

Davis honored for long tenure as AD

By Jeffrey Goodson

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Smith-Cotton Athletic/Activities Director Rob Davis recently was honored with an award from the Missouri Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) for being an activities director for 20 years.

Davis has been working in the world of athletics for many years, but had not seriously considered being honored with the award.

“I honestly never expected to make it this far. I have attended this conference for 18 of my 20 years as an AD and when I would see others get this recognition earlier in my career, I used to say to myself that there is no way I’ll ever make it that long. However, as each year went by and 20 years got closer and closer, I started to think it was a possibility,” he said.

Davis believes that the award is a testament to his many traits and experience that not many other AD’s can bring to the table.

“Unfortunately, it is difficult for athletic administrators to survive the often political landscape of high school athletics and education for 20 years. For me, this honor symbolizes traits that I take great personal pride in: service, integrity, consistency, and mental toughness,” he stated.

The award means a lot to S-C according to Assistant Principal Stacy Curry.



Smith-Cotton Athletic/Activities Director Rob Davis addresses the crowd during the 2018 S-C Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

“It means a great deal. Any time you’re presented with an honor like that it is a great accomplishment,” she said. “The experience Mr. Davis brings to our school is invaluable.”

Davis has enjoyed his time at S-C, emphasizing the relationships he has built in his time here.

“My favorite thing about S-C is the rela-

tionships I have made with students, coaches, officials, and community members. Regardless of where I go or what the future holds, many of those people that have become part of my life at S-C will be in my life forever,” Davis said.

“Being in the trenches together day after day for 20 years, builds some unbreakable bonds,” he said.



Lady Tigers hold annual Kick It for a Cure game

The S-C Lady Tigers soccer team hosted the program’s annual Kick It for a Cure cancer awareness game on April 23 against Jefferson City. The team raised money for Bothwell Regional Health Center through an auction and T-shirt sales. S-C lost, 6-5, in the second round of penalty kicks.

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Bobbitt takes command

By Kali Butts

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With the seniors graduating, the Smith-Cotton JROTC command staff will be changing.

Junior Brittany Bobbitt will be promoted to cadet colonel for the 2019-2020 school year. Junior Sarah Bradbury was selected as the Cadet of the Year for 2018-2019 school year.

These honors were announced at the annual JROTC Awards Night on

April 17.

When Bobbitt was announced as the the commanding officer, she was ecstatic, excited and relieved. She has a lot that she wants to bring to the program.

“I have a few new ideas to bring to the table such as different activities and service learning projects for our battalion to participate in,” she said. She also wants to bring back things

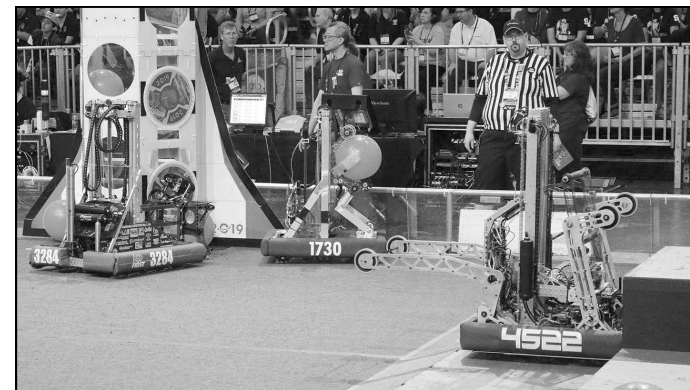
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Cadet Commander Jessica Miller, left, and Lt. Col. Harry Cunningham, right, install Brittany Bobbitt as the next Smith-Cotton Tiger Battalion JROTC commanding officer.



ABOVE: Captain Maria Aonzo leads Team SCREAM in a cheer. **RIGHT:** The “Show-Me Alliance” - Camdenton (3284), Team Driven (1710) and Team SCREAM (4522) - battle in the FIRST Robotics playoffs in Houston.



Team SCREAM makes noise at championships

By Natalie Adermann

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Team SCREAM’s trip to Houston for the FIRST Robotics World Championships over Easter weekend was full of emotion and intense rivalries, making the competition one to remember.

