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Kaleb Feist does a cartwheel while performing his humorous solo "Voices of America." Feist and the rest of the SES Forensics team competed in their first meet on Saturday, Jan. 29 at Smoky Valley High School. Results are on page 10. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Around the Halls

What do you think of when you hear the word “bully”?



Alex Earles, jr.
“I think of a gangsta,
a homie G..”



Kolby Balthazor, fr.
“The big kid at recess
who throws dodge
balls at our faces.”



Miranda Everhart, jr.
“Someone who steals
your lunch money.”



RanDee Platt, jr.
“Boys who try to
throw you over the
lockers.” (Several
junior boys tried
throwing her over the
lockers in between
classes.)



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Bullying creates a state of fear

By Andrew Bauer

Whenever the topic of bullying comes up, two different images come to mind. One is of the tough, insecure jock who pins smaller kids up against lockers for the fun of it. The other is of the gang of girls, led by the “queen bee,” silently waging psychological warfare on a poor victim who only wants to fit in. Both of these images oversimplify what is a complex issue, but they are correct in the basics and show how student life has become what it shouldn’t be: a fight for survival.



Both of the above illustrations are extreme and rare, but that does not mean they do not exist. A male bully can often get away with tormenting others because his victim is often too afraid to speak up for himself. Reports of bullying are rare, often because the victim feels he would be justifying the notion that he is too weak to fight his own battles. This causes the same person to endure the same taunts day after day until he eventually starts to believe it himself. He begins to feel that he must deserve it somehow and that he was just meant to suffer.

According to a National Institute of Health news release, girls also make up a significant portion of bullies. Although not as likely as guys to engage in physical intimidation, girls will generally attack through psychological means against other girls. A female bully is more likely to bring down others using slander, such as crude sexual comments or gossip, in order to raise her own social standing. These psychological attacks are often just as damaging as getting beaten up, especially if those involved had been good friends.

At my old school in Texas, a seventh-grade girl who was close to our family and a member of our church became the target of relentless gossip, slander, and even hate mail. The experience was immeasurably worse for her because the ringleaders of the abuse were girls who had been her best friends. Less than a month after the bullying had started, she committed suicide.

Bullies and their tactics are many and varied, but their victims all have one thing in common; they suffer from at least some degree of depression. Studies show that simply reading cards that say things like “You’re ugly” and “No one likes you” can cause depression in just an hour. Imagine hearing these things five days a week, for seven hours a day. Depression can lead to low self-esteem, eating disorders such as anorexia, and suicide. The symptoms are not always immediately evident.

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Student names 20 strangest and oddest fears

By Chelsea Thorne

Most people are afraid of one thing or another whether it is heights (Acrophobia) or in my case, chickens (Alektorophobia). I looked at lists of phobias, and I picked out the 20 funniest and strangest phobias.



1. Levophobia-fear of things on the left side of the body. Left-handed people with this phobia probably do not write with their left hand since it is on the left side

2. Epehphobia-fear of teenagers. Having this phobia is probably understandable if you are a parent or a teacher, but as a teenager myself, I have no idea why someone would be afraid of a teenager.

3. Linonophobia-fear of string. A person with this phobia probably has the Velcro-closure shoes instead of shoes with laces.

4. Russophobia-fear of Russians. Most likely, the person with this phobia has been pretty much frozen in the Cold War era. Oh, hey, that's kind of a pun, isn't it? Get it? Frozen in the Cold War. I hope there's not a punaphobia, but if there wasn't before, there probably is now.

5. Kathisophobia-fear of sitting. People with this phobia would not be able to travel in cars, trains, or in airplanes, and they must eat standing up.

6. Sesquipedalophobia-fear of long

words. This phobia is kind of outlandish because Sesquipedalophobia is a very elongated word. I wonder how long a word has to be for Homo sapiens with this phobia to become panic-stricken.

7. Psellismophobia-fear of stuttering. P-p-people who have this phobia are t-t-terrified at the t-t-thought of s-s-someone s-s-stuttering.

8. Venustraphobia-fear of beautiful women. These people must hate the Miss America pageants because there are 51 gorgeous women all in one confined space. I also think that this is a male-dominated phobia. I have never heard of a girl being afraid of handsome men. So being afraid of beautiful women must be a guy thing.

9. Arachibutyrophobia-fear of peanut butter sticking to roof of mouth. I take it that people with this phobia do not eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, or Reese's peanut butter cups.

10. Ambulophobia-fear of walking. People with this fear most likely use a wheelchair when they are perfectly capable of walking.

11. Urophobia-fear of urine or urinating. These people probably hate bathrooms...

12. Geliophobia-fear of laughter. You will probably never see a person with this phobia watching "Anchorman."

13. Nomatophobia-fear of names. People with this phobia absolutely hate their name and probably prefer to be called "It."

14. Peladophobia-fear of bald people. With our aging male staff, the bald spots are shining more brightly each day. So people with this phobia probably wouldn't do well in our school.

15. Bibliophobia-fear of books. People with this fear avoid the library at all costs. I would

like to see them walk into Mr. Anderson's room and see all the books. I wonder what they would do...

16. Xantophobia-fear of the color or word yellow. The sun and rubber duckies are not friends of people with this phobia.

17. Koniophobia-fear of rooms. These people like wide, open spaces, not small, confined spaces with four walls surrounding them. When I'm at school, I think sometimes I have this phobia.

18. Allodoxophobia-fear of opinions. People with this phobia do not like hearing what other people have to say about something, even if it is positive. They also do not like listening to the persuasive speeches in Mr. McClure's and Mrs. Rohr's English classes.

These last two phobias are probably the strangest of all — **Phobophobia**-the fear of phobias, and **Panophobia**, the fear of everything. If you've read this far, you obviously don't have phobophobia. You would have been scared away by now.

I, on the other hand, may have developed it. I've seen so many phobias in the past week that I may even be afraid to look at one more. Or maybe I'm panophobic. That means that I am afraid of absolutely everything.

