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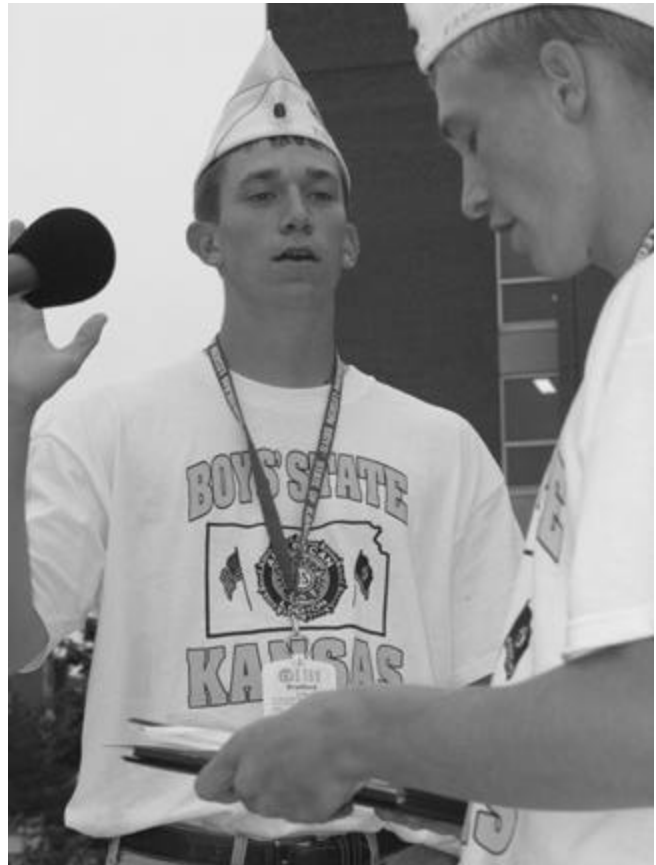
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French Fried By Dutton



Above- 2002 Kansas Boys' State Governor Shiloh Dutton addresses his people from the podium following the announcement of his election win. Dutton raced to the stage amidst a thundering round of applause from his fellow delegates where he was then sworn in by 1985 Boys' State Governor Derek Schmidt.



Governor Shiloh Dutton swears in his right-hand-man, Lieutenant Governor Brad Long. Dutton and Long lead the way for the Federalist party who won 4 of the 5 general elections. The lone Nationalist victory went to Christopher Swartz who is now the Boys' State State Treasurer.



Yogi Berra on seeing a Steve McQueen movie: - "He must have made that before he died"

Knee Deep in Controversy

Dear Editor,

A newspaper is a publication that presents unbiased articles in the events happening around them. However, The Staters' Union is not such a publication. Instead, this paper presents biased views in articles in which they are reporting on current events.

In "Milky's" article in Tuesday's edition, he bashed every candidate that the Federalist Party had to offer. Although he is free to have these opinions, can he defend them? I found no evidence in his article on why candidates like James Vietti are "shady characters that have no backbones." Does he have any clear evidence on why Tristan Taffolla is better than Vietti or any other Federalist candidates? Although Taffolla wants to cut money from agencies, and have light taxes, what was Vietti's position? These facts were left out.

In the Governor's race, the same problem occurs. The paper appears to support Nationalist Chris French, while criticizing Federalist Shiloh Dutton. Once again, the paper supports French, with no other reason than "overall moral fiber."

If the paper wants to continue to present biased articles throughout the paper, then say that the entire paper is full of editorials. Until then, learn how to report on events in unbiased articles.

Ryan Schneider

City of Aylward, Bradley County

*Ryan- Thank you for your letter and your participation in the Politics of Boys' State. -Ed.

Staff,

I'm a little confused. I thought that The Staters' Union was published as an unbiased account to inform its readers. You informed us very well...that all, excuse me, most Federalist candidates are idiots leading an undirected campaign. I'm glad you have an opinion but if I wanted to hear it I would have asked for it. Keep your editorials to yourself.

Next, I find it amusing that there was a whole article written on how government candidates are considered rhetorical when in your very own paper I read basically the same article four different times with four different titles. Many of your claim to be on your school newspaper staff, if that be the case, then you know that readers want variety. Show some creativity or give the job to someone who will. Please, don't bore me again. Thank you for your time and good day.

J. Caleb Rogers

City of Aylward, Bradley County

*Caleb- No. Thank you. -Ed.

