

The South High News

SEHS Health Center provides vital services to students in need

Did you know that High School Health Centers in 4J have over 10,000 visits a year and are available to all 4J students and their siblings?

South Eugene Health Center is no exception. South's SBHC provides well child exams, sports physicals, immunizations, mental health counseling and nursing consultation by licensed Nurse Practitioner's Judie Hamilton and Carol Matney, Mental Therapist Peter Schnabel and School Nurse Marlys Martin. All students are encouraged to seek services especially those who do not have insurance or are under insured.

Student services range from receiving simple ice and first aid to physical exams and referrals. After January 1, 2003 immunizations will be provided to under insured students for a small fee and students with insurance coverage are encouraged to go to their private health care provider. Scholarships will be available to students unable to afford the fee.

These vital services are funded primarily by the State of Oregon general fund and private grants. Key to the continuation of our clinic is passing of the January 28 ballot measure. Please vote.

"Peer Group Program" funded!

Older students learn to be peer counselors of younger ones, thanks to a grant recently awarded to South.

This is one of 49 grants made November 18, thanks to community gifts through the Eugene Education Fund. Grant support also went to district-wide activities such as hands-on science kits, which serve all elementary schools, and the BEST Program.

These grants are in addition to donor-earmarked gifts. Earmarked gifts to South are allocated by our Site Council.

Some of our dreams remain unfulfilled. If you have not already made a

gift to South this year, would you consider doing so now?

Make your check payable to "South EEF" and mail it to EEF, P.O. Box 1015, Eugene OR, 97440. Each such gift benefits all schools, because 5% is used by the foundation to boost the number of grants. (None goes to pay overhead expenses.)

Every gift, of any size, is important. If you like, designate your gift for a specific activity.

You can also contribute by credit card or monthly bank transfers. For more information call 343-6877 or go to www.eef.lane.edu.



**Eugene
Education
Fund**

• JANUARY •	
16	Site Council
17-18	UO Jazz Festival @ UO
20	NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Day
29	Finals 1,3,5,7
30	Finals 2,4,6,8 End of Semester
31	NO SCHOOL, Grading
• FEBRUARY •	
1	State Acting Competition
5	Parent Council
8	ACT Test
13-15	Play, 7:30 p.m.
14	Valentines Dance
17	NO SCHOOL, President's Day
20-22	Play, 7:30 p.m.
20	Site Council
22	District Solo & Ensemble Festival @ LCC
26	Sophomore Night
27-28	Jazz Cabaret, 7:30 p.m.
28	Career Symposium Early Release, Progress Report
• MARCH •	
5	Parent Council
6-8	Dorians @ Lynnwood Jazz Festival
7	Jazz Ensemble sponsors Swing Shift, 7:30 p.m.
12	Treble Choir, Concert Band & String Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m.
13	Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble & String Ensemble, 7:30 p.m.
14-15	Drama, 7:30 p.m.
15	String Ensemble @ Mt. Hood Orchestra Festival in Gresham
20-22	Drama, 7:30 p.m.
20	Site Council
24-28	NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
31	NO SCHOOL, Staff Development

Attention Senior Parents

Graduation announcements and make-up cap and gown orders will be taken on January 16th and 17th during lunches from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

For questions call Miner and Associates at 689-4588.

Assistant Principal's Letter

Dear South Families,

Here we are already, January 2003. As usual the school year passes by so quickly and we already find ourselves thinking about graduation and an incoming 9th grade class. On the surface, things appear to be going on as usual: teachers teaching, students learning, athletics, student government, Axe publications, SouthTech, the school store and the myriad of school activities in full swing. Sometimes I have to sit back and wonder how it all happens with what looks like so little effort and so few glitches. However, I know the great effort that is put forth by all the staff, students and parent volunteers that call South their home. We are all glad to have had Winter Break, a time to refresh and recharge our batteries before starting the long trek to June.