I don't think I'm there yet because I am not curled up in a ball rocking back and forth in a thickly padded room, but you'll have to get out the white jacket if I look at many more phobias.

•Student suggests ways to stop bullying

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In the six months that I have lived here, I have not witnessed a significant amount of bullying at Southeast of Saline, but that is by no means an excuse to keep from looking for it. Bullying is a seemingly small act that can have dire consequences. To prevent these consequences from ever occurring at Southeast, ideas must be understood to ensure that bullying never becomes a major problem.

1. Anyone can qualify as a bully. Teachers, close family and even friends can be bullies. I've known instances where some teachers have abused their position of power in order to humiliate a student in front of the class. Friendships also need to be careful not to cross the line from playful teasing into bullying.

2. Protect the freshmen. Freshmen are the newest members in everything and are inherently vulnerable. Do not deny a freshman privileges simply because you have seniority over him. This can lead to making freshmen subservient to upperclassmen, (i.e. "Make the fresh-

man do it.") which can, in turn, lead to hazing.

3. Keep Programs like BB/BS, Care Group, and FCCLA. School programs such as these focus attention on helping others and often have activities that raise awareness on bullying.

4. Observe your actions/be the hero. Be self-aware of your actions towards others. Probably 90 percent of the time, people harass others without realizing it. It is remarkably easy to join in without thinking of your actions or dwelling on the consequences. Once you have done that, be the voice of reason that speaks up and pulls everyone else to their senses; you may be surprised by who will listen. None of these people want to be the bad guy.

5. If you or someone you know has been bullied, report it! Do not allow another bullied person to be a depression or suicide statistic. By reporting a bully, you may be helping more than one person. If you are the victim, realize that what you have gone through is not your fault. No one deserves to be treated that way, and only by speaking up can you put an end to it.

It was the first time Bobby had ever stood up to a bully. Unfortunately, it was the last time he ever stood...



Cartoon by Jacob Simmons

McGinty arrives from Hoxie wrestling dynasty

By Chelsi Hemphill

If you've ever wanted to know what it was like to go to one of the top wrestling schools in the state, just ask one of the newer additions to our school, junior Mathew McGinty.

McGinty, who wrestles in the 171 weight class, transferred to Southeast of Saline from Hoxie. He has been wrestling for five years, and he said that wrestling for Southeast isn't much different from wrestling at Hoxie, except that at Hoxie the wrestlers are a lot more disciplined.

"Everything in Hoxie revolves around wrestling, and here, everybody is into other things too, so it's not all about the wrestling," he said.

McGinty became interested in wrestling because it's competitive, and you have to concentrate on your own personal abilities. He stated that no one else can control whether you win or lose.

"It's all me. If I lose, it's my fault. In wrestling, you can't blame someone else for losing, and I really like that," he said.

McGinty has many plaques, trophies, and brackets for taking first place in school, federation, and other wrestling events. However, he has his eye on the State Championship.

"The State Championship is what keeps me going. I've always wanted to be a placer at state. So whenever I wrestle, I think about state," he said.

McGinty has many favorite wrestling moves, but he especially enjoys one in particular - the "tech fall."

"I like pinning my kids, but tech falling really embarrasses your opponent," he said.

One of the bigger changes for McGinty was that when he started

wrestling for Southeast, he also began wrestling different teams.

"The only team I've wrestled (in Hoxie) that SES wrestles is Ellis. Everyone else we wrestle against is different," he said.

The only bad thing about McGinty switching schools in the middle of the wrestling season was that he had to sit out on a lot of matches, because he started the wrestling season with Hoxie.

"Going into regionals, you can only have wrestled a certain number of matches. Since I had already wrestled at Hoxie, if I wrestle all of my matches at Southeast, I would have wrestled too many," he said.

It wasn't very hard for McGinty to adapt to a new school setting either, and the other wrestlers didn't complain whenever he showed up for his first practice.

"Everyone was really welcoming, and all of the wrestlers supported me. I'm really starting to like Southeast," he said.



Mathew McGinty prepares to wrestle at the Ellsworth Invitational. (Photo by Chelsi Hemphill)

Freshmen prepare derby cars for demolition

By Max McClure

With a welder, a few wrenches, a chain, and reinforcing metal, Jason Prater and Kale Schmid can create masterpieces; but their masterpieces, like sandcastles at high tide, are quickly swept away.

Their masterpieces are demolition derby cars, and the duo fix 'em up so others can smash 'em up.

"We can fix anything with a welder. We fixed a CV joint in a car in 30 minutes with a welder and 3/8 chains at a derby," Schmid said.

But before they can fix anything, they have to find the cars and pay for them first.

"We can find them about anywhere — in backyards, pastures, and on the sides of the roads. Once we find them, we try to buy a car for only about \$75 and about \$25 for gas," Prater said.

Once they have bought the car, Prater and Schmid step in.

"Repairs usually cost about \$50. We've fixed about 13 derby cars," Prater said.

Prater has been building cars for five years, while Schmid has worked for three. Schmid, however, is the only one who has driven in a derby.

"We work for my brother (Jeremy Prater) and the people down the street, our neighbor Dennis Rundquist," Prater said.

Schmid and Prater admit that demolition derbies could be dangerous for the drivers, but they said that it is their job just to fix them and make them as safe as possible. Sometimes, they said, that's not safe enough.

"Someone broke their neck. They got whip-lashed and snapped their neck. They just sat in their car because they passed out. One car hit the front of the car and the other hit his back," Prater said.

Prater concluded that it would be safer to fly through the car.

"He had a 5-point harness. That is something you don't want in a derby car. They hold you down too much. You want to be able to fly through the car," Prater said.

Those weren't the only possible problems.

"If it flips over, the gas can leak all over the place and it could catch on fire, or you could have the radiator hose blow off, or a transmission line break and spray hot fluid all over you. You just have to take certain precautions," Prater said.

