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## Corrigan busted with marijuana, released



Governor Christian Corrigan is handcuffed by the highway patrol Thursday after a bag of marijuana was found in his room. Photo courtesy of Todd Hileman.

Joe Zigtema  
*Raymond, Pershing*

Governor Christian Corrigan was arrested yesterday for possession of marijuana in his dorm room. According to Highway Patrolman Chase Topliff, Coss, Eisenhower, authorities received an anonymous tip early yesterday afternoon, produced a search warrant, and raided Corrigan's dorm room. It turned out that the tip was right; Corrigan had what the police described as "a green leafy substance" under his bed sheets, and hand rolled cigarettes containing the

substance suspected as marijuana in his closet. The Patrol immediately formed in the Goodnow parking lot and marched to the Ackert building where the Governor was in session with his cabinet. Mark Adams, Raymond, Pershing, made the arrest. The Governor was read his rights, and when asked how he felt, replied, "I have the right to remain silent, and shall do so."

Corrigan was later released on his own recognizance, furious at having been arrested. "I think it's [the arrest] a complete joke...I don't think the liberals like me. I will get fingerprints on the bags of whatever it was,

and once I am proven innocent I will file a lawsuit against all responsible for this cowardly act of malice."

Lieutenant Governor Oswald refused to comment on whether he thought the Governor was smoking marijuana.

Some believe that Congress could be linked to the arrest, trying to find a way to impeach Corrigan. Bad blood has existed between the Legislative and Executive branches since Governor Corrigan called for a semi-flat tax when his budget plan

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## Staters hear delegates' bids for Boys' Nation

Marty Boeschling  
*Coss, Eisenhower*

The Boys' Nation Senator decision was in certainly no one's mind an easy choice. All ten of the final candidates provided strong reasoning and grounds for why they should be chosen as one of the two Kansas Boys' State

representatives to the nation's capital during the final week of July. Each candidate was given several minutes to address the entire Boys' State audience Thursday night to provide their cases before final decisions were made by voters.

Brandon White, Stater from Seitz County, started off the evening with his statement to

the captivated listeners. "Whoever you choose must not be afraid to be a leader," White said, and added that he feels he is that fearless leader to represent Kansas.

Graham Castro-Miller, who claimed to be the only person you'll ever meet that "has the first name of a cracker, and the last name of a Cuban dictator", represented Powell

County, and added that he feels he's already succeeded this week. "I have already won." Miller explained. "I am standing before you talking about my two greatest passions: politics and leadership."

The third candidate for the

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# Corrigan acknowledges differences during State of State

Lucas Heinrich  
Hasler, King

After a tumultuous day in office that included an arrest for marijuana possession and a rift between the government branches, Governor Corrigan was faced with the difficult task of addressing a Boys' State that was very divided. After a lukewarm response from the audience, he wasted little time addressing the elephant in the room, and based his speech around the topic of disagreement in democracy. The major disagreement of this Boys' State session was the Governor's proposed budget. The Senate and House disagreed strongly with many aspects of the plan, especially the flat tax for the lower and middle tiers. They drafted their own budget, which the Governor

subsequently vetoed. Through checks and balances, however, they were able to reach a two-thirds majority that overturned the Governor's veto. All of this led to animosity between parties on both sides.

Corrigan tried to emphasize many of the positive aspects of the new budget, including a double in disaster relief funds and increased amounts of money toward education. He also announced that he would help support a push to create a super highway that would span the state and create more revenue. The issue of same-sex marriage was also briefly discussed when he spoke of the proposed marriage bill that would keep same-sex couples from wedding, but gives them many rights activists have petitioned for.

Toward the conclusion Corrigan paid

respects to recently deceased former President Reagan by declaring this Saturday Ronald Wilson Reagan Day at Boys' State. He ended his speech by addressing his acceptance to the fact that it is often lonely at the top. He said that he realizes that criticism comes with being in a position of power, and is willing to work to make everyone happy. Corrigan says that he is sticking by his campaign platform, and will not change it to assuage the Senate.

If the Governor felt the pressure of a splintered public opinion he didn't show it. He spoke with the same confidence and clarity that he showed during the debate, and showed a true politician's knack for staying positive when the mood was less than happy. No matter how you feel about his politics, that's something you have to respect.

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illustrious honor was Joshua Lykes of Pershing County. "I've always wondered what it would be like to visit Washington D.C." Lykes said. Lykes conveyed his hopes of finally satisfying those desires through his possible selection by the Staters.

King County's candidate Anthony Patterson fascinated the spectators with his allusion to the majesty that would surround such a trip like that of Boys' Nation. "When we think of these things, we can't help but think of anything but power and glory," Patterson said.

Spencer King of Kennedy County, the current Boys' State

Attorney General, said he realized that he wanted to seek the chance to attend Boys' Nation after winning his county's nomination to the Attorney General earlier in the week. "I realized I actually can make a difference here." King was finally pushed to pursue the Boys' Nation nomination after talking to his counselor. "When the counselor talked about the experience of Boys' Nation, it impressed upon me the magnitude of the situation," King said.

