.

Students also need to know what will happen and why. If we'll not be allowed to drive or take our backpack from our seminars, a brief explanation of why would help us understand the decision.

Again, administrators should be applauded for keeping the students of Southeast of Saline safe, but there are some things we could improve if a similar situation should arise later.

# FCCLA takes trips state-wide

By Sarah Maine

With all the trips Mrs. Juanelle Garretson has planned, you would think she would have no time to do anything else.

"I don't have as much time with Mr. G and the kids as I would like sometimes, but I do have a lot of fun doing all the different things," said Garretson.

If you were to look at the calendar on Mrs. Garretson's desk, you would see trips to Buhler, Kansas City, job shadowing trips to Salina and a possible trip to Tony's pizza.

"It is better for the kids to see what I'm talking about rather than just listening to me lecture," she said, explaining her reason for scheduling the trips.

This morning at 7:30 Mrs. Garretson left for the Fall Leadership Academy in Buhler, Kansas, along with 56 members of FCCLA. Garretson and the 56 attending will participate in various activities all day long. Activities will include such things as the general session with guest speaker Mitch Wright from Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Wright's wife was the teacher killed in the school shootings two and a half years ago. He will be speaking against school violence.

There will also be workshops all about the different aspects of FCCLA. A fashion show involving one person from each school will get all the schools involved. Ashley Muller and Emily Stein were in charge of getting props and getting other schools involved in the fashion show.

Those who went to Nationals this summer and other state and national events will also

be honored.

Nineteen FCCLA members will be attending a "mini-Nationals" cluster meeting in Kansas City, Missouri on Nov. 10-12. Those 19 members going are Charly Bloom, Denae Boyd, Celicia Davis, Amber Earles, Sarah Erdner, Rena Fowles, Meladee Garst, Emily Hawks, Melissa Hillyard, Kelsey Lynn, Sarah Maine, Ashley Muller, Erinn Rogers, Jayme Sauber, Lindsey Shirack, April Torske, Ashley Unruh, Chelsie Unruh, and Jamie Wilcox.

In past years Garretson has usually only takes about 12 students, but this year because of the location of the meeting and the fact that all participants were willing to pay their own way, Mrs. Garretson decided to take a bus and all who wanted to go.

To remain focused, Garretson said she has had to cut some things out. For example, because of the cluster meeting, she has decided to skip the A+ Conference is in Osage Beach, Missouri.

Even after cutting out a few items, Garretson and the FCCLA members have plenty of opportunity for involvement. For example, Emily Stein and Ashley Muller have been very involved in their Peer Education Team and different presentations they will be doing throughout the school year at various schools. They went to South Middle to talk to several different Family and Consumer Science, FACS, classes on Oct. 20 and will go to Northern Heights in Allen, Kansas on Nov. 15. They will also be running one of the workshops at the Fall Leadership Academy.

Also the District G officers have had 6 meetings to plan the activities for District G. We have three District G officers from our school—Jayme Sauber, Emily Stein and Ashley Muller.

# Southeast students give to fund Honduras school

By Sarah Maine

Emily Eilders, Alicia Pavkov and Jamie Schropp have started an FCCLA chapter service project that could touch the lives of hundreds. The project is called Mission Honduras, and the plan is to collect as much money as possible to send to Honduras.

The money will be used to help build a school there. Donna Karber, a friend of Eilder's from church, told them about the need.

Eilders, Pavkov and Schropp have chosen this project as their STAR Event, a Chapter Service Project. This STAR event recognizes chapters that have developed and implemented an in-depth service project that makes a worthwhile contribution to families and schools. Participants can compete at District, and if they win there, they will be able to compete at the state level. If they win there, they will get to go to Anaheim, California for National competition.

The girls brainstormed, wondering how they would get the students at SES to give money for people in Honduras. They agreed that pizza would be a good motivator and decided to initiate a seminar contest. The seminar that raises the most money by Oct. 24 will earn a pizza party on Oct. 31 during seminar.

The fierce competition among seminars has surprised the contest planners.

"We didn't think it would turn out to be this big of a deal, we just thought everyone would put in a dollar or two, not ten apiece," said Pavkov.