Schmid is not a stranger to danger. Even though derby driving is dangerous, Schmid says he wants another try. He had been bull-riding for two years before he tried his hand

briefly in a demolition derby.

"I would love to have another shot at derby driving," Schmid said. "I have been bull-riding for about two years. But it wasn't really that fun and I broke my shoulder."

Schmid said that he has found something he enjoys more and something a little bit safer.

"Bull-riding is more dangerous than the derbies because I see more people get hurt in bull-riding than demolition derbies. I think derbies are more fun than bull-riding," Schmid said.



Jason Prater and Kale Schmid repair a demolition derby car. Schmid used to drive in demolition derbies before turning to maintenance. (Photo courtesy of Jason Prater)

Settle takes over extra responsibilities after diagnosis

By Rachel Nicholson

Junior Lindsey Settle never expected such a task like the one she was given last year when her grandfather was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease, usually develops in people between the ages 40 and 70. ALS can best be described as a lit candle: it melts your nerves and leaves your body a pile of wax. It usually starts at the legs and works its way up. This disease is fatal, though most patients live for about three years after diagnosis.

"ALS is a really unforgiving disease, and it's not fair because my papa is, and always has been a really good man and doesn't deserve to have to go through any of this," Settle said.

Settle has been living with her grandparents, Richard and Mary Settle, since she was ten. She began living with her grandparents because the cultural differences between her and her stepmother were a little too much.

Settle's grandfather has been seriously disadvantaged by this disease since he was diagnosed. Lindsey and her grandmother's lives have also changed. Responsibilities for him have grown greatly since a year ago, Settle said. Getting snacks, helping him in and out of his chair when needed, and bringing in wood are among the new tasks Settle has had to take on.

"He was diagnosed last summer. Last year it was small things like he couldn't grip the steering wheel, but now we have a baby monitor in

the bedroom so that my grandma can hear when he needs help out of bed to go to the bathroom and stuff," Settle said.

Many things have changed in Settle's life since the diagnosis. She can't go to as many places now because her grandfather used to drive her to where she needed to go.

"Since my Papa doesn't drive anymore and I don't drive, I have to rely on either my grandma or on a friend who is a suitable driver," Settle said.

Although helping her grandparents hasn't had any negative effects on her school work, Settle finds that she is prompted less to do her daily homework.

"My grandparents used to ask me if I had my homework done while I was watching TV, but now they just ask every once in a while. They still care, but they just let me get it done at my pace," Settle said.

She said that even though there are several burdens to caring for a person with ALS, there are also blessings. This disease has brought her family closer together, and she realizes how much she loves both her grandfa-

ther and grandmother.

"We had to quit doing a lot of things we wanted to do, and we were brought together by one equal task, that was to make my Papa live well and for him to be happy. We also laugh easier at stupid things, as well as cry when it's appropriate, we're not afraid to open up in front of each other, like we were before." Settle said.



Since her grandfather was diagnosed with ALS, junior Lindsey Settle has pitched in, doing tasks that she normally wouldn't do. (Photo courtesy of Lindsey Settle)

The Trojan Calendar

Scholars' Bowl

- Feb. 2 - Regional meet at Marion
- Feb. 11 - State meet at Rossville

BB/BS



FCCLA

- Feb. 1 - District STAR events and elections
- Feb. 3 - Valentine Balloon orders due
- Feb. 12-17 - National FCCLA week
- Feb. 25 - Winter Special Olympics Concession Stand

Student notes hindrances of cheating

By Klint Spiller

"Hey Billy, I stayed up all night doing other homework. Do you think I could have your homework to copy?"

It's disappointing, but this is a common question coming from students today. Too many lack enough morals and ethics to simply do the work on their own.



Cheating has become the norm in everyday society. Students have accepted this method as a primary way for getting their work done. They don't think twice about cracking out someone else's work and using it as their own.

Many misconceptions over the idea of cheating seem to circulate within the halls of schools across the nation and even on our very own Southeast of Saline campus. Students see cheating as an easy, quick, and

harmless way to finish their homework.

Though parts of this view are true, cheating is definitely not harmless. In actuality, cheating is very similar to using drugs. Cheating is addictive, temporarily effective, and renders long-term effects on the user.

When a student cheats, they may have a quick answer to their current problem, but cheating only hampers the student in the long run. Imagine that a chronic cheater went through high school doing very little work of his own, and teachers pass this student through their classes, thinking that the student had fulfilled the requirements of the class. When the student takes the ACT to get into a college, he completely bombs it, showing that the student doesn't know any of the requirements that he supposedly achieved in high school.

The student loses his chance at any scholarships and may not even be accepted into a university if his grades were not high enough in high school.

If the student does get accepted into the university and continues cheating, he will most likely get caught. In college, punish-

ments are not nearly as lenient as high school. If a student is caught cheating, he may be expelled, costing the student thousands of dollars of wasted tuition and leaving a black mark on the student's permanent record.

When others discover that this student has cheated, the student's reputation will be in serious jeopardy. Many will lose respect for the student's integrity. With teachers and fellow peers, the student will never be thought of the same again.

Many believe that cheating is fine, because "everyone does it." I, however, do not believe this is an excuse. You are responsible for yourself. If you want to have a high-paying, successful career later in life, you will not be able to just follow the crowd. You are going to be on your own, making decisions for yourself.

Students need to know that cheating may help them now, but they are hindering themselves for the rest of their academic career. In life, you cannot crutch on someone else forever. Eventually, you will have to work on your own, and without the knowledge you gain now, you will not have the base to be successful later in life.

Undercover cheating reveals ironic results

By Stephanie Frost

Cheating is a serious problem in schools today. We at the Trojournal realized this and have decided to investigate the problem in-depth.

We wanted to see what levels of honesty the students were capable of keeping if put in a room with a student obviously cheating.

