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Court

The Supreme Court resembled a back alley cat fight as Lawyer Leo Khayet and the prosecution squared off against the Federalist Party in the case of The Concerned Constituents vs Boys' State. The only witness called was Cameron Grant, a precinct committeeman from King County and a member of the Federalist Party. Cameron testified that, during one of the committeeman's meetings, governor candidate David Beehler stated that the platform of the party should be designed to appease the voters and to let public opinion determine policy and that a certain blonde individual was suppressed when he . He then contended that party members, specifically the newly elected governor Joe Gardenhire, had not followed through with the policies that they had advocated during the course of the elections. An instance of dereliction that Cameron sited was that Joe had failed to pass legislation prohibiting abortion.

The ruling on the case was that it never should have been allowed audience in the Supreme Court. In a six to one vote, the

court ruled in favor of dismissing the suit to a lower district court. Additionally, Chief Justice Michael Fry apologized for taking up the time of the people since the case did not deal with a violation of a Constitutional amendment.

> Matt Quiglev Finley--Kennedy

Thanks to Supreme Court

As the new editor of the Met Journal I would personally like to thank the Supreme Court Chief Justice for all its hard work on the lawsuit against us by cry baby. As for the Ryan Bennet situation, we are sorry and hope all issues from here on out will be taken up with the rest of the staff and myself.

> David Geier--Editor Hiatt--King

Terry Would Like to Salute Kennedy County

RETRACTION, ONCE AGAIN

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Letters to the Editor

Dear residents of King County who are a part of the lawsuit against the government:

This attempt at an ungrounded lawsuit toward the Boys' State Government is the most pathetic display of jealousy that this state has ever seen. Please don't stoop to that level of morality where we have to slander each other like this because of petty differences in parties and beleifs. This will not help your county get the respect and dignity that should be expected and deserved of every county in the state. It's just not the way it should be. Thank you.

Sincerely, Luke Barthot Lane--Marshall

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of the Industrial Workers Association. While conducting an association meeting, a representative for the Good government and Ethics Committee rudely walked into our "office" and thrust two papers into my face and stated that we were "required to fill them out" by the state. Utterly taken aback with surprise by his rudeness, I attempted to question him on the content of the questionaire, but he had already began walking down the hallway. I, and the IWA feel that if a person is going to be a representative for the Ethics Committee then they need to earn the respect by using manners and ethics when approaching associations. You can not expect an organization to fill out a form if the person(s) delivering it do not treat its members with respect.

It amazes me that the Good Government and Ethics Committee has already managed to make enemies and this is only thier second day in operation, and as a message to that rude representative; next time, remember the golden rule.

> Andrew Wallenberg Industrial Workers Association

Tired and Apathetic

I can already tell that I will have psychological scars from my Boys' State experience for the rest of my life. I will look back on this week with disgust at how it made me feel: bored, tired, discontented, angry, bored, regretful, tired, disheartened, and especially apathetic.

The week started out fine. I decided to give Boys' State a chance, but as the week has progressed, I began to lose faith in the program. Idiots and obnoxious, sue-happy people such as Josh Burnett began to wear me down.

Apparently Joshy doesn't like us to print his name and say bad things about him. Well baby, this newspaper is going give you one of the greatest honors at Boys' State: We are going to give you more publicity

than our governor (sorry, Joe). I hope Josh takes each and every time someone reads a story about him as a slap in the face.

If Josh actually gets our money, then we will continue the same slap-in-the-face stories. And we won't have any money left to be sued for. So, Josh, it can only get worse from here. If you write us a letter apologizing for what you have done, we will lessen our slaps in the face to backhands (which are less humiliating).

Remember. We are the press, Josh. WE ARE YOUR GOD NOW! And you are whatever we want you to be.

I feel much better now. I guess Boys' State isn't that bad after all.

Matt Hess MacArthur

Our Beloved Ex-Editor

A few of our fellow Staters have left early due to either family obligations or, for many leaving today, the ACT examination.