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, however letters without a signature cannot be printed.

As a member of the Federalist Precinct Committee, I was appalled to see your "No-Holds-Barred" attack on nearly every Fed. Delegate. The Federalist party was to select Mr. Weniger, Vietti and Sekavec. All are well informed and vastly prepared.

A mudslinging piece of journalism like this belongs on the back pages along with the rest of the mindless gabbering, such as "Babe of the Day" and the movie preview. The front page of ANY periodical should be reserved for actual news, not for misinformed and laughably liberal media opinions.

Andy White

City of Birk, Bradley County

*Andy- It's news now. -Ed.

After reviewing the Tuesday edition of The Staters' Union the Federalist Precinct Committee has been forced to realize that the Staters' Union is propagating lies and deception. The editor's description of the federalist candidates as being 'indecisive' and of using 'fuzzy math' is outrageous. The article consistently skews the facts about the candidates. We do not feel it is honorable to have our supposedly independent minded newspaper editor continue to glorify one side, while demonizing the other. We would hope that when Shiloh and the other federalist candidates are elected, the newspaper editors will express their allegiance to the new regime. When 'common sense' politics finally takes control at Boys' State, the newspaper will be glad that the stupidity that defined many of the Nationalist candidates desists at last.

Brendan Groves, and the FPC
City of Harris, King County

*Brendon- We will all be glad. -Ed.

Corruption and Scandal fills Newspaper Staff

While one's responsibility on the newspaper staff is to wholeheartedly attempt to portray as accurately as possible the news and developments at Boys' State, some of the representatives of the newspaper staff from the respected counties across the state seem to have a different idea. Reading over each article, I am disgusted to find bias reports that wrongly try to influence voters through lies and deceit. Methods used by each of the staff members vary, but one manner that sticks out in my mind is the twisting of words. One particular staff member, Wade Condict, has tried to present Federalist candidates as unknowledgeable, indecisive, and quite frankly, lazy. In both issues of The Union, this so called Federalist has supported candidates only from his county and has tried to persuade voters by taking words out of content and lying to the public. Other writers for The Union add to the corruption, portraying their own political views rather than presenting the proper information to the public. While the editor of the paper attempts to fulfill his duty through honest, and honorable decisions, other staff members are concerned with personal gains and private interests. So I say to the public, do not be fooled by the scandalous nature of the newspaper staff members. Trust the editor, and most importantly, follow your hearts and do what is right. We, the top representatives of Kansas, must acknowledge the truth and unite to support honesty, democracy, and America.

Ryan Hudnall

Jordan City, MacArthur County

*Ryan- Bribery will get you no where. -Ed.

FEDERALIST GOVERNER CANDIDATE TELLS ALL

Jesse Hall

Wild and Crazy Guy

Shiloh Dutton, closet turtle fanatic, recently took time out of his busy schedule to take an interview with this wild and crazy journalist. The following questions are ones that I believe will emphasize the difference between the two campaign platforms.

One of the first questions presented to the candidate dealt with his climax issue. Obviously it was the budget. Candidate Dutton plans to balance the budget by cutting government spending. His main focus is the SRS. Unlike his opponents, he plans to make cuts in more than just the welfare programs. Although he didn't elaborate on which programs he did assure me that all will eventually be brought into the open.

After these cuts are made he hopes to have a surplus that he will use to implement tax cuts.

When asked what

his second issue is, he stated that it was a toss up between Industry and Education. In Education, he plans to use grassroots movements to improve Kansas Education.

Industries will be receiving tax cuts if Shiloh gets his way. His hopes are to persuade new corporations to do business in our state. According to Dutton this will create jobs for many Kansans.

This governor candidate thinks that the Nationalist and Federalist parties have a common ground. The main differences between the platforms are the ways in which they approach their issues. For example: Both parties plan on having tax cuts, but they have different plans for doing it.

I hope that this helps define this candidate's position on major issues, as well as clear-up the difference between party platforms.

MoonShine

Jeremy Costello

Staff Wise Guy

On the evening of Sunday, June 2nd, while the cities of Marshall County were having their pictures taken, a member of Patton County pressed his bare buttocks against the windows of the 5th

floor. Because of this event, many members of Marshall County felt offended and/or sexually harassed. Many members of Marshall County have suffered from mental anguish. Many people from Marshall now have had a sense of apprehension whenever they go by the 5th floor. This was an unprovoked

action that has placed distance between the two counties'. If need be, there might be a lawsuit against Patton County for sexual harassment, promoting obscenities, and indecent exposure.