Derek Bembry, Patton County, was the sixth candidate to speak on the night, and spoke about the honor he

holds and admiration he has for the entire Boys' State members. Embry stated, "The single greatest honor that can be bestowed on one person is to represent a group of people."

Lucas Vinze, Bradley County's representative, said that he would like to earn the right to attend the trip as a tribute to his close friend who died in a car wreck. Benzie also told Staters that to do a good job, "You must take a risk and chance."

Preston Schraeder, MacArthur County, set a patriotic mood for his reasoning for wanting to run for Boys' Nation. "I want to walk in the

footsteps of the greatest leaders of the past and present. I want to make my own footsteps in the sands of time," Schraeder said.

Mitch Bringle represented Eisenhower County as the next Senator from Kansas to Boys' Nation. Bringle, the Secretary of Transportation, was another candidate who has never been able to visit Washington D.C., but would be greatly honored to be chosen. "I would give just about anything to shed a tear at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," Brinkgle said.

The final candidate to speak Thursday night was Marcus Lytle of

Marshall County. The Senator in the mock simulation at Boys' State wrapped up the speeches with the assurance to all in the Boys' State audience that, if chosen, he would represent Boys' State and Kansas "with pride, honor, and dignity."

At press time, the final ballots had been counted and the results would have to wait for yet another day. But no matter who was chosen out of the ten candidates from each of the counties, all of Boys' State and Kansas can rest assured that they will be well represented in Washington by two of Boys' State's finest.

## Legislative committees at work

### Department of Agriculture

**Quintin Kahmeyer**  
*Aylward, Bradley*

The Department of Agriculture's primary goal in its project is to reverse a decade long migration of people from rural areas to urban settings. The department's statistics bear out the significance of the problem, and perhaps the key to its solving. For example, Bradley County has experienced a seventeen percent reduction in population, while MacArthur, an industrialized county, has faced a thirty percent increase (both figures 1990-2000). Realizing that jobs are essential for overcoming this trend, the Department of Agriculture will review the proposals of four agriculturally based counties for encouraging growth, then award two grants to the most promising. One feasible option is the building of an ethanol plant, which would draw jobs while maintaining environmental integrity. Proposals such as that will receive realistic consideration for the grants, and a chance at overturning a problem crucial to the agricultural counties' success.

### Department of Transportation

**Marty Boeschling**  
*Coss, Eisenhower*

The Boys' State Department of Transportation boasted Thursday that they are building "the best [expletive] highway in the United States". The highway should bring economic development, wealth, growth and prosperity to all the counties, and will be divided by the river as it runs through the state.

"We are building a highway across the state laterally. Two lines of the highway will run on one side of the river, and then the other two on the other side," reported Secretary of Transportation Mitch Bringle, Coss, Eisenhower County.

The plan, which has already been approved, will cost an estimated \$9000. The Department of Transportation under the Governor's proposed budget found their funding to be substantially acceptable, and was happy with the funding.

### State Water Board

**Quintin Kahmeyer**  
*Aylward, Bradley*

Boy's State currently faces restriction of its water resources in two forms: drought and pollution. The drought is self-explanatory; the pollution is due in large part to the operations of the Oil and Gas Association, or at least those of its members. To answer our water conundrums, the Water Board meets today with six counties to discuss several actions. The first option is water pumps, but their affordability is questionable. Others call for ordinances restricting water usage and discipline for those counties disobeying.

The problem encompasses the entire State, and deserves careful consideration and employment of whatever the board passes.

### Department of Health

**Vic Tackett**  
*Johnson, MacArthur*

The State Department of Health has two main projects at hand. First, they are going to work with the Department of Solid Waste Disposal to get two new landfills around the state. Secondly, they plan on working with MacArthur and Marshall on their mental health programs. As of now the department doesn't have any proposals because they don't have a budget.

### Department of Commerce

**Joe Zigtema**  
*Raymond, Pershing*

The Department of Commerce is currently looking into building an amusement park in Marshall County. They have already built a hotel in Patton County, and expect the park to generate tourism, consequently creating revenue for both counties. Marshall County was decided as the location because it had a strong infrastructure and was ready for big attractions. The department wanted to install a Playboy Mansion, which would become a humongous tourist attraction, but lacked the funds to facilitate its construction. However, instead the Department is looking at building a Hooters restaurant to make up for the Mansion.

## Today's Menu

### Breakfast

- Scrambled Eggs
- Biscuits & Sausage
- Hash browns
- Donuts
- Cranberry cocktail
- Oatmeal

### Lunch

- Grilled Chicken on a bun
- Macaroni & cheese
- Green Peas
- Chips
- White rice
- Peanut butter chocolate chips cookies
- Ice cream
- Fresh Fruit

### Dinner

- Chicken-Fried Chicken Breast
- Italian Meatballs
- Newman's Ownâ Marinara Sauce
- Whipped Potatoes and Cream
- Gravy
- Spaghetti
- White Rice
- Vegetable Blend
- Carrot Coins
- Hot Rolls
- Chocolate Cream Pie



News from the outside

# What we miss during Boys' State

## Senate defies President, sends 20,000 troops to Iraq

World News Today  
As reported by CNN  
**Shane Chrisman**  
*Sullivan, Seitz*

Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, said the lack of troops at the end of major combat in Iraq cost the military an opportunity to stop the violence that continues today.