One such Stater is our editor in chief, Ryan Bennet. Ryan left yesterday around three o'clock in the afternoon to head to Ohio with his family.

Ryan's achievements on staff include:

- -Getting the Met-Journal sued twice, along with many other attempts.
- -Getting the Met-Journal held in contempt of court for openly disobeying a direct order from the Supreme Court.
- -Laying out nearly every page of the paper because, as he said, "My staff is a bunch of complete idiots."
- -Writing an average of nearly one non-court-assigned article per day, compared to two to three written by other staffers.

It may seem harsh to lay all of this on one man. If the paper gets sued, surely it's the entire staff's fault. This in fact, was not directly Ryan's fault. Our ad prices were not set in stone, and we were ordered by the Supreme Court to print a retraction.

The contempt of court, however, is considered Ryan's fault. Though he was not given any written demands from the Court, he was told verbally of the demands. Instead of telling the staff of the demands, Ryan went ahead with his own idea of how the situation should be handled, the result of which caused the paper's bank account to be seized because we were in contempt.

When we selected Ryan at the beginning of the week, we chose him because of his experience. Others on the staff had experience, but we chose him because of his "dedication." We mistakenly assumed that with dedication came honesty and teamwork, and it did not take long before we as a staff realized how (cont. on page 3)

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(continued from page 2) wrong we were.

Ryan barked out orders and got the paper rolling, but soon many staffers lost respect for him because of successive nights of post-1 a.m. layouts, consisting mostly of him eating Starbursts and playing with his bracelet. It is because of this that we as staffers lost interest in putting effort into our jobs.

James Hurla Haney-- Kennedy

Getting to Know Your Counselors

When I had some free time, I started thinking. What kind of people are my counselors? What do they do for fun? And what could I put in this paper that would really embarrass them? So here I am, writing the information that you just might find entertaining.

My first interview was with B.J., supervisor of Seymour City. B.J. is a nineteen-year-old from Iola, Kansas, who is currently enrolled at Kansas University. B.J. told me that he is majoring in Biology. In his free time, B.J. likes to drive around his town listening to music, hanging out with his friends, and going to see movies. When asked what B.J.'s most embarrassing moment was, he responded, "Well a couple days ago someone with long hair was walking past, and I was thinking it was a girl, so I was checking her out from a distance. I commented to a fellow counselor saying how she had a nice butt, but when she turned around, it was a guy."

My next interview took me to Jeremy, our blue haired counselor. Jeremy, at age nineteen, comes to us from Wellington, Kansas. He attends K-State where he plans on majoring in Business. In his free time, Jeremy likes to hang out with his friends, talk to his girlfriend who lives 40 miles away, and play tennis. My first question was in reference to his blue hair. Was there some statement he was trying to get across? Was he rebelling? It turned out that Jeremy angered a K-State football player. The football player picked Jeremy up, and forced his head into a toilet, where they flushed it in some strong 2000 Flushes solution. I was surprised when he told me this wasn't his most embarrassing moment. His most embarrassing moment occured seconds before I showed up. "I explained the shocker to some people in front of the cleaning people... I don't believe I did that!" I'll let you all guess what the shocker is.

My third interview was with Dean, the head of Powell County. Nicknamed Pookie by his girlfriend, Dean comes to us from Milford, New Hampshire. Dean just finished school at WCU where he got his degree in aerospace engineering. In his free time Dean likes to ski alpine style.

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His girlfriend, Diamond, is 22, and Dean feels the age difference is huge. Another embarrassing time for Dean was when his voice cracked when shouting out "Powell County" in front of 700 kids.