It was my job to "cheat" on a quiz and see how many students would notice and have the academic integrity to confess to a teacher that they saw a student cheating.

To simulate this situation, I asked Mr. Gies if it would be okay if I cheated in his class. He and I agreed that I could take a quiz before the rest of the class so that when we took the quiz as a class I could obviously "cheat" by asking other students for the answers and by getting up to "sharpen my pencil" so I could look at everybody's paper on the way. I had decided that if still no one noticed my cheating, I would make the cheating more obvious as class went on, and see if any of the students would turn me in.

He agreed with my plan but warned me that there would be a substitute that day. He said that he would inform the sub about what is going to happen.

We proceeded with the plan. The next day, I walked into the classroom and the substitute handed out the quiz. I started to look around at other people's papers, but as I turned around to look at the person's paper behind me, I realized that my original idea wasn't going as I had planned.

It wasn't just me that was cheating. Another student in my class had the answers to the quiz written down in his book and was telling anyone who asked the answers to the quiz. Since I had already taken the quiz, I went along and asked the student for the answers.

Everybody around me noticed and was very surprised that I would copy off of this student. However, not one of them said anything to the substitute teacher.

When Mr. Gies returned, I told him about what had happened and he said that the class would probably have to retake the quiz.

We didn't, but I later learned that the student was given a zero and would be forced to retake the test.

This experiment proves that, in large part, cheating has become a standard for students.

According to several students polled, they agree with this.

"We've all done a little cheating here and there," said an anonymous freshman student.

"It doesn't seem like it's hurting anyone. Besides, who says trying to get a good grade by cheating is a crime?" said an anonymous junior student.

I think that cheating is a common problem that occurs in about every school and even though it is unethical, students will find about any way to cheat so they will get a good grade.



Stephanie Frost uses answers that she wrote on her hand for a quiz that she arranged to cheat on. (Photo by Chelsi Hemphill)

Teachers discuss Southeast's cheating situation

By Andrew Bauer

In our Investigation on cheating at Southeast of Saline, we asked the question, "How do teachers view cheating at their own school?" In order to find an answer, we asked two different teachers from two different subjects what their thoughts were on cheating: English teacher, Mr. Terry Anderson and Math teacher, Mr. Bob Sauber. Both teachers agreed that cheating was immoral but also conceded that there was a fine line between "helping" and "cheating."



Mr. Terry Anderson

cheated in my class, you can't get an A. I've never had to do that yet, though, because the zero you get from cheating usually keeps students from getting higher than a B.

Q: What is the most brazen attempt at cheating you have had?

Anderson: I've had people turn in their brother's and sister's compositions or turn in stuff off the internet. I'm absolutely positive that there are some kids that get away with it, but I can usually tell if the level of writing is higher than what they generally write at.

Sauber: I've caught students turning in semester tests that were similar to some from two years ago. But I won't go into how I knew this; I like my systems for catching this stuff to be secret.

Q: Is there a difference between cheating and group work?

Anderson: Once I had the parent of a kid I caught cheating come up to me and ask, "Did you ever tell them they couldn't cheat? Your seminar system is set up to encourage cheating," and so that's why I had to make my "policy on cheating." Sometimes I think

kids do group work so much that they think they can do everything in a group. But a lot of the time, one kid does all the work and everyone else just copies it.



Mr. Bob Sauber

Sauber: Any time you aren't working independently is cheating. I don't think students see it that way though. I encourage group work. Group work is a good

way to learn the concepts and everything, but there's a fine line to walk. Cooperative work is only good if you contribute to the entire group, not if you're just sitting there copying.

Q: What, in your opinion, qualifies as cheating?

Sauber: When someone claims to have done work that they didn't do.

Q: What are the dangers of cheating?

Anderson: It lowers your character. You've taken the easy way out. If you've

Q: What is your biggest disappointment in student attitudes toward cheating?

Sauber: My biggest disappointment isn't so much to do with cheating; my biggest disappointment is in students that won't try. I can put up with kids that have trouble understanding things; that's perfectly fine, but I can't stand students that won't even try.

Poll shows 85 percent of students cheat

By Cassie Mosher

The following are responses from Southeast of Saline High School students who responded to the Trojournal's cheating survey.

Surveys were distributed to 25 students in each grade. Students were chosen at random from each grade level. When 25 from a grade had responded, we moved to another group.

Eighty-five percent of the hundred students questioned admitted to have cheated at some point in their high school careers.

Out of those 85 that have cheated, 32 have been caught. Twelve of the 32 caught were not punished, and fourteen got a zero on the paper.

Seventeen out of 32 thought their punishment wasn't harsh enough, five said it was ok, and ten said that their punishment was too harsh.

After being punished, 27 of the 32 cheated again.

When asked the question "Do You

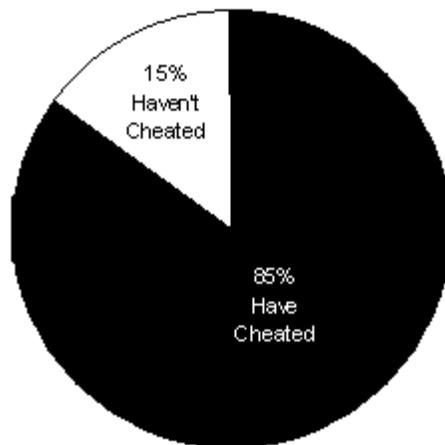
Feel Guilty after Cheating?" 30 out of 85 felt guilty, eight sometimes feel guilty, and 47 didn't feel guilty at all.

