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Head Coach Pat Haxton, Roy Riffel, Daniel Carr and Jakob Schoepf accept the Bi-valley trophy after their first win of the season against rivals Smoky Valley, Sept. 6, 2002. (Photo by Sarah Maine.) (For more about the Southeast football players, see page 9.)

Tell us everything you know about Ukraine



They grow wheat there, and it's a lot like Kansas. And there's James Bond movies there.
- Scott Sauber sophomore



It's in the Mediterranean. You call the people there Ukrainish.
-Troy Terry junior



It's a big bird that lives in many states. I've seen one at Maxwell.
- Erin Boyd sophomore



It's near Europe. It's a big, beautiful place.
- Allison Burt sophomore

Editor's Note: Scott Sauber was the most accurate about the country of Ukraine. Nataliya Chornak's home country of Ukraine is actually north of the Mediterranean, it is a country, not a bird, and it is in Europe, not just close. For more information and to read her first impressions of America, read Nataliya Chornak's column on the following page.



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Sprawling juniors suffer

By Tammi Verhoeff

Ahh ... the days of basking in the glow of fluorescent lights...the feather soft feel of the carpet...the comfort of the lockers as you rest your head. Yes...school is back in session, and the light from the hallways is a poor substitute for the sun; the carpet a poor excuse for a mattress and the lockers aren't exactly neck-friendly.

Yet, students continue to "sunbathe" before school, sprawling out in the sophomore/junior hallway, blocking the hallway from oncoming students.

Students continue to wrap up their sleeping, finish up their homework and breakfast, and just plain lounge in the hallway before classes begin, despite the new policy put into place on the second day of school.

Already seven juniors have been reprimanded and given detention for breaking the policy. No matter how unfair it may seem, the rule is reasonable.

First of all, lounging in the hallway is a fire hazard. If there were an emergency of any kind and students were lounging, there would be limited access to go through that

hallway. Or worse yet, students could get trampled and seriously hurt if the school was in a state of hysteria.

Not only is it a fire hazard, but it's an inconvenience. Stepping over students isn't fun for anyone. You don't see people lying in the middle of a busy highway, do you? The hallway also has heavy traffic, and most likely people are just going to run you over.

Worst of all, the logical reason to continue lounging is intentional defiance. Defiance of this rule is not reasonable. Just as lifeguards tell you "no running by the pool" to enhance your safety, school officials try also to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

Our administration did not put this rule into effect to punish us or make our lives miserable. They did it because the congested hallway created a problem that needed to be fixed. In fact, they should be commended for enforcing the rule immediately.

Sleeping or lounging in the sophomore/junior hallway is just unnecessary. If you really need to catch some sleep...why do you think English classes were invented?

Ukrainian exchange is an American girl at heart

By Natalya Chornak

Hi, I'm Nattie. I'm the American girl who came from Ukraine. Don't worry; I'm not going to bore you with an article about economic and political problems in Ukraine; even I wouldn't be interested in that.

I'm a typical teenager who likes movies, ice cream, and shopping and who hates a lot of homework and books without pictures. And you would never see me listening to rap and eating tacos.



Like all teenagers would, I thought my trip here was pretty long and exhausting! Because of the hour changes, I didn't sleep for two days. But now I should admit that it was worth it. When my host family, Warren and Vicky Myers and their children, hugged me at the airport and said to me "Welcome," I understood that they were going to love me and accept me as a member of their family.

Like the towns near my new home with the Myers', my town is not very big. My family in Ukraine consists of four members — my mom who sews clothes for a living, my dad who drives for the milk factory, my brother who is 22 and works at the factory as an accountant and me. We live on the seventh floor in a three-room apartment. Usually all the teenagers live in an apartment building in Ukraine.

So my house is a little different than the Myers' house. Driving is different, too. It seems to me that I am the one person here who doesn't drive, because in Ukraine we don't have an opportunity to drive until we are 18.

I knew before I came that the driving age was different here than in Ukraine, but nothing I had been told could prepare me for the size of the stores. The first thing that I saw after the airport was the mall. I am pretty sure that most of the girls will agree that shopping is a thing that is really fun and makes us a little happier. But when it's an American mall, it can make you the happiest person in the world. All stores are really huge here compared with Ukrainian stores. American malls are like the whole world in one building. Frankly speaking, I need a map 'cause

I'm afraid to go into certain departments alone! I think that I'll get lost and I'll spend the rest of my life there (Actually, I don't mind...) I had a big variety of choices all in one mall — food, clothing, and school supplies all in one building.