My final interview comes from Nate, a 17 year old counselor who comes from Ark City, Kansas. Nate is planning on attending Mcpherson College next year, where he will major in antique automobile resortation technology. In his free time, Nate likes to go cycling and to work on cars. When asked what car Nate liked to work on the best, he responded, "I worked on a '33 Ford Phaton Convertable... it's a convertable with four doors, so it's a really weird model." Nate's most embarrassing moment is truly an intresting one. At a school assembly, as Nate was walking up to the stage, he tripped and fell on this girl he liked, ripping her top off. "It was embarassing... but well worth it."

Rich Eiszner Seymour--Powell

Quotes of the day!!

It's Friday and only one day to the dance. So all of you people who can't wait to get close to females; only one day. Also all of the people taking the ACT on saturday like myself good luck and try to get a good night's sleep.

"To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."

-Steve Prefontaine

"The early bird gets the worm"
-unkown

"On the other hand, the early worm gets eaten"
-Anon

Brandon Wilmoth Seymour--Powell

TO:Powell County

The best county I've ever had

Be what you can be- its your life

And enjoy it

Your adviser,

Gary

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The Roof, the Roof, the Roof Is on Fire

Last night around 11:30, a fire broke out on the sixth floor of Marlett Hall. Alarms were sounded, and staters filed out of their respective floors. All of the floors cooperated with all the precautions except the fifth floor, which houses Patton County. The staters of Patton stayed in their rooms and waved and made light of the staters that actually followed the proper fire precautions. Now Patton, aren't you supposed to exit a building if there is indeed a fire? No matter. If it is a towering inferno or just a little smoke you should exit the building just to be safe. Some staters reported not having any knowledge of a fire. One stater in particular said that while he was walking back to Marlett. He saw a group of staters take off around the corner of the building. His first inclination was to think that some county was participating in an all out prank war. Other reactions from staters were most commonly voiced as, "Dude there is a fire", "Holy Mother of God there is a fire", and "Holy Halloween there is fire." Overall, the temperary residents of Marlett Hall should be thankful for the years of fire safety practice that they under go each year during the school year.

> Jared Soares Whorley--Seitz

Pro Joe

For anyone not following the proceedings in the "Concerned Contituents v. Boys' State of Kansas" case, here's a brief overview.

The Nationalists are suing the Federalist cabinet for lying about what their policies would be if elected. Basically, they are accusing the Federalists of running on what would win votes, not what they actually believed.

The Federalists believe, however, that they have not had time to accomplish anything because of this frivilous lawsuit.

"Basically, they're just doing this to throw a wrench in our plans," said one

Federalist cabinet member.

It does seem odd, to me at least, that the Nationalists would accuse the cabinet of this before the new officers had passed any laws.

Governor Joe Gardenhire said, "I know what I believe, and I plan to stick with my platform. I said my first priority was the budget, and I haven't seen that yet. It's still in Congress. When I get that, if I don't like it, I'll veto it."

Gardenhire said that his other major point was on abortion, his position on which is pro-life, except in instances of rape, incest, or harm to the mother.

Members of the cabinet as well as Gardenhire agreed that before anything could get done, including the budget, they would need to get away from this sort of ridiculous lawsuit.

James Hurla Haney--Kennedy

Friday's Schedule

8:45 - 10:45 am	All Government
	Branches Operating
8:45 am - 12:00 pm	District Courts in Session
10:00 - 10:30 am	Governor's Address to
	the Executive Branch
	Country Cupboard
12:00 - 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:30 - 3:15 pm	All Government
	Branches Operating
1:30 - 2:45 pm	Agency Hearings On
	State Agency Project for
	Friday
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Recreation
5:00 - 5:30 pm	Free Time
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 - 7:45 pm	Retreat and Assembly
7:45 - 11:00 pm	Inaugural Ceremonies -
	Dance & Movies
	K-State Union
	Blake Huff
	SchmittPershing County

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Wildlife and Parks

The Department of Transportation reported that, over the last year, there have been 9,116 auto accidents involving deer (up 13% from the previous year), which have resulted in 350 injuries and five deaths. To combat this problem the Department of Wildlife and Parks said that they would be promoting a program to build more fences along highways and other rural roads.