However, on the first day of the contest, Mr. Wagner sent out an e-mail to all the teachers saying ... "We are now at \$62.00—Mr. Gies, we are thinking in 'Supreme' terms!"

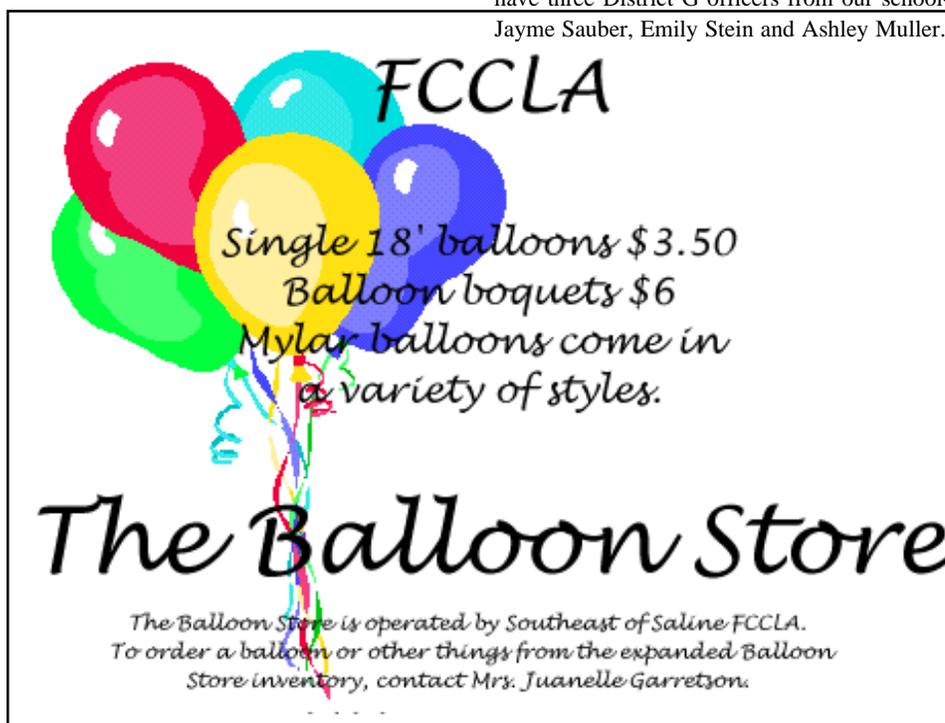
The contest originators are thinking in supreme terms, too.

Though they are willing to go to Anaheim, their greater desire is to help others.

"Whether or not we win at District or State or Nationals doesn't really matter. I'm doing something good for someone else! It was worth my time!" said Jamie Schropp.

The project is not just a one-time deal, however. It will be an ongoing project to get money for the school building in Honduras.

One of their ideas is having a Christmas dance with the funds going to the Honduras fund.



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 To order a balloon or other things from the expanded Balloon Store inventory, contact Mrs. Juanelle Garretson.

# Red Ribbon Week

## TRUST works hard to pull off another Red Ribbon Week

By Caitlin Bunger

On Halloween, Southeast of Saline students will say "BOO" to drugs as Red Ribbon Week draws to a close.

Red Ribbon Week, which started Monday, will be held through Oct 31. TRUST had many plans involving RRW including the annual button number drawings.

Students are winning candy, pop, and other items for having winning numbers on the backs of their buttons.

Yesterday TRUST planted red tulips in the butterfly garden with the fourth and sixth graders.

"(They planted tulips) as a constant reminder to stay on track," TRUST sponsor Mrs. Sandy Rogers said.

On Monday, TRUST went to McDonald's and tied red ribbons on the cars and also on the cars here in the SES parking lot.

Today's theme was "Wear Red Day," Monday's theme was "Red Button Day" and yesterday's was "Tie it on Day." Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign against drugs and alcohol.

Southeast joins more than one million

people nation wide in celebrating Red Ribbon Week. The celebration began in 1985, in honor of Kiki Camarena a Drug Enforcement Agent who was murdered by a Mexican drug cartel. Students across the nation now celebrate Red Ribbon Week as a reminder that drugs are dangerous.

- Daily 1,000 people die from tobacco related illnesses. 100,000 deaths each year are alcohol related.