Speaking of school, I'll never forget my first day at the Southeast of Saline School. It was awesome and fun. You'll probably ask if it was funny when I couldn't open my locker for a half an hour or when I wandered through crooked halls looking for an exit? Yes, it was!

All the people that I've met at school made a good impression on me. It was nice of them to ask me questions about my country. I feel warm inside when I hear them saying, "We are glad to have you here."

Schools in Ukraine are friendly, too. However, they are also very different.

School starts September 1 and ends May 31. I don't have much free time in Ukraine as we have sixteen different subjects which are necessary to study. We don't have lockers at school or seminars either.

We start school at 8:00 am and end at 2:00 pm.

Sports here are more popular than in Ukraine. The most popular sports in Ukraine are soccer, volleyball, basketball, and handball. However, none of these activities are

connected with school. Pupils usually go home after school and then they go for sports to another building.

We also do not have a keyboarding class. I'm really looking forward to learning keyboarding here because, believe me, when your school has two computers for the whole school, it's kind of hard to learn how to do that.

Just like school, churches in the Ukraine are very different from here. They are really huge. Our churches are very ancient, built in the 1860s. They are made of stone and they are very tall. Inside of the church, all of the walls are painted with different pictures of heroes from the Bible.

The service usually lasts for three hours. Commonly young people should stand through the whole service. We have a choir in church in the Ukraine, but I am not involved with the choir. (Guess why? Because I am a horrible singer!)

Anyway I'm glad that I am here to visit another church with other traditions. I still keep saying to people that I'm very lucky! It's great that I have got such an opportunity to be here and communicate with such sociable and pleasant people. I hope that it will be the most interesting, exciting and a fun year in my life!



(Top left) A map of Ukraine points out Natalya's home town of Uzhhorod. (Bottom left) The ancient castle of nobility. (Bottom right) A Greek-Catholic church in Uzhhorod. This is the church Nataliya attends. (Photos courtesy of Natalya Chornak)

German boy becomes American hero

By Nataliya Chornak

No pressure. That's what German foreign exchange student Jakob Schoepf said he felt when he lined up to kick a 25-yard field goal to win the Smoky Valley football game. Southeast was down by one with 18 seconds to play when Schoepf became a Southeast of Saline hero.



Jakob Schoepf

Southeast fans and players were elated to avenge last year's one-point loss, and Schoepf was pleased, but surprised by all the cheering.

"I felt happy. (The team was) happy and congratulating me."

He said, however, he was surprised

that the game was so important to the American fans.

"I was surprised that so many people came to the game (and) everybody was so excited about this!"

One thing that didn't surprise him was that the ball sailed through the up-rights.

"I knew that I could do that because I practiced a lot and usually I can do it from the distance like that (and the distance is 30-35 yards)," he said and then added – "but it is a pity that I'm the only kicker here."

Jakob said it wasn't hard for him to adapt from a soccer ball to a football.

"Football and soccer balls are so different in the shape, but it was easy (to adapt). I practiced a lot," he said.

He said he isn't disappointed that Southeast doesn't have a soccer team

even though he liked to play soccer in Germany and was the best player on his team.

"It is cool to try new things; it's a lot of fun," he said.

Besides football Jakob is going to try wrestling.

"I want to try it but I'm not sure," he said.

Trying new things is not new to Jakob. After all, he did leave his home country in Germany, his family, and friends.

He said his host family here is very nice, sociable and not very different from his family in Germany.

"My host mother cooks very tasty, the same as my mom in Germany," he said.

Although the quality of cooking is similar, he said that houses are different here.

"Houses in Germany are different; they are bigger," he said.

Jakob said, however, that teenagers in Germany are not much different from here.

"They usually spend their free time playing computer games, going to the movies and bowling," he said.

Another way that teenagers are similar is their interest in dating.

"I had a girlfriend, but now I don't," he said. "Sometimes you need a break. You can't have a girlfriend every time."

Another similarity between teens in Germany and those in the U.S. is their interest in traveling.

"I want to go to Colorado with my host family to snowboard there and to ski. Also I would like to go to New York, but I'm not sure as it's very expensive," he said.

He expects this year to be full of fun and very awesome.