The program, which they said would allow the deer population to maintain high, will be proposed to the legislature some time in the future. The department also said that they would continue to promote the current hunting and licensing policy, and that they felt the continuation of the deer populations prosperity is vital due to its aesthetic value.

Sam Sellers

Department of Commerce

The Department of commerce wants to bulid many golf course to increase Kansas tourism, increase property value, and increase youth jobs. The cost of a golf course would be five hundred and fifty dollars. The way the Commerce would pay for these would be a seven percent tax raises on tabacco. If these tax raises would happen it would make up to tewnty thuosand dollars which would be able to build a lot of golf courses.

Brandon Wilmoth

Environment

The department of the Environment addressed the issue of buliding a new landfill in the city of Wiles in Seitz County. The landfill would replace one in a nearby Missouri city which has been filled to capacity.

The department's proposal is to begin the landfill in an open area of prairie, which will be covered over once it is filled. Their hope is that the pairie will revitalize once the landfill has been covered.

As part of the landfill project, the department hopes to build a fence around the landfill to preserve the surrounding prairie. The plan also includes a new highway to reduce the traffic on the Main Street of Wiles.

The landfill is expected to bring an extra five million dollars to the state, which would be used to fund the highway and rehabilitation projects.

James Hurla

Board of Regents

The service of alcohol in non-classroom areas set forth by the board of regents, has been put into effect for the safety and consederations of all students at our institutions.

There gudielines clearly state that the consunption of alcoholic may be permitted, but only under the strictly controlled guidelines of our inversities' executive offices.

At Boys' State University the two most important aspects set forth by the board of regents are the student's education and safety. That is why alcohol is not allowed in school unless improved in advanced by executive office. "We at the board of regents completely and fully feel that there is absolutely no need to change our current policy."

Brandon Wilmoth

Corporation Commission

The Corporation Commission is composed of Nationalist Robert Smail and Federalist Chris Klick. Together, it is their responsibility to make rulings on the ability of business to perform certain actions. One problem that they faced was whether or not to allow Krafels Inc. to dispose of Schragville's waste on property owned by Seitz County. Kramer Inc. would pay the county \$15 million in compensation for this right. The 2500 acre site was being held in the hope that it would receive funding to become a park. However, due to a lack of federal funding, that goal was abandoned. In dealing with this situation, the Corporation Commission, due to Boys' State policy, is unable to make any restrictions or suggestions to the Kramer Inc. or to Seitz County. In compliance with their interpretation of the Federalist platform, the Corporation Committee would advocate accepting the money.

> Matt Quigley Finley--Kennedy

Department of Revenue

The Department of Renvenue is a State Agency in Boys' State. The department's stance on the justification of the amount of automobile taxaition is very moderate. They would like to compensate for lowered taxation on cars would raise the state taxes on petroleum products. This way it would affect the people that drive and not affect those who do not drive. A car tax is like a property tax and needs to be collected annually as if it were a house. They see it as a good situation, but as a necessary situation. They believe it necessary for a state revenue. The Department of Revenue believes things are as they should be, and need not be changed.

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Department of Corrections

After a conference with the Department of Corrections it was revealed that they are hard on crime. The department felt that "prisoners should have no more than 2-3 hours of recreation a day. Any more than that is too excessive and leads to criminals nonrehablitation." Their justification of two to three hours was, "Two hours help keep them sane, but at the same time enforces the purpose of prison."

The weightlifting program brought upon a large controversy. Although this issue is touchy, all three Department men (Jared Harris, Chris Pieschl and Mike Wasinger) supported removing weightlifting gyms from prisons. "It's too high of a risk. If they want to stay in fit, why can't they do sit-ups or push-ups."

