

# The Stater's Union

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### Firm Ground

Hale Sloan Aylward, Bradley County

New ideas are rising as fast as the morning sun. Precinct Committeemen met yesterday to form the everimportant party platforms. It seems that although we may all agree that democracy is the best policy, policy seems to change infinitely. The two parties, Nationalist and Federalists, combined to form ideas that will change our state forever. Committeemen form the foundations that will shape this 66th Boys' State into the government architecture masterpiece. The governor may hold an office on the top floor with a spectacular view but the iron and concrete of the platforms hold that government together. Views of the parties exactly followed the left and right wing affiliation. The Federalists want to cut everything except the mullet man's hair, while the Nationalists wish to stabilize the shaky economy and save the whales. Remember that huge horizontal river that snakes its way across the state? Well, tourism to this gigantic flowing lifeline is key to the Nationalist's efforts to find economic peace. Also, concerning tourism, some mention of a theme park was heard but no one seems to have any money yet. This just in: If you need money, sue someone for something totally

ridiculous like being too LOUD! Seriously MacArthur County, does anyone listen to rock music on that floor? Good grief!

Federalists would like to cut taxes to increase spending across the state. A central member of the federalists precinct meeting, Mark Nelson, relayed the main focus of his platform, "It's called the Three "E's" that stand for Efficiency, Education and Ethanol." Surprisingly, ethanol seemed to be a major source of the parties discussion. According to the party, ethanol has many positive advantages which are enjoyed by all associations. Focus in the Nationalist camp centered on small business incentives and preventing monopolies from taking over smaller operations. If the little man was riding the fence he can feel safe from both sides now. A common ground was found on education. Both parties felt that improvement was needed and funding reform imminent. However, disagreement came when the state penal system was discussed. Nationalist ideas revolved around rehabilitations for minor offenders. Continued on Page 2

### See Page 10 for an Exclusive Interview!

### City Governments in Action Today

Andrew Cott, McCoy, Patton County

After half-a-day of preparation and elections, city government is off and running at Boys' State today as city officials from around the state convene to begin their governing responsibilities.

The main project facing city officials today was completing the task of converting their township into an official city. In addition, some cities decided to go beyond this standard project and begin dealing with other obstacles and issues in their respective cities. Whorley city in Seitz County, for example, wanted to balance the budget and Mayor Wayne Keaton expressed a long term goal to keep citizens off of welfare, develop a strong militia, and, on a more competitive note, become the "richest city" here at 2003 Boys' State. Mayor David Mitchell, of Spigarelli in Powell County, conferred on the completion of his township reaching city status, and also elaborated on further goals for the week. Mitchell wants to lower crime and increase education by building a school and working with county officials to develop a law enforcement body. Continued on page 2

### ۵ALL WASHED UP۵

Todd Vogts, Editor In Chief Janssen, MacArthur

Yesterday morning as all of the Staters arose from their sweet slumber, they were met with the surprise of rain. Some of the campaigners who had posted signs outside – they were most likely disappointed. Their campaigns were all washed up.

But what about the other candidates, the ones who did not post their campaign paraphernalia outside? Are some of those people washed up as well?

Yesterday the State's primary elections were held. There were a few surprises and a few things that happened as expected. Many of the candidates worked very hard. And some did not. Either way, everyone appeared to be really excited and anxious to find out what the results were.

The waiting was ended yesterday afternoon as the candidates that had won their primary elections were announced. The results are as follows:

This publication would like to congratulate all of those candidates who won their elections. Great job! We at *The Stater's Union* are hoping to see great things out of those who move on to win the General Election. This publication would also like to congratulate all of those candidates who did not win their elections. At least you tried. It took a lot of courage to make such an attempt. Good show!

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A floor above, at Perrill city in Pershing County, Mayor Travis Brown said that he wanted to make a "helluva lot of money" and get a feel for the ups and downs of government. Over in Jardon city, located in MacArthur County, Mayor Brody Flavon revealed that his city needs to raise the money for a school, but unfortunately Jardon is having trouble getting anyone to provide the funds. Over in Janssen, of the same county, under Mayor Ben Schlafer the city successfully built a police station and hopes to construct an industrial recycling center.

Whether working hand and hand with county officials to iron out the details or developing municipal institutions, city government showed strong gains across the state and look forward to continued success throughout the week.

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Funding for these new rehabilitation centers would come from cuts in prison spending allowed by the absence of minor offenders in those prisons.