"We didn't have enough people on the ground, and now we are paying a very, very heavy price for that incredible mistake on the part of the civilian leadership in the Pentagon of the United States of America," McCain said.

The increase was approved as an

amendment to a \$447 billion defense authorization bill. Under the proposal by Sen. Jack Reed, D-Rhode Island, the size of the Army would increase by about 4 percent, to 502,400. Congressional aides estimated the cost at \$1.7 billion.

Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Virginia, supported the amendment after it was modified to specify that the money would come from a \$25 billion fund within the bill for Iraq and Afghanistan operations or from a future emergency spending bill.

"The Army needs this active duty strength. We are in agreement, I think, on this point," Warner said.

Army leaders oppose a permanent increase in troop strength, saying they can do the job with the current force once it is organized more efficiently.

The Army also had a higher cost estimate for the additional troops. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker told reporters this week it costs the Army \$3.6 billion a year to keep 10,000 soldiers trained and equipped, and the Army would struggle if given thousands of extra troops without the money to pay for them. "Congress can only fund us one year at a time," Schoomaker said Tuesday. "They can encumber us forever. We are very reluctant to be encumbered by more than is necessary."

### Greenspan gets fifth term

The U.S. Senate Thursday voted to confirm Alan Greenspan for a fifth and final term as chairman of the Federal Reserve, clearing him to serve at the U.S. central bank into 2006.

The Senate backed Greenspan's re-nomination by voice vote without opposition just days before his fourth term was set to expire.

The Senate vote also comes on the eve of what is widely expected to be the first interest rate increase by the Fed in four years.

Fed officials are expected to nudge overnight rates up from their current low of 1 percent — a low last seen in 1958 — when they meet June 29-30 as a first step in a protracted rate-rise cycle.

### American hostage in jeopardy

The status of an American being held hostage in Saudi Arabia was described as "grim" by a U.S. lawmaker who met with a Saudi official Wednesday. 49-year-old Paul Johnson Jr. was last seen in a video released by his captors in which they threatened to kill him in 72 hours unless their demands of having several men released from Saudi prisons is met.

### New law affects Bryant case

When Kobe Bryant goes on trial later this year, jurors will be allowed to submit questions for witnesses in the sexual assault case under what is believed to be the first rule of its kind.

### Truck hauling bees overturns

A tractor-trailer overturned on a highway curve, spilling its load of hundreds of bee hives and unleashing some nine million angry honey bees. The bees buzzed furiously as driver Lane Miller, his arm scraped to the bone, struggled to flee his rig after it overturned Monday in Bear Trap Canyon west of Bozeman. The truck slid across the highway before coming to a stop between guardrails. The state road was closed for 14 hours as crews and beekeepers cleaned up the 512 hives Miller was hauling from Idaho to North Dakota.

## Do you agree with the law now affecting the Bryant case?

"The jury has to make the decision and if they don't bring it up in court, then they should be able to ask." — **Zaine Williams Janssen**, *MacArthur*

60% Agree with law

40% Disagree with law

"No, It's the lawyers job to get the info and the juries job to interpret." — **Jake Pannbacker Newman**, *Patton*

## Royals win second straight game

**Quintin Kahmeyer**  
*Aylward, Bradley*

The Royals continued their recent good play, closing out the series with a 10-4 win over the Braves. One could almost mistake this team (at least for this series) for the one that competed for A.L. Central title last year, displaying a combination of good pitching, defense and offense. Starter Darrel May went five innings, surrendering one run on five hits before leaving the game subsequent an annoying rain

delay. He was supported by Brian Anderson, Jason Grimsley, and Triple-A call-up Rudy Seanez, who pitched a perfect ninth in his first Royal appearance. The Royals picked up big production from Desi Relaford, who went 3-5 with three RBI's, including his first homer of the season. The Royals also got RBI from Carlos Beltran (2), Joe Randa (2), Kelly Stinnet (1), and Dee Brown (2). The Royals look to continue their good play today in Philadelphia for the first of a three game series.

## U.S. Open Haas first round surprise

**Quintin Kahmeyer**  
*Aylward, Bradley*

Fifty-year-old Jay Haas took advantage of an unusually calm morning at Shinnecock Hills and shot a 4-under 66 to take a share of the opening day lead. Shigeki Maruyama nabbed his share with a 66 of his own. Among the fifty-seven players who did not finish their first rounds due to inclement afternoon weather were Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh, who must

finish off their rounds early tomorrow, possibly facing the infamous wind that was eerily missing from the ocean front course. Tiger Woods came in with a 2-over 72, an unimpressive and disconcerting start for a man who has never won a tournament starting over par. Play begins at 7:00 A.M. tomorrow morning and, if the first day is any indication of the second, a hundred percent chance for low scoring is in the forecast.