It has become very common in prisons for inmates to teach themselves with books from prison libraries. The department felt that this was treating, in some instances, too well. However, they felt by censoring volitile material the risks of allowing inmates to become intelligent can be lowered. "The more intelligent an inmate becomes the higher their confidence is. Which can in a lot of instances help them out in the long run."

In conclusion, the department overall felt that no criminal should be allowed early release for good behavior.

Ryan Bennett Whorley--Seitz

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Jared Soares Whorley--Seitz

Board of Education

The topic of whether the theory of evolution should be taught in schools is a very hot topic. Currently, the theory of evolution is not emphasized in the Boys' State set of science standards. The theory comes into conflict with what Christians believe about creation and what science shows as evolution. The theory also conflicts with the religious beliefs of 90% of the state's population. Citizens of Boys' State are split 50/50 on the evolution topic, according to the department.

The Kansas Department of Education stated that students won't be exposed to all theories of modern science. They also stated students from Kansas would be sterotyped. The department fears that students would be perceived as deficient in theories and methods of science from other states. They fear that other states would view Kansas students as not very intelligent.

Religious individuals feel teaching evolution will compromise beliefs and spirituality. On the otherhand, scholars say a vital part of knowledge is being left out if evolution is not taught.

The Kansas Department of Education has come up with a good idea to deal with this problem. They propose to teach evolution, but put extreme stress that it is just a theory. The department wants students to know that they don't have to accept evolution, but they need to know about it. Another good idea is to have parents sign a waiver saying they don't want their kids to participate, similar to waivers used in sexual education.

Whatever decision is reached, it will be a controversial decision for time to come.

Blake Huff Schmitt--Pershing

Department of Health

Alarmed with the high pregnancy rates among teenagers, the Department of Health is looking to take action.

Among the plans for lowering the rate of pregnacy among teenagers the are imposing a curriculum that will teach teenagers, male and female, about sexually transmitted diseases, and forms of protection. They want to set up places around the state where free condoms will be distributed.

"We feel that if teenagers can get condoms without being embarrassed it will increase the use for those who choose to have sex." the board said.

Dustin Fox Hiatt--King

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Young to retire from football

According to NFL sources, San Francisco 49er quarterback Steve Young will retire by the end of the week.

Young had been struggling to choose between three options: continue to play for the 49ers, join another NFL team or retire.

It appeared Monday that Young's options had been cut down to retirement or playing for another NFL team after San Francisco general mangager Bill Walsh all but ruled out Young's return to the 49ers.

Young met Monday with Broncos head coach Mike Shanahan in Denver. Young said there were no negotiations or contract talks and that the meeting with Shanahan, who is a close friend, was mearly advisory.

He has also made plans to talk with Seattle coach Mike Holmgren. Shanahan and Holmgren are close to Young as former offensive coordinators with San Fransisco, and Holmgren also coached young at BYU.

Dustin Fox Hiatt--King

Rocker reports to Richmond

John Rocker reported to the Richmond Braves Thursday after saying he wasn't sure if he would.

The troubled Atlanta Brave closer, who was demoted to the minors Monday, arrived in Toledo, Ohio yesterday and was scheduled to be with Richmond for tonight's Triple-A International league game against the Toledo Mud Hens.

Atlanta assistant general manager Frank Wren was with Rocker and is scheduled to remain in Toledo through Friday night's game.

There was speculation that Rocker might not report to the minors after he told WKLS Radio in Atlanta on Wednesday that he was comtemplating retirement and a possible career as a stockbroker.

"There's plenty of things I can do besides deal with the headaches of this garbage every single day," Rocker told WKLS. "I'd be a stockbroker probably. There's something to be said for having a job that's not just a complete headache."

A Mud Hens spokesman said that security has been increased at Ned Skeldon Stadium in anticipation of Rocker's arrival.

