

Swimmers, divers on pace to reach goals

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The Smith-Cotton boys swim and dive team in diving head first into this year in order to meet their goals. They're looking to continue to improve throughout the season and better themselves in every way.

Head Coach Jerry Tankersley has been coaching S-C boys swim and dive for 20 years. Tankersley has always liked water sports and enjoyed swimming in high

school.

As a coach, he enjoys training the swimmers and getting them to a higher level. Tankersley's goal for this season is to take some of his swimmers and divers to state. To get to that level, Tankersley has made the workouts more intense and specific to the events that the swimmers and divers qualify in.

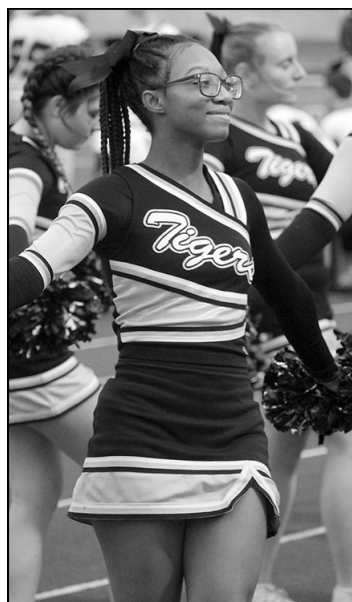
Senior captain Vlad Husyev's goals for this year include trying harder at practice and pushing himself so he can be the best swimmer he can be. Husyev swims indi-

vidual medley (IM) and the breaststroke. He plans to break a minute in the 100 free so their 400 relay can make it to state.

Junior Donovan Dillon plans to take 15th in state this year, as well as learn more dives.

Although Husyev is a captain for the team, he doesn't find it that much different than being a regular on the team. However, he knows when he should fulfill his duties.

"When something needs to be done, I know I'm the one that needs to take charge," said Husyev.



Tough night vs. Smithville

The S-C Tigers football team took a tough home loss at the hands of the Smithville Warriors, 34-9, on Sept. 21. The game featured a Military Appreciation Night ceremony at halftime, presented by the JROTC program and the football team. Specialty Sportswear donated 200 black-and-gold T-shirts for the SPIZ student spirit section.



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Homecoming aims to be 'greatest' week

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The Greatest Homecoming on Earth is coming to Smith-Cotton this year thanks to Student Council. STUCO has been working hard to make sure students, staff, and the community are ready for all the festivities.

STUCO advisor Greg Willson oversees all the activities during homecoming and makes sure the students in STUCO

carry them out to the best of their abilities. These activities include the parade, assembly, bonfire, homecoming royalty ceremony, and the dance.

Willson believes that school spirit is especially important because it benefits students in the long run.

"The more involved you are in education, the more you'll get out of it," Willson said.

STUCO treasurer Karlie Franklin agrees, saying that

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cheering in the stands for the football team encourages them and helps them play better.

STUCO starts planning homecoming festivities slightly before school starts and distributes them between members of STUCO to individually plan.

Every year, there's a theme for

homecoming. This year's theme is "Greatest on Earth," which is inspired by the circus. STUCO plans the spirit days accordingly.

"We tailor each day to the theme," said STUCO President Alex Beard. When selecting spirit days, STUCO considers past spirit days that have been successful and also throw some new ideas into the mix. This

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S-C art students to display works for school leaders

By Victoria Wheat

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At this year's annual Student Showcase at the Missouri School Boards Association Conference, six Smith-Cotton art students will get to display their work. This year the conference will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29, at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach.

The Student Showcase is designed to allow students from school districts throughout Missouri to show off their schools' programs. Brent Ghan is the deputy executive director of MSBA and he has been overseeing the production of the conference. Before the conference can be held, Ghan and other MBSA leaders must seek out examples of innovative programs from regions around of the state. They then invite students to attend.

"The students prepare for the showcase and always impress our members with their



Smith-Cotton High art students Maria Ubaldo-Lorenzo, left, and Haylie Powers display Lorenzo's black-and-white drawing of Wonder Woman, which won first place in its category in the S-C Art Show last spring. Both artists will be displaying and creating work on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Missouri School Boards Association Conference at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach.

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knowledge and enthusiasm," Ghan said.

This year the six Smith-Cotton students selected to attend the showcase are Jasmine Chavarria, Tanner Mahalovich, Dylan Schilb, Shelby Bradshaw, Haylie Powers and Maria Ubaldolorenzo. Students were chosen by the S-C art department. In order to pick students, the teachers had to look for talent, motivation, and creativity in the students' work. Art teacher Michael Shukers also looked for high levels of production.

"These students show that they work hard and deserve to be able to show their work," Shukers said.

At the showcase, the students will be able to talk to the public about their work and gain exposure for their art.

Art teachers Josh Heimsoth and Heather Sparks are joining Shukers on the trip. Sparks is attending the showcase for the first time and is looking forward to the students being recognized for their hard work and to show their talent.

"They should be very proud of what they are doing," Sparks said.

One of the main reasons MSBA holds this showcase for students and teachers to understand that school leaders throughout the state are interested in their programs and want to see what they have to offer. "(Teachers) often take back to their home districts ideas they can implement for their students," Ghan said.

Shukers finds this showcase a great opportunity for students to show school board members and administrators what a high quality art department looks like.