2002 Stater's Union Staff

Chance Plett	Patton
Jacob Bassett	Powell
Matt Britton	Pershing
Wade Condict	MacArthur
Jeremy Costello	Marshall
Jesse Hall	Eisenhower
Stuart Harmon	King
Andrew McCandless	Kennedy
Brent Schultz	Seitz
Adam Sundberg	Bradley

"Baseball is 90% mental, the other half is physical"

Big Jake's Tune Up

Jacob Bassett

Staff Strong Arm

With summer upon us, we are sure to embark on many a journey in the following months. Love will be in the air (for some of us), illegal activities will be priority for others, but music is a desired medium in which we can all find appealing. When it comes to car audio, there are many different prices, brands, and qualities. And when it comes to budgets for an audio system there are four kinds of systems available. The first is a looted out (expensive) top of line system, the next step is a moderate system that can't compete with the best, but is better than the "Wally World" stuff, the third type of system has the largest number of members and consists of a group called "Team Factory Stereo," and the final system available is for all the walkers of the world, a very nice hand-held portable CD player. No matter what type of system you own, if any, the following list of songs or artists need to be on the next mixed CD you make.

-10. Pass the courvoisier- Busta Rhymes featuring P.Diddy
Busta Rhymes is obviously in a league of his own. He is one of the fastest rappers around and has amazing abilities. This song has a catchy rhythm, and even though it has been out for a while, his hit "Break ya Neck" will be found on some summer mixes as well. P.Diddy on the other hand, (that is his

name isn't it?) is very slowly making a come back. Diddy's most recent CD released called "We invented the remix," is just like him, PHONY! If it were up to him, we would party with our parents because the music he "makes" is the same stuff that they bumped over 25 years ago.

-9. Oh Boy- Camron featuring Juelz Santana
Camron hasn't quite blown up the spot as much as he would have liked, but this song has a hot beat and an even hotter video. The "Oh Boy" cologne will be on the market soon, and Camron will team up with fellow Roc-a-fella heavyweight Jay-Z on the ballad "New York New York."

-8. Spiderman Soundtrack
The Spider-Man Soundtrack features the hit singles "Hero" by Chad Kroeger (of Nickelback) featuring Josey Scott (of Saliva), and "What We're All About (The Original Version)" by Sum 41, is in stores now. Be sure to check out both videos on MTV now.

-7. Hot in here- Nelly
I am still not quite sure if Nelly's fans have recovered from Country Grammar, since the radio just started playing some of the CD's hits about a month ago. OK, maybe it has been longer than a month but it seems like the radio picks up on good songs about a year after they have been released. Regardless, "Hot in here," is a joint that will be played all summer long, and you will either love it or hate

it.

-6. Now That's What I Call Music- Any Volumes 1-9
This series of CD's offers the consumer chart-topping hits, the best from all types of music, and gives you a "legal" alternative to burning CD's. A major downside to these compilations is that POP; yes POP music is heavily influenced throughout the discs.

-5. I need a girl REMIX- Usher featuring P.Diddy
Once again, Diddy needs a supporting cast to make himself look good. The best song from the Remix CD should be credited all to Usher's superb dancing and vocal skills. As for P.Diddy, well his entourage it's ummm kinda nice, er....., hmmm?

-4. Anything Linkin Park produces
Hybrid Theory is a CD that maybe even Grandparents could relate to. Well maybe not, but there is a song on the CD for any type of mood. The CD also serves as an instant "HYPE" booster for athletes, and is one of the best selling records ever.

-3. Male/Female Duo's
The king to date of the duo is none other than... Ja Rule. He has taken over "Murder INC.," and has been paired with many acceptable female counterparts. J-Lo, Ashanti, Mary J. Blige, and Charlie Baltimore among others have teamed up with the Rule to bring a new trend to rap that is here to stay. "I miss you," DMX featuring Faith Evans,

fits well into the category and samples the gospel song "Amazing Grace." "What's Luv," is perhaps the greatest duo song of the summer and features Fat Joe and Ashanti. It really is a great song, but their performance on the MTV Spring Break show was pretty damn gross. (Fat Joe, shirtless, you get the picture!)

-2. Stillfly- Big Tymers
So what if a different member of Cash Money puts out a CD every month! "Stillfly" will be pounded throughout the nations streets this summer, and features a tight beat and decent vocals. Brian "Baby" Williams and Mannie Fresh are excellent together when it comes to rhyme schemes, and have a created a hit sure to last all summer. In case you live in a black hole or don't subscribe to cable television, you need to check this video out!

