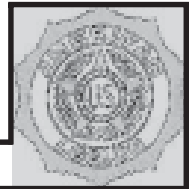


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The "Cream of the Crop" to go to Capital

Joe Zigtema
Raymond, Pershing

Two very lucky Staters were selected yesterday out of ten candidates to represent Kansas at Boys' Nation in our nation's capital during the last week of July. Spencer King, Finley, Kennedy, was selected as the first alternate, to take the winner's spot if for any reason a winner could not attend. "I realized this week that I can make a difference, and Boys' State helped me do that. It is a great honor to be selected as an alternate for this beautiful state."

Preston Schraeder, Janssen, MacArthur, was selected as the second alternate to the winning delegates. "I am very honored that my fellow Staters elected me to be an alternate for the two very qualified candidates."

The first winner selected for this esteemed award was Lucas Vinze, Birk, Bradley. He dedicated his trip to his friend who died in a car crash. Vinze also said that when he goes to Washington in July he will "apply myself to the best of my ability to represent the Boys' State of Kansas."

The final delegate selected to attend Boys' State in Washington D.C. was Mitch Bringle, Coss, Eisenhower.

Bringle thought for the longest time that

his opportunity for visiting our nation's capital would continuously slip through his fingers time after time. So when the announcement came Friday night that he had been chosen to be one of the two delegates to represent the state of Kansas and the Kansas Boys' State at Boys' Nation, he was greatly surprised.

Prior to the announcement Bringle said that, if chosen he would, "[expletive] his pants". He also said the first thing he would do was to call his mom and tell her everything that happened, and then call his uncle, for which he holds the highest honor and respect for. "He's like my second dad," Bringle said.

Bringle hopes to represent Kansas in a way that ensures that none of the beliefs and morals that are so firm in this country are compromised. Although he realizes it will be a lot of work, he feels he is up to the responsibility, and is also excited about the



Lucas Vinze (left) and Mitch Bringle (right) will represent the state of Kansas in July. Photos courtesy of Moeder

rare chance to meet America's leaders and see many of the monuments.

"I'd be most excited to see the new World War Two monument. That means a lot to me. A lot of people waited a long time for that memorial," Bringle said.

In addition to the recently opened WWII monument, Bringle would also like to visit Arlington Cemetery and meet President Bush.

"I can't wait to meet President Bush. I would also like to meet Colin Powell. That would rock."

Counselor Woehrle stopped up in Goodnow elevator

Lucas Heinrich
Hasler, King

Any Stater who has ever complained about taking the stairs will think twice before griping again. King County Counselor Matt Woehrle experienced the inherent danger of taking an elevator first-hand Friday afternoon when he found himself

trapped in one. He was on his way from the third to the sixth floor when he felt a sudden shake. After a moment he realized that the elevator had completely stopped moving.

Once Woehrle realized that the elevator wouldn't be moving any time soon, he radioed for help. He reached coordinator Mike Zimmers,



Counselor Matt Woehrle stuck in the elevator. Photo courtesy of Moeder.

who seemed puzzled by the distress call. "Are you actually stuck in the elevator?" he asked incredulously. "Yes, I'm actually stuck in the elevator," Woehrle responded. Even with the knowledge that the cable could snap at any moment, plummeting him four stories, he kept his calm

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B.O.E. turned terrorist group takes hostage

Marty Boeschling
Coss, Eisenhower

The disgruntled State Board of Education killed eight and took one hostage in a violent protest of the state of affairs that have plagued the Boys' State area. The BOE took Lee Tuter, Icenogle, MacArthur, a member of the Association of Industrial Workers hostage, demanding \$10,000 in payment for his safety.

The less than professional terrorists said that they were forced to act after many of the associations that promised funds to the BOE backed out.

"All the associations said they would support education when we spoke to them Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but they wouldn't pay up," terrorist Alex Aggen said.

The terrorists captured Tuter, tied him up, and put a SpongeBob SquarePants pillowcase over his head. Tuter made

repeated pleas for others in his own association and other associations to quickly raise the terrorists' desired bounty.

Many of the members of the associations housed in Goodnow Hall scoffed at the seriousness of the terrorists, but Michael McDaniel, BOE member turned terrorist insisted that the group was definitely serious in all regards.