Kempton named Distinguished Alum

By Faith Johnson

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Over the past 35 years, Chuck Kempton has been playing a role in Sedalia's community and development. This year, he has been selected as the Sedalia School District Foundation Distinguished Alumni honoree.

According to a news release and a biographical information provided by the foundation, Kempton wanted to give back to Smith-Cotton and make an impact in a school that affected him. His company, Dugan's Paint and Flooring, sponsors many S-C athletics programs. Kempton also has sponsored the Sedalia Bombers baseball team.

Foundation President Deidre Esquivel said, "The SSDF Distinguished Alumni award had been established to recognize graduates of Smith-Cotton High School for outstanding achievements."

Straight out of high school, Kempton went to work for Dugan's, the family business; as he started to work his way up to president, he had plans to expand. Before he was president he was the general manager of four stores due to his strong work ethic. He has contributed to the Sedalia community for many years, serving as president on the Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce and as committee chair of the

Chamber golf tournament. Kempton was nominated for the Distinguished Alumni award by a friend and in the beginning Kempton was very reluctant.

"This is quite an honor to even be considered," he said.

Kempton will address the senior class on Oct. 5 in the Heckart Performing Arts Center. He views this as an opportunity to relay the message to never give up on yourself because you never know what the outcome may be. He also will serve as grand marshal for the Homecoming parade.

The process for selecting the Distinguished Alumni recipient starts in May and nominators must provide information about the career of the nominee, their impact on the community, and what sets them apart from other S-C alums.

To qualify, the nominee had to graduate from S-C at least 10 years prior to being nominated. They also must have contributed to the community or to the school. Candidates must also have been successful in one of the following areas: the arts, business, community service, humanitarian efforts or education.



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year's spirit days are as follows: Monday is greatest country, Tuesday is greatest team, Wednesday is greatest era, Thursday is greatest style, and Friday is greatest school.

Last year's homecoming lacked a dance, but this year the dance is back and slightly different. STUCO got Principal Wade Norton to approve the dance, and decided to make a few changes. In previous years, the homecoming dance was an informal dance after the football game and there were not many people who attended. This year's homecoming dance is semi-formal and is occurring the Saturday following the homecoming football game.

Another popular homecoming event is the parade, which is planned by STUCO execu-

tive board member Dalton Gear. Gear starts planning the parade about a month ahead of time. He emails all groups interested in participating in the parade two weeks ahead of time and starts planning the lineup. Gear believes a good parade is what brings good turnouts at the game.

"If people get hyped up at the parade they're more likely to come to the game," said Gear. The homecoming parade is at 3 p.m. Oct. 5.

Another homecoming activity to look out for is the bonfire. "The bonfire is a time for students to come and support clubs and activities," Beard said. STUCO encourages students to come out to the bonfire for food and a car to smash.

Homecoming week is October 1-6. The football game against Rock Bridge starts at 7 p.m. on October 5. STUCO encourages students to come out to the game and festivities to show spirit and support for S-C.

Lackey to address national teachers group

By Victoria Wheat

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Smith-Cotton ESOL teacher Melissa Lackey has been selected to present at the Mid-America Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Conference on Friday, Sept. 28, in Kansas City. Lackey's presentation is titled "I Do, We Do, You Do: Building Students' Writing Capacities." She will be walking English

Language Learner teachers through a step-by-step method for teaching writing.

Lackey first had to submit a proposal on the Mid-TESOL website. She was notified that she was chosen on Aug. 11 and gladly accepted the offer; she then started planning out her presentation. Lackey's main goal is to provide professional development for the teachers who attend the conference.

"I want to be able to give teachers strategies to teach writing so they can enhance their students' learning," Lackey said.

In the presentation, Lackey models how she teaches students to prewrite in the form of clustering, how to outline, and then how to write a good first paragraph.

She will also show how she works with the students first and then lets them try it out on their own.

Lackey hopes that teachers who attend will benefit from her presentation.

"It is important for teachers to be able to take what they learn from this presentation into the classroom to teach their students," she said.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Nancy Scott finds it an honor for Lackey to be able to



Lackey

present at a National Conference. "Lackey will be representing our school at a high level and it's always a good thing for the district to have national recognition," Scott said. Scott has read through Lackey's presentation and believes she is presenting an excellent topic that will help teachers be able to provide an environment that helps students write. Teachers will get another tool to inspire students to write.

"Writing is a valid way to determine if students are understanding what is being taught," Scott said.

Since Lackey is the current ESOL teacher at the high school, her responsibilities include advocating for her ninth through 12th grade English Language Learners,

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teaching them the academic English of math, science, social studies, English language arts, and other instructional English. She also teaches ELL students every year. Lackey will begin staying after school to provide tutoring next week to help her students if they need help.

In the past, Lackey taught English Composition at the University of Central Missouri for two years and taught a course in the Intensive English program at UCM for one year. She also has taught Adult English as a Second Language to parents of her students. In the future, Lackey would love to become an English Teaching Fellow for the U.S. Department of State. She also would like to coach educators on ELL or help design and implement academic language curriculum which would benefit more than just ELL students.

POLL QUESTION

What class that is not available at Smith-Cotton would you like to see offered?



"A Sign Language 2 class."

— Shirley Camirand, senior



"A sleeping class."

— Carson Hunolt, freshman



"Agriculture education."

— Greg Willson, social studies teacher



"An animation class for people who aren't good at art but like to draw simple stuff."

— Elizabeth Beard, sophomore



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