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Nats, Feds choose 'prime' candidates

Bell, Cunningham gain respective nominations

BY DEAN SYMES
SPIGARELLI, POWELL

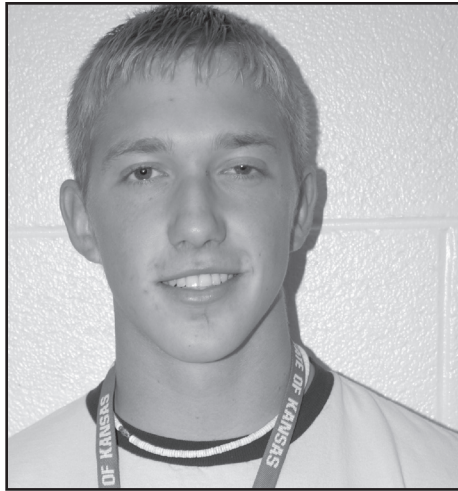
You saw the posters, went to the fair, watched them campaign, and finally the Primaries are over. With the ballots counted and the votes taken, the results are in. Who won, and possibly more important, what do the Staters think about the end results?

The Commissioner of Insurance candidacy for the Federalist Party was won by Alex DeSocio, Newman, Patton. Taking the Secretary of State Federalist votes was Alec Shamas, Janssen MacArthur. The chosen Federalist State Treasurer candidate is Hogan Miller, Birk, Bradley.

The Federalist chosen to run for Attorney General is Timothy St. Arnold, Icenogle, MacArthur, while Nick Cunningham, Whorley, Seitz, won the governor primary.

Were voters mostly satisfied, or was it a race with side's neck in neck for the win? Many of the Federalists seemed to like how the primaries ended up.

"I'm really happy with how the primaries turned out," Joe Wranich,



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Schulz, Powell, said, "Everyone I voted for got elected, so I can't complain."

On the Nationalist side, the selected Commissioner of Insurance candidate was Stephen Fischer, Gardner, Kennedy, Christopher Valencia, Coss, Eisenhower, will be the candidate for Secretary of State, and the State Treasurer candidacy from the Nationalists was won out by Tyler Rayl, Lane, Marshall.

The Attorney General candidate will be John Blessing, Aylward, Bradley, and the Governor candidate selected was Stuart Bell, Finley, Kennedy.

The Nationalists seemed equally



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Left to Right: Newly elected Governor candidates Nick Cunningham and Stuart Bell pose for a quick picture following the election results on Tuesday.

happy about how the elections turned out.

"I was very pleased with the outcome of the Primaries," Kyle Wright, Spigarelli, Powell, said, "Especially the Nationalist Attorney General candidate that was chosen."

From the results of the interviews, it seems as though the Primaries were either a landslide or at least very far apart. These selected candidates will debate today at today at 1:00 p.m. to try and sway voters and gain support for the elections at 3:00.

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Coordinator surprises, pleases as fill-in for Secretary of State

BY BRAD REVARE
JOHNSON, MACARTHUR

Already knee deep in campaign speeches, some serious and some only seconds long, I was looking forward to hearing Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh's as well. Unfortunately, due to illness, he was unable to speak during the whistle stop campaign tour.

Instead of leaving this segment of the tour as an empty void, Rick Raven, the Events Coordinator, stepped up and imparted his wisdom to us youths.

Having already been bombarded with trite sayings and repetitive advice, it was refreshing to hear Raven tell us about his political experiences in an earnest way. Growing up in Johnson County, I've heard my fair share of political speakers shouting diatribes tailored to the extremes. That probably

explains my receptiveness for speakers who are rational, those who lean towards the middle in their views, and those who don't resort to yelling to get their point across.

Raven had some interesting statements concerning discussing politics, notably that it is perfectly fine to discuss politics at the dinner table or with people you just met. After all, isn't Boys State a perfect example of this? Hundreds of young men, most not knowing more than a few people here, have entered the K-State campus for the sole reason of simulating and discussing politics, and to the best of my knowledge, no riots or mass fights have broken out.

Even with the typical Kansas male evoking the sentiments of a conservative, I have observed staunch Federalists (Republican) and Nationalists (Democrat) arguing

in a debate or meeting, only to see them 20 minutes later laughing and joking around in the cafeteria, political views dissolved.

"There is nothing that says two people with different ideologies can't be friends," Raven said.

Maybe some didn't take in the message that Raven gave to us. Politics are okay. Politics are cool. Politics can make you smarter.