"While we were holding our hostage, not only was he under stress, but we were under stress as well. I would go almost as far as to say we were at the edge of insanity. We took it into our own hands to break other laws as well," McDaniel said. "Just to show our seriousness, we ripped off the consumer tag of the pillow. Although our attempted negotiators found themselves in hysterics, they had seen how serious we really were."

The formerly civilized Board of Education almost made a fatal mistake

when they allowed Tuter to momentarily deviate from their control.

"We needed to allow certain humanitarian conditions to be taken, and therefore we allowed him his weekly bathroom break to be taken. After about ten minutes we were suspicious that Tuter may have attempted escape or suicide," Aggen said. "As we walked into the bathroom, our greatest fears were about to arise, as we heard him moaning and grunting. It turned out though that a diet of mainly hash browns in the previous 24 hours had resulted in his constipation."

The Kansas Highway Patrol was out of the Boys' State area at the time of the violent takeover, so none of the rebels were arrested. The activists released Tuter back to his association free of harm without receiving the demanded finances, thus ending a bloody takeover and a very tense hostage standoff.

Governor addresses executive branches to discuss session

Clint Wiseman
Kyle, Marshall

There was a sense of optimism in the air as the heads of Boys' State departments met yesterday morning for the Governor's address to the Executive Branch. The heads of the Board of Education, Board of Regents, Department of Commerce, Corporation Commission, Treasurer's Office, and the Department of Revenue all met to give Governor Corrigan an update on their projects from the 2004 Legislative session.

Michael Nachman, head of the Board of Education, mostly dealt with hearings on school libraries. The Board passed a resolution stating that public schools should not

be required to teach alternative history classes such as African-American history, but materials containing information should be readily available and accessible. School libraries now must not refrain from stocking books about acceptance of homosexuals, and libraries also must keep their religious texts in school libraries.

Benjamin Meis, head of the Board of Regents, stressed that his main task has been dealing with the redistribution of funds. They approved the allocation of more funds for tuition grants and made sure to pass legislation that prohibits preferential race treatments.

Todd Davidson, head of the Department of Commerce,

reported that his department has decided to dramatically rezone Marshall county, placing a theme park and a tourism center in the county. He has reported that overall, cities are producing well under their budget restraints.

Jim Schweiker of the Corporation Commission has been dealing with the construction of the Corrigan Superhighway, to be placed between the Powell and Seitz county borders. This will be a free-trade highway, meaning that large semi-truck traffic will be allowed. The speed limit for the highway will be 80 miles per hour.

Rob Dellinger, State Treasurer, reported that his department has issued \$4000 in bonds for disaster relief funding, and has been

dealing almost entirely with disaster relief.

Andrew Lochow, head of Department of Revenue, was at the time waiting for the finalized version of the budget to make significant progress in his department, but he had held meetings with the Oil and Gas Commission and other revenue-generating organizations about allocating their funds in order to generate the most revenue for the state.

It was a productive day Thursday as well as Friday morning for many of the departments, with much accomplished in both days of session.

State Treasurer's office to release claim policy

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER: We are implementing a new policy to claim the unclaimed property in Kansas. The purpose of the policy is to help people claim property that they believe belongs to them when it goes unclaimed or dormant.

The following types of property are eligible for this new policy: court deposits, dormant checking accounts, dormant savings accounts, insurance benefits, oil and gas royalties, safe deposit box contents, stock and cash dividends, utility deposits, wages, unclaimed state budget surpluses, wills and estates, unprocessed prepossessed items, deed and contracts with monetary value, and social security checks.

The claims process is managed by the Office of the State Treasurer. In the claims process, a claimer, (the rightful owner having abandoned the property) has a certain amount of time to submit a Property Claims Form. Five days after the filing of the form, a hearing will commence. During this five-day period we will attempt to locate the rightful owner. If the hearing is unsuccessful and entitlement is not proven, then the money will be added to the state budget. All cases are heard by members of the State Treasurer's Office (the State Treasurer and assistants) and decisions are final.

If you have any questions or would like to submit a claim, visit the State Treasurer's Office at Marlatt 519.

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News from the outside

What we miss during Boys' State

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As reported by CNN

Lucas Heinrich
Hasler, King

Militants kill American hostage

Al Qaeda militants kept a pledge to kill their American hostage, posting three chilling photographs Friday on an Islamist Web site to prove they had beheaded Paul Johnson Jr.

