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Indecisiveness and Fuzzy Math Spell Delegates' Demise

Wade Condict 'Milky'

"I don't know", said Mike Sekavec, Federalist delegate for State Treasurer, when asked if he has any plans or goals in mind for balancing the budget, raising or lowering taxes, or fixing any of Kansas's economic, social, or political problems. This statement and many other blunders made by political candidates in this year's major elections will surely spell their demise. Here's the rundown.

Chris Swartz is the Nationalist ticket's hope for a spot in the Department of Treasury. He has the basic Nationalist party plans and policies but hopes to affect the state in a deeper way than just what the rest of his party wants him to do. He should have little trouble in defeating the unprepared Mike

Sekavec.

In the same boat as Sekavec are Charles Weniger and James Vietti. These two guys both have little knowledge of what's actually going on. Charles Weniger said "I'm gonna have to wait for the precinct meeting for somebody to tell me what to say". James Vietti had the same response. All three of these candidates are indecisive and have no real stances on the issues. They should be handily defeated in the debates where every response of theirs will be similar to "I'll do whatever my people want". James Vietti is the stereotypical politician that will probably try to steal the shirt off of Tristan Tafolla's back during the debates. These are shady characters that have no backbones and will never bask in the light of victory without some of their own ideas and policies.

However Tristan Tafolla and Joel Andrew are delegates who seem to have their acts together. They share some similar ideas like minimal budget cuts across the board along with very light taxes. These procedures will prove successful in solving the budget crisis for years to come.

Another person with his own ideas and values is Jonathan Parada. His journey to the top of the Attorney General ladder won't be short lived as his goal in life is to become one. This should be a reasonable task for a man with as much character as he. His challenger, James Murray will probably out talk him but don't be distracted by his Jimmy Stewart impersonations. Although comedic and quick, his antics don't belong in a state office. (See 3rd paragraph of yesterday's article).

The final two candidates are for the office of Governor. Chris French is a guy with many accomplishments and leadership abilities under his belt. His experiences as a champion debater should help him tomorrow against the quick speaking Shiloh Dutton.

This horny little box turtle claims to have magical figures all written down on paper. As George Bush said "the man's practicing fuzzy math". Shiloh will dazzle the crowds with his billion-gazillion dollar plan involving everything but the kitchen sink. But he'll have a hard time persuading the conservative federalists to use it to solve an \$8,000 problem. Chris's superior thoughts, plans and overall moral fiber should prevail in the end to round out a well-balanced and successful bipartisan Kansas government.

Letters to the Editor Policy

Questions, concerns, comments, suggestions, and ideas can be sent to the *Stater's Union* for review. Letters should be typed or neatly hand written and no more than 200 words in length. Letters may be delivered to the Journalism room located beneath the cafeteria, or given to any member of the staff. All letters will be subject to review by the *Union* staff and its editor. Letters may be edited for length by the staff provided the intended message of the letter remains unchanged.

Why do 'fat chance' and 'slim chance' mean the same thing?

Same Old Platform, Different Candidate

Jesse Hall

Wild and Crazy Guy

Yesterday at 9:00 a.m. a broken record began to play in the heritage room of the Kramer Dining Hall. This wasn't any ordinary record either, it was a record of political rhetoric heard in many halls at many times. The only difference this time was that the people spreading this oral tripe were under age and not liable.

At nine o'clock the entire newspaper staff

entered the hall of rhetoric to gain insight into party platforms. In terms of insight, it was like looking into a piece of coal to see your own reflection.

To tell you what the main platform included, I can give you two words, "Budget Cuts." Everyone seems to be worried about the \$8,000 dollar deficit. Many candidates have found solutions, the only problem is that they are all the same. After the first person mentioned "sin tax," welfare cuts and increased taxes for the rich every

other candidate could have just said "ditto" when it came to their ideas on county budget reform. The entire idea behind joining a body of legislators or leaders is to input new and innovative ideas.

I'm not going to be the man to say all of this and not give a solution or some other avenue of research. There are other means of acquiring revenue/monies. You could cut funding to highways and even your oil manufactures. The great thing about these two avenues

is that unlike many other corporations these two need to stay where they are. I'm not in favor of abusing these two resources, but I heard nothing involving these two industries.

The ideas given in this opinion article aren't the only ideas out there. Use your own ideas to expand on topics. In the real world of politics there are no limits. Although there are certain limits to this exercise in mock government, there is no reason to explore them.