The Smith-Cotton robotics team earned its way to the world championships by receiving a wild card at the Heartland Regional. At Worlds, Team SCREAM placed 10th out of 67 teams in the Turing division field and was captain of the No. 8 alliance. In the finals, SCREAM created the “Show-Me Alliance” with Camdenton and Team Driven of Lee’s Summit to face the alliance led by the No. 1 seed Team 254 - The Cheesy Poofs and No. 3 seed Team 3310 - Black Hawk Robotics.

Sophomore Malacki Ehlers believes Team SCREAM did well despite the tough com-

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petition in its division, especially considering SCREAM fell to the team that ended up being finalists. Team SCREAM Head Coach Michael Wright said that it was a “special and exciting thing” for SCREAM to be able to represent Smith-Cotton at the world championships.

“Not only are we representing our school, we’re representing our entire community,” said Wright.

Wright said that the team gained experience by competing in three regionals before Worlds. They also did scouting and research on their competition and made lots of spare parts just in case they would be needed. They also competed in practice matches before the competition started.

Over the season, Team SCREAM had some struggles with their robot design, specifically the climbing aspect. They went through several different designs, but made their robot successful and ready for competition. The team continued to work on it and the pit crew was ready to fix any broken parts.

This season marked senior Maria Aonzo’s fourth and final year on Team SCREAM. Although next year she won’t be on the team, Aonzo plans to hopefully come back and help mentor new and returning members. Aonzo wants current Team SCREAM members to enjoy the time that they have with the team.

“I didn’t expect time to fly by so fast, but it did,” said Aonzo.

Wright is looking forward to next year’s season because of all the young talent he experienced over this season. Although the team had many freshman and sophomores, Wright believes that they will continue to step up and be leaders in their future years. Ehlers believes that although Team SCREAM did pretty well in their competitions, but there is even more room for improvement for the future. Ehlers thinks that if they put in some work in the offseason, it will make them more successful and ready to compete.

Wright also is very proud of the seniors and all the time and effort they have put in to the team over the years; he knows that they will do big things with their future. Aonzo believes that Team SCREAM completely changed her life.

“I wanted to do something different with my life before I joined, but the team has allowed me to find my passion,” Aonzo said.

She thanks the team members and Wright for her memories on Team SCREAM and will never forget them.



Team SCREAM robot operator Lilly Wagenknecht and driver Andrew Sadler, left, move the robot into place on the game field under the watch of Head Coach Michael Wright, center, while human player Malaki Ehlers waits to drop in another hatch panel during a playoff match.



Team SCREAM scouts Lance Boston, front, and Zane Hieronymus use tablets to collect performance data on other robots during a match April 18 at the FIRST Robotics World Championships in the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

Promposals: Be creative, not a copycat

By Natalie Adermann

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Smith-Cotton students are not afraid of getting creative with their promposals and are no strangers to asking their dates in unorthodox ways.

Junior Will Hooton asked his girlfriend, junior Breana Hoover, to prom while he was competing in the Mr. S-C pageant. Hooton dressed up in a dress and wig and performed “My Heart Will Go On” from



Balke

Titanic by playing a recorder through his nose. At the end of his performance, Hooton asked Hoover if she would be “the Jack to his Rose,” in front of the audience. Hooton didn’t plan ahead for this, but just saw the opportunity and took it.

Freshman Courtney Balke was asked to prom by junior Donovan Dillon. Dillon made a poster that read, “I’ve seen you dance at games and I want to see you dance with me at prom.” He also gifted Balke with a bag of Chex Mix. Balke said that when she saw the poster and the Chex Mix, she was surprised because Dillon had made it personal to her, since Chex Mix is her favorite snack and she is on the High Voltage dance team. Balke believes that promposals are best when thought is put into it.

“Going online and looking up the most commonly used poster idea shows that you



Will Hooton, right, performs “My Heart Will Go On” while dressed as Rose from “Titanic” during the Mr. S-C pageant, as Derrick Gilger holds the microphone. After the performance, Hooton asked his girlfriend, Breana Hoover, to go to prom with him

didn’t really put a lot of thought into it,” said Balke. Hooton agrees, stating that promposals should be genuine.