The main method of cheating was by cheating on homework. One student said that he stole the paper out of the box, put it under his shirt, and took it to the library to

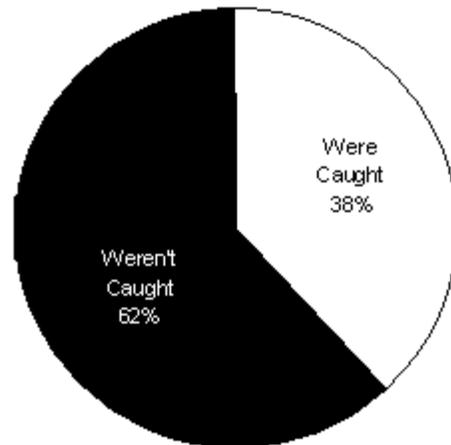
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Of all the classes, juniors admitted to cheating the most (24 of 25), freshmen and sophomores tied for second (22 of 25), and seniors reported the least amount of cheating (17 of 25). After cheating, sophomores felt guilty more than any other class.

Percent of students that have cheated in their lifetime



Percent of students that have been caught cheating





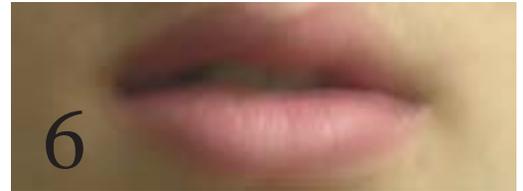
Who's lips are these?



Match the Lips with the names of their owner! This person could be your Valentine!



- A) Miranda Everhart
- B) Carissa Kruse
- C) Kelcy Berry
- D) Justin Schropp
- E) Trell Peterson
- F) Bria Sweany
- G) Tristin Scheel
- H) Ross Terry



Classic Pick-up Lines

If I told you, you had a beautiful body would you hold it against me?

Did it hurt?(What?)
When you fell down from heaven?

Are you a parking ticket? 'Cause you got fine written all over you!



Top 5 Worst Things to do on Valentine's Day!

- 5. Use toilet paper as your Valentine cards!
- 4. Give candy that you have received from a previous holiday!
- 3. Avoid your significant other the whole day! (Kind of weird!)
- 2. Breaking up or getting dumped! (It's just not right!)
- 1. Forget it's Valentine's Day!(Duh!)



Coloring Fun
(In case you get bored!)

Answers: If,2e,3b,4a,5d,6g,7c,8h

FFA members reflect on a good competition

By Chelsea Thorne

One SES Ag Sales team is State-bound after placing second in a Jan. 18 agricultural sales competition at Abilene. A second team would have been if they hadn't against another SES team.

"The team I was on placed second and will go to State," Taylor Short said. "The other team would have gone, too, but they take the highest-ranking team (from a school)."

The team that placed second was comprised of sophomores Short, and

Brent Sweany and freshman Tyler Herrington. Their speech was about selling salsa.

The fourth-placing team consisted of freshmen Layton Everhart, Sadie Roesner, and Bria Sweany. They spoke about selling greenhouse plants.

Brent Sweany earned the Ag Sales fifth place individual medal; Everhart, sixth; Herrington, eighth; and Short, ninth

In addition to the second and

fourth Ag Sales team placings and the individual placings, three individuals also placed in the public speaking contest.

Sophomore Brent Sweany, who entered in the Junior Speech division, placed sixth. Sarah Anderes placed eighth in Sophomore Speech, and Freshman Kristi Hargadine placed 14th in Creed.



(Above) Bria Sweany, Layton Everhart, and Sadie Roesner flaunt their fourth place award, which they received for their speech about selling greenhouse plants. (Left) Brent Sweany, Taylor Short, and Tyler Herrington received second place for their speech about selling salsa. (Photos courtesy of Mrs. Brandi Disberger)

SES sends 27 to Newton for FCCLA District STAR Events

By Chelsea Thorne

FCCLA will be reaching for the stars Feb. 1 when 24 students travel to Newton to participate in District star events.

Star stands for "Students Taking Action with Recognition." There are 13 different STAR events, and SES will participate in six of them.

Linsey Bolte and Kelsey Colby are participating in Sr. Chapter Service Manual.

Cierha Berry and C.J. Baker are participating in Sr. Chapter Showcase Display.

Students participating in Sr. Illustrated Talk are Andrea Everhart and Brittani Butler.

Participating in Sr. National Programs in Action is Miranda Everhart.

The Sr. Parliamentary Procedure team is comprised of Shannon Wilson, Sadie

Myers, Shayla Seim, Elissa Stein, Brent Sweany, Sarah Anderes, and Chelsie Green.

The Jr. Parliamentary Procedure team will comprise Caitlin Conley, Shelby Meyer, Trask Engel, Megan Sauber, Layton Everhart, Lynnsey Heimer, and Trell Peterson.

Students participating in Occupational Culinary Arts are Amanda Harding, Katelyn Cyphers, and Kristy Mendenhall.

District G Officer Elections will also be held on February 1.

Shannon Wilson will run for a second term at the District level, along with Megan Sauber and RanDee Platt who have chosen to run for an office this year. RanDee Platt plans to run for a State Office, but in order to do so she must first qualify as a District Officer.

Alex Earles (a current State officer) and Chelsey Mueller (a Kansas Peer Educator) will be attending the competition as judges in the STAR events competitions.

To advance to the State STAR Leadership Showcase events in Wichita April 9-11, participants must receive a gold (or first place) in their events.

Another event that is scheduled in February is National FCCLA week. National FCCLA weeks runs from Feb. 12-17.

"National FCCLA week is a week where we get to celebrate and promote FCCLA," said junior RanDee Platt.

Kansas' State Treasurer and motivational speaker Lynn Jenkins will speak at an all-school assembly on Valentine's Day. FCCLA members will also be recognized.

Is the new NFL backfield the best ever?

By Skylar Nosker

Back in 1979, sports were going through a transition towards greatness, mainly in the sport of basketball.

The whole world was tuned in to see a battle between two great athletes. Ervin "Magic" Johnson was the high-rising point guard for the Michigan State Spartans. He easily led his talented team to the National Championship Game. Larry Bird, the country hick from French Lick, Indiana, single-handedly led the Indiana State Sycamores to the same game in the jam-packed Jon M. Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.