There are some exciting projects that are beginning to take shape. Thanks to the Eugene voters who recently passed a hundred and sixty million dollar school bond, South will be getting many much needed improvements over the next few years. Many of them won't be visible, like heating and ventilation upgrades. But new pavement, bathroom upgrades and the new South Student Center will truly improve the appearance and quality of South. Just this month we have started the planning process for the new student center. The dream is a student center that is warm and welcoming and high on the list of choices of where to spend time when not in class.

The architects will digest the ideas from the planning sessions and present a range of ideas from which to choose. If all goes well, current sophomores will enjoy the use of the center during their senior year.

As we plan these capital improvements to our building, we're reminded once again of the paradox in Oregon public school funding. We continue to face serious challenges in funding programs. Although it appears now the recent successful city levy will save us from significant cuts for this year, the future is less clear. After the special election at the end of January we will have a better idea of the magnitude of cuts we face in the coming year. The district continues to search for savings that will not increase class size further or shorten the school year. We know how fortunate we are to be living and working in Eugene, which continues to demonstrate an unprecedented support of its schools. All things considered, we are optimistic about continuing to maintain programs at South making it such a great place to learn and work.

Sincerely,

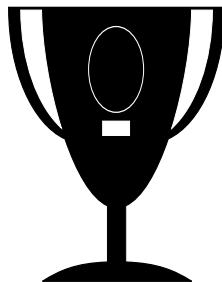
Larry Soberman
Assistant Principal

Trophies Need A Home

Seventy-four trophies need a better more loving home. See a complete list of the trophies at www.sehs.lane.edu. Make a donation to "SEHS Athletics" to claim your trophy. Call John Gillespie 687-3213 or e-mail at gillespie_j@4j.lane.edu.

Here are a few examples of first place trophies:

- '66 Ski Bend Slalom
Paul Skillern, George McCully
John Thompson, Pete Marsh,
Gary Pape
- '71 District Golf
- '73 District Tennis
- '75 Track Girls State
- '79 Port Jazz Combo
- '81 Track Boys Centennial
- '82 All Sports Plaque
- '84 Gonzaga Jr. Speaker
- '90 District Boys Cross Country
- '93 District Girls Cross Country



Win A Car - Fundraiser

The Track Teams will be raffling off a car - 1987 Toyota Corolla. It is a one owner (70+ lady) with only 62,000 miles. Automatic with air and tape deck. Tickets are \$5 with the drawing on February 21st at half time during SE/Thurston Boys Basketball game. You do not need to be present to win. To buy a ticket or for more information contact John Gillespie 687-3213 or gillespie_j@4j.lane.edu or any member of the track team.

Host a German exchange student or teacher?

The German exchange program is off to a great start! For three weeks in July, eleven SEHS students will travel to Mainburg, Bavaria with their teacher, Yasmin Staunau. The students will have an opportunity to attend a German high school and live with a host family, while also taking trips to Munich, the Alps (Switzerland and/or Austria), various lakes, visit the famous castle Neuschwanstein, the BMW museum, Dachau, and much more.

From September 4th to September 22nd students and teachers from our partner school will visit Eugene. We still need to place a few students and a teacher (they all have good English skills). Hosting a student can be a most rewarding experience, an opportunity to extend our families into a second culture.

Each year more than 10,000 American and German students cross the Atlantic with their teachers. What awaits them in their host country differs little from their everyday experience at home. They will live with a family, go to school, and spend their free time with old and new friends. The German American Partnership Program (GAPP) opens doors, which remain closed to the tourist. What makes this possible is the people who offer their hospitality: the families, the teachers in the schools, and the members of the community. Please consider this great opportunity!

If you are interested in hosting a student or teacher and would like further information, please contact Yasmin Staunau staunau@4j.lane.edu or at 687-3306.

Study this summer in Costa Rica

Spanish teacher Barbara Hascall will be taking a group of 10 SEHS students to Costa Rica this summer with the group International Summerstays.

Each student will stay with a local family in San Jose, Costa Rica, go to school at the Costa Rica Spanish Institute (COSI) for 3 hours/day, and go on weekday and weekend excursions to the rain forest, local butterfly and waterfall parks.