-1. Ludacris, Ludacris, Ludacris
Need I say more? OK, I will. Besides putting Def Jam South on the map, and producing two consecutive multi-platinum CD's, he hasn't done much! Luda's lyrics are the best around, hands down, and his most recent album released "Word of Mouf," is a CD that makes you wonder why the skip button was even invented. Oh and by the way, I am sure that all of you staters' would agree with me when I say that I can't wait for Saturday (Oooh Oooh!)

"I couldn't tell if the streaker was a man or a woman because it had a bag on it's head."

County Press Releases

Bradley County

The commission of Bradley County has brought forth a proposal concerning three topics. The first topic discussed is that of the main highway's condition. Due to the deterioration from road salt, excess traffic, and normal wear and tear, the highway is now left in poor condition and potholes big enough to damage vehicles. With this in mind, the commission has proposed to issue a full replacement for the highway. The county will be obtaining these funds from donations from a variety of associations and departments, i.e. Department of Transportation, Association of Oil and Gas, different industries, and donations on both citywide and personal levels.

The second topic in the discussion was that of a bridge replacement. One of the county's bridges, a major bridge, has been shut down do to extremely unsafe conditions. The closing of this bridge has affected several businesses and residents. The bridge was not only a convenience, but also a major attraction for nearby businesses. Since the closing, businesses have reported sharp declines in their business. Taking this into consideration, the county will replace the bridge along with the previously mentioned highway.

MacArthur County

MacArthur County wishes to announce the proposal for the construction of a 4 lane divided highway and bridge to replace the currently overused and degraded system. Be advised to an alternate truck route around the proposed bridge.

Please be patient during the construction.

Marshall County

Existing highways- The commission has decided to refurbish the county highways at a cost of \$450. Two inches of the highway must be replaced, costing \$400, making the total adding up to \$850. The construction will take about a month and will take place at night.

New highways- There will be no need to build new highways for Marshall County. After the reconstruction of the existing highways, we believe that they will be more than sufficient for the solution to the transportation problem. Therefore, there is no need to acquire any funding for since this project is not going to take place. Looks like Marshall County is on task. Hopefully the rest of the counties are doing just as well.

Bridges- A new bridge is going to replace the one that is currently closed. It will cost \$545, and it will be a toll bridge. The toll bridge will cost 75¢ to pass, which in turn will cover the cost to construct the bridge. After the bridge is fully paid, the price will in turn decrease at a price to be determined at that time, which will go to the maintenance and upkeep of the bridge.

King County

Attn: King County Residents:

The King County Commission will be hosting a vote on the county's current highway conditions.

Why: Road conditions are deteriorating

When: Friday, June 8th 11:00 AM

Roadmap to Poverty; Voodoo Economics

Wade Condict
Staff Writer

The initial phase of Boys' State has now been completed and it is far past time to take a closer look at Shiloh Dutton's plans to balance the budget. His cabinet and followers call it the "Roadmap to Success". George Bush called it "voodoo economics".

In the early 1980's, Ronald Reagan had his advisors come up with a new idea to help him win the election. Reaganomics was the name

given to this plan, based on supply-side economics. The principle behind it was to tax businesses and consumers alike a lesser amount to encourage economic growth while at the same time, increasing defense spending. The thought process was that more people would start businesses and therefore money coming into the government would be greater. Great enough, in fact, that a budget surplus would arise and America would prosper.

Shiloh Dutton must have caught the first part of this

lecture in history class because he plans on also cutting corporate taxes to spur economic growth. Instead of defense however, Shiloh will spend our tax dollars on education. This is a noble cause but it makes no difference to the numbers that determine the success of our state. Shiloh knows that Reaganomics, like Communism, seems to be a great deal on paper. All the essentials may be there, but the feasibility of this plan is nowhere to be found. After Reaganomics was implement-

ed, America entered the worst recession since the Great Depression. The national debt tripled in size and the number of people below the poverty level increased every year from 1981 to 1992. As it turns out, Reaganomics was a hoax and an economic blather.

Good thinking Shiloh. Set the wheels into motion for this failure-inspired proposal and we'll be knee deep in poverty. I hope Shiloh has a roadmap back home because in a couple days we'll be lost in a sea of depression.

"You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six."