"I like (it) here. It seems to me people pay much more attention to everything: sports, school (and activities). (The people) are all very friendly and sociable," he said.

He said he's enjoying his time in America, including his hero status on the football team.

"I'm interested in America. That is the reason why I'm here," he said.



Jakob Schoepf kicks the winning field goal at the game against Lindsborg Friday Sept. 6. The team is 3-0 going into tonight's game against Ellsworth. (Photo by Sarah Maine)

He's new, he wears blue and he sports a badge, too

Waddle explores with police force

By Jessica Conway

Directing traffic, searching cars, catching people with drugs. These all sound very exciting to most teenagers. However, it's all just another day's work for SES senior Wade Waddle.

Waddle is in the On the Job Training (OJT) program here at school and is an Explorer for the Saline County Sheriff's Department because of it. Waddle says he has always wanted to be a police officer and this will give him good job experience.

"I've wanted to be a police officer for a long time," Waddle said.

He believes that it will give him a lot of job experience which will help in the future for becoming a police officer.

"I'll know more than a lot of people because of the experience I've had," he said. "A lot of the Sheriff's Deputies are good



Wade Waddle

friends with me. I can use them for character reference."

Waddle is also involved in a lot of volunteer work.

"I am a volunteer fire-fighter and Explorer for the Sheriff's Department," Waddle said.

Waddle gets a lot of experience with working with the Sheriff's Dept.

"I've caught people with marijuana and other drug paraphernalia. I go out on patrol with deputies and assist them in any way possible," he said. "Whether it's traffic control or searching a vehicle. I do what I can."

However, Waddle acknowledges one job hazard – the possible need to rat on his friends. He said that he doesn't like to rat on his friends, but if it was important, he would.

"Depends on the circumstances. If it was something major, drugs, threatening to kill someone, yes I would," he said.

Waddle said he has always felt that he should get involved when he saw something wrong, even before he became an Explorer.

"If I saw someone doing drugs, I'd get involved," he said. "That's one thing I can't stand."

Waddle says that it's hard to report

anything big, like a party, because he doesn't hear about it until afterwards.

"I don't hear about parties because people know I work for the Sheriff's Department," he said. "I only find out afterwards."

Waddle also says that he might be able to get away with a few things the average student wouldn't, but he doesn't take advantage of it.

"I might get away with a little more," he said. "You're a little easier on your friends."

While Waddle believes he can get away with certain things, he doesn't care to put himself in such danger.

"Being a police officer provides enough danger without adding to it by doing something stupid," he said.

Waddle says that he has already been in a few dangerous situations, but it hasn't scared him away from wanting to be a police officer.

"A trooper and I were directing traffic at an accident, a semi roll-over. We almost got run over by another semi, because he didn't move over or slow down. It came within two feet of hitting us," he said. "Even with the dangers, I won't give up on my dream of being a police officer."

BMW's, Mercedes, but mostly walking: Myers goes to Holland

By Jessica Conway

Ever wondered what it'd be like in Holland? Ask Matt Myers.

Myers traveled overseas this summer to the Netherlands for one week to play on a baseball team.

"Coach Bender asked me to join the team, and I agreed," Myers said.

He said that the biggest difference was the form of transportation.

"There were a lot of BMWs and Mercedes," he said.

However, he said there were fewer

people driving than we would see in America.

"They ride bikes everywhere," he said.

Myers says that he likes America better than Holland.

"(In America) you don't have to walk everywhere," he said. "Holland is good for a week but then it's time to come home."

Everyone on Myers' team was American. However, he played against many other nationalities.

"Everyone was American on my team," Myers said. "We played against Russia, Romania and two Holland teams."

The team practiced together for two weeks before they left. However, Myers did not know anyone other than his teammates and coach.

"These people volunteered to let us stay with them," Myers said.

All together Myers played in eight games. Their record was 8-0. However, there was no tournament so the best record won the league competition.

Myers said the experience was fun, and he'd go back if he could.

"If the chance occurs and I had enough money, I'd go back," Myers said. Myers said that it cost him about \$1,500 to go this time.

"I paid for some of it, and my parents paid for some of it," he said. "It was kind of split."

Myers said that while it was fun, he didn't have any unusual experiences.

"All we did was go over there to play baseball, and came home. Nothing unusual or weird happened," he said. "We won, we came home."