After Michigan State won the championship 75-64, there was nothing but garrulous mention of "Magic" and the "hick from French Lick," and how they were going to revolutionize the game of basketball. Magic joined the fast break offense of the Los Angeles Lakers, and Bird went to the dangerous Boston Celtics.

Magic and Bird now are arguably among the top five players ever to play in the NBA. They've combined for eight championships and six MVP's.

These guys joined some of the greatest players in NBA history. Players like—Michael Jordan, Isaiah Thomas, Julius "Dr. J" Erving, Hakeem Olajuwon, Patrick Ewing, Clyde Drexler, Kevin McHale, Kareem Abdul-Jabaar and many others.

Now, the NFL is in a similar situation. They have three extremely talented players who are up for grabs in this year's NFL Draft. Ironically, like Bird and Magic, these three players spent their last game of their collegiate careers competing for the National Championship, and they are joining one of the best playing fields in NFL history. Who are they? Well, they're the same three finalists who competed for the Heisman Trophy.

Vince Young, Reggie Bush, and Matt Leinart have a 99-percent chance of being picked in the top three in April's NFL Draft. The lists of achievements include two Heisman Trophy winners; three Rose Bowl MVPs, two by Young; two Maxwell Tro-

phy winners; a Doak Walker Trophy winner and many more. What makes these three players so special is business.

The NFL is the most popular sports league right now. Not only are they number one, but excluding the NHL, they are the number one league in growing fan base.

These players are the stepping stone to history. You are looking at the greatest crop of stars that play in the same position. The players in the backfield of the NFL are by far the best group of talent to ever get paid for playing a sport. The one group they have to battle with is the guards of the 80's when you had Magic, Jordan, Thomas, Drexler, Erving, and John Stockton. These players all were selected to the top 50 players in NBA history.

But along with the Triple Threat who is coming, the NFL already has their share of pioneer players. With a list that includes—Tom Brady, Peyton Manning, LaDainian Tomlinson, Shaun Alexander, Michael Vick, Carson Palmer, Donovan McNabb, Ben Rothlisberger, Tiki Barber, and many more breaking through the talent barrier are showing that they are not players who have a couple of good years then they stink up the place.

Now, they may not all be among the top 20 best players like the basketball players listed above, but they, in my mind, are all going to be in the Hall of Fame. Not only that, but overall these players currently hold 16 NFL Records and three Super Bowl rings (all by Brady) with a chance of one more this year (Alexander with the Seahawks and Ben Rothlisberger with the Steelers). Not only do these players have a trophy case full of accomplishments, but they have a lot of time to gain more. Not one of these players I named is over the age of 30, besides Barber who's 30. You mix this group of phenomenal talent with Young, Bush, and Leinart; and they are going to be breaking more records than steroids have in baseball.

The story is not only interesting because of the talent but it's also interesting because of the three teams who have the first three picks. The Houston Texans have won the first pick of the draft for being the worst team in football record-wise. Young was born in Houston and grew up there. He would love to stay in Texas and play in

his hometown. Houston, who needs serious help, has said that they will choose Bush. So say Bush gets picked by Houston. The second pick is made by the New Orleans Saints. New Orleans would love to get their hands on one of these prolific superstars. With this pick, they could revamp their franchise and possibly get even more fans back to the Superdome than they had before the destruction of Hurricane Katrina last August. It doesn't matter who the Saints pick to make the situation in Tennessee, who has the third pick, better. Tennessee has a quarterback, Steve McNair, who is nearing the end of his term in the NFL. So, if they get Matt Leinart, they will have eased the quarterback situation. If they get Vince Young, it would make a quicker leap to the top of the NFL with McNair tutoring Young and them being friends.

Now no one can make it to the top of the league without help, but you can see that the NFL is setting their place in history behind the playing of their players.

SES Forensics claims fourth

From an e-mail release by Terry Anderson

Missing third by one point, the SES Forensics team placed fourth Saturday at Smoky Valley. Individual and duet results were as follows:

First Place, IDA...Christina Sparacino and Taylor Garretson

Third Place, Serious Solo...Heidi Mauersberger

Third Place, Duet...Ryan Unruh and Sadie Myers

Third Place, Humorous Solo...Shannon Wilson

Fifth Place, IDA...Ryan Unruh and Bria Sweany

Seventh Place, Prose...Meaghan Ryan (out of 48)

Seventh Place, Serious Solo...Chelsie Thorne.

Others who competed were Kaleb Feist, Shelby Meyer, Chelsie Green, Lynnsey Heimer, Sadie Roesner, Kolby Balthazor, Brent Sweany, and Britten O'Banan.

Lady Trojans defeat Cardinals 66-53

By Skylar Nosker

The Southeast of Saline Lady Trojans have been going down a rocky road since the holiday break, winning only two out of their last seven games, with one of those wins coming on Friday night.

The Lady Trojans faced the Ell-Saline Cardinals for seventh place in the SES Girls' Invitational Tournament. The Trojans, who lost to Salina South in the first round (54-81) and Concordia in the second round (46-60), were looking for a little momentum going into next week.

The Trojans came out firing on defense to force turnovers that led to easy baskets. Also, as a team, the Trojans (5-8 overall, 1-5 in NCAA) nailed four three-pointers in the first quarter. The defense of the Trojans was able to hold the Cardinals to only 12 points in the first quarter as they took the 13 point lead, 25-12. The Trojans defense allowed only one player to reach double-figures (Jessi Swander with 10).

"I think the Southeast of Saline girls came out much better and had a lot more defensive intensity tonight than we had before," said head coach Wayne Sager. "It was a nice performance for our girls."

The Trojans offense also showed up again tonight as they hit 54 percent of their shots in the first half. Sophomore Shayla Seim led all players with 21 points, while senior Brooke Kent knocked in 19.