All this promposal business is new to co-prom sponsor Ashley Burris. Burris doesn’t remember promposals being a big deal or even a thing at all when she was in high school.

“If you were boyfriend and girlfriend, it was just kind of assumed that you were already going together,” said Burris. Alt-

hough some question if promposals are still popular, Hooton claims that “it’s poppin’.”

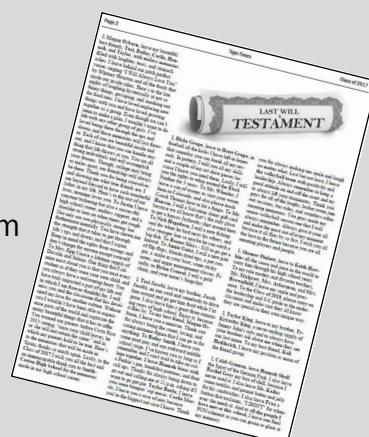
S-C prom will be 8-11 p.m. May 4 at the Venue downtown. The cost is \$50 for a couple and \$30 for a single. Out-of-town guest forms are due to Security Officer Kelley Casto on April 26.

There will be valet parking, so Burris recommends getting there early to take advantage of it.

SENIOR WILLS

Hey, Class of 2019!

It’s time to submit your Senior Will. Check your school email account for the Google form link from Mr. Satnan, or go to the S-C High page on the district website and look under Quick Links to access the form. Don’t be left out — these memories will last a lifetime!



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that JROTC had in the past, such as the JROTC Ball and repelling. Bobbitt said she has been in numerous leadership positions in her previous years in the program, including class leader and previous experience on staff.

This past year has been the biggest step in her development and preparation for the role of the battalion commander. First semester, she was the first sergeant of Echo Company. This allowed her to become comfortable with leading and guiding a large group of cadets. Bobbitt was promoted to the battalion executive officer for second semester, which helped her fine-tune her organization, planning, and leadership skills through guiding the staff.

“I learned the ins and outs of the program; how to successfully plan, organize, and execute events; and observed how to improve for next time,” she said.

At Awards Night, Bradbury was nervous when Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Woods started naming off the cadets of the month.

“My excitement definitely overcame me though, when it was just down to the top two because I couldn’t keep the smile off

my face,” she said.

Bradbury said winning it all felt awesome because the difference from first to second was less than one point, and she had promised Don Barbour of the 40 & 8 veterans group, who handed her the plaque, that she would win.

JROTC has made a difference in Bradbury’s life.

“I love the confidence I have developed, the skills that I have learned, and the ability to work and better my peers means the world to me,” she said. “It’s a place where I’ve learned more about myself than I ever would have without it.”

Bradbury said confidence “can just make any performance skyrocket and mean the difference between first and second place.” Even though Bradbury made all the work she put in seem easy, she said it was “a little intimidating to face the seniors because they’re the guys that have been doing it, at most, for four year, but just having that confidence and situational awareness of what’s being asked and going on benefits everyone tremendously.”

JROTC senior Army instructor Lt. Col. Harry Cunningham said: “These young ladies are great leaders and are exemplary in all facets of their lives.” He called them outstanding ambassadors for the JROTC program who will have a dramatic, positive impact on the future of S-C’s JROTC program.

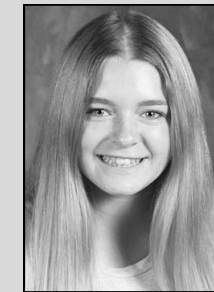


Scholarship winner

Smith-Cotton senior Erika Tackett was awarded the Missouri Association of School Administrators West Central Regional scholarship at the group’s monthly superintendent meeting on the campus of UCM. Presenting is MASA regional president Troy Marnholtz.

POLL QUESTION

If you could adopt an exotic animal, which one would it be and why?



“A capuchin monkey, because they are cute and would eat food with me.”

— Alexis Spencer, sophomore



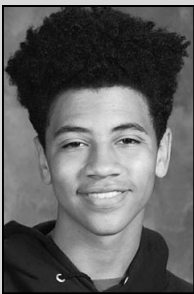
“A white tiger because they look so dope.”