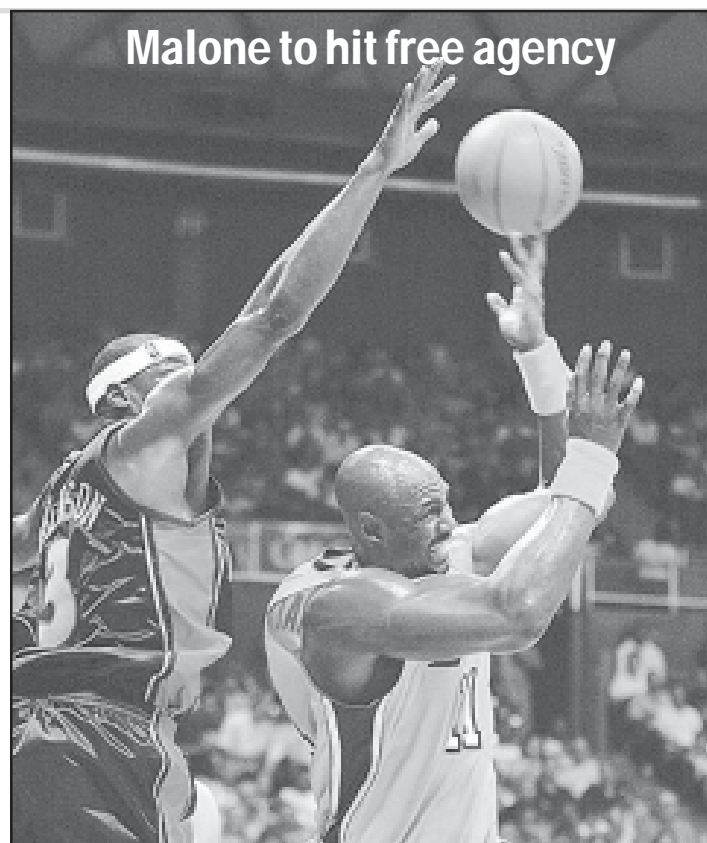
**Jones under suspicion**

"I'm trying to make the U.S. Olympic team, and this is a constant distraction," Jones said Wednesday. "I want this done today. I want this done yesterday. I want this done as soon as possible. I'm hoping to send a message to USADA that I want this done and I want my name cleared. I want to move on," said Jones during her public hearing for the allegations for illegal drug abuse. Even after testifying to not taking illegal substances, she is still under a cloud of suspicion.

### Other MLB Scores

**Chi Cubs** 5 F  
**Houston** 4  
Chi: Alou 3-5, 3 RBI  
Hou: Lane 2-4, 2 RBI

**Oakland** 4 F  
**St. Louis** 5  
Oak: Dye 2-3, 2 RBI, R  
Stl: Suppan 5IP, 8H, 3 ER



**Malone to hit free agency**

Karl Malone became a free agent on Wednesday by not exercising his contract options. Although a free agent now, if Malone decides to play next year, it will be for the Lakers. John Black, spokesperson for the Lakers, said the team expected the move because Malone will likely work to negotiate a higher salary, rather than locking himself into one that he didn't want.

## George Rothwell leads tech staff at Boys' State

Clint Wiseman  
Kyle, Marshall

George Rothwell has worn many hats between 1994 and 2004. Being a Stater in '94 inspired him enough to come back as a member of the athletics staff the next year. George served as a counselor for the next three years, first at the city level and then moved up to the county level. It was then that he got into the IT department, something that would eventually turn into his main job before and during the Boys' State program. Running the actual simulation program for the government can be a somewhat daunting task, as he has found out. Before the week of State, Rothwell spends most of his time procuring and

installing equipment with the simulation software, and recruiting and training IT personnel.

"Obviously, our simulation can't be as detailed as the real state program," Rothwell said, "but we do try." The three main factors that impact our simulation are health, crime, and education. They can affect greatly how the counties and state government operate financially. Also, changing property value, costs of living, and day-to-day city economics play a major role in how a county fares during the week."

George has made a large number of changes in the original program since it was first started on computers in the early 1990s. Frank Chance and Bill Moseley, two

programmers, first wrote the preliminary program. Since he has come into a position of authority, he has taken significant steps to add and update the program, converting the base software system from Microsoft FoxPro (an early '90s piece of database software) to the modern Microsoft Access. "No one knew how to make changes to the core program," Rothwell recalls of Chance and Moseley's original program. "So we've updated it to a modern program, and now we can make all the changes to it that are necessary. Everything's gone really smooth with the transition. There have been almost no bugs in the program."

Another point raised was how Rothwell's banking system

accounts for some of the more unusual purchases made by Staters during the week. "Last year some students used their surplus funds to buy a Death Star, and even make improvements to the weaponry systems," Rothwell explains. "Of course, another group was equally free to purchase Luke Skywalker and a fleet of X-wings to blow it up. Our simulation program is pretty open to off-the-wall purchases like that. We try to make it as free as possible, just like the real system, but a side effect of that policy is that people always buy some odd things."

Being the IT Administrator for Boys' State has been a tremendously rewarding experience

for George Rothwell.

"When I worked on staff in the city and county commission, I felt good that my position directly affected Stater's lives



during Boys' State. Now that I've been promoted, it feels good to help the new staff enjoy the same sense of belonging that I had when I was on staff. It's great to be able to give something back."