Ignorance is Bliss

Andrew McCandless

Prince of Insufficient Light

After the press conference held yesterday I walked out reassured that the politicians are wondering blind in the dark. This policy is a dangerous one especially considering the current budget deficit. Instead of proposing real solutions to this dilemma one would expect the Governor to have a more plausible

solution than cutting programs necessary to the maintenance of the state. If the suggested reforms took place we would have retired people living on the street scrounging for enough money to eat due to loss of benefits; children living in abusive households due to lack of funding for social workers to monitor their parents; distanced children drop out of school due to unskilled underpaid teachers; and mentally

unstable persons walking the street because they have no place to go after the state mental hospitals are closed. All of this is due to a suggested 25%-50% SRS budget cut. Then, these same candidates orated on their crime prevention strategies. If one were to look to the consequences of cutting support programs to high risk groups and the elderly then we expect to reduce crime; this doesn't add up these

people aren't just going to disappear after they are off welfare, when they can't find jobs they will resort to crime and then we will spend infinitely more money on keeping them in prisons. Well this staff writer would much rather see a rise in taxes than these proposed cuts in services. In the future I would recommend some forethought by the governors before making such large decisions.

The Man Behind the Name

Jacob Bassett

Staff Strong Man

As you are all aware of, the counties in which we are assigned have been named after instrumental persons from our diverse world. General Colin Powell is the focal point of "Powell County." Powell was born in New York City on April 5th, 1937, and was raised in the South Bronx. Being the son of Jamaican immigrants, adapting to a very cultured environment in New York was a fairly easy task for Powell. He was schooled in NYC public districts, and attended the City College of New York. He participated in ROTC and subsequently received a Master of Business Administration Degree from George

Washington University. He served two tours of duty in the Viet Nam War, was a battalion commander in Korea, and served the United States during several stints overseas in Europe.

General Powell has been the recipient of numerous U.S. military decorations, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart. His civilian awards include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal, and an honorary knighthood (Knight Commander of the Bath) from the Queen of England. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1993. Powell has served under three Presidents: George H. Bush, Bill Clinton, and our current leader George W.

Bush.

He has also served as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Commander in Chief, and is currently Secretary of State. Powell owns the distinction of being the first African American to hold this high office in the history of the United States Government.

"America's Promise," is an organization in which Powell commends, that bares a direct correlation to our countries youth. It challenges Americans to make youth a priority, as well as an important investment of our beloved country. He has been involved several civic organizations, (Boys and Girls Clubs, Children's Health Fund, and the United Negro College Fund), and believes that youth can

make a difference. A recent thought of Powell's comes as an inspiration to youth, and serves as a standard of achievement. "Challenge young people by having high expectations of them; engage them with the opportunity to realize those expectations through constructive, character-building activities." As a proud member of Powell County, I can truly say that it is an honor to serve and look up to such a prestigious member of our country.



Generally Speaking...

Jesse Hall

Wild and Crazy Guy

General George S. Patton was born in 1885 and died in a jeep wreck in 1945 right after the war. He was born in San Gabriel, California. Patton was a West Point graduate in 1909. He soon advanced through the grades to a full general. He was aide-de-camp to Gen. Pershing in Mexico and England in 1916-1917. He commanded and organized the Tank School in World War I. He was the first man detailed to Tank Corps in 1917. He was General of the 3rd Army dur-

ing World War II. He led forces in Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, France, Germany, Belgium, and Luxembourg. General Patton was well known throughout the military world as one of the toughest generals of WWII. That point is exemplified in this quote:

"Now I want you to remember that no bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. You won it by making the other poor dumb bastard die for his country."

Although he commanded his battalions with an iron hand he was probably the most admired and

the most controversial of all American generals in World War II, he was known for carrying ivory-handled pistols, for racy language, and an intemperate manner, but he was also regarded as one of the most successful American field commanders of any war. The 1971 film, Patton, starring George C. Scott in the title role, provoked renewed interest in this complex man.

At right: General George S. Patton; war hero, American hero. A man with American spirit who loved the sting of battle.



"You're never beaten until you admit it."- General George S. Patton

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Star Wars Wins Coveted Spot of Featured Movie

The George Lucas saga continued with the release of Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones on May 16. The previous Star Wars movie grossed over \$300 million and was nominated for four Oscars. If you have NOT seen this movie, get off your lazy rear end and get to the movies. You will be sorry if you don't because you will miss the big light saber duel Yoda battles in at the end of the movie, where he really kicks the dark side's tail. The movie stars Hayden Christensen as Anakin Skywalker, Ewan McGregor as Obi-Wan Kenobi, Samuel L. Jackson as the mighty Jedi Mace Windu, and the drop-dead gorgeous Natalie Portman as Senator Padme Amidala.