The Lockheed Martin Corp. employee was kidnapped in

Riyadh last Saturday. Sources in Riyadh said Johnson's body was found in the eastern part of the city; official statements are expected soon. U.S. officials confirmed Johnson's death, saying the remains shown on the al Qaeda-linked Web site are

"definitely" his. An official said a photograph that shows a severed head sitting on the back of a headless body is "very clear."

Abdel Aziz Al-Muqrin, the self-proclaimed military leader of al Qaeda in Saudi Arabia, had threatened Tuesday to kill Johnson in 72 hours unless the Saudi government released al Qaeda prisoners and Westerners left the Arabian Peninsula.

several times that Saddam Hussein's regime planned terrorist attacks against the United States, Russian President Vladimir Putin has said. The planned attacks were targeted both inside and outside the United States, said Putin, who made the remarks during a visit to Kazakhstan.

Two year old found

A 2-year-old boy who was reported kidnapped in a carjacking and held for a \$100,000 ransom was found safe Thursday outside a gas station in his hometown, authorities said. Police said they were tipped to Tellious Brown's whereabouts by an anonymous caller soon after his mother pleaded for his return at a news conference. No ransom was paid, said a law enforcement source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Iraq to use martial law

Less than two weeks before the U.S. coalition is set to transfer sovereignty to Iraq, the country's interim interior minister would not rule out the declaration of martial law if insurgent attacks on Iraqis continue. Martial law is defined as temporary rule by the military over the civilian

population when civil authority has broken down. It was unclear how this would work in Iraq.

Fans see Ray Charles

With his trademark dark glasses on and a baby grand by his side, Ray Charles was mourned by thousands who walked a long red carpet past his open casket. Many of the

more than 5,000 people who attended Thursday's public viewing for the Grammy-winning musician stopped outside to sign guestbooks or write a message on a large poster of Charles in performance.

Russians warned U.S.

Russian intelligence services warned Washington

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THE STATERS' UNION

Padgett leaves Kansas, heads for Louisville

Marty Boeschling
Coss, Eisenhower

David Padgett has made his final decision to leave the Jayhawks next season to play for the University of Louisville in the 2005-06 season. The Cardinals, under the direction of Rick Pitino, will now have the 6' 11", 230-pound center to practice with, but he will be ineligible for next season due to customary transfer rules.

Padgett, who initially was drawn to KU by former head basketball coach Roy Williams, put away all rumors of his possible transfer to the University of North Carolina by the official transfer announcement filed Saturday. KU opened up opportunities for Padgett to receive scholarships from UNC, but Padgett chose to not even pay a

visit to the school. Padgett made the final decision to attend Louisville next season, declining repeated offers to play for last year's runner-up UCLA.

"I went [to KU] to play for someone, and the person I went to play for wasn't there. It just didn't work out. I'm just glad to make this decision and I'm just looking forward to getting to Louisville," Padgett said.

A native of Reno, Nevada, Padgett averaged 6.5 points and 4.5 rebounds a game last season as a freshman for KU, and blocked a team-high 43 shots. Pitino feels that Padgett's size, character and skills will fit perfectly into the Cardinals already established system of play.

"David is someone we can build our offenses and defenses around for next year

when we enter the Big East. He can do it all as a big man. He runs the floor, he can spot up, he can post up, he blocks shots and he rebounds. He also has a passion to eat, sleep and drink this game of basketball."

This is not the first time that Pitino has tried to recruit Padgett to play for the U of L. Padgett who started 19 games as a freshman for KU last season, played for his father as a high school superstar and turned down offers from Pitino at that time to play for William's Jayhawks.

"We recruited David out of high school and unfortunately did not get a commitment," Pitino explained. "The second time around has been a really good situation for U of L and ultimately, I believe, will be for David."

Padgett, who at times was questioned for his

strength and ability to survive near the basket at the collegiate level, never backed down from an opponent, and gained uncalculated acceptance by Jayhawk fans everywhere with his last second shot against Missouri in the final game in the H e a r n Center's history to seal the win.

There were many factors that played into Padgett's decision to attend the U of L, but he claims the most of the decision came from his desire to play for Pitino. But, he continues, it doesn't hurt that the U of L has one of the nicest facilities of college universities in the nation.