## Boys' State, Kansas lucky to host Fedorov for year

Joe Zigtema  
Raymond, Pershing

This year, Boys' State has had the pleasure of hosting a certain individual from Russia: Mr. Anton Fedorov. Fedorov came to Kansas as an exchange student to learn better English, along with 500-700 of his peers per year in his program. While living in the United States, Fedorov has found that Americans do not respect their fellow citizens as much as they do in Russia. Also, he finds that, "it's

hard when you've been hearing Russian for 17 years to come to the U.S. and hear English everyday."

Fedorov greatly misses Russian food and his friends from home, though he has found many this week at Boys' State. He found success with his political slogan "five things," even though he lost the election. Fedorov has found a new use for his slogan, however, much to the amusement of the Staters. He can be heard often orating what has become his motto. About his slogan, Fedorov said, "I think that

politicians in the U.S. are not serious enough; I think they joke too much.

So when I gave my speech for Attorney General, I told the audience five things I would do to make everything better."

Anton Fedorov is a great Stater for Boys' State to have. He has made this entire week better by giving to everyone his sense of humor and his hard work.

"I think that politicians in the U.S. are not serious enough; I think they joke too much."

## Statewalking: What is your favorite Jodie?

I don't know but I've been told  
To take on Kennedy's mighty bold  
We'd kick your (expletive) around the place  
If we could tell it from your face  
We'd easily find you in a fog  
Because you (expletive) just like a dog  
Your mom would (expletive) (expletive) her (expletive)  
Because she's (expletive) than my eggs

**Patrick Kozicki** *Finley, Kennedy*

Hip-hop lollypop  
Let me hear that left foot drop  
(Stomp) Can't hear you  
(Stomp) Little louder now  
(Stomp) Sound like girl scouts  
(Stomp) Make me prouder now  
(Stomp) Hit it  
(Stomp) Hit it  
(Stomp) Uh

**Jamal McClinton** *Gardner, Kennedy*

## What would you buy If you could buy anything with Boys' State dollars?

"I would buy the Cabella's Corporation." – **Lee Farris** *Gardner, Kennedy*

"A shrubbereeh! Then, I would cut down the biggest tree in the forest with... A HERRING!" – **Jordan Spaulding** *Icenogle, MacArthur*

"Pebble Beach or Augusta National with Tiger Woods, Phil Nickelson, and Ernie Els as caddies." – **P.J. Matulka** *Schmitt, Pershing*

"A banana plantain and a dye factory, so I could be immersed in banana yellow." – **Jamal McClinton** *Gardner, Kennedy*

"I would buy the Grotto (hot tub area in Play Boy mansion) with the playmates included." – **Steve Kappenman** *Gardner, Kennedy*

"Twin Turbo 725hp Lingenfelter Corvette or Denise Richards," – **Cliff Nelson** *Gardner City Counselor, Kennedy*

"The Beast." – **Shannon Christians** *Finley, Kennedy*

"Sharks with frickin lazer beams attached to their heads" – **Clint Wiseman** *Kyle, Marshall*

"Happiness, or an Iceman shirt." – **Jake Ellis** *Kennedy County Counselor*

"I would buy a space station with the Play Boy mansion in it." – **Tim Crowdis** *Gardner, Kennedy*

Statewalking done by **Greg May** *Gardner, Kennedy*

## County Fact File

### KING

**Building:** Goodnow, 3rd floor

**Cities:** Harris, Hasler, Hiatt.

**Leaders:** Matt Woehrle (County Counselor), Christopher Werring (Assistant County Counselor), Joseph Ross (Harris), Isaac Fox (Hasler), and Geoffrey Thomas (Hiatt)

**Commissioners:** Matt McRoberts, Cory Hoffman, Michael Caffrey

**Fact:** Want to put in a Playboy Mansion and make prostitution free and legal.

**Quote:** "My girl is a pretty girl" Cory Hoffman

### KENNEDY

**Building:** Goodnow, 4th floor

**Citie:** Finley, Gardner, Haney.

**Leaders:** Jacob Ellis (County Counselor), Bryon Rosine (Assistant County Counselor), William Pruett (Finley), Clifford Nelson (Gardner), and Theo Kleinsorge (Haney).

**Commissioners:** Jesse Pounds, Morgan Steele, Michael Pepich

**Fact:** "Most cutthroat county, because we do whatever it takes to get money. Other counties don't pay attention and aren't creative, which makes us better."

**Quote:** expletive x5



# Administration explains disputed tax brackets

**Quintin Kahmeyer**

*Aylward, Bradley*

**T**he most basic question, and also the most frequently asked when pondering tax codes, is who amongst the castes will shoulder the biggest burden. In this question Governor Christian Corrigan finds his most divisive issue, at least in contrast with the legislature.

"The cuts we gave were to the people spending the most money because we believe that'll stimulate growth," explained Corrigan yesterday morning at the daily media briefing. His beliefs, at least to those without a partisan mind, aren't completely off base, in many ways mirroring President Bush's tax-cut philosophy.