Matt Myers

Vocal students trek through D.C.



Zach Dains and Jason Korbelik take a chance to compare themselves to the five model statues at the Vietnam Memorial. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Bill Tuzicka)



Charlie Bloom, Andy Breer, Jami Brown and Jayme Sauber help to present a wreath dedicated from Southeast of Saline in honor of the Unknown Soldier. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Bill Tuzicka)



Shawna Mayer, Kelsey Delker, Tammi Verhoeff and Shai Elliott take a break in the heat and rest their feet in a public fountain. (Photo courtesy of Tammi Verhoeff)

Songs reflect life in America, Kansas



Select Choir students perform at Arlington Cemetery before the changing of the guard. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Bill Tuzicka.)



Jamie Wilcox, Amber Earles, Ashley Unruh, Genell Hemier, Chelsea Unruh and Amy Mendanhall take a seat outside of the White House. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Bill Tuzicka.)



The sponsors that went on the trip were told not just to supervise, but to have fun as well. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Bill Tuzicka.)



Daniel Carr and Mr. Don Wagner join with other students to take a break from choral music for a late night jam session in the hotel lobby. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Bill Tuzicka.)

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• *By Tammi Verhoeff*

• President Bush has made it clear that Sept. 11 will not stop the

• American people from living out the American dream. And that

• included the 2001-2002 Select Choir Trip to Washington D.C. this

• summer.

• The group left early May 28 to begin their 20-hour trip. When

• they arrived on May 29, they met their tour guide and toured muse-

• ums and monuments throughout the day before checking into their

• motel that night.

• Excursions the following day included trips to the Holocaust

• museum, the FDR Memorial, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Vietnam

• Memorial and the Smithsonian

• May 31 consisted of trips to the Lincoln Memorial and the

• Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with a tour of the Capitol

• Building and a formal picture.

• On the last day in the city, the students got a chance to tour the

• White House and watch the changing of the guard as Southeast of

• Saline representatives Charlie Bloom, Andy Breer, Jayme Sauber and

• Jami Brown presented the Southeast of Saline wreath. They ended

• their trip with a performance at the Old Post Office Pavillion. After

• that, they loaded the buses for the trip home.

• "This has been the best trip I've taken so far," director Mr. Bill

• Tuzicka said.

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Southeast Shorts

FCCLA attends nationals

By Janie Verhoeff

Colby Stephenson, Meladee Garst, Angela Wilson and Susan Wilson traveled to Minneapolis, Minn. to a National Leadership Meeting this summer.

From July 7 – 11, they received leadership training and explored a new FCCLA program, which contained information about nutrition, childcare and other topics.

The participants also had the opportunity to judge Students Taking Action for Recognition (STAR) events.

Stephenson was the one student in the nation who was chosen to act in a workshop presentation. The presentation was about Dairy Products. Stephenson was chosen because of her experience with Peer Ed. Team and student body.

Henry's second place earns trip to National Convention

By Tammi Verhoeff

Senior Emily Henry will represent Southeast of Saline at the annual National FFA convention in Louisville, Kentucky on Oct. 30 – Nov. 2.

Last May, Henry received second place on her project Medications and Their Effects on the Growth of Chicks at the Ag Science Convention. Henry was judged in three different areas: display, written research and interview.

Seven other FFA members and sponsor Ms. Brandi Rice will also attend.

Madrigals perform tomorrow at KC Renaissance Festival

By Tammi Verhoeff

Tomorrow the Southeast of Saline Madrigals will attend the annual Renaissance Festival in Kansas City.

"I expect it to be a fun and enjoyable experience for the students," director Mr. Bill Tuzicka said.

The Madrigals include Haylie Colby, Kelsey Delker, Tamre Roush, Shai Elliott, Rena Fowles, Genell Heimer, Casey Krager, Rebecca Adkins, Rachael Flax, Amanda Zieglar, April Torske, Erica Stein, Kelsey Lynn, Justin Davis, Adam Stephenson, Mitcher Barnes, Jamie Brown, Broc Tanner, Andrew Breer, Jason Korbelik, Ben Ryan, Jason Mann, Logan Henry and Joe Sparacino.

The students will perform in character for the Renaissance festival in complete dress.

"Involving the audience is always fun to do," Tuzicka said.

The Madrigals also performed at the Assaria festival on the Sept. 14.