"I was impressed

with the success he's had with his players and how much he actually works himself for the players,"



Padgett stated. "It seems like he does everything he can do and really cares about making them the best. And they have nice facilities, and that didn't hurt. Their dorm facility is pretty amazing, locker rooms and other things."



Lucas Heinrich
Hasler, King

Kournikova was signed by the Kansas City Explorers to play for them in the 2004 season. Her match on July 10 is expected to draw the biggest crowd of the year for the Explorers.

MLB Scores

Cincinnati 3	Seattle 5
St. Louis 4	Pittsburgh 4
Oakland 2	Detroit 2
Chi Cubs 1	NY Mets 3
Chi White Sox 11	Cleveland 4
Montreal 7	Atlanta 2
Kansas City 10	Texas 8
Philadelphia 4	Florida 1

City of Gardner files suit against Staters' Union paper

Clint Wiseman
Kyle, Marshall

Yesterday, the *Staters' Union* came under attack by Gardner City on behalf of Rex Gardner, its founder. The *Union* was accused of "slandorous" actions: *publishing* false events, *publishing* a doctored photo, and defaming the city of Gardner in an article several days ago.

When staters read the article, they immediately made the connection between Rex Gardner's actions and the incompetence of Gardner city; hence, Gardner city requested that reparations amounting \$2000 be made by the *Union* for "lost business" and for "dishonoring Rex's good name."

The photo in question was

reportedly "digitally remastered"; a picture of highway patrol officer John Goodman "innocently checking a line" was combined with a picture of Rex in order to create a scandalous situation. Unfortunately, a copy of neither original photo could be found. This is understandable, as reports of thieving gnomes have been circulating through State, and it is likely that these gnomes may have stolen the original copies. For those uneducated in gnome hunting, the only way to kill a gnome is to shoot it.

"A shotgun should kill a gnome," Kyle Rogers said. "That is of course if you shoot it in the right place."

Gnomes or no, the *Union*

found itself in a sticky situation. The accusations by Gardner City, while baseless, still posed an imminent threat to the paper's reputation. However, in an incredibly selfless act, the main prosecutor of Gardner stated that the *Union* "probably didn't mean to offend anyone". This decision was nobly made, as the prosecutor was fully aware that for libel to apply to a publication, there must be intent of malice. It is due to character such as this that Boys' State is a success; through caring about the well being of others in this manner, we prove ourselves worthy of being here.

Union spokesman Clint Wiseman spoke eloquently on behalf of the paper, citing such irrelevant trivia as the

fact that this was actually a libelous situation as opposed to a slanderous one, and that public officials were exempt from this type of situation.

He also commented on the inherent difficulty of faking a photograph.

"It would take a professional image editor from Playboy magazine to successfully stage the picture we took," Wiseman said.

The court ruled in favor of the *Union* 5-1. The minority vote was of the opinion that "There should be a disclaimer at the bottom so that stupid people know it's not real."

The story continues however, as Rex's wife divorced him immediately following the trial, due in part to his criminal exploits.

Raymond, Schmitt sue bank, computer system found unconstitutional

Joe Zigtema
Raymond, Pershing

The cities of Raymond and Schmitt in Pershing County sued the Bank yesterday for violating B.S.S.A law 12-0251 and the fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution. B.S.S.A law 12-0251 states that Counties do have the right to exercise eminent domain over property, but the owners of the land must be justly compensated. Pershing County exercised its right of eminent domain over the cities of Raymond and Schmitt to build a police station and public school in Raymond, and a hospital in Schmitt. The County made

the checks for the land out to the Boys' State Division of Legal Counselors (Boys' State Bank), and when the cities of Raymond and Schmitt tried to claim their money from the bank, they were told that they could not because "that's just how the system works."

Raymond sued the bank for \$2630, and Schmitt sued for \$1255. The fee included the price of the lots that were eminently domained, in addition to fees for lost income, loss of increased property value, loss of available jobs, and loss of prosperity. They calculated this by announcing their plans to buy a livestock auction yard and casino with the money from the lots, increasing employment,

income, and wealth index in the town. In the State's defense, the Attorney General argued that it was not the Bank's fault, but the County's fault that they gave the money to the bank without compensating the cities of Raymond and Schmitt. It was revealed by the operator of the bank that the system could not calculate inflation, and therefore could not handle the transaction between the county and city. Also, the cities' argument for funds was based on "what-ifs" that could not be accurately predicted.