- Alcohol is the number one drug of choice among young people and is involved in more than 50% of all domestic violence cases and traffic fatalities.

- Alcohol related car crashes are the number one killer of youth.

## Scholar's Bowl opens season with Quiveria Heights

By Tammi Verhoeff

Football, volleyball, cross country, cheerleading and dance team all require practice, and it's no different with scholar's bowl.

The Southeast of Saline's scholar's bowl team, fearlessly led by Mr. Bob Sauber, is out to get the gold.

"I hope to have a strong year this year, I expect a lot of strong leadership from the eight returning letterman," Sauber said.

Along with the eight returning letterman there are 15 other participants.

"We're opening the season with Quiveria Heights. We'll be taking along a varsity team and a freshman-sophomore team on October 16," Sauber said.

The group that went included Casey Noonan, Mike Pope, Dustin Kruse and Adam Smith for the varsity team; and Jay Knopf, Tammi Verhoeff, Amber Earles and Rachel Flax for the freshman-sophomore team.

Though the varsity team went 5-1, causing a three way tie, they were not able to make finals.

"We worked hard and I felt we did really well for our first time," Sauber said.

The junior varsity went 1-4.

## Top ten rules for surviving Halloween

By Katie Geisler and Tammi Verhoeff

(implants, permanent tattoos, etc.)

10) If you weigh over 300 pounds don't dress up as a stripper

9) If you go to a door and see someone dressed up as a wrinkly 85-year-old man, don't assume it's a costume. Especially if he says "Why should I give you anything? It's Halloween, not Christmas!"

8) Nothing is scarier than a duplicate of Brittany Spears, so don't wear a Brittany Spears costume, just don't.

7) When you steal little kid's candy, make sure they don't have a gun (Ya' know how kids are these days.)

6) Don't do anything you can't reverse when you wake up in the morning

5) Don't set fire to bags of poop and leave them on people's doorsteps.

4) Don't try to see how many pieces of candy corn you can stick up your nose and then stuff in your mouth.

3) Remember that Smashing Pumpkins is a group not a group activity.

2) Don't run over anybody and expect them not to get revenge when they come back from the dead. (It didn't work for Jennifer Love Hewitt, so it won't work for you.)

1) Don't sell your siblings for a six pack of Pepsi and bag of Twinkies (Make it at least twelve pack and a box of bonbons.)

# Sweedish student gives light to American policies

By Chris McMahan

In many aspects 17-year-old junior Christian Lennartsson is just as American as we are. He likes sports (generally soccer, handball, and basketball), he wants to see professional sports games, and he dates.



Lennartsson

“Dating in Sweden is pretty much the same as it is in the U.S.; we just hang out,” Christian said.

Christian is staying with Bill and Maryann Gies’ family while he is here. He will be staying here until the beginning of June when he will have to go back to Sweden and take this year over again.

He was given the choice to come here by his mom and sister.

“My mom asked my older sister if she wanted to go, but she didn’t want lose a year. My mom asked me if I wanted to go and I said O.K.,” Christian said.

Christian said while he was here he would like to see as much as possible while he is here.

“I would like to see Dodge City and some professional sports games. I would really like to see just has much as possible,” Christian said.

Sightseeing activities may have to wait a while, though, since he and his host family are busy with school.

School in Sweden is different than it is here in the US.

“We don’t end at the same time every day in Sweden. One day you can end at 9:00 and then another day, you could end at 1:00. Also you don’t choose classes; you choose a program and do the different classes in that program.

For example, one who chooses a science program takes classes related to math and science and one who chooses an arts program might take classes in foreign language, history and sociology.

Another difference is breaks.

“Breaks are longer (in Sweden), normally about 10 minutes, giving us time to rest and think a little, and lunches are normally an hour,” he said.

Christian misses the longer breaks between classes and the longer lunch break, but he does enjoy the fact that everyone knows everyone in this school.

“It’s a small school so no one is a stranger,” he said.

Even so, Christian is occasionally reminded that he is foreign when Americans mention their stereotype of Sweden as a more liberal society than ours.

Christian agrees that in certain aspects the liberal stereotype of his country is accurate, but it’s difficult to characterize Christian’s own views.

When it comes to smoking, he had one thing to say “Bad Habit.”