New instruments, students expand band

By Lindsay Zeller

"Hey, Hey, Baby" still blares from the bleachers at home games, but many other things about the SES pep band, jazz band, and bands have changed this year.

"We haven't reached our full potential yet, but we will," said Director Mr. Quentin Breese.

Breese said that and an increase in the size of the band and new instruments have helped to improve the band.

The band has more than doubled in size, increasing from 21 members last year to 47 this year.

In addition, at the first school board meeting of the summer, the Board approved a bid for new instruments, including new tubas, French horns, a baritone saxophone, and a base clarinet.

Breese said the new instruments were necessary because many of the old instruments were either worn out or had been abused by students in past years.

The Board approved the purchase of the instruments from the capital outlay budget.

"I will continue being very strict with classroom management and the treatment of all the instruments new and old," Breese said.

The band played at the Assaria festival on Sept. 14th and will play at the Gypsum Fall festival on Oct. 19th.

You will be seeing some of these new instruments at the varsity games, where they will be playing to help cheer on the team once again.

Custodians work to repair cold school

By Lindsay Zeller

Cold in the cafeteria, hot in the theater. Temperatures in those rooms and others have been difficult to control this fall, but Director of Buildings and Grounds Mr. Josh Massey said that with a 25-year-old building, there will be some new challenges for the custodial staff.

Massey said his staff has been busy repairing cooling system problems since school started, but he's hopeful that things will slow down soon.

He added that the challenges were certainly a nuisance, but none of them would be considered environmentally hazardous.

"Dr. Goodwin had a consultant three to four years ago and he found nothing that would cause risk to students," Massey said.

Even though he said that there were no environmental risks, he did agree that he and the custodial staff had a lot of work to do to get the problems fixed.

"The whole custodial staff is working hard to fix all the problems," Massey said.

He said that he wasn't surprised that the equipment needed to be repaired because a lot of the equipment in the building is the original system and that after years of being run, it is beginning to develop flaws.

"No matter how much we play with and

baby-sit the system, it's still going to have problems," Massey said.

But, the problems that we are experiencing are fixable and are getting fixed, he said. For example, he said that the cold air in the cafeteria

was caused by a malfunctioning thermostat and the warm temperatures in the theater are due to the unit overheating and frying the wires that led into it. Massey said that the theater compressor had been replaced last year so this is a new problem.

Perhaps the biggest concern right now, however, is the solar heating system.

"The problem is getting fixed," Massey said. "As a matter of fact, the

custodial staff is working on it right now."

He said it will be a long process, though; the custodians have to flush out all the pipes, even the little tiny pipes that are inside the panels themselves.

In addition to the repairing of the solar heating system, the thermostats, compressors, and wires, Massey said the custodial staff is trying to be proactive in cleaning and maintaining the entire heating and cooling system.

"We've hired a company that is to come in and clean the ducts by the end of this month," he said. "They'll be working evenings and weekends so as not to interrupt classes during school hours."



The new cooling tower system is one of the very few systems that is new and up to date. (Photo by Tammi Verhoeff)

At 3-0, Trojans off to a fast start

By Mitcher Barnes

Last Friday The Southeast of Saline Trojans knocked off the 4A Concordia Panthers. The Trojans beat the Panthers in the remaining seconds of the game 34-28 in one of the greatest games to have been played on Fritz field.

Coming into last Friday's contest the Trojans knew that even though the Panthers were 1-2 coming into the game, they were facing a tough 4A team in Concordia. To make things tougher, Concordia was also getting back a huge offensive weapon in quarterback Jared Goedert, coming back from a broken hand.

Both teams started slow in the first quarter. The Trojans first possession resulted in a punt and Concordia's first possession buckled when Goedert's pass was intercepted by safety Matt Garretson, but the Trojans could not capitalize on the turnover and were forced to punt, allowing Concordia to knock the door wide open.

On the first possession after the punt return, quarterback Goedert connected on a long touchdown pass and threw another on the next series to give the Panther's a 14-0 lead.

The second quarter seemed as if it was going to be a blowout when Goedert threw another touchdown pass, putting the Panthers up 20-0. But on the ensuing kickoff, Garretson returned it 65 yards to the Panther's 20-yard line, which set up an Adam Stephenson 10-yard gallop into the end zone. The Trojans did not stop there; they scored 21 unanswered points with Stephenson's five-yard rushing touchdown.