The Federalist perspective was different. Instead of rehabilitation, the current penal system was adhered to with support for the death penalty. Freedoms given to the prisoners, such as television and outdoor activity, were also under the ax.

Yesterdays' formation of the platforms allowed opinions to be expressed fluidly and sometimes with a shout. From the tone of the candidates speeches party platforms were followed by almost everyone, which after all is indicative of any political competition.

### Like to have your opinions heard? List your political views in the paper. See Bank for pricing.

Federalist Party Primary Election State Winners		
Governor	Casey Bleeker	City of Coss, Eisenhower County
Attorney	Kevin Mullinix	City of Hasler, King County
General State		
	Jonathan Hooker	City of Bramlage, Bradley County
Treasurer		
Treasurer Secretary of	Bradley Cox	City of Hasler, King County
State		
State Commissioner	Eric Buell	City of Spigarelli, Powell County
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Nationalist Party Primary Election State Winners Governor Mardell Maxwell City of Perrill, Pershing County		
Governor	Mardell Maxwell	City of Perrill, Pershing County
Attorney	Keithley Lake	City of Wiles, Seitz County
General	Retuney Lake	City of Whes, Seltz County
State	Wade Walker	City of McCoy, Patton County
Treasurer Secretary of		
Secretary of	William Pruett	City of Gardner, Kennedy County
State		

### Mardell Maxwell

Nationalist Governor Candidate
Doing what's best for Nationalists.
Doing what's best for Federalists.
Doing what's best for Kansans.
Doing what's best for us.

Sponsored by: American Way, Assoc. for the Advancement of Minorities, Assoc. of Cities and Counties, Assoc. of Industrial Workers, Assoc. of Farmers, Assoc. of Oil and Gas Workers.

### **Nationalist Cabinet**

Andrew Winetroub Keithley Lake Wade Walker William Pruett Lt. Governor
Attorney General
State Treasurer
Secretary of State

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### Do the 'Do

Jake Rudisill Raymond, Pershing County

As we walk around campus day in and day out, we seem to find many different life styles, clothing styles, and most of all the crazy hairstyles. One of the main things that sets every person apart from one another is their hairstyle, some long, some short; some curly, some straight; some thick, some thin. In the world today there are many different famous hair styles that many of the young men here this week are sporting themselves, along with these exciting hair styles comes thousands of different reactions from different types of people, a few gentlemen were kindly enough to share some of their opinions about their cuts.

To start off the long list, we will start with the afro, everyone knows the 'fro, many famous people have this haircut along with some people around the campus, Greyson Escareno of Newman city, in the county of Patton likes to declare "It's all natural", his fro of course. Greyson is also known around campus as "Froto". See, a hairstyle can even get you a nickname.

Down the long endless list of the different types of hairstyles, the next cut we will be sporting is the dread-locks. This is an unusual type of cut, where pretty much your hair is long, and grouped together in a kind of thick hair, resembling a long cigar. Sporting this tenacious cut is Events Counselor, Michael Meader. His reason for creating this masterpiece is that "I think that it makes me look sexy." Sorry man, there aren't too many girls here, good luck with looking sexy.

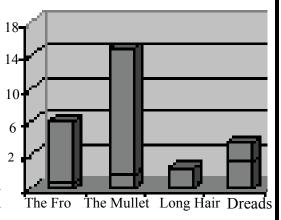
Of course the new, well, older style that is rapidly coming back into 2 the hairstyles pyramid is really long hair. What else to say about this type of cut except that, you don't cut it, many of

### Features

our Boy's Staters' have this typical type of hair, as for Dylan Hoffman of Hasler, in King county all he can say about his hair is "Yeah well.... It's long."

The list goes on and on, and no one can name them all, but who could forget the most famous of all mops, the cream of the crop, the king of the cuts, the "Dirt 'Do" . . . THE MULLET. Most people know about this stylish hair cut from the hilarious Columbia pictures film, Joe Dirt. After this movie was filmed the haircut started coming back as the 'do to do. We are lucky enough here to have a Boy's State delegate that is wearing this cut. Adam Canterbury of Haris, King county explains, "The mullet power comes naturally to me and Billy Ray Cyrus both." We also asked for his tips of how he tends to his mullacious cut, and he said the tip for that is to "Just let it go with the flow." Adam prefers to be called "The King." He's all business in the front, but all party in the back. To any mullet aficionado The King clearly sports "The Missouri Compromise," a very different coif from the "Kentucky Waterfall" or the "Canadian Passport."