Unfortunately, the governor's critics are using the same rhetoric that the president's did, saying that the taxes were designed to benefit only the top tier of wealth, thus neglecting the rest. Corrigan responds to his antagonizing opposition with a simple, hopeful, if repetitive, answer.

"Well that's a classic argument against tax cuts. The thing is that we think everybody, especially the lower groups, should have to have to pay a flat tax at closer to ten percent, and the rich should obviously pay a little bit more than

the poor. But the cuts we gave were to the people spending the most money because we believe that will stimulate growth. And obviously people have very different views about that, and that's the kind of common ground we want to find, something that will benefit everyone."

The governor's original tax plan called for a ten percent flat rate for the first three brackets: the 50 and below, 50.01 to 65, and 65.01 to 75. For the 75.01 to 100 range he initially considered a twelve percent tax rate, and for the highest tier, the 100.01 and above, he reserved a twenty-two percent rate. To accommodate the legislature, he proffered adjustment to an escalating scale going five, ten, fifteen, twenty, and twenty-five percent for the respective tax brackets.

To truly understand Corrigan's propositions, one must understand how much each bracket represents. The first bracket is worth \$162,000 in taxable income; the second, \$35,110; the third, \$18,051; the fourth, \$18,051.75; and the fifth and greatest, \$98,277.18. Lt. Governor Zach Oswald explained what was made obvious by this breakdown, why the lower classes shouldn't receive such a break as the legislature previously suggested.

"The reason we're taxing the bottom class is because that's where

the majority of the money is. Even though they may make the least, it's where the majority of the people are, where the majority of the money is. We can't just tax the few that are making a little bit more than the people at the bottom, because if you look at the overall amount, compare the top to the bottom, the bottom has a greater mass of money but it's just spread out. The top money; you can only tax it so high, and you don't even get that much taxes from it when you raise taxes."

The Corrigan administration had stood the test

of politics, the veritable rainstorm of criticism and derision on account of their vehemence on the tax codes.

If I may be so bold to insert my opinion in what is primarily a news story, I say the administration is right. Growth can be achieved with the Trickle Down Theory. It's proven. If Corrigan has no other forum for his opinion than my humble hand, then so be it. In the real world, a top-heavy tax structure cannot and does not exist. The numbers are proven, the theory is proven. Keep it up kid.

"The reason we're taxing the bottom class is because that's where the majority of the money is."

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## More legislative committees at work

### Department of Corrections

Jarrold Holiday  
McCoy, Patton

The Department of Corrections is working to create new facilities in order to combat crime.

"A youth correction facility is being put in one of six cities." Matt Wetzel said.

In addition, the Department's budget is fairly stable.

"Our budget plan is more than last year." Wetzel said. "We didn't get all that we wanted though; we wanted sixteen thousand, and got fifteen."

A primary note is the Departments unforgiving stance on crime.

"On Friday, we're working on sentencing and parole guidelines." Wetzel said. "We want to stiffen up policies and make it harder to get parole. The key to my plan is for repeat convicts to have no parole; we will make you serve your serve your entire sentence. Bread and water twice a day, five minutes of sunlight."

The Department certainly has their work out for them, and is planning aggressive action.

"Every now and then," comments Wetzel, "I go to the department of Agriculture and hacky-sack."

### Commission on Ethics & Good Government

Shane Chrisman  
Sullivan, Seitz

The Commission on Ethics and Good Government's responsibilities are to keep the Government honest and make sure that rules and regulations for Elections and Campaigns keep the Government race as fair as possible. Ethics and Good Government's duties also include investigations into any rules or regulations that broken by government officials, and then report the investigation to the Attorney General.

When asked about their thirty-dollar budget, the Commission agreed that they were angry at first, but then realized that they don't need money and really have no use for it.

Other issues they are somewhat concerned with include the Legalization of Marijuana, an issue, which all three of the committee members are against. "Marijuana is bad because it impairs judgment and promotes unethicity [sic]."

Some of the Commission on Ethics and Good Government's accomplishments so far include: Matt O'Connor Perril, Pershing: Snake II High Score 768 and Tyler Schultz Perril, Pershing with a Snake II High Score of 1238... Good Job Tyler.

On the subject of the general atmosphere of the Commission on Ethics and Good Government, Matt had this to say, "We're Very Ethical."

### Department of Culture

Lucas Heinrich  
Hasler, King

The Department of Culture is sponsoring several artists and events throughout the state. All of these projects are intended to enhance the culture and diversity of Kansas. One of their headliners will be an art exhibit by controversial feminist artist Sister Serpentine. More traditional art will be seen in the Native American arts fair. The Department is also working hard to bring well-known band *Kansas*, which will perform "Dust in the Wind." For the University students they are hosting a Shakespeare festival that will feature performances from all area colleges. In the area of film, they are supporting the movie "Poison," an introspective look at society in black and white. The Department is confident they will be able to finance all the projects, but they are still waiting for the finalizing of the budget.

### Board of Regents

Jarrold Holiday  
McCoy, Patton

Over the past several days, the Board of Regents has been kept busy with state education policy making; many controversial topics have made their way into the Board's scrutiny.