In the closing seconds of the first half, Garretson threw a 21-yard strike to wide receiver Broc Tanner. The Trojans went up 21-20 at half time, giving them their first lead of the game.

The second half began with a bang when Stephenson blazed down the field for a 67-yard touchdown run, widening the Trojans lead to 28-20.

For the rest of the third quarter, the Trojans defensive line, led

by Jason Mann and Matt Myers, continued to put pressure on Goedert, slowing down the Panthers' passing attack.

Late in the third quarter, Panther wide receiver Chris Nease broke loose on a 43-yard touchdown pass from Goedert, tying the game up 28-28 at the end of the third quarter.

The final quarter opened up with a plethora of penalties by both teams. The Trojans first three possessions were marred by penalties; on one play Trojan wide receiver Jordon Komp caught a pass and sprinted for the go-ahead touchdown only to have it called back because of an illegal chop block.

The Panthers then began to drive on the Trojan defense. The Panther's drive was effective all the way to the Trojans seven-yard line.

Just when it looked like the Panthers were going to score, Trojan linebacker Matt Myers came untouched on a blitz and crushed quarterback Goedert, causing him to lose possession of the football. The Trojans then recovered, giving

senior quarterback Matt Garretson two minutes to lead the Trojans final drive.

Garretson performed in an Elway-type fashion, executing the final drive all the way to the Panthers' 38 yard line when he hit wide receiver Broc Tanner on a 38-yard pass for the winning touchdown with under 30 seconds to play, giving the Trojans the win 34-28.

Tonight, the Trojans will encounter a 0-3 Ellsworth Bearcat team at Ellsworth that was severely beaten by Minneapolis last Friday. For the first time this season, Southeast of Saline faces an opponent that they should beat, but senior wide receiver Jordon Komp said the team can't assume a win.

"We can't just stand out there and expect to win, we must remained focused on Ellsworth," he said.



Southeast of Saline offensive linemen sophomore Brian Korbek and senior Jason Korbek get ready for the snap as quarterback Matt Garretson lines up in the shotgun behind center Joe Sparacino against the Concordia Panthers last Friday. (Photo by Sarah Maine)

Major League Baseball is destroying itself

Opinion

By *Mitcher Barnes*

America is changing, and slowly Major League Baseball is destroying the game of baseball itself. The latest strike attempt is just another example on how Major League baseball has been ruined. As each new season comes in, I pray that the owners will strike and that Major League baseball will be destroyed. What has happened to the real boys of summer?



Mitcher Barnes

Major League baseball players and owners need to look at how far they've fallen in America. Major League baseball has had more players vs. owners' strikes than any major sport in history. Major League Base-

ball has had work stoppages nine times since 1972. In 1994, they actually canceled the World Series.

The main problem I see with baseball is that there is no parity. There are only about five teams who have a realistic chance at winning the World Series. Why is this? There is no salary cap in Major League Baseball.

Teams like the Yankees spend over \$100 million a year, and the Royals are spending less than half of that. Only one team in Major League Baseball, The Yankees, will make money this year. All the other teams will actually lose money. From just merely looking at this from a business standpoint, it's a bad thing. Something needs to change; salaries need to be restricted and baseball needs to have parity.

The owners are not dumb; they see that this is a huge problem for them. The

latest strike was a step towards a salary cap, and I believe the only reason why they didn't say "the heck with the players" was because several owners in the past four years have built new stadiums. The Astros, Giants, Mariners, and Brewers all opened up new stadiums within the past few years. Their owners are losing money, and they need money to finance the new stadiums they built.

With a salary cap, baseball could become America's game again. You see, with a salary cap, teams could lower the salaries to realistic numbers and every team would be competing on the same playing field. You shouldn't be able to "buy" the World Series like the Yankees continue to do and like the Marlins did in 1997. The day the Kansas City Royals actually have the same payroll as the Yankees and other high-priced teams is the day I become a fan again.

Lady Trojans bounce back from rough start

By *Sarah Maine*

After a rough 2-5 start, the Lady Trojans bounced back into the groove, winning three games in a row. Now 5-5, they are ready to take on Beloit next Tuesday.

"The girls are working really hard in practice and they are consistently improving," said Coach Pescha Schwensen. "I think we will beat Beloit if we play (up to) our potential."

This is Schwensen's second year as head volleyball coach and she is looking to improve on the 7-21 season last year.