Annual Boys' State Sports Begin

Yesterday included not only a full day of campaigning but also gave us staters' a time to show our athletic ability. Delegates had the opportunity to compete in Basketball, Sand Volleyball, Softball, and Tennis. At the end of the day there were three counties that stood above the rest. Ranking in third was Patton County, Bradley County came in second, and the champions of yesterday's competitions was Powell County.

County	Basketball	Softball	Volleyball
Bradley	1-1	1-0	2-0
Eisenhower	0-2	Forefeit	0-1, F
Kennedy	2-0	Forefeit	1-0, F
King	0-1, F	1-0	0-2
MacArthur	0-1, F	0-1	2-0
Marshall	1-1	0-1	0-2
Patton	2-0	1-0	0-1
Pershing	0-2	0-1	1-0
Powell	2-0	1-0	2-0
Seitz	0-2	0-1	0-2

Tuesday's Pairings 3:30 PM

MacArthur vs. Kennedy	Seitz vs. Pershing
King vs. Bradley	Powell vs. Marshall
Eisenhower vs. Patton	

Portman Wins Coveted Spot of "Babe of the Day"

Although we here at the newspaper staff perform many different duties each day than your average Boys' State delegate, we are still here to learn and participate in politics. When I think of politicians, the term 'crooked' politician jumps to my mind. Politicians are often perceived as dishonest weasels who bend and break the rules to promote themselves and their ideas. The staff at the *Union* is no different.

Many people frown upon the idea of posting a featured girl in the paper, but we've found a way around the system. Just as the preceding stories describing Generals Powell and Patton were enriched by photographs, we feel that we will not be able to accurately and articulately convey the greatness of Star Wars if we fail to include some type of photo. So without further ado, Gentlemen, I present Miss Natalie Portman:

Natalie Portman Vitals:

Birthday: Tuesday June 9th, 1981, in Jerusalem, Israel
 Height: 5 feet 3 inches
 Weight: Unknown
 Eyes: Brown
 Foods: Pizza, ice cream, chocolate
 Hobbies: Dancing, reading, writing, ice skating, acting

Back that A** Up

Vote Nationalist!

Governor	Chris French
Lt Gov.	Matt Bretz
Att. Gen.	James 'Jimmy' Murray
Tres.	Chris Swartz
Insurance	Joel Andrews

The Babe of Day Picture is proudly brought to you by the Nationalist party.

The Staters' Scoreboard Sports Briefs

MLB

Bonds Does it Again

On Monday, June 03, Frank Robinson was tied for fourth all-time on the list for home runs as Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants hit his 586th home run in a 9 to 2 victory over the Colorado Rockies. Bonds has now hit seven home runs in his last nineteen games, which is good enough for the league lead (19), shared with Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa. But if you ask Barry, he won't comment on his chase for Hank Aaron's record. "Victories mean more to us right now," says Bonds, which is true because the Giants are still 2½ games behind the Arizona Diamondbacks, and 1 game behind the Los Angeles Dodgers. Only Hank Aaron (755), Babe Ruth (714) and Willie Mays (660) have more home runs than Barry.

Tennis

French Open Competition Heats Up

Play in France at the French Open has advanced to the sweet sixteen round. The Williams sisters continue their stellar play as both Venus and Serena breezed through the opening rounds. Jennifer Capriati remains in the tournament is still lurking near the leaders, however. She also advanced with relative ease.

On the men's side of the bracket, just a few big names remain. Andre Agassi is still alive. Top-ranked Lleyton Hewitt and two-time defending champion Gustavo Kuerten have both been upset as Hewitt lost in four sets and Kuerten in three. Pete Sampras is the most notable absentee, though. Sampras will again fail to capture the French open which remains the only Grand Slam even he has yet to capture in his brilliant career.

Hockey

Fight for the Cup about to Begin

On Tuesday, June 4th on ESPN, the Detroit Red Wings and the Carolina Hurricanes will face off in the opening game of the Stanley Cup Finals. Before the season began, the Red Wings were built to win the Stanley Cup, signing many free agents who are sure to be future hall-of-famers when their careers are done. Some of these players include former Dallas Star defenseman Brett Hull and L.A. kings wing Luc Robitaille. Other Hall-of Famers on the roster include team captain Steve Yzerman, Brendan Shanahan, and Nicklas Lindstrom, as well as one of the best goalies ever in Dominik "The Dominator" Hasek. The 'Canes on the other hand were not even expected to make the playoffs, much less make it to the finals. But their Cinderella story may soon come to an end as they face their toughest opponent in the Red Wings, who had the best regular season record.