The Supreme Court deliberated the issue for almost 25 minutes; in every other case decided yesterday,

the average time for decision was approximately 10 minutes on average. In the end, the Court ruled against the State, awarding the cities of Raymond and Schmitt the fees they requested. The basis of their decision was that the State took the ability of the cities to make money by selling the lots, and that the State violated B.S.S.A law 12-0251 in that the cities were not justly compensated. They went further to declare the computer simulation system of Boys' State unconstitutional, though it was revealed to the Supreme Court that the computer system could not calculate inflation, and therefore could not be fixed.

Stewalking:What will you miss about Boys' State?

"The Staters and counselors you meet." David Huther, Birk, Bradley

"All the hotties!" –Matt Gee and Mike Caffrey Kennedy, King

"Our towel flag." Lee Bassett, Whorley, Seitz

"The talent show." – Mark Chesterman, Haney, Kennedy

"My counselors Jake Iceman Thugdaddy, Theo Icyhot Ribeater, Carl Thuglovin', Cliff MCPee Pants, Tim Top Gun, Sean Kligon, and Finch." – Harry Muldrow (Hotsexxx the mooninite), Haney, Kennedy

"All the friends and deeeeeep connections developed over the years because sometimes seeing someone one week out of the year isn't enough. I'll never forget the county I had this year." - All Day Paul Day, Powell County Co.

"I am going to miss Scott because Chris was disappointed." Chris Dreiling, Whorley, Seitz

"Showing Trimble how much I love Eisenhower." – Aaron Bingham, Harris, King

"Nutball with county counselors." – Matt Woehrl, King county

"Countless hours of playing computer games (newspaper)." – Lucas "Jumanji" Heinrich, Hasler, King

"Stealing Ike's pillows."-Anonymous

EDITOR'S NOTE

All stories pertaining to Boys' State refer to a simulated society, and editorial liscence may have been used to report the 'facts' of such stories. (Things may not be in reality as they appear in the simulation, so take it with a grain of salt.)

"All my friends, this guy, you guys, that guy over there wearing shoes." Paul Day

"Channel 10, Jumanji, Moeder, and the rest of the Stater's Union crew." –Vic Tackett, Johnson, MacArthur

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

County Fact File

EISENHOWER

Building: Goodnow, 5th floor

Cities:Chastain, Coss, Crum.

Leaders: Jasom Trimble (County Counselor), Aaron Wiseman (Assistant County Counselor), William Reid (Chastain), Johnathan Nathan(Coss), and Coiton Poort(Crum)

Commissioners: Tyson Patrick, Marshall Stuckey, Brady Keim

Fact: Ike has built half a dam. They also hope to build the Empire State Building.

Quote: "The price is wrong [expletive]." -Tyson Patrick

BRADLEY

Building: Goodnow, 6th floor

Citie: Aylward, Birk, Bramlage.

Leaders: Spencer Sward (County Counselor), Joel Johnson (Assistant County Counselor), Brett King (Aylward), Josh Mills(Birk), and Brent Fanning (Bramlage).

Commissioners: Alex Clement, Tyler Thoreson, Jacob Olson

Fact: "Most cutthroat county, becausewe do whatever it takes to get money. Other counties don't pay attention and aren't creative, which makes usbetter."

Quote: expletive x5

Powell, Seitz hit hard by over 40 tornadoes Friday

Shane Chrisman
Sullivan, Seitz

Thursday night's storms included at least forty tornadoes that tore through Powell and Seitz counties. Most would expect this to cause massive amounts of damage to the property value in all cities involved.

Spigarelli, Powell however, managed to raise their property value over night through clever ordinances and careful construction planning. Among the ordinances were a militia led by Rambo, and a golf course. These combined with many other less noticeable ordinances to raise property

value from \$75,218 to \$99,446. Seymour, Powell came up with a deficit of a \$4977 loss of property value, a deficit they hope to repay with federal relief money and/or grants. The major problem it seems, is not the loss of property value, but instead the loss of the property itself. At present time, these two cities

are the only ones who have had the time or manpower to spare to allow an official interview. As the staff of the other four cities involved struggle to rebuild and maintain their responsibilities, we at the Stater's Union would like to wish you good luck in the process of reparation.