Sooner or later you have to get your hair cut, and as for this reporter he needs to get done also, so I'm going to cut this off right about . . . here.



am Canterbury Harris, King Co

Adam Canterbury Harris, King County: The Mullet "Missouri Compromise



Billy Ray Cyrus: Sporting a Classic Tennessee Top Hat



Greyson Escareno "Froto" Newman,
Patton County: The Afro



Michael Meader Events Councilor: Dread-locks

# Opinions & Editorials

Signs

the Good, the Bad, and the Boring

Brady Blevins Whorley, Seitz County

Everywhere I turn, I am bombarded with pleas for votes. Not by eager candidates, but by the signs they have posted. They're everywhere. The stairways are flooded with them. The doors are covered with them. I can't even escape the endless posters on a trip to the bathroom.

This barrage of political literature is reminiscent of some insidious brainwashing campaign. While the intentions behind the posters may be somewhat less than evil, the enthusiasm of the candidates is just as strong as any half-mad political mind.

The mentioned bathroom poster is one written backward in the Kramer bathroom with the catchy phrase, "Put a check in the box, Vote Brad Cox." Catch phrases are in abundance this year. You can't walk past a wall without eyeing some cheesy catch phrase from another generic candidate.

Some of "catch phrases" are at least memorable. Tyler Davis, a candidate for Attorney General, wrote, "Short like a midget. You want it, I'll get it." While the Stater is quite small, he is not technically a midget. Still he hopes the campaign slogan will keep him fresh in the voters' minds.

Nick Weiser, also running for Attorney General, wants the voters to remember, "Big things really do come in small packages." This is obviously a phrase he hopes you believe. Senate candidate, Christian Brockman, is going for a little letter association. Christian Brockman for Senate is being condensed to "CBS." He claims he will keep an "eye" on you even though his attempt at drawing an eye was an obvious misfire.

Some candidates however decided against these catch phrases. One such Stater was Josh Meyer, Attorney General candidate who claimed there would be "no catch phrases, just issues." unimaginative as that might seem, other candidates went for an even more simplistic designs. One poster simply reads, "Wade Walker for State Treasurer." Pretty straight forward I suppose, but boring the voters may not be the best strategy for getting them to remember you.

So while the begging from some candidates just comes off as desperate, others chose slogans that are both catchy and witty. While they might not win the election on little more than a phrase, at least there is some entertainment value in it for the rest of us.



The mass of signs found in Kramer.

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An Open Letter to the Legislature:

Listening to the speeches given by both Nationalist and Federalist candidates in the Whistle Stop Tour, it's becoming exceedingly clear that there is no such thing as a "twoparty system" in Kansas. Very few differences separate Nats from Feds. Few candidates stood out as proudly proudly conservative. liberal or Many sprouted generic rhetoric about "separating Nats from Feds." But most were too cowardly to proclaim any true pride in their party's supposed ideology, as candidates for all five offices, from both parties, refused to present truly unique ideas. There were almost no politically daring concepts, no risks.

Look at the Nats budget proposal: slash "wasteful" spending. No new spending. Incremental tax hikes only. Can you say "Tim Shallenburger?"

We plan to inject highly polarizing and controversial legislation into the Legislature. Expect issues as diverse as legal marijuana, gay marriage, banning capital punishment, flat taxes, banning abortion, and harsh criminal punishments.

If we are marginalized we, along with our allies, will filibuster and otherwise hinder any and all legislation we deem to be lukewarm Federationalism. To those of you who still take pride in your political ideology, be it left or right, we urge you to join and support the Bipartisan Legislative Coalition.

Signed, Jonathan Nathan & Christian Brockman Wiles, Seitz County

# Striding Studiously or Ambling Aimlessly

Todd Vogts Janssen, MacArthur County

As the Staters arrived at the American Legion Boys' State, they experienced many new and different things that took them out of their comfort zones. One such experience was marching. Unless the boys had participated in ROTC or band, this was a foreign thing. So, in theory, this should have been a perfect experience. In the case of a draft, this would be useful knowledge for all Staters. However, are the Staters really getting all of the experience and knowledge that the powers that be claim they are getting?

Many Staters think that the marching is a waste of time. The counselors claim it is a more efficient way of getting 600 plus Staters from one point to another. Sure. But the way this journalist sees it, the marching took a long time. A lot longer than it would have taken even if the Staters walked. Plain and simple, this claim is false.