Tentative dates are June 28-July 19. Estimated price of \$2,450 includes round-trip fare between Portland and San Jose, placement with a welcoming host family, three weeks of Spanish language classes, comprehensive medical insurance, and more.

This program is open to students who are currently enrolled in at least second year Spanish, with teacher recommen-

dation.

Please contact Barbara Hascall (hascall@4j.lane.edu or 687-3306) or Helen Lawrence of International Summerstays (Helen@summerstays.org or 1-800-274-6007) for more information and applications. Initial application is due January 15th for reservations and March 1st is the deadline for completed application packets and half of the fee.

Ishigaki, Japanese SEHS Exchange Program

To all parents, staff and students interested in hosting or helping with the SEHS program this year.

The Ishigaki, Japanese SEHS Exchange program is off to a good start. Eight students have signed up to travel to Ishigaki at the end of June with teacher, Suzie Gaffney.

In addition, seven students are looking forward to hosting some of the Japanese students. We still have three students and one teacher (young and

speaks English well) we are looking to place. The Japanese students will arrive on Saturday, February 22nd and leave on Sunday, March 16th.

We encourage anyone interested in this program to contact Suzie Gaffney at 484-1920.

Anyone who is interested in helping to make our guests stay more enjoyable is encouraged to join us on Tuesday, January 21st in the SEHS staff lounge (the end of the 300 hall) for a planning

meeting.

We are hoping to get ideas...for activities, setting up dinner or outing dates with a student that is not staying with you, a ski trip and a welcome party. This is a great chance to be part of an experience that affects SEHS students in a positive way.

Please plan to join us. For more information or suggestions, contact Suzie Gaffney at school 687-3377 or home 484-1920.

International Summerstays

Live with a host family abroad during the Summer of 2003 . . . or even for a whole semester! International Summerstays has three different homestay options!

1. Participate in International Summerstays' immersion programs in France, Spain, Mexico, Japan or Germany! Enjoy the company of a welcoming host family while you improve your language skills and soak up the culture.

2. Apply for a study program during the summer in France, Costa Rica or Spain. Live with a welcoming host family while attending language classes,

improving your language skills and learning about the culture.

3. Spend a semester during the school year in Costa Rica, France or New Zealand.



Receive school credit while studying in a high school, living with a host family and immersing yourself in the culture of the host country.

Portland-based International Summerstays is a non-profit organization that has specialized in homestay programs since 1981. Check out all of our programs at www.summerstays.org, or call 1-800-274-6007 for more information.

The Axe Shop: Spirit wear and school supplies

A spirit wear and school supply store, located in the South Cafeteria, has had an excellent start and reception this school year.

We have had many parents, staff and student customers. At present we have a southwear line of t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, beanies and scarves. We carry specialty items such as foam footballs, car flags, stadium cushions just to name a few. Look for

the new PURPLE PIT tees. When worn to a basketball game you will get the best seat in the house. We are continually receiving new stock.

The store is open Monday, Thursday and Fridays from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. and during lunches 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If this time is not convenient for you we have a price list and order forms in the main office. Merchandise will also be sold during some of the girls and boys varsity basketball games.

Attendance

Just a reminder as this 1st semester draws to a close. When you receive/review information regarding your students attendance please know that I am here to provide initial questions you might have, however, when there is something that needs to be changed you and/or your student will need to speak with the teacher who's record you are questioning. They are the only ones to dictate a change in recording. If indeed there is to be a change to be made the teacher will inform me at which time I will correct the overall record.

Thank you!

Pat Thomas/Attendance 687-3129

Inclement Weather Plan

Decisions about whether or not schools will operate or start late in inclement weather are announced to the media by 6 a.m.

If busses plan to operate on "snow routes" the media will also provide this information. Listen to the school district's radio station, KRVM 91.9 FM and 1280 AM, or another radio or TV station.

Please do not call the school. If schools are open but parents make the choice to keep students at home, the parent should call the attendance office, 687-3129 to have their student excused. If hazardous weather causes school days to be missed, the days may be made up later in the school year.