Corrigan convicted by district courts, then acquitted by Supreme Court

Jarrold Holiday
McCoy, Patton

The Governor defended himself yesterday against drug related charges before the Supreme Court. Attorney General Spencer King prosecuted and presented evidence against the Governor, including an affidavit of the drug purchase, complete with what appeared to be a signature by Corrigan. King's case stated that Senator Brett Farmer of Kennedy originally sold the drugs to Corrigan for two hundred Boys' State dollars, whereupon the affidavit of purchase was created, and that Corrigan failed to pay. Following the payment failure, Farmer confided in the head of the Highway Patrol, Carlos Pringle, about his situation, who in turn obtained a search warrant for the search of Corrigan's dorm room. Patrolman Bubba found a bag of "mysterious, green, leafy substance" underneath Corrigan's sheets, and hand rolled cigarettes in his closet.

The Governor spoke in his own defense, and presented ample evidence against the prosecution's story. Between the time period of 12-3pm on Thursday, when the

discovery was made, he was not in his room; rather, he was instead in the Governor's office with his staff. During this time anyone could have been in his room, and testimonies pointed to the Highway Patrol's involvement with a setup.

"Carlos Bringle told me that it was just a big joke, and that Bubba [highway patrolman] set him up." Former Asst. Attorney General Joel Boaldin said. "I wasn't supposed to defend him [Corrigan], and I was fired because I continued on with it."

Corrigan also pointed out that he simply didn't have the money to purchase the drugs; his account balance throughout the week would never have permitted the two hundred dollar purchase. The 5th amendment was also used in his defense; the Governor requested that he be allowed to see the bag and cigarettes, in order that they could be tested for fingerprints. Unfortunately, those particular pieces of evidence were nowhere to be found.

Eventually, Corrigan asked the question that had been nagging everybody's mind: is it for certain that the bag even contained drugs? Or is it

simply full of cut up grass?

After deliberation, the court ruled 6-1 in Corrigan's favor, with the minority vote ruling in favor of a mistrial, on the grounds that neither witnesses nor the actual bag of drugs were present, and the entire case seemed to be built upon circumstantial evidence.

"I thought it was embarrassing," Justice Thomas Bazemore said. "It was embarrassing. I was insulted as a Supreme Court Justice of Kansas that such a case would be brought before us."

After the ruling, it was admitted by several members of the prosecution that the entire case had been staged; a resolution by the House even acknowledged that the evidence was planted.

"I used a carbon to get his [Corrigan] signature from the Attorney General Opinion." King said. "So that it his signature on that affidavit- it just doesn't look very good."

"I'm lucky that I was signing those forms at a mile a minute," Corrigan said. "My good signature looked nothing like it."

"This is pathetic." Justice Jordan Roberts said.

Woehrle stuck in elevator, continued from page 1

as he waited to be rescued.

After five minutes that must have felt like an eternity, Zimmers was able to get K-State maintenance to go free Woehrle. With oxygen running low in the elevator car, maintenance arrived just in time. The elevator had only moved a couple feet up before stopping, so getting out wasn't

too difficult. Afterward, Woehrle insisted that he "never panicked." News of his perilous close call and subsequent rescue spread like wildfire throughout Boys' State, creating quite a stir. There is even a movement for a special "Matt Woehrle Bravery Award" to be created and awarded each year to the most

courageous county counselor.

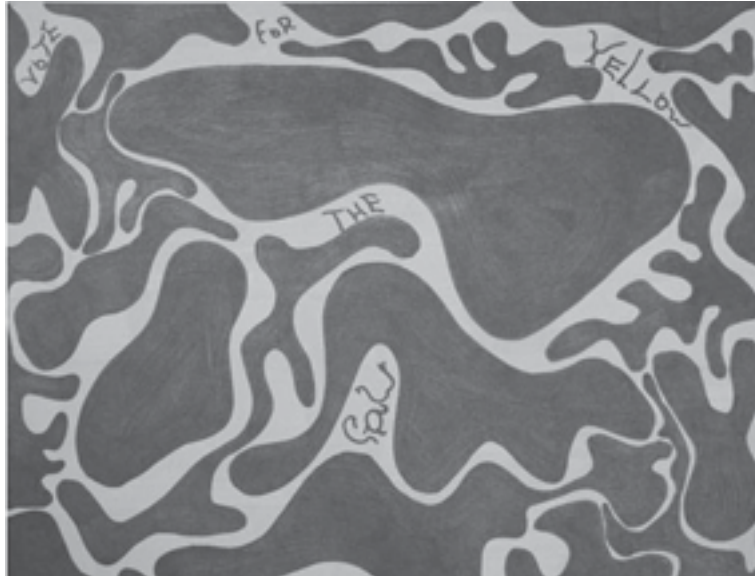
Woehrle may take some heat for the incident, but this writer recommended it as a badge of honor. Lesser counselors would have broken under the terror of the situation. Instead he passed with flying colors and will go down in the annals of Boys' State history.