"The girls are playing excellent. The hustle is great and they are hitting the ball hard. The serves really struggled early on, but they are doing much better," Schwensen said.

"I honestly believe we could go through the rest of the season without losing again...if we play to our potential."

There are a variety of girls playing varsity. Four seniors — Emily Eilders, Haylie Colby, Laura Reed and Mandi Preston — are among them, and two juniors and five sophomores are seeing playing time.

"The senior leadership is very good this year, and the younger players are stepping up and really gaining a lot of confidence," Schwensen said.

The Trojans will play Beloit on Oct. 1 here at SES.



The 2002 Lady Trojan volleyball team huddles up before a match against Salina South. (Photo by Jessica Yum)

Cross country teams improve

By Mitcher Barnes

Southeast of Saline head coach Wayne Sager only knew a few things about his 2002 cross country squad. He knew on the boys' side of the team that he would have a heavily senior oriented team. He also knew on the girls' side that he would have to assemble virtually a brand new squad this year.

Last Tuesday Southeast of Saline held its own invitational, the boys competed against 13 full teams. The boys had their best race of the season, finishing fourth. The Trojans were led by senior Tucker Weese who finished ninth with a time of 18:26.

Other medal winners were Jason Brady who had his best race of the season, finishing 20th with a time of 19:15.

Sophomore Ian Hughes followed closely behind Brady placing 22nd. During the previous week Coach Sager talked about narrowing the gap between his fifth and first place runners.

The Trojans did just that on Tuesday with fourth and fifth runners Mark McClure and Mitcher Barnes finishing less than a 1:44 seconds behind first runner Weese. The previous weeks gap

After Weese's ninth place finish, he was asked about the possibility of returning to state again.

"Cross country isn't an individual sport. My main goal for this season is to return to state with the team. We have a very strong team this year and you don't become state champions with one or two good runners. It takes all seven guys to become state champions," he said.

The Trojan girls were lead by freshmen Joni Heimer.

Heimer ran her best race by far of the season placing ninth with a time of 13:49. She placed 20 spots better than her previous meet at Clay Center.

The Trojans girls lack experience with Joni Heimer, Brooke Kent, and Chelsey Mueller all being freshmen. Dani Weese and Hannah Zerbe are only sophomores.

"Our girls are young and inexperienced. We will have patience, and if they continue to work, we will see much improvement from this group," Head Coach Mr. Wayne Sager said.



Junior Andrew Breer gives his last spurt of energy to finish with a time of 14:03 on the two-mile Abilene course on Sept. 5. The race was shortened due to the heat. (Photo by Mr. Gary McClure)

Sports Box

News and Comments

By: Mitcher Barnes

Football

Smoky Valley 27-23
Key: Scheopf's 25 yds FG
@Marion 21-6
Key: Stephenson's 172 yds. rushing
Concordia 34-28
Key: Garretson's INT, 2TD Passes, 65 yd. KR

Record 3-0

Volleyball

Lincoln 15-6, 15-7
South 9-15, 0-15
Dodge City 7-15, 14-12, 11-15
Smoky Valley 15-12, 7-15, 12-15
15-9, 13-15, 15-12

S.E.S. Invitational (5th Place)

Salina South 11-15, 15-10, 11-5
Moundridge 15-12, 8-15, 9-15
Smoky Valley 15-8, 15-7
Russell 15-9, 15-6,
15-4, 15-2

Record 5-5

Cross Country

(Boys)

Abilene 4th
Top Finisher: Weese finished top 5
Hesston 6th
Key: McClure, Weese, Hughes all top 10 in their age groups
Clay Center 11th
Key: Weese 18:32; 10th
SES Invitational 4th
Key: Top five runners' difference 1:44

(Girls)

Abilene 4th
Key: Heimer fishing 18th
Hesston 15th
Key: Top 5 runners time difference under two minutes
Clay Center 7th
Key: Kent, Heimer running in the top 14
S.E.S. Invitational 10th
Key: Heimer's 9th place finish

Baseball, softball teams take third at state; spring athletes earn honors

By Mitcher Barnes

After the final bell of the school year rang out last year, our state-bound teams and individuals still played on for Southeast of Saline.

In track Adam Stephenson and Broc Tanner both made finals in their events. Stephenson placed seventh in finals in the 100- meter sprint. Tanner fared the best and placed third doing well in javelin.

