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THE START OF SOMETHING NEW

Yesterday at noon, young men from every walk of life and from every corner of Kansas congregated to Manhattan for the 63rd annual Boys' State. Some came equipped with mammoth suitcases and a grim, businesslike disposition, while others brought only a duffel bag and a look of disillusionment. Whatever the background, though, each candidate seemed to know that they were becoming a part of something that transcended the seven days that they would spend here, that experiences and friendships forged would remain alive in the memories of their youth forever.

Already, the candidates are beginning to get a feel for what is to be their reality during the next week. Forgotten are the frivolities of women and music videos as we begin to dabble our feet in the waters of the real world. Perhaps for the first time our abilities are truly being tested, the comforts and safety nets of home removed. In this strange amalgam of farm seeds and big city dwellers shall emerge a stratified hierarchy based not on wealth or background, but instead upon strength of character. How each delegate confronts his challenges shall determine his success. Only the upcoming days will reveal who shall be able to capitalize on the opportunity each of us has been given.

Matt Quigley
Finley--Kennedy

Success on day one

Boys' State started successfully yesterday with the arrival of about eight hundred bright young men. As they were unpacking their things and saying goodbye to their moms and dads, they were also beginning to experience first-hand the greatness that is Boys' State. People were beginning to select who and what it is they wanted to be. But enough small talk, in order to give some interesting individuals some publicity, We decided to do some interviews. We met up with future marine

Tom England, who's currently running for County Commissioner, and asked him a couple interesting questions about life at Boys' State. "Now I know the majority of the people here think that the marching is just annoying and worthless, but when you think about it, marching makes a greater presence, especially the way Powell County does it: with style." Tom then went on to mention the Boy's State T-Shirts. "Free shirts are always a good thing. They bring us together as a unit, and i wear mine with pride." After meeting with Tom we went over to Goodnow and meet up with Zach Barker, whose occupation is undecided. We asked Zach about the Boys' State food. "The quality is pretty decent. I mean it's school food, so it's nothing special. It's all you can eat... and free... so you can't really complain." We also asked Zach his thoughts on the dorm rooms. "They are a little small, kind of like living in a box. I have to share a shower with a bunch of guys... so it's nothing exciting. We need to share some showers with some girls. That would be tight." John Lick, possible future governor of Boy's State and role model to all, decided to give us some comments to help give him an edge in his election. "I expected a lot out of Boys' State: friendly people, nice dorms, good food, and great counselors. So far everything has met up to my standards. I'm sure everyone is having a good time, and if you're not... come talk to me. I'm a very approachable person. Let's make this event worthwhile, so vote for me." Our next target was Rich Cray, another possible future governor. When asked about his counselors Rich showed that he has an emotional side. "My counselors are very loud. They like to yell and shout, and sometimes it just hurts my feelings. The man's trying to bring me down." Rich then went on to say how he's ready to pass a lot of legislation during this session at Boys' State, and that he's ready to serve the common man. In closing, it seems everybody had a great time their first day here at Boys' State. Competition is tight, but we're sure all the voters will make the right decisions. Friendships are being formed that will last a lifetime, and the experiences shared here will not be forgotten.

Rich Eisner & Brandon Wilmoth
Seymour--Powell

SHERER'S SPEECH

Commitment, character, and courage were the three themes that formed the backdrop of Lieutenant Governor Gary Sheerer's speech yesterday, at McCain Auditorium. Sheerer was the key-note speaker at the first assembly of the 63rd annual Kansas Boys' State.

In his speech he stressed the above mentioned "three c's", as the secret to success. He told of how he had dreamed as a young boy to someday have his name on the door of a state capitol office, and that these three qualities had above all else led him there.

Speaking of courage, he told of how as a little boy he had seen first-hand the power of segregation. From his experience, he realized that it was necessary for people to have the courage to stand up to speak out for what was right.

He also told a short story chronicling the life of Edmond Ross, a U.S. senator from Kansas during the Andrew Johnson Administration. Ross voted to acquit the President during impeachment proceedings, thus swinging the tally in favor of keeping Johnson in office. Ross's vote upset many Kansans who were in favor of ousting the President from office, ending the Senator's career and ruining his reputation. Sheerer said that Ross's actions displayed true courage, and that he hoped he had showed similar courage in his life.

Stater Wes Magyar of Hutchinson and MacArthur County said that he felt Sheerer's speech was not only sincere but that it was also peppered with good advice.

"He had some real good things to say; some things that really urged me on to run for a spot in the senate," Magyar said. "Anyone who can keep me wide awake like that must have been speaking the truth."

His speeches at Boys' State have become commonplace, so much so, that after being presented with a Boys' State t-shirt, the comment was made that he should start a ball team and name it after Boys' State.

Sam Sellers
Icenogle--MacArthur

VOTE RYAN EBRIGHT FOR GOVERNOR AND STEELE SMITH FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

"WE WILL GET THE JOB DONE!"

Brownback Speaks

Who better to welcome delegates to a week focused on the practices of a state government than a key figure in the government?

Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas gave a speech to the 2000 delegates of Boys' State. During his speech, Senator Brownback focused on the idea that before someone could become great, they had to be good. He said that in this age of celebrity status determining greatness, this message is sometimes forgotten.

Senator Brownback's first example was Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States. He was a good man before he became a great president. He led our nation through the Civil War and fought for what he believed in. He was killed for fighting for what he believed in.

Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights leader, was the second example. He led the protesters in prayer for the people that they were about to protest against, because he wanted them to see his vision of peace instead of hatred.

Mother Theresa also was mentioned, because her good work made her great. He mentioned how at a meeting with several heads-of-states, she stood out the most because of her goodness that became greatness.

Brownback challenged the delegates to think about how their goodness now could grow into greatness for tomorrow.