He also has strong opinions on nudity and Clinton’s affair with Monica Lewinsky.

“I don’t care,” he said about nudity. “If they want to run around naked, fine; do it on a nude beach, don’t do it in public.”

About Clinton’s affair, he said, “It was stupid. It was bad of him to lie. The affair had nothing to do with his political life so it was good he stayed in office,” he said.

His view of drinking is equally difficult to classify, though generally Christian believes that his country is more enlightened than ours about the drinking age.

“In Sweden we are allowed to buy beer and other softer liquors at 18 years old. When it comes to whiskey and other harder liquors, we have to be 21,” he said.

However, he added that Sweden is more conservative in some ways. For example, one must be 18 to drive in Sweden.

“The (driving) age should be 18,” he said. “When we think about Americans in Sweden we normally think ‘Oh wow, in America they can drive when they are 16; why can’t we do that.’ But when I got here in the first week someone died from a car crash. Then when school started, someone else died. That doesn’t happen in Sweden.”

Thus he has concluded that his country’s policy of drinking legally at 18 is safer than our young people’s choices of breaking the law to drink and driving younger than 18.



Jesse Hanson sings to Craig Stephenson at the Octoberfest. (Photo by Katie Geisler)



Southeast of Saline High School Band marches in Gypsum’s Octoberfest Day Parade. (Photo by Katie Geisler)

BIOLOGY STUDENTS WORK WITH NATURE



*Fifth hour Biology students Emily Eilders, Casey Krager, Tammi Verhoeff, Laura Reed and Amanda Preston sein for aquatic life at Pioneer Lake earlier this month.*



*Fourth hour Biology students Amanda Ziegler, Katie Geisler, Jamie Schropp and Alicia Pavkov inspect their catch at Pioneer Lake. Casey Bowmn stands by watching.*



*Fifth hour Biology students Brad Brock, Ben Ryan, Jordon Komp, Kyle Clifford, Mitcher Barnes and Rena Fowles inspect a catch in the freshwater ecosystem lab.*



*Fourth hour Biology students identify a snake Emily Henry brought to school.*



*Fourth hour Biology students identify different types of prairie grasses.*

# Banks-Smith not worried about competition at state

By Tammi Verhoeff

Though the Southeast of Saline boys and girls cross country team didn't qualify for state, 15-year-old Kristine Banks-Smith will keep moving on as she advances to the state cross country meet in Wamego.

"I'm really excited," said Banks-Smith.

For the second time, the 3A regional cross-country



Banks-Smith

meet was held at Southeast of Saline.

"I was excited because I knew the course and it seemed a lot shorter for me," said Banks-Smith, the SES girls' number one runner and past student athlete of the week.

Banks-Smith placed fourth with a personal best time of 13:00.

"I felt really good that day and through the whole race. I kind of got a little bit tired when we were heading back to the east. But up the hills I had a pretty good wind break from the other runners and I thought my form was pretty good," Banks-Smith.

Banks-Smith came in the middle of January last year to live with her host fam-

ily Jerry, Chris, Shannon and Kyle Davis.

Banks-Smith ran track for Southeast where she qualified for State in the 800 meters and the 1600 meters but did not medal at State.

"It is going to be very nerve racking at state because, once again, I will be competing against 18-year olds, but I am looking forward to it," Banks-Smith said.

Southeast also attended League at Downs, where Banks-Smith was the league champion. Banks-Smith ran the course in 13:31.

Other all-league placers included Jayme Sauber, Tucker Weese and Jason Brady.

# Football season draws to a close with one game left

By Chris McMahan

After losing to the 18 point favored Ellinwood Eagles 38-14, Southeast will take on the Ellsworth Bearcats at Ellsworth tomorrow. Coach Pat Haxton believes it will be a hard played game, especially after the loss to Ellinwood.

Southeast's chances of competing in state are extremely slim. To have a chance to compete in state three things have to happen, SES have to beat Ellsworth, Ellinwood has to lose to Hoisington, and SES would have to beat Ellinwood in a rematch. Though SES would like to keep up team spirit, it's easy to say that Hoisington would need a miracle to beat Ellinwood.

The best way to compare how the Trojans will do against Ellsworth is to compare how the Trojans did against teams Ellsworth played.