Results for Games of Sunday, June 2

American League

	R	H	E
Chicago	3	9	0
Cleveland	4	8	1
Boston	7	12	1
New York	1	6	0
Oakland	4	7	1
Tampa Bay	2	10	1
Seattle	11	14	0
Baltimore	8	12	0
Toronto	7	10	0
Detroit	6	12	1
Anaheim	5	12	1
Minnesota	4	5	0
Kansas City	6	6	0
Texas	8	11	0

National League

	R	H	E
Atlanta	1	9	0
Cincinnati	5	6	0
Montreal	3	8	1
Philadelphia	18	16	0
Pittsburgh	5	9	1
St. Louis	2	8	0
Houston	2	6	0
Chicago	2	7	0
New York	3	9	0
Florida	7	12	0
Arizona	3	8	1
Los Angeles	6	10	1
Milwaukee	4	11	1
San Diego	3	8	0
Colorado	2	7	0
San Francisco	9	11	0

The 500 HomeRun Club

Hank Aaron	755
Babe Ruth	714
Willie Mays	660
Barry Bonds	586
Frank Robinson	586
Mark McGwire	583
Harmon Killebrew	573
Reggie Jackson	563
Mike Schmidt	548
Mickey Mantle	536
Jimmie Foxx	534
Willie McCovey	521
Ted Williams	521
Ernie Banks	512
Eddie Mathews	512
Mel Ott	511
Eddie Murray	504

Next in Line: Sammy Sosa with 468 and Ken Griffey Jr. with 461.

Don't see results of your favorite team or sport? Come see us in the Kramer Computer Center- Room 121D

Marshall County Rules!

Jeremy Costello
Political Guru

Who is going to win the best county award? Oh, wait. We already know who the best county is. It's MARSHALL County. At the assembly held in the parking lot on Monday recognition and awards were given out to various counties for their performance in athletics, city and county governments, citizenship, and of course, the best overall county. On behalf of all members of the Marshall County, I would like to say that we are not con-

cerned about who wins and loses. What we are focusing on is improving each of our cities, our county as a whole, and even the entire state. Hopefully, other counties will follow in Marshall's footsteps so that all of Boys' State will prosper and be the best ever! But for now, we take great pride in our work and thank all of the five coordinators for recognizing who really is the best county for Monday.

Here's a bio on the man for whom the county is named after-George Marshall.

George Catlett Marshall was a man that served his country to the best of his abilities. During his time, he was a soldier of the army and then moved up to an army general. While there, he soon became the chief of staff to the army. Later, he became both Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense. During World War II, Marshall helped improve the United States military by increasing the number of soldiers from less than 200,000 men to almost 8.5 million soldiers in a years time.

George Marshall was known not only for his service in the army, but also his role in politics. After retiring from the army, Marshall became a representative for the U.S. in the United Nations. While there, he suggested a plan for universal military training and also helped set in motion the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). In 1953, he won the Nobel Peace Prize for his speech on the Essentials to Peace, as well as his contributions for helping European countries recover from the economic downfall.

What Does it Mean to Be Federalist??

- * Federalists believe in progressing towards the ultimate cure, rather than providing temporary preventions.
 - Affirmative action impairs integration and racial equality
 - The deficit will be solved by boosting education and agriculture, and lowering the corporation tax, not by simply cutting \$8500 of government projects alone.
- * Federalists believe money is more functional in the hands of people who directly make their own decisions rather than in the government programs that merely attempt to suit them.

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Vote for Federalists

Shiloh Dulton.....	Governor
Johnathan Parada.....	Attorney General
Michael Sekavec.....	State Treasurer
James Vieth.....	Secretary of State
Charles Weniger.....	Comm. of Insurance

Vote Federalist Vote Federalist Vote Federalist Vote Federalist Vote Federalist Vote Federalist

Farmers

Association Backs:
Governor- Shiloh Dutton

*Guarantees \$1000 to Department of Agriculture

Attn. General Johnathon Peranda

* Fights to back what has been promised to farmers

Treasurer Chris Swartz

* \$750- \$1000 plus Ethanol plant & Livestock Auction Barn

Sec. of State James Vietta

Comm. of Ins. Charles Wenniger

Points of Interest

*Lower Farm loan interest rates

*Protect Farmers from the property tax caused by urban sprawl

*More ethanol in unleaded fuel & a Diesel-Soy blend farm diesel to lower fuel prices/pollution

*Affordable insurance rates

Ag Counties that back our Candidates will be noticed and rewarded appropriately