Both Seim and Kent were named to the All-Tournament Team. Southeast won seventh place with the final score, 66-53.

The only other win the Trojans have had in the month of January was against the Russell Broncos on Jan. 3. Southeast won that game 50-33.

These two teams meet up again tomorrow at Southeast. The game will tip-off at 6 p.m.



Elissa Stein and Brandi Pounds defend against a Minneapolis opponent on Jan. 7. The Lady Trojans lost 36-37. (Photo by Sadie Myers)

Sports Box

By Robert Graham

Boys' Basketball

Dec. 2 @ Centre	63-55	W
Dec. 5-12 Blue & Gold Classic		5th
Bennington	39-41	L
Sterling	52-29	W
Solomon	54-53	W
Dec. 13 @ Ellsworth	65-47	W
Dec. 16 Beloit	57-42	W
Jan. 3 @ Russell	79-55	W
Jan. 6 Minneapolis	58-70	L
Jan. 13 @ Belleville	57-50	W
Jan. 18-21 Salina Inv. Tourny.		3rd
Clay Center	49-32	W
Salina South	29-51	L
Concordia	56-54	W
Jan. 24 Sacred Heart	46-47	L

Upcoming Games:

Jan. 31 Russell
Feb. 3 @ Chapman
Feb. 7 Ellsworth

Record 9-4

Girls' Basketball

Dec. 2 @ Centre	63-44	W
Dec. 5-12 Blue & Gold Classic		3rd
Bennington	47-27	W
Sacred Heart	43-57	L
Halstead	63-45	W
Dec. 13 @ Ellsworth	42-52	L
Dec. 16 Beloit	56-57	L
Jan. 3 @ Russell	50-33	W
Jan. 6 Minneapolis	36-37	L
Jan. 13 @ Belleville	42-64	L

Jan. 17 Sacred Heart	56-61	L
Jan. 23, 26-27 SES Inv. Tourny.		7th
Salina South	54-81	L
Concordia	46-60	L
Ell Saline	66-53	W

Upcoming Games:

Jan. 31 Russell
Feb. 3 @ Chapman
Feb. 7 Ellsworth

Record 5-8

Wrestling

Dec. 2 Ellsworth	36-33	W
Dec. 3 Lincoln Trny		5th
Dec. 8 @ Beloit	6-78	L
Dec. 10 Minneapolis Trny		11th
Dec. 15 @ Minneapolis	18-56	L
Jan. 7 Ellsworth Trny		11th
Jan. 12 Minneapolis Double Dual		
Minneapolis	27-45	L
Lincoln	24-42	L
Jan. 13-14 Halstead Trny		13th
Jan. 17 St. John's Mil. Tri.		
St. John's	54-24	W
Haven	39-27	L
Jan. 24 SES Triangular		
Remington	22-36	L
Hesston	30-27	W

Upcoming Meets:

Feb. 2 Belleville
Feb. 4 Southeast Inv
Feb. 9 Russell

Dual Record 3-6

Boys eye rematch tomorrow night

By Robert Graham

Southeast of Saline's boys' basketball team will have a chance to bounce back from a hard-fought 46-47 loss to Sacred Heart when the Russell Broncos come calling tomorrow.

This will be the second meeting between Southeast and Russell, with the first coming on Jan. 3. In that meeting the Trojans ousted the Broncos by a score of 79-55. This time the Trojans, 9-4 overall and 4-2 in the NCAA, expect a similar result against the struggling Broncos, who are 2-10 overall with no league wins and are currently in the midst of a ten-game losing streak.

"We should be able to pressure them and force them to turn the ball over," said junior guard Bryson Flax.

The Trojans are trying to regain the momentum they had attained heading into the Sacred Heart match-up. The Jan. 24 loss to the Knights came only days after Southeast took 3rd place in the Salina Invitational Tournament (SIT), their best finish since 1998.

Southeast opened play in the SIT with a 49-32 win over Clay Center. In the second round, the Trojans fell to eventual champion Salina South 29-51, but they were able to bounce back with a 56-54 win over Concordia in the final game.

Southeast appeared to carry over its momentum by started fast against Sacred Heart and jumping out to a 9-3 lead, but the Knights fought back and kept the game close.



Junior Nick Hardesty drives the ball down the court against Salina South. (Photo By Cassie Mosher)

The teams battled to a 31-31 score heading into the fourth quarter. With five minutes left in the game, Sacred Heart hit back-to-back three-point baskets to build a six point edge and gain some momentum. The Trojans hung around, but whenever they had a chance to take back the lead, the Knights would come up with a big shot.

"They just made shots when they needed to," Flax said.

The Trojans had one last chance trailing by one point with fifteen seconds left. Southeast could not get an open look against

Sacred Heart's zone, so Flax, who hit the game winner against Concordia in the third place game of the SIT, drove to the basket and put up another last-second attempt. This time, his shot failed to find its mark.

Flax led all scorers with 20 points, and the Trojans also got 12 from junior guard Nick Hardesty and nine from senior forward Travis Sheets.

Brahn Marrs led Sacred Heart with 13 points and Dane Simoneau added 11.

"We had our chances to win, but it didn't work out in our favor," Hardesty said.



Junior Doug Beaton battles for a rebound against Salina South at the Salina Inv. Tournament on Jan. 20. (Photo By Cassie Mosher)

Wrestlers advance their dual record to 3-6

By Klint Spiller

Wrestling coach Jeff Tanner said the Southeast of Saline wrestling teams' practice is finally paying off. The Trojan men went 1-1 at their home Triangular meet on Jan. 21 against Hesston and Remington.

"We did pretty well," Tanner said. "We finally did some of the things we did in practice for once."

The wrestlers defeated Hesston 30-27 but lost to Remington 22-36, moving their dual record to 3-6.

Senior Chris Weller (140 lbs) went into Senior Recognition Night with a chip on his shoulder. He knew he would have to perform at his finest and leave an example for the younger wrestlers. He accomplished this, pinning both of his opponents from Hesston and Remington.