In golf, Jameson Garnett, a freshman

won the NCAA crown by shooting a 76.

Brandon Harrod placed fourth and Rusty Plymell placed ninth at league.

Garnett was the lone participant at state at Crestview Country Club in Wichita. Jameson shot an 88, and finished in a tie for 32nd place out of 103 golfers.

Both baseball and softball teams made the trip up to Manhattan last May, and both teams finished third in state play.

The baseball team had a couple of players recognized statewide. Last year's seniors Kerry Kolzow, Adam Ptacek, Jordan Dupes and Justin Hartman all made the All-State Team.

Five softball players were recognized by the NCAA league: Emily Eilders, Charly Bloom, Laura Reed and Lindsey Shirack. Alicia Pavkov was also honorable mention all-league.

Homecoming events set to begin today

By Janie Verhoeff

"Come on Baby Light My Fire." Erin Rogers, Jamie Schropp, Emily Eliders, Haylie Colby, Rena Fowles, Jordan Komp, Adam Stephenson, Joe Sparacino, Brad Brock and Jason Korbek will get the chance to "light our fire" before the Oct. 4 Homecoming game against Russell.

On the night of the game, one male and one female will be announced as the Homecoming king and queen.

"Come on Baby Light My Fire" will be the 2002 Homecoming theme song.

To get into the mood of homecoming, students can participate in spirit week from today to Oct. 2. Spirit week begins today with purple and white day. Monday is pajama day, Tuesday has a sixties theme and Wednesday is cowboy day. Stuco will also host a pep rally Tuesday for the students.

Thursday will be powder-puff football for junior and senior girls and shaving cream volleyball for junior and senior boys. Festivities start at 7 p.m.

The powder-puff football and shaving cream volleyball have been tradition for at least the past five years. Something new Stuco hopes to get accomplished is a movie night — maybe on the football field on Friday after the game.

The dance will take place on Saturday at 8 p.m. in the upper gym. Music videos will play along with the music.



The 2002 Homecoming candidates are Joe Sparacino, Jordan Komp, Jason Korbek, Brad Brack, Adam Stephenson, Rena Fowles, Haylie Colby, Erinn Rogers, Jamie Schropp and Emily Eilders. (Photo by Janie Verhoeff)

Tuzickas reveal musical cast list

'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum' to open Nov. 15 at SES

By Jessica Conway

Tragedy tomorrow, comedy tonight! The cast list is up for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," the SES musical, which will debut on Nov. 15 and 16.

The play is based upon a slave (Pseudolus) trying to buy his freedom from his owner, Hero.

Hero, the son of Senex and Domina, has fallen madly in love with Philia, a maiden in waiting for Captain Miles Gloriosus. She was sold to him by the proprietor of the House of Pleasure, Marcus Lycus.

Hero is so in love with Philia that he would give anything to marry her, including giving Pseudolus his freedom.

Throughout most of the play, Pseudolus is trying to get

Hero and Philia together forever. He runs into many obstacles, including the slave-in-chief, a hysterical Hysterium, and Erronius. Erronius arrives home from abroad after 20 years of searching for his children who were stolen in infancy by pirates.

Those who see the play will find out whether Hero gets his girl and whether Pseudolus overcomes his obstacles and wins his freedom.



Logan Henry, Joe Sparacino, Ben Ryan and Adam Stephenson dance across the stage as they sing "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid."

Cast

Pseudolus(Prologus)	Ben Ryan
Senex	Adam Stephenson
Domina	Rachael Flax
Hero	Mitcher Barnes
Hysterium	Joe Sparacino
Lycus	Logan Henry
Tintinabula	Colby Stephenson
Panacea	Kelsy Lynn
The Geminae	Erinn Rogers
The Geminae	Nicole Koffman
Vibrata	Chelsie Unruh
Gymnasia	Jami Brown
Philia	Shai Elliot
Erronius	Nick Ryan
Miles Gloriosus	Jason Korbek
The Proteans	Broc Tanner
Amanda Zeigler, Rena Fowles, Emily Henry, Justin Davis, Jason Mann, Amber Earles, Kelsey Delker, Genell Heimer, Janell Schmidt, Ashley St. Clair, Sarah Erdner, Andrew Gies, Erin Boyd, April Ptacek, Erica Stein, and Manuel Frater.	