First off is Ellinwood. The Trojans lost to Ellinwood 38-14 and Ellsworth lost to Ellinwood 28-0. Looking at this, we can say that either SES was lucky to get two touchdowns, or the Trojans are just stronger offensively, being the only team to score on Ellinwood since their last loss.

The Bearcats defeated Belleville 22-20 while SES defeated them 33-27. Though the Trojans generated more offense than the Bearcats did against Belleville, the Bearcats allowed Belleville one fewer touchdown.

If SES performs as they did against Beloit, though, the Trojans should win. SES defeated Beloit 18-7 while Beloit defeated the Bearcats 21-7.

However, when we consider our game against Russell, the outlook for a Trojan victory might not be so positive. Though both SES and Ellsworth lost to Russell, Ellsworth lost by a smaller margin. Ellsworth lost 19-14 and SES lost to Russell 30-12.

The Trojans and the Bearcats also both lost to Minneapolis. The Trojans lost to 21-7 and Ellsworth lost 25-14.

Thus, though the outcome of tomorrow's game is difficult to predict, it is clear that the game should be close.

In the first game of district play Southeast squeaked by Hoisington 19-14 in a home game Friday Oct. 13. The game started off in favor of the Cardinals as they scored 14 points in the first half. Then late in the first half, junior Adam Ptacek intercepted a pass and ran it 48 yards to score with 3:16 left in the half. The PAT was good making the score 14-7 at the end of the half.

Coming out of the half the score remained the same until the end of the third quarter when Brad Brack made a four-yard run putting the Trojans down by one point. The PAT failed and the

quarter ended 14-13.

In the final quarter, Ptacek caught a 49-yard pass, putting the Trojans up 19-14 with 5:02 left. The two-point conversion failed, but the game ended 19-14 in the end after an interception was made by Adam Ptacek at about the 10-yard line.

Even with an excessive celebration penalty after the interception, the clock was run down and the Trojans scored their first home win.

The Southeast of Saline Trojans dominated the Beloit Trojans 18-7 the Friday before that.

"We just manhandled them," quarterback Mark Troutfetter said. "Most of the big plays were made by the defense. I think Carl Ade had two sacks and 10 tackles, two of them for losses," he said.



Southeast of Saline plays against Ellinwood last Friday. Ellinwood won 38-14. (Photo by Chris McMahan)



For the first time in Southeast of Saline, history two Homecoming queens — Emily Stein and Shannon Davis — were crowned. King Jeremy Petty stands between the two queens. The crown bearer was Page Edwards and the ball bearer was Austin Howe. (Photo by Chris McMahan)

## Varsity Score Box

### Football

Beloit	18-7
Hoisington	19-14
Ellinwood	14-38

**Record: 3-5**

### Volleyball

Belleville	12-15, 15-4, 15-17
	6-15, 14-16

#### Council Grove Invitational:

Sacred Heart	4-15, 10-15
Santa Fe Trail	6-15, 3-15
Chase Co.	13-15, 15-8, 6-15
Abilene	3-15, 5-15

Ellsworth	15-6, 4-15, 15-12
	15-8, 17-15

Minneapolis	9-15, 1-15
	6-15, 0-15

#### Sub-State at Hillsboro:

Ellsworth	11-15, 5-15
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**Record: 4-25**

### Cross Country

#### (Boys)

Ellsworth Invitational	9th
Downs (League)	4th
Regionals at SES	10th

#### (Girls)

Ellsworth Invitational	5th
Downs (League)	7th
Regionals at SES	5th

# Volleyball ends season with a 4-25 record

By Sarah Maine

The Southeast of Saline volleyball team was eliminated in two games 11-15, 5-15 Saturday in the first round of 3A sub-state, against Minneapolis.

"Minneapolis is a solid volleyball team and had beaten us on Tuesday," head coach Bill Gies said.

The Trojans started slowly, but fought back from 4-13 to within two at 11-13. Minneapolis got the serve back and finished the

first game, defeating the Trojans 15-11.

The second game started with promise when the Lady Trojans jumped out with a 3-0 lead.

"We battled with great intensity, covering the floor as well as we had all season," Gies said.

But the lead soon faded, and Minneapolis rallied to down the Trojans 15-5.