Perhaps it didn't register right away because of his speech being sandwiched in between five billion campaign candidates speaking, and with recreation time being within reach. Keep in mind that the reason we are here is to experience politics, but an even higher goal is to discuss and get along with people that may be from a different location, or maybe have a different view of the world from you.

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District Courts open sessions hearing obscenity case dealing with adult toys

BY DEAN SYMES
SPIGARELLI, POWELL

Every Stater has a different job, whether it is Highway Patrol, Association of the American Way, or Attorney General. The District Court Judges, however, possibly have the toughest job of all at State: make a decision which could change someone's life, all without knowing who is actually in the right or wrong. One such case is State v. Hughes, a very interesting case that many of the District Courts have/or will encounter.

In the case, two undercover detectives entered a novelty bookstore. They ask the cashier for

an adult toy and a blowup doll. The detectives sued the owner of the bookstore, saying that it was illegal to promote obscene materials or devices.

Different courts have taken the case in various ways. The Powell County District Court stated that the case was unconstitutional, saying that there were no grounds for the suit.

"I think the case is void," Ben Tipton, Schulz, Powell, said, "The State couldn't prove why selling

any of those things was illegal."

"The defendant was trying to save jail time by stating propaganda about the legality of the case," Brent Fritzemeier, Sullivan, Seitz, said.

The District Court of Seitz County ended up ruling in favor of the State, stating that the defendant was oppressing aspects of law not in the law.

"Just don't sell blow-up dolls and we won't run into this problem," Fritzemeier said.

Brent Fritzemeier

"Just don't sell blow-up dolls."

Political fair allows associations, candidates to voice their stances

BY KYLE HAAS
WHORLEY, SEITZ

With one small entrance sign and the biggest screw anyone's seen, the Political Fair's entrance opened up.

At the entrance, the Association of Cities and Counties prepared to attract people with their Cheez-itz, Starburst, gum, and drinks. Their spokesperson said they wanted to "push for education," and their representatives said "to achieve our means by narrowing down candidates and talking to other Associations to band together."

Moving on to the Heritage Association with their flyers for "Keeping America Safe for Americans" showing what their

platform was. These included pro-life stances, self-protection, and family values and morals.

The Association for the American Way greeted everyone. Their slogan of "with liberty and justice for all" came as an irony as the representatives said, "help us, help you, and donate money."

Further, the Association for Industrial Workers explained their "a tax base, to bring education into industrial areas, lower property taxes, and watching imports while lowering exports," their spokesperson said.

On the other side, the Association of Farmers stunned with their poster saying "the legalization of industrial

grade hemp." This got many people interested.

Near the exit sign, the Association of Oil and Gas Workers talked about how we need "more jobs, to improve the environment, support building new roads and have cheaper gas in Kansas." Their own motto of "we've got gas for u" attracted many.

At the exit, the Association of Advancement of Minorities attempted to gain attention as people left.

Their spokesperson talked about how they "all work at Joe's Diner." "We're the underdogs," their representatives said. They also had a raffle of \$7 towards winning \$100 worth of poster and paper.



Whistle stop introduces voters, candidates

BY ANDREW ROBINSON
FINLEY, KENNEDY

Yesterday's Federalist Whistle Stop Tour allowed candidates to discuss the main issues which included farming, abortion and education.

After the tour, some saw Omid Heidari as the front-runner.

"Omid is a great leader, and someone that cares about the ordinary person," Jacob LaTurner of Gardner, Kennedy.

The attorney general race offered numerous opinions amongst the eleven candidates. Timothy St. Arnold came out swinging during the tour offering a stance on strong prosecution.

"I'm going to hit crime hard in the courts," St. Arnold, Icenogle, MacArthur said.

In the State Treasurer race Joel Weinert responded to a plethora of questions, by far the most of the day. One of the major questions amongst the audience was the economic support from the state on cities.

Amongst the Secretary of State topics, tax breaks for farmers, and a focus on education. Matthew Clay came out of the shoot defining Kansas for the audience.

"Kansas is going to the Ma & Pa restaurant with the same people and drinking coffee," Clay said.

BY DAN KNAPP
MCCOY, PATTON

The Nationalist Whistle Stop Speakers swept through Goodnow facilities yesterday with intentions of captivating their party's attention.

The main issues were abortion, education, stem cell research, health care, labor unions and graduated taxation. Most all the candidates saw eye to eye on these issues and only varieated in certain areas such as pro-life and pro-choice and the ever-arousing gay marriage issue.

Throughout the occasion the applicants of office were subjected to thick questioning by members of the Nationalist gallery.