"We're against affirmative action; we don't wish to give preferential treatment." Board member Benjamin Meis said. "We want to give opportunities to the best candidates."

The reasoning behind this view is that equality for all is impossible when minority candidates are given preferential status simply because of their minority status.

"When segregation was rampant, it was important to have such policies as affirmative action; the minorities were at a disadvantage." Meis said. "This is not so nowadays. They aren't incapable of success; they perpetuate the belief that they are disadvantaged and don't try very hard because of the belief that they are predestined to fail. Without it, everyone starts on an equal footing."

Another problem facing the Board is over enrollment in the schools.

"We need to relieve the stress of the administration." Taylor Freburg said. "We plan to hire two new teachers per university, as well as increase their pay. We feel that teachers are a vital part to society."

The Board is also presenting an idea to legislature about various forms of secondary education.

"The dropout rate of the colleges is rather high; one fourth." Freburg said. "Our plan is to use prep schools to ensure college enrollment rates; and if students aren't in four year universities, then they will be in trade schools. We just want to make sure that people obtain education beyond high school."

Legislature agrees with the Board on many issues, and is supportive of their actions.

# Giant flying machine lands at Boys' State

**Marty Boeschling**

*Coss, Eisenhower*

A 1972 model of the OH58C helicopter landed in the parking lot outside Goodnow Hall

be found in Hays. The state also owns one twelve-passenger turboprop airplane which is used to transport troopers and VIPs around the state.

The state of Kansas is divided into three divisions; the central, eastern and

Troopers. The helicopter's main rotor operates at 330 rpm and creates lift like the wings on an airplane to lift the chopper. The engine operates at nearly 700 degrees Celsius and is capable of carrying four passengers. Unlike American style cars, the pilot sits on the right side of the craft and the co-pilot on the left. The helicopter also operates a 30 million-candle flashlight controlled by a joystick control inside the cockpit, and has the latest technology using the F.L.I.R. system. The Forward Looking Infra-Red camera is used to detect the differences in temperature on the ground and works to identify felons or missing persons alike.

There are twelve pilots in the Kansas Highway Patrol, six airplane pilots and six helicopter and airplane pilots and are on call 24 hours a day. Trooper Jerry Daniels, Salina, said that the agency is currently in the process of acquiring newer flight equipment, and that pilots are in desperate need by the HP.

Accompanying Trooper Daniels to Boys' State were Trooper Jeff Patrick and his K-9 companion and drug dog, Barro. Barro is a nine-year old Belgian malinois that has been serving with 18-year veteran Patrick for five years. The drug-combating duo has so many uses, according to Daniels.

"We have helped out SWAT teams and other agencies like the DEA and the KBI. We are available for use in more than just trooper use," Daniels added.

The required training time for dog and handler is a tense ten-week course. The Kansas Highway Patrol training center in Salina also trains teams free of charge for agencies and sheriff's departments around the state.



**Kansas Highway Patrol helicopter lands in Goodnow parking lot prior to meeting with the Boys' State Highway Patrol.** Photo courtesy of John Moeder.

yesterday afternoon courtesy of the Kansas Highway Patrol. The multi-operational helicopter, piloted by Trooper Jerry Daniels flew from it's base in Topeka to give members of the mock-Highway Patrol feel for what goes on everyday with the men in uniform.

The Kansas Highway Patrol currently owns four airplanes and four helicopters based throughout the three bases in the state, Topeka, Salina and Hays. Topeka is home to two of the airplanes as well as two of the helicopters, Salina houses one of the airplanes and two of the helicopters, and the final airplane can

western divisions and the aircraft are used for virtually any imaginable event of crisis. Pilots are called in to search for lost children, runaway felons, help with natural disasters, searches for vehicles, accompany ground troops during car chases, and so much more.

The helicopter that arrived on campus Thursday was originally a military use helicopter, deployed in Germany. It was relocated to Iraq during desert storm in 1990, and then returned to Germany in 1992 before arriving in the United States for a brief stay in Fort Stewart, Georgia, and then was sold to the Kansas State

## Corrigan arrested, continued from page 1

came out. Congress responded by forming their own budget plan, and when Corrigan vetoed it, legislators immediately overrode it with

a unanimous vote. The Senate and House also passed a bill requiring the governor and his running mate to wear his hat at all times, but Corrigan

and Oswald were no longer in possession of their sky pieces. However, the governor is restricting any passing of bills by Congress until his trial

is completed. A verdict on the arrest is expected to be issued today.

## College Fair comes to Kramer



**Kyle Rogers**  
*Seymour, Powell*

The Boys' State college fair took place yesterday in the Heritage Room of the Kramer Dining center. 15 schools including Kansas State University and the University of Kansas provided information and tried to entice Staters to investigate their school.

"I thought it was very interesting," **Kyle Boomer Aylward, Bradley** said. "Some colleges used some very good strategies to attract Staters to their tables."

While some Staters simply liked seeing females again, the fair was intended to help them as they choose a school next year.

"It's all for the Staters," Kristofer Bain said. "We realize you're entering senior year, and we want to give you guys an opportunity to get as much information about as many colleges as you can."