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Muffins (2003-2004)

Around 1 P.M. Thursday Muffins was viciously struck by a Dodge Intrepid while bravely attempting to cross the road to bring home food for her family. She was the youngest of twenty-five and is survived by her ten kittens and her owner, Molly Johnson, who remains in a coma. There will be no funeral service, because it's funny.

Pershing County salutes Clay Bacon

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Zigtema analyzes effects of attending Boys' State '04

Joe Zigtema

Raymond, Pershing

When I first heard Delano Lewis and Representative Hensley speak at the opening ceremony about how Boys' State changed his life and would drastically change mine, I immediately took it as a cheesy bid to take up time. However, as this week unfolded, I started to realize more and more that what Mr. Lewis had to say was pure truth and sincere emotion.

When I showed up in Manhattan on Sunday, I had few plans as to where I wanted my future to take me. I had no clue what college I was going to attend, much less a career. But this week at Boys' State has taken my half-hearted, unsure plan to become a journalist and bolstered it to a certain, definite dream.

Again, when Mr. Lewis said that anyone and everyone could make a difference this week, I was pessimistic to say the least. How was I going to make a difference to over 500 complete strangers? But once again, I was proven wrong by events of the week and the people that surrounded me. I am walking out of Boys' State today knowing that I made a difference to at least the few people that I

have met this week.

Still again, when Mr. Lewis said that we would make friends that would last a lifetime, I was even more unbelieving of his words. Only knowing someone for one week could not possibly spur a friendship that would last me my entire life. But once again, I was proven wrong. Some of the people I have met this week have become good friends that could very well continue outside of Boys' State.

On Sunday, I'm sure all of us heard the phrase "you only get out what you put in" at least five times. Again, I dismissed the saying as another one of those cheesy life lessons that belong in movies, not in real life. I was oblivious to the changes that this week brings upon all who participate. I learned this week that this saying is one of the most important life lessons one could ever learn. Though it has been one of the most exhausting weeks of my entire life, it has been one of the most rewarding. Between working on the paper until 3 a.m. and waking up every morning at 7, I had no energy left but the energy that comes with Boys' State. Head of Logistics and Events Rick Raven said it best, "It's like there's a halo that surrounds Boys' State that fills you

with energy."

This paper has been an unbelievable experience for me. The fact that we produced an issue every day is astounding to me; at my school, we're lucky if we produce one every month. However, the paper that we put out this week is all because of the incredible newspaper staff that I've had the privilege to work with this week. They were right there with me at 3 a.m., sacrificing the sleep that they all desperately needed and using their tremendous talents to give their all to put out a paper we could be proud of. And we are.

Lastly, I would like to thank the incredible staff here at Boys' State. They go almost the entire week without sleep to give us a week we all can remember. They stay up long after we go to bed, working hard and never quitting, all for 500 total strangers that they had never met before Sunday. These great men are deserving of all our respect; they have definitely earned it. I give my deepest regards all of the staff, the legionnaires, my fellow reporters, all of you that read our paper this week, and Boys' State. It has truly been an honor.