Subsequent to the campaign speeches, members of the Nationalist Party were given the opportunity to vote for candidates. The platform for the Nationalist party primarily supports more liberal views. Some ideas concerning these issues consist of better budgeting of school funding to insure that each student receives the same amount of money. This would be put in use by installing a tax that makes the wealthy community pay a higher percentage and in turn the lower class would pay a rather low percentage.

Another focal point included support of unionization and well-fare programs.

STATE WALKING

What is the State motto for Kansas?

-Randy Klassen
Band/Chorus/Talent show staff
"Stay away from the K-State beds they're evil"

-Austin Buettgenbach
City of Harris
King County
"Ad Astra Per Aspera, which means to the stars through difficulty"

-Chris Hansen
City of Coss
Eisenhower County
"Be a pioneer, be a champion"

-Thomas Vansel
City of Aylward
Bradley County
"Creating dreams, farming imaginations"
-Shane Siaz
City of Kyle
Marshall County
"Charishing family, while growing wheat in the boonies"

-Bob Caudell
Guest Speaker-Key note address
"The nations bread basket"

-Answer
"Ad Astra Per Aspera" Latin for
"To the stars through difficulty"

Groups choose alliances, begin backing, funding candidates

BY JORDAN WATSON
HIATT, KING

Money. Money makes the world go round, and it always seems like politicians' worlds are spinning extra fast. Where do they get all this money? It's not like they could've possibly earned it all themselves. Well to say the least, the associations' have a little bit to do with candidate's bulging wallets.

Candidates are scrambling around trying to figure where their next dollar is going to come from. Pushing their issues and conforming to associations' needs are their top priorities right now.

The politicians want money and the associations are giving to them but what do the associations receive out of the deal? The associations need a strong candidate that's willing to fight for their needs and issues. Through supporting the associations, the candidate is promising the association that he will represent the association with pride and dignity.

Who's backing who seems to be the big question now. The association's have heard all the rounds and are ready, or still thinking, on who will represent them the best. Keeping in mind their values and political

stances the associations are deciding which candidates will be digging through their pockets during their campaigns.

"Till someone comes in wearing suspenders no one's getting money," said Andrew Fritz, Farming Association, Bradley County.

"I think Kurt Partridge is a good guy for state senator," said Oil and Gas Association, Harris City, King County.

"Nick Cunningham is a strong competitor and has good leadership and he will represent Heritage very well," said Drew Williamson, Whorley City, Seitz County.

..... *Association Station:* Break down of associations' goals, agendas

Oil and Gas

Would like to build a refinery, preferably in Eisenhower County. Several candidates were asking for financial funding, but no support has been given. One hundred dollars was given to help with school finance.

American Way

Has taken a hard left stance on the issues. They would like to legalize Marijuana, have stricter gun control laws, get rid of private Social Security organizations and they would like to see the further progress for Affirmative Action.

Minorities

Are asking for more tax breaks for minorities from their candidates. They would like to have minorities own their own gambling casinos. They would also like a stronger backing for Affirmative Action.

They have lent their support to four Gubernatorial candidates.

Farmers

They would like to open a new market for farmers so they can keep businesses in Kansas. Legalization of Industrial Grade equipment would be gladly be appreciated, in addition to increased standards on beef packing plants. As of Monday morning no funding had been given out.

Industrial

Would like to see a staggered or progressive tax plan that would allow for people that not as wealthy as others to receive a tax relief. The Industrial Association would also like to a lower property tax on new businesses that move in. Their support has been given to two Senator candidates, no names

given.

Heritage

Have continued their strict conservative values. They have stated that they are for gun rights and a flat tax plan. However, they are against abortion in any way and are against gay marriage. They have passed their support on to one Attorney General and one Gubernatorial candidate.

City and County

Are supporting educational reform and would like to see more money go to schools. They are also in favor of protection for new businesses, whether small or corporate. They are also looking for support in their plans for more grants and loans. They have not given support to any candidate, through the association representative meetings.

Candidate accused of immigration viololation

BOYS STATE NEWS SERVICE

Kennedy County — According to an Immigration and Naturalization Service report leaked to the Boys' State News Wire yesterday afternoon, a prominent politician running for state Senate is under investigation for allegedly employing an undocumented worker as a house keeper for the past five years. A source close to the investigation noted that the candidate, widely considered to be the front runner in the coming balloting, has vehemently denied all charges despite hiring an attorney and refusing further comment.

"No matter your clout or station in our community," stated Harrold Wiggenthorne, Kennedy County