— Dylan Coterel, senior



“A spider monkey. I would train it to throw feces at people I don’t like.”

— Ashley Young, teacher



“A monkey because they are right below humans in intelligence.”

— Terrence Bailey, freshman

Envirothon teams clean up at district

By Alexa Rowe

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Smith-Cotton Envirothon is going to state for the ninth time.

Envirothon had its district competition on April 10 at the Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City. The S-C Black team placed first overall, and was first in five out of the six categories, while the Gold team placed third overall. The Black team is made of veterans who have been on the team for three to four years. The Gold team is made up of new members, who have never competed before.

“I’m very proud of my teams this year, especially the gold team,” Envirothon adviser Mona McCormack said.

In each competition, there are six categories: aquatics, forestry, soil, wildlife, current issue, and oral presentation. During each competition, teams compete in individual test stations, and perform the tasks in that category, then answer questions about that topic. For the current issue, they had to research the topic

“Precision Agriculture.”

Black team member Katelin Frame expected to do well but not as well as she ending up performing.

“As a senior, it’s just sad I’m going to miss working together and doing it as a team,” Frame said.

The Gold team went into the competition “just hoping they wouldn’t finish last,” according to McCormack.

S-C’s Envirothon program has been to state every year since 2010, but this is the first year both teams have gone to state together.

“State is really competitive, but we are going to come in first place,” McCormack said.

“When we found out we were going to state, we were really shocked, but now I am really excited,” Gold team member Madisyn Mabrey said.

To get ready for state, the Envirothon teams are going to redo their oral presentation and both Frame and Mabrey are going to study more.

Envirothon goes to state on May 2 at Lincoln University Carver Farm in Jefferson City.



The Smith-Cotton High School Envirothon Black team, from left, MacKinzie Brines-Beach, Dylan Miller, Katelynn Montgomery, Katelin Frame and Sarah Adams display their first place awards from the Central District competition held April 10 in Jefferson City. The team has advanced to the state competition next month.



Taking third place at the Central District Envirothon meet was the Smith-Cotton Gold team of, from left, Hannah Coleman, Sophia Honn, Dylan Kresse, Madisyn Mabrey and Anna Slipych

Driver’s Education gives young drivers road experience

By Alexa Rowe

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Freshman history teacher, Ashley Young has taught Driver’s Education for several years and says that taking Drivers Education is very beneficial.

Young said the goal of Driver’s Education is to gain experience in the car, as well as learn the rules of the road and the proper driving habits.

“I enjoy teaching Driver’s Ed. because interacting with student drivers is a different experience,” Young said.

During the class, Young takes the drivers on various types of roads to gain experi-

ence on all types of roads. He also takes the students on routes that they are most likely to drive when taking their driving test. There is also classwork and observation hours in the classroom when the students are not driving.

Young also said that another great benefit to taking the course is that car insurance companies may give discounts for completing the course.

The class runs from June 3 through June 28, Monday through Friday. Students are in the classroom from 10 to 11:30 am each day and either drive from 7 to 10 a.m. or from noon to 3 p.m. and only drive on the days that are pre-scheduled for them to drive.

Sophomore Emilee Simon took the class last summer and she felt it made her drivers test a little easier and helped put the rules into perspective.

“I really encourage students to take it you do learn a lot and Mr. Young makes it really fun,” Simon said.

To take Deiver’s Education, students must be currently enrolled at Smith-Cotton, at least 15 years old by June 3, and must have a valid Learner’s Permit.

“I’m looking forward to Driver’s Ed. and making new drivers,” Young added.

The course costs \$180 and applications are available in the S-C High guidance office and are due back by the end of the school year.

Field Day helps bring freshmen together

By Jeffrey Goodson

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Smith-Cotton freshmen got to experience some competition and come together as a class at the Field Day organized by the S-C Link Crew.

This year, Link Crew Coordinators Ashley Young and Stacey Steinkuhler along with their student Link Crew leaders organized a Field Day for the Smith-Cotton Freshman Academy on April 18 on the football field; the event included different games and activities.

The crew leaders were very hands-on when it came to planning the day.