"I felt pretty good.

It was Senior Rec., so I felt like I needed to step up and be a good leader," Weller said.

Sophomore Kody Lynn (112 lbs) defeated his wrestler from Hesston by decision, while freshman Jason Prater (160 lbs) pinned

his opponent from Hesston.

Sophomore Britten O'Banan (185 lbs) also pinned his Remington opponent.

"It was a good match. There were some things I could have done better in the beginning, but I saw my opportunity and took it," O'Banan said.

The Trojans now set their gaze to their home dual against Belleville on Feb. 2 and their home tournament, which is scheduled for Feb. 4 and begins at 10 am.

The team's ultimate goal, though, is to get through the regional competition and qualify for the state meet. Though young, Weller expressed his confidence in them.

"We've got a bunch of new kids this year. A lot have wrestled before, but

they've come a long ways rising to the challenge of high school wrestling," Weller said.



Freshman Zach Short attempts to get the takedown against his opponent from Hesston. (Photo By Cassie Mosher)

Scholars roll on to Regional competition

By Andrew Bauer

The Southeast of Saline Scholars' Bowl finished its regular season with a second place varsity finish and a fourth place junior varsity finish at the NCAA league championship on Monday, Jan. 23.

The scholars finished pool play with four match wins and two losses. The team is now looking towards the Regional competition in Marion on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Competing at the League meet were Seniors Robert Graham and Calvin Roesner and Juniors Andrew Bauer and Klint Spiller. Graham led the team with a total of 270 points.

The varsity team goes into Regionals with a record of 50 wins and 25 losses and finishing in the top three five times; its only first place finish coming from the Sacred Heart Meet. A top-three finish will earn them a trip to the State competition in Rossville on Saturday, Feb. 11.

"I'm confident that we'll do well (at Regionals)," said sponsor, Bob Sauber. "We're on a roll right now and we're peaking at a good time. Out of our last eight meets we've finished in the top three each time."

The varsity scholars will be facing a tougher challenge in Marion. Out of the 16 teams attending the Regional

Meet, Sauber considers six of them strong competition.

"We'll be facing Sacred Heart again, who beat us at League, but we'll also be up against teams like Hesston, Hillsboro, Bennington, and Wichita Collegiate. All of these schools have very good programs."

The junior varsity finished their season with a record of three wins and three losses at the League Competition and an overall record of 36 wins and 16 losses. Junior Varsity participants at the League Meet included sophomores Ozzy Smith, Britten O'Banan, Brent Sweaney, and Freshman Layton Everhart.

'Werewolf's Curse' will leave audience howling, director says

By Ross Terry

Mr. Terry Anderson hopes his recently cast play, "The Werewolf's Curse or Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow" will leave the audience howling March 10 and 11.

"I chose this play, because it's really funny. If you like old horror movies, it's perfect for you because it makes fun of them," said Anderson.

According to Anderson, "The play is the story of Harry Pate (Ryan Unruh), a college student who has been bitten by a wolf cub and his fiancée, Etta Greenleaf (Shelby Meyer), who seek the help of mad scientist, Dr. Frank R. Einstein (Taylor Garretson) for a cure to Harry's curse. Etta is a vegetarian while Harry has suddenly found himself craving meat and growing hairier.

"Dr. Einstein agrees to help Harry, but he really wants to sell him to a carnival troupe led by the equally nefarious Professor Wonder (Brent Sweany). The Professor brings his troupe, a group of strange folks including Baron Biterondernek (Calvin Roesner), a fruit drinking vampire; Harriet (Kolby Balthazor), a bearded lady; Dianne Needles (Skylar Bosco), a tattooed woman with one tattoo; Giganticus (Alex Earles), a puny muscle man; Opal and Pearl Joiner (Kim Rousseau and Meaghan Ryan), siamese twins joined at the finger; Nick Gillette (Kaleb Feist), a sword swallower with a sore throat; Clara Voyant (Kassie Bethe), a gypsy fortune teller; Bella (Chelsey Green), a belly dancer; and Tootiefruittee (Bria Sweany), a 4,000 year old mummy.

"Adding to the complications are Dr. Einstein's monster (Lynnsey Heimer), an angry mob (Sadie Roesner, Kristi Hargadine, Chelsea Thorne, and Heidi Mauersberger), and a town full of the family Doppelgangers (all played by Christina Sparacino)."

Anderson said that he thought the play was going to be a lot of fun to put on for the crowd.

"You've also got a great parody of those old-fashioned horror movies from the 1930s," Anderson added.

The cast also thinks that the play will be enjoyable. Taylor Garretson has even enjoyed having one of the male leads.

"It feels cool and fun to not have to be a girly-girl for the play," Garretson said.

"The Werewolf's Curse" will be showing on March 10-11 at 7:30 each night. The cost to get in will be \$5, and tickets will be on sale at the end of February.

"I love the people in the play so much, not even wild horses and tornadoes could tear us apart!" Unruh said.

Cast List

Frank R. Einstein..... Taylor Garretson
 Professor Wonder..... Brent Sweany
 Doppelganger..... Christina Sparacino
 Harry Pate..... Ryan Unruh
 Madam Clara Voyant..... Kassie Bethe
 Etta Greenleaf..... Shelby Meyer
 Baron Gunder Calvin Roesner
 Harriet..... Kolby Balthazor
 Dianne Needles..... Skylar Bosco
 Great Giganticus..... Alex Earles
 Opal Joiner..... Kim Rousseau
 Pearl Joiner..... Meaghan Ryan
 Nick Gillette..... Kaleb Feist
 Monster..... Lynnsey Heimer
 Bella..... Chelsie Green
 Queen Tootiefruittee..... Bria Sweany
 Mob..... Heidi Mauersberger, Sadie Roesner, Kristi Hargadine, and Chelsea Thorne