Dustin Fox Hiatt--King

Leg injury most likely career ending

The New Jersey Nets' Jayson Williams may have played his final game in the NBA. Williams and his agent, Sal DiFazio, refused to say definitely that

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Williams would not be able to return from the severly broken right leg he suffered when he collided with teammate Stephon Marbury in a game April 1, 1999. But DiFazio implied that it would take nothing short of a miracle for Williams to play in the NBA again.

Williams sat out all of last season, and DiFazio said he would almost certainly not be able to play next season. DiFazio said the decision on Williams' career would most likely be made within a few weeks, after Williams is further examined.

"The problem is that there's a structural defect, that when he goes out to run and jump and play NBA basketball, the knee is going to swell and become non-usable for the next few days," DiFazio said. "You can't play ball like that. That's the problem. It's the residual arthritis and the residual changes in the knee. Playing golf, jogging around the tennis court-- he's going to be fine with those things. But NBA basketball is a serious business. These guys go hard, and he probably is never going to have the ability to do that."

Doctors said shortly after Williams' injury that his career was in jeopardy, but Wednesday's news was a surprise because Williams practiced with the Nets for three days in March. Coaches and teammates said he looked great before a fracture in his left foot put a hault on his return.

DiFazio said the swelling and pain in Williams's knee after those practices was so incredible that he would have stopped playing regardless of whether he had broken his foot or not.

"His knee blew up to the size of a basketball," DiFazio said. "Unfortunatley, those are conditions are not going to allow him to continue with his career in the NBA, it they continue."

Dustin Fox Hiatt--King

Pierce knocks off No. 1 seed Hingis

Top-seeded Martina Hingis is going to have to wait another year to complete her career Grand Slam.

Hingis fell once again in the French Open, losing to Mary Pierce in the semifinals 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 Thursday at the French.

Hingis was able to avoid a straight set loss as she saved a match point in the second set, battling back from a 5-3 deficit.

Pierce managed to fight off Hingis's comeback attempt and leg cramps in the third set to earn her second appearance in the French Open finals.

She will face Conchita Martinez who defeated Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-1, 6-2.

It will be the first time Martinez will play in the French Open final. She had lost in the semis three previous times.

Dustin Fox Hiatt--King

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Horoscopes

For delegates

Be sure to wait until tomorrow to tell your counselors exactly how you feel about them. Otherwise, you may get up a little before 2 a.m. and get to use your toothbrush.

For counselors

You know your delegates are ready to go home when you ask "Who's the best county" and they say "Not us, sir".

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Be aware of your surroundings. Amazingly, we are still in Kansas.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

If you go before the court system, come correct or don't come at all.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

If you get bored and are in the highway patrol, get in the bank line, pull out your gun and say "This is a stick-up!"

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You know your counselor has low self-esteem when he's yelling the U-G-L-Y chant into the mirror.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Donate your money to the newspaper. That way when you want to sue us, we have money.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

When a counselor asks what activity you want to do during recreation, cat-calling is not an option.

Libra (September 23-October 23)

There are three types of people in this world, those that can count and those that can't.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)

Don't worry: Boys' State is the isn't the only place that the government doesn't work.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Remember, nobody likes a cry baby, or the cry baby.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

If your roommate tells you "You got soft hands, like a lady's" run.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

It's not illegal as long as no one finds out. So bury your victims outside of town.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

It's not cheating if it's in another zip-code.

Jeff Pommier Perrill--Pershing

Day In History June 9, 2000

1534 Cartier Discovers the St. Lawrence River.

1732 Georgia Charter Granted to Oglethorpe.

1772 British vessel burned off of Rhode Island.

1898 Britain granted 99-year lease on Hong Kong.

1973 Secretariat wins Triple Crown

Birthdays June 9, 2000

1672 Peter the Great (Peter Alekseyevich)

1891 Cole (Albert) Porter

1916 Robert McNamara (U.S. secretary of

defense in Kennedy and Johnson

Administrations, President of

World Bank)

1922 George Axelrod (playwright)

1939 David Hobbs (autoracer)

1961 Michael J. Fox

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