Of course it has been said that the marching is a tradition. None of the counselors want to be the one who "drops the ball." But aren't they in essence already dropping the ball? It seems that whenever we march, it's just a halfway excuse for a march. And we only do it part of the time. Many ROTC members claim to want the marching all of the time, or none of the time. This partial marching doesn't cut it with many boys.

The counselors present another problem. Do they really know what they're doing? To this journalist it seems that many of them do more screaming than actually teaching. Boys' State is a learning experience, but the teachers may not



One County learning how to march.



The entire camp marching to McCain.

be teaching the Staters the proper information. Some of the counselors cannot even keep a beat and a steady cadence going. Perfect. That's just what we need to march well, right?

What's worse is the rumors of the competitive nature of the marching. They go as far as to sing "jodies," songs that keep the Staters on step. An even more extreme measure that will happen as the week progresses is the marching of one group into another. How childish! And in the same token, what about all of the yelling?

The marching seems to be way too excessive. The "military drill instructor" type training does not seem to be working. After all, we're not at boot camp, even though it seems like it. All of these problems bring up the issue: "Are the Staters striding studiously or just ambling aimlessly?" Only time will tell.

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A Rebuttal

To whoever wrote the letter concerning striking similarities between the Federalist and the Nationalist candidates, I say two things: touché, and you are a very dense person. The Natz concentrate upon tourism and reducing the deficit, the Feds recognize that to absorb the energy of the politicians with such shortsighted goals is just that short sighted. Instead the Federalists chose to concentrate on farther, more valiant, goal: Education. We believe that by streamlining the school system and localizing control of the funds, we would be ensuring a smarter, and more open generation to come. The Federalists are also unafraid to address another divisive issue: Abortion. The official party line is, "abortion is bad, outlaw abortion," but after listening to speeches and asking questions it is clear that each candidate has a different opinion. The Natz, however, would squirm with this issue, and insist upon being proabortion and therefore pro family planning. Family planning targets lower income housing areas for their clinics, and encourages the use of birth control in order to avoid unintended and unsupportable pregnancies. This reveals a darker scheme, perhaps the Natzs hope to lessen and eventually eliminate the lower classes from our population. This could be considered a kind of ethnic or class cleansing, a crime that both Saddam Hussein and Adolph Hitler were guilty of. When it comes to a vote remember that your choice could be as simple as Federalists versus Nazis, and that is for most of us a simple decision.

### Profiles A tribute to our men in blue

### The Blue Shirt Hero of Monday

With great success comes great responsibility. For Matt Woehrle, that means having the honorable task of leading the great and powerful Hiatt City, a part of the King county empire. Matt, a political science major from Washburn University calls Overland Park, KS, home when he is not employed by Boys' State. Matt is not unfamiliar to the Boys' State program having attended as a "stater" during his junior year.

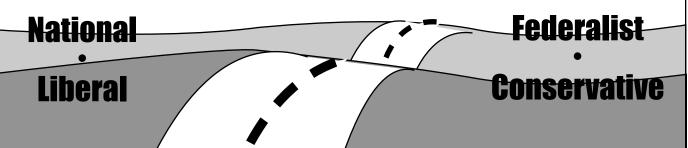
Matt's political aspirations exceeded him during his stater year, Matt held the highly prestigious offices of Vice-President of the Federalist Party, and was later appointed to the Supreme Court. With all these professional achievements in his other life Matt is involved in the Social Science world. Volunteer re-enactments of American history combat at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm is how kicks back and enjoys himself. In order to combat the ongoing



Matt Woehrly

lack of ladies crisis, Matt offers the following personal advice: "I just deal with it. All the women will be there when I get back, and the longer I'm gone, the more they'll miss me." This confident advice is not surprising for a man who can be seen cruising in his 1997 Ford Taurus. For Matt Woehrle, the expectations of leading the prestigious city of Hiatt hasn't wavered and the excellence commitment to the Boys' State program, he brings to it. congratulations to today's "Blue Shirt of The Day Award" winner. Matt Woehrle. For those who wish to nominate or recommend a "Blue Shirt of The Day" please compete a form with: Their name, why you believe this blue shirt is worthy of the "Blue Shirt of The Day", and your name. Complete the above paperwork and turn into Andy Boyd, Newspaper Staff, Kramer Computer Lab.