**Vic Tackett**  
*Johnson, MacArthur*

The illustrious Boys' State performed Thursday night at McCain Auditorium. The choir sang three songs consisting of: Boys' State U.S.A., Step to the Rear, and the feature song Silhouettes. The choir performed Silhouettes complete with choreography, and was a favorite among choir members and audience.

"I loved this song, and I just loved the fact that I was up there with guys of such talent," Marty Boeschling, Coss, Eisenhower said. "We just went out there and gave it our all, just trying to bring home a win."

Overall the band and choir concert was a hit for the Staters, and it is an annual tradition that will be here for years to come.

## Choir entertains Staters



## Joke of the day

A man and a woman were talking about some of the movies they had recently seen.

"So, what movies have you seen lately?" the lady asked.

"Well, the one I liked the most was *The Passion of the Christ*," the man replied, "because of the way Gibson portrayed Jesus in the ending..."

"Stop!" the woman cut off the man.

"What?" the man asked bewildered.

The woman replied, "I haven't seen it yet. I don't want you to spoil the ending."



# Unexpected lessons learned from Boys' State

Clint Wiseman Jarrod Holiday  
Kyle, Marshall McCoy, Patton

**D**ISRESPECT. (dɪs-rɪ-spekt) *n.* A lack of respect, esteem, or courteous regard. To show a lack of respect for: *disrespected by his peers; disrespected by other elected officials.*

Now that the actual definition of the word is out in the open, let's review its applicable uses to last night's State of the State address. Now, the two of us are by no means fans of Christian Corrigan's ideas involving the Boys' State budget (did you read our last edition of the paper?), but after last night we realized that the budget is not the largest problem we have faced at Boys' State. Sure, the budget is one of the top two or three largest problems, but it's not the most important factor in our overall experience this week.

Ignorance is.

The actions by the elected Legislators before and during Governor Corrigan's speech, using copies of the Staters' Union to feign disinterest in an honest appeal for their cooperation, should leave the biggest mark on the majority of Staters (the two of us regrettably included) when we leave K-State tomorrow. A few individuals refused to understand the true nature of how our government works.

Their ignorance and their refusal to understand is what should leave the lasting mark on many of us.

It's clear that there is now a line dividing the legislative branch and the

executive branch at Boys' State. There were two factors that sparked the divisive conflict: the fiery oration of a slightly misguided candidate, and the malevolent intent of a few members of the elected Legislative Branch in response to it. They were comfortable criticizing and even trying to topple the government only if they had the strength of numbers behind them. We're calling them "lunch-table politicians": the people who only feel comfortable talking about change if they have the support of easily led people at their...well, lunch table.

Corrigan's election is now something of a Greek tragedy (pun intended). By refusing to make major changes to his original ideas, the first and mostly unsuccessful budget, the Legislature and even his fellow peers accuse him of being an inept politician. On the other hand, if he *changes* his views in order to follow the more profitable and less cut-filled budgets proposed since his election, he'll be accused of not sticking to his campaign promises.

The petty events of yesterday are too numerous to mention here – artificial marijuana, ridiculous hat-wearing statutes, and endless attempts by his peers to discredit him. But the proverbial straw came for the two of us last night. Josh Svaty's speech emphasized that in order to be a good leader, the leader must be able to empathize with those he leads, essentially proving himself to them. But the reverse of this is also true. People must also be able to prove *themselves*, that

they're worthy of *being led*, and that they *deserve* enthusiastic and charismatic leadership. If nothing else, marching has taught us the lesson that the only way a large body can move in an efficient way is to work together.

Corrigan's politics and budget leave many things to be desired. But Svaty demonstrated that if you refuse to even listen to where he's coming from, to be able to empathize with his position and personal politics, it makes you the worst kind of hypocrite – you refuse to understand why and how things really work. The only way to help our State move forward is for the citizens and the administration to work together, each helping and advising the other on the best courses of action. In a sense, we should let the single outspoken voices among the Staters offer wisdom to the best of their ability, and allow the governor to lead us towards prosperity by combining their counsel with his own personal ideas and goals.

For those of us who *listened* to Governor Corrigan's speech last night, it was clear that he was attempting to make amends, to meet some of the demands of the elected officials. This is called representation, and last night the actions of a few detractors perverted it into something meaningless. He humbled himself before us, and we, through our elected representatives, just hid behind pieces of paper.

We have one day left. Make it count.

## ATTENTION: Boys' State weather service update

THIS IS BOYS' STATE SIMULATION  
ONLY: NO REAL DAMAGE OCCURRED

Storm clouds came rolling through tornado alley last night knocking down everything in their path including parts of south-east Boys' State. Several tornadoes touched down in Powell and Seitz counties causing severe damage to residen-

tial and corporate property. No one was injured, but property damage was severe. The heavy rains that accompanied the storm caused extensive flooding to property along the River of Democracy. Government experts estimate that over \$8,000 in property was damaged by the storm.

The Governor acted swiftly and de-

clared the cities of Schulz, Seymour, Spigarelli, Sullivan, Whorley, and Wiles disaster areas.

The Department of Environment has emergency funds available for disaster relief. Cities struck by the severe weather need to apply for funds to repair property damage.