Jeff Pommier
Perrill--Pershing

Quotes of the Day!

Well, you have made it through the first day of Boys' State and you are getting ready to start your first full day of activities. I wish all of the people running for office the best of luck. If you have a quote that you wish to be in the paper, just bring it by the newsroom and drop it off. Our first quote is from Derek Griswold (I got this off the back of his shirt).

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall"

Our next quote is from Bryden Burdick. He was full of ideas.

"If life gives you a lemon, make lemonade"

Again, if you have a quote for the paper, please bring it by the newsroom and drop it off. It will be greatly appreciated.

Brandon Wilmoth
Seymour--Powell

First Day Missing Mascot

A framed mascot in Bradley County was found missing last night sometime between 9 and 10 p.m. The absence of the picture and biography of John W. Crum that sat outside of the city of Crum on the fourth floor of Goodnow Hall was first noticed by residents of Coss, on the same floor.

"We have no leads yet," said Coss resident Dan Brown. "But we do suspect foul play. I don't think Mr. Crum just got up and left."

The county residents, however, are not willing to let the mascot go without a fight.

"If I am elected senator, I will get to the bottom of this," boasted senate candidate and Coss resident Kerry Green.

James Hurla
Haney--Kennedy

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Dorms Editorial

As I made my way up to my dorm room in Goodnow yesterday I was shocked at what I saw. Or should I say what I didn't see. No TV, no pictures on the wall, no phone, not even a clock. All that furnished my room was an unmade bed, a couple desks with chairs, a closet with drawers, and a mirror.

It became apparent to me very quickly that this barren room, that is to be my home for the next week, is going to drive me crazy. How do the people that put me up there expect me to live like that?

Now don't get me wrong, I really do appreciate the place to sleep in. It was more than kind of the people at Kansas State to let us use the dorms, but a little spicing up of the rooms would have been nice.

At the very least they could have include a little warning in the packet that they sent me of the isolationism I would be living in. That way I could have smuggled in a couple magazines, a small TV, a Playstation, and some posters. Anything to liven up the room a little bit and keep me from going absolutely crazy.

As it is I have to deal with my room of misery for the rest of the week and try, without success, of finding other ways to keep myself sane. Before I know it I'll be having staring contests with myself in my room's lone mirror, or seeing how fast I can recite the alphabet backwards to pass the time. I just hope that I won't be driven over the edge before Saturday.

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Nationalist	Noah Moos

King County

Federalist	Leo Khayet
Nationlist	Nick Migiliazzo

Eisenhower County

Federalist	David Beehler
Nationalist	Seth Feist

Powell County

Federalist	Ryan Gordon
Nationalist	John Lick

Patton County

Federalist	Yannic Dozier
Nationalist	Ryan Ebright

Seitz County

Federalist	William Gardenhire
Nationalist	Andy Soule

MacArthur County

Federalist	Greg Heisel
Nationalist	Robert Smail

Bradley County

Federalist	Heath Mireles
Nationalist	Chaz Steimel

Pershing County

Federalist	Rich Craig
Nationalist	Austin Wells

Marshall County

Federalist	Michael Fry
Nationalist	Josh Burnett

How's the Food?

I have a little story to relate to the lot of you out there about my dining experience before arriving at Boys' State. It all started at a local restaurant. The dirty rags hanging over the condiments or the strange slush over which I delicately stepped should have alerted me to my situation. Still, these signs couldn't have prepared my stomach for what my eyes beheld. I asked for a Whopper, but what the woman behind the counter passed over to me looked like an inbred possum mixed with bits of vanilla pudding. Seriously, a half pound patty isn't meant to coat your teeth like axle grease. I felt like a federal agent trying to diffuse a bomb as I proceeded to remove the bits of gelatin from the meat, sending the biopsy off to the CDC for further analysis. At least there were ice cream and french fries to fall back on, but I

imagine that I'll look fairly strange after putting on ten extra pounds. Still, that is far better than growing an extra limb from consuming something genetically unstable.

So, it was with downtrodden spirit that I ascended the stairs to the cafeteria here at Boys' State. Imagine my surprise, then, when scents fit for the finest spreads of imperialist France caressed my olfactory. I know that we all expect camp food to be deplorable, unfit for even canine consumption. However, I was delighted to discover that the food here at KSU is exceptional. I half expect to turn my head and see the opulent, dining with silver spoons attended by butlers in tailored suits. I can't wait for breakfast.

Matt Quigley
Finley--Kennedy

What's uuup!

8:00-8:30 am	Athletic Team Captin Workshop	Heritage Room
8:30-11:15 am	Precinct Committeemen Meeting	Cat's Den
		Willowick Room
8:30-11:15 am	Association Representatative Meeting	Association Offices
10:00-11:15 am	Presentation and Discussion of Political Positions	Nationalist
		Cat's Den
		Federalist
		Willowick Room
11:30- 12:45 am	Lunch	Kramer Dining
* 11:00 am	Precinct committeemen/ Band/ Chorus/ Talent Show participants eat lunch	Kramer Lobby
11:30-12:45 pm	Political Fair	
12:30-12:45 pm	Rehearsal/ Tryouts	Band-McCain Auditorium 204
		Chorus-McCain Auditorum 201
		Talent-Show Goodnow Conf.
12:45-1:00 pm	Primary Election State Office Candidates Meeting	Kramer Lounge
1:00-3:15 pm	Whistle Stop Tour	
3:30-5:00 pm	Recreation	City Area
5:00- 5:30 pm	Free Time	
5:30-7:00 pm	Dinner-City Pictures	Front of Goodnow
7:00-7:45 pm	Retreat and Assembly	Parking Lot
8:15-10:45 pm	Precinct Committee Meeting	Willowich Room
		Cat's Den