“We all brainstormed at first, and a couple of us thought field day was the right thing to do,” said senior Link Crew leader Nate McFail.

Although the leaders planned a successful day, it did come with its challenges. “Finding the right day to do it, and relaying some of the stuff to the freshman to see what they wanted to do was a challenge,” McFail said

Link Crew leaders planned many different activities for freshman to participate in, including a tug-of-war tournament, Wiffle Ball, spike ball, hillbilly golf, washers, corn-hole, volleyball, and finally McFail’s extreme obstacle course.

Steinkuhler and Young both believe that field day is a great event because of the togetherness that it brings.

“We were just trying to do it as a Link Crew activity to get the freshman and their leaders together,” Young said. Steinkuhler believed that it was valuable for the freshman class to be together, “It’s good to take some time out and have a little bit of fun,” she said.

Steinkuhler believes the day ran smoothly and was very well planned. The tug-of-war tournament



ABOVE: The freshmen boys team won the tug-of-war competition. **LEFT:** The teachers strain to pull out a win in the tug-of-war competition.

was the most enjoyable event.

“Tug of war! When you’re a part of a team, you can’t help but be excited,” Steinkuhler

said when asked what the most fun event of the day was. The freshman boys team took home the tug-of-war tournament championship.



Smith-Cotton High junior Bridget Young is shown in Denmark, where she is spending a year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. The Danish version of high school is called gymnasium, which consists of three years. Students also have the same classmates for every class all three years.

OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE

S-C junior spending year in Denmark as exchange student

By Faith Johnson

Smith-Cotton Student Media

Junior Bridget Young is being exposed to new culture as a foreign exchange student in Denmark.

She is traveling with the Rotary Exchange program, which she applied for in the fall of 2017. After enduring the long interview process, she found out that she was accepted and that she would be going to Denmark.

Bridget is staying in Aarhus, the second largest city in Denmark, which is next to the capital of Copenhagen. Aarhus has a population of around 275,000.

“You have to remember that Denmark is a small country, so a medium sized city for us is a big city for them,” said Bridget.

During her exchange year Bridget will stay with three different host families.

“A lot of students travel with Rotary, so there are tons of chances to meet and make friends with people, not only in the host country (my case, Danes) but also with people from all over the world,” she said.

Bridget’s dad, Chris Young, said, “Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million people in 35,000 clubs around the world. One of its top priorities is to promote

world peace, and the RYE (Rotary Youth Exchange) program is central to that mission.”

The Young family is experienced in working with the exchange program. They have faith and confidence that the program will benefit Bridget. “This year is going to change Bridget’s perspective on so many things: her family, her hometown, her country, the world... but mostly, I believe it will make her think differently about herself,” said Chris.

Bridget is thankful for the opportunity to travel and to make new friends. She is currently staying with her third host family of her exchange. Her host parents, Karina and Brian, have two daughters, Sophie, 15, and Alberthe, 6. Bridget’s host parents work at the largest bank in Denmark. They are hosting because Sophie is going to be an exchange student in Brazil so their Rotary chapter requires them to host three students.

“I feel we act as a very standard family with the normal life of school/work, dinner, and family time. My host dad yells at the TV when his soccer team isn’t doing good and we spend our weekends going to the girl’s sports games, just as many do at home,” Bridget said.

The Danish school system is very different

from school systems in the United States. The classes that students take are also based on their interests.

“We have a different schedule every day and every week. Every day is a new day, so we have to check our schedule online for every day,” said Bridget. “Also, sometimes you won’t have a class every hour of every day. A lot of times, you will get off early or meet late.”

Students also only have a maximum of four classes a day. This allows for students to have breaks throughout their day, two consisting of 15 minutes and one consisting of 30 minutes for lunch.

“There are plenty of other differences in school, and I could go on for a long time but these just give a glimpse into how different everything is,” Bridget said.

“I would just like to say, that if you ever get a chance to travel and study, I would highly recommend it. There are so many rewarding aspects. And of course, I would always recommend Denmark to everyone,” she said.

Chris said, “She’s had a tremendous year with many successes and personal accomplishments. I believe this will give her the confidence to believe that she can accomplish about anything that she sets her mind to do.”