### Are you on the RIGHT side of the road?



Vote for Casey Bleeker in the Governor's Federalist Primary, for right side - conservative views. If you want less government control for your business and private life, elect Casey Bleeker as your next Kansas State Governor. He will work hard to protect the rights of the individual, not just society as a whole.

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### Politiking at Boys' State

Jeff Thompson Seymour, Powell County

Where do you draw the line between a party policy that is too simple and one that is too complex? To make it so basic that it looks simpleminded or make it so complicated that people think you are some overachieving crazy goon that is too smart for his own good. Hopefully this is a question that will be answered during Boys' State.

As I sat in the precinct meetings the manner in which they went stunned me. The topics were so complex, it seemed to me that the precinct committees seem to be too caught up in details instead of developing a general party policy; more details, more ground to cover. It is enough to make my head hurt.

Then you have the other extreme. Truthfully, I did not see anyone oversimplify the policy. Too simple and it starts to look like something that I wrote. It's enough to make my head hurt.

It is safe to say that the primary winners were the ones best able to balance a policy that addresses the issues while still keeping it understandable.

Then there was the whistle stop tour. My hat is off to those candidates. Can you imagine the pressure they must have been under?

Having to sum up their campaign in a matter of minutes, attempting to answer so many questions, huffing all those stairs like the first day of football practice, really, it is overwhelming. There was tough competition. Each candidate felt the obligation to out do the man before him. I would be willing to guess that those hallways were, might we say, less than friendly.

I'll tell you who the real heroes were in this process; it was we little guys in the crowd. Sitting there listening to the same ideas, the same platform, the same Three E's of the Federalist Party, which I can now recite in my sleep, believe it or not all the Federalist gubernatorial candidates wanted to do almost the exact same things, no candidate differentiated himself from the others. It was like listening to a monotone. It was so bad that voters on my floor asked the candidates to name their favorite Ninja Turtle. At least we were able to hear something that set them apart from each other. So the best I could determine, since they had the same ideas, is the voters chose a particular candidate based on the color of his shirt. That one guy did have a striking blue shirt, so I voted for him.

So reviewing politics at Boys' State, is complex better than simple? Is choosing the blue shirt the way we should pick our candidates? I take a simple platform as long as the candidate sets himself apart from the others...by telling me how he will implement policy and, of course, wearing a really striking shirt.

Worried about your girlfriend/sweetheart being attacked by terrorists? Worried about contracting anthrax from your workplace? Worried about that state troopers won't reach you in time when at tacked by terrorists?

Then join the Association of Anti-Terrorists Security of the State of Kansas. You can help the state of Kansas solve these problems by joining or donating. Talk to Tony Sagasticado (Soggy Taco) about what you can do to help.

Don't know who to vote for Boy's Nation Senator? Then look no more! Vote Soggy Taco for the job!

### Briefs

#### Adam Deines Kyle, Marshall County

### **Recreation Begins**

The first full day of Boys' State contained many first time activities for this year's Staters. These activities included the much anticipated recreation time at the campus rec center. However, the rain hampered many of the outside activities, forcing many Staters to improvise.

After walking approximately half a mile to the rec center, Staters found out that soccer, softball, and volleyball were all canceled. However, Staters found other activities to fill their time. A small group of people started a game of hacky-sack and other Staters looking for a way to fill the time quickly joined them. Eventually, the group was big enough to span the extra-wide recreation center hallway. Others just relaxed and chatted with their friends in the hallways or in front of the big screen, while some took advantage of the free-time and caught a nap. Some intuitive Staters even brought a deck of cards and card games quickly sprung up around them. Even more people found a pastime that also fulfilled a need that no one at Boys State can help them with. When asked what he liked about rec. Joe Eisenbarth Chastain Eisenhower in County, replied, "The college girls we get to see run by, that's alright."

Not all activities were canceled yesterday. Staters still had the option to play basketball, ping-pong, tennis and badminton. This not only provided entertainment to the players, but it also gave others who's sports had been canceled to watch some highly competitive, yet friendly, competition. One such spectator was Matthew Detrixhe from Newman in Patton

County. When asked how he felt about how rec was going, he replied, "I like it, it's pretty cool." Patrick Lowrance, who played basketball today, also felt good about how recreation time was going. He said it was "Pretty fun, the games are pretty competitive and it gave us a good chance to exercise."