Local Profile: Events Coordinator Lee Urban keeps Staters busy

Greg May

Gardner, Kennedy

Under the Spotlight today is Lee Urban. He holds the position of Events Coordinator here at Boys' State. When he was a Stater in 1998, he held the position of Speaker of the House and was one of the representatives of Kansas at Boys' Nation. His experience at Boys' State has certainly benefited him greatly. Currently, he is a second year student at Creighton School of Law as well as a Research and Policy Intern for the Kaufman Foundation. His accomplishments include working in three congressional offices, getting a B.A. at Rockhurst University, and receiving a

certificate in International Law at Oxford University, in England. Outside of Boys' State, Urban is a political activist and loves to fish and spend time with his girlfriend Megan Harlow. For a career, he would like to become a future President of the United States. Urban's favorite thing about Boys' State is the Staters and watching them develop throughout the week. When asked what is motive for coming back every year was he said, "There are so many reasons, but the main reason is because I can empower Staters to make a difference in their communities." Thank you Mr. Urban for your support and dedication to the Boys' State program. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



Perrill City is the best city

"We don't salute (expletive) Raymond City"

"We salute Federov"

"We salute Zach"

"We salute Paul"



Brandon Jones
City Manager

Daniel Garlow
Mayor

Jacob Stevenson
Secretary

Adam Hamilton
Treasurer

Ryan O'Neill
County Rep

"We salute Lindsey, Mary Kate & Ashley and Hillary "

Kahmeyer breaks down Boys' State experience

Quintin Kahmeyer
Aylward, Bradley

Just a few thoughts and questions while reflecting on what has been a rewarding, if tiring, week:

First of all, my supreme commendation goes out to all newspaper staff. We stayed up early to turn out what can only be described as a masterful publication, managing some fun in the process.

Admit it, you all liked marching. The Jodies gave counties another arena to compete in, and the free-style parking lot rumbles were pretty expletive funny. By the way, Bradley County rules.

Does everyone else think that Federov and his famous five points should have been swept into office in a landslide? I still don't know what the voters were thinking. Our mock elections simulated well the failures and successes of real elections: the man with

his name out first and most prominently gives himself the best chance to win; associations and special interest groups (aka the Mafia, H-7) have a profound impact on our electoral process, for good or ill; debate can and should be the deciding factor in such contests; minority, political, and ethnic groups can and do win based on the merits of their ideologies; and finally, our system is as purely democratic as is reasonable.

The debate was a bit disappointing, but served its purpose, proving that the ability to articulate your ideas clearly is sometimes more important than the ideas themselves.

Hands down, the Highway Patrol had the best job. Getting to arrest the governor must have been sweet, not to mention driving the squad cars in arrest simulations, checking out the Patrol chopper, and getting to drive the gator with "drunk"

goggles firmly affixed to their faces.

Disappointingly, the legislature and Governor Corrigan got into a tangle over the budget; specifically, tax brackets. Ultimately it doesn't matter, but the newspaper stunt some members of the legislature pulled during the State of the State address ruined the legislature's support; at least that's how I see it.

The Corrigan administration took a continual beating, from the time it was inaugurated to the closing sessions. Another tough lesson was taught through the simulation: you can't please everyone always, and more than likely many will take affront to anything you do, regardless of the specifics.

The Legionnaires and staff did a remarkable, commendable job this week. They provided discipline where it was needed, improvised when problems

came up, and basically kept everything moving in the swimming manner in which it did.

Several speeches this Boys' State made mention of new things we learned about ourselves. It is true, whether or not you can feel it, that we have all changed. We know something about our government that we couldn't have known before- *how* it operates, not in the academic sense but in the practical. It takes a communication that can't be expressed in textbooks to run a government, and that is the greatest lesson of all.

In summation, this program is an experiment in government, in society, and basically in the nature of our nation. If nothing else, take from this experience a new pride in America and a strengthened will to preserve her.

Top ten reasons people want to stay at Boys' State

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| 10. Community Showers | 6. Counselors/
staff | 3. Rex Gardner |
| 9. Vic Tackett | | 2. Nutball |
| 8. The lunchroom staff | 5. Marching | 1. The girls! |
| 7. Picture girl | 4. Jodie's | 0. Popped collars |

Correction

In the story printed yesterday about foreign-exchange student Anton Federov, the Staters' Union misrepresented Federov's opinion and printed a misquote. The paper read "While living in the United States, Federov has found that

Americans do not respect their fellow citizens as much as they do in Russia." Federov meant that younger Americans do not respect elders as much as Russian youth do.

The paper also stated "I think that poli-

ticians in the U.S. are not serious enough..." Federov meant "I think that Boy's State politicians are not serious enough..."

We apologize to Mr. Federov for the misrepresentations we published.