"Well, we tried," said Stephanie

Swanson, a senior who played her last game on Saturday.

Swanson was the team leader in stuffs with two and also tied for the lead in kills with four. Nikki Messersmith also had four kills.

Charly Bloom led the team in service points with six. Jamie Giersh followed close behind with five.

The Trojans ended the season 4-25.

# Secretaries make changes after ten years

By Caitlin Bunger

After ten years of working side by side in cramped quarters, laughing together, joking together, and handing each other folders without having to stand up, secretaries Mrs. Rita Johnson and Mrs. Norma Bowman have been separated.

Although they say that the change is good, Bowman and Johnson both agree that they miss working together. They said they had some inside jokes about the changes in kids clothing over the years and many other things. Now the only time they have to really talk is lunch time, although Bowman pointed out that all she has to do is push a button on her phone to reach Johnson.

They found out they were moving only weeks before school started. Bowman has moved to the area outside Counselor Judy White's office. Johnson has moved

about 10 feet south of her previous location to the area where Bowman previously worked.

In addition to the change in location, job duties have changed. After ten years of doing the same job, they suddenly had almost completely different duties. This caused some panic, but everything turned out okay, Johnson said.

Johnson who had been in charge of all the record keeping, the grades, progress reports, and scheduling is now in charge of the calendar, attendance, and mail. Bowman has taken over Johnson's old jobs of record keeping, the grades, progress reports, and some of the scheduling.

Bowman said Principal Monte Couchman was the one who decided that the move needed to be made.

"He did this so there will be better organization," Bowman said.

Moving Bowman alleviates some of the morning traffic jam that students had previously encountered. Since no one now occupies the space near the north secretaries' office door, students getting make-up slips aren't as crowded as they were last year.

Bowman, whose job includes helping Counselor Judy White, will also be able to talk to students without enduring the hubbub of the busy secretaries' offices, helping her keep things confidential. So far, it seems like the idea to move was a good one, Bowman said. Bowman and the students have their privacy and Johnson likes the additional space.

"(I like the change) because now I can see more than the wall!" Johnson said.

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a musical earlier. He has enjoyed being in the musical because a lot of his friends are in the musical as well. But he's still a little nervous about performing.

"I'm nervous about the performance because I've never been in anything like this before. It'll be a completely new experience for me, (but) I've had a lot of inspiration and encouragement from family and peers so I think I'll do okay," Pourier said.

Angelina Regan said she is also challenged by "Godspell." Regan has three or four parts in the musical and says that the hardest part is that there aren't any breaks between the scenes. Each act goes right into the next without any stops.

She has performed in two other musicals before this one.

"It's easier than other musicals in the aspect that there's less lines, but it's harder because it involves communicating in actions instead of words," Regan said.

She has enjoyed the selection of "Godspell."

"I'm an avid reader of the Bible; therefore, I understand the basis of the musical. Plus, it's even more fun because I get to do it with Mr. Tuzicka and the gang," Regan said.

She will also be performing a solo of the song "Day by Day." Music director Mrs. Susan Tuzicka said that one of her great-

est challenges is the difficulty of the music. The music in the musical is very contemporary and in a variety of styles ranging from ballad to almost heavy rock.

"The rhythms and chords are complex and constantly changing," she said.

For most of the musical, two to three keyboards and drums are used and occasionally there are other instruments such as a guitar or fiddle.

"Godspell will involve the largest instrumental group we've ever had. We will be using three keyboards, two bass guitars, flute, percussion and possibly an acoustic guitar," Mrs. Tuzicka said.

The guitarists and flutist have to transpose about two-thirds of the music to match the singers' voices. The electric keyboarders can do this easily with just the touch of a button but the other instrumentalists have to figure out the different notes and chords.

"The singers have picked up on the music quickly, because it is closer to the pop music of today than 'ordinary' musical numbers," Mrs. Tuzicka said.

Co-director Mr. Bill Tuzicka said his greatest challenge is that there isn't any starting or stopping throughout the musical.

"From beginning to end it is one continuous action," Mr. Bill Tuzicka said.



The cast of Godspell waits to begin another one of their practices. They have four long practices a week to get ready for their performance. (Photo by Tammi Verhoeff)