However, not all Staters shared the same sentiments as Brown and Lowrance. "It sucks," was a common reply from many of the people sitting in the hall. Some were even driven to more extreme emotions. Jacob Brown was "angry I didn't get to play soccer."

Some people weren't quite as negative, instead the offered ideas for improvement. Jacob Wieneke from Coss in Eisenhower County thought that, "Rec would be more interesting if all of the sports advertised were able to be played." Staff member Andy Boyd said that "more opportunities for small teams to play," was a need.

There was one common denominator that the two groups shared, high expectations for the next day. Gary Frederking of Gardner in Kennedy County summed up the feelings of just about everybody when he said, "It's going to be better tomorrow... but it was interesting (today)."

### Iran asks U.S. for Bid

The Iranian Foreign
Ministry has invited the U.S.
to place bids on the contract to
build up Iran's nuclear power
capabilities. There is no word yet
on whether or not U.S. companies
will be allowed to bid the project.
They may run into roadblocks in
current sanctions being enforced
against Iran, and if not there, the
Iranian Ayatollah has pledged not
to deal with the U.S. on any official
platform.

### Weather

Today- Partly cloudy with a 30% chance of thunderstorms. The high for today is 73

Tonight- Cool, mostly cloudy with a 30% of rain. The lows are in the mid 50's.

Wednesday- Partly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers. Highs are in the mid 70's.

#### **Lunch Menu**

<u>Tuesday Lunch</u>- Breaded chicken, pepperoni and cheese pizza, and beef noodle soup.

<u>Tuesday Dinner</u>- Ham, enchiladas, burritos, rice, refried beans, and scalloped potatoes.

Wednesday Breakfast- Scrambled eggs, sausage links, hash browns, and donuts with your choice of milk.



## The Staters' Union Thanks IT

### A Sit-Down With the Gubernatorial Candidates

Andrew Cott McCoy, Patton County

Innnn the left corner, representing the city of Perrill of Pershing County, your Nationalist candidate, Mardell Maaaxwell!! Innnn the right corner, representing the city of Coss of Eisenhower County, your Federalist candidate, Caseeeey Bleeeeker!! All kidding aside, the gubernatorial candidates for this 66<sup>th</sup> edition of Boys' State were announced today, and each candidate was kind enough to sit down and complete an interview for The Staters' Union.

#### What do you think clinched the victory for you in the primary election?

Bleeker: I knew the issues well, put forth a lot of effort and that was visible to the voters. I tried my best to be personable and discuss the issues with as many people as possible

Maxwell: Straight up honesty and being able to relate to everyone.

#### What do you want voters to know about you?

Bleeker: I want them to know that I'm worried about the individual at the local level more than big government, the main thing is to regulate government and give power to the people.

Maxwell: I'm a great leader, a great communicator, and most importantly I'm a great guy.

#### How do you think you can attract voters from the opposite party?

Bleeker: The importance of bipartisan cooperation, I want to get appointments with the opposite party and do my best to get nominations with opposite party and gain a middle ground with them after the election.

Maxwell: There are a lot of views that are different, but many are the same and whether you're a Nationalist or a Federalist it's important to have the best leader possible.

#### To this point, what has been your favorite aspect of the gubernatorial race?

Bleeker: Meeting people and trying to express my views.

Maxwell: It has all been lots of fun, but I really enjoyed meeting people, it's just amazing.

#### What are you doing or what have you done to appeal to your home county?

Bleeker: I've been supported very well by my county, so I'd really like to thank all the guys from Eisenhower. They helped a lot in the primary and I look forward to building bipartisan relations with the Nationalists.

Maxwell: What's important to the county is important to me.

#### What do you think is your biggest strength?

Bleeker: My ability to unite people no matter how diverse and most importantly I can find what they have in common.

Maxwell: Three things: my speaking skills, my leadership, and my ability to communicate

#### Explain why you believe that you are the superior candidate.

Bleeker: My views coincide with the majority, I'm more personable and do a better job of building bipartisan relations and I believe I'll therefore do a better job of pushing bills through once elected.

Maxwell: It's important that whether you are Nationalist or Federalist that you work with both ends and make sure that everything comes together.

There they are folks, your 2003 Boys' State gubernatorial candidates, set to compete against each other in tomorrow afternoon's debate at McCain Auditorium and ultimately in the general elections, also to be held tomorrow. So fellas, let's keep the gloves up and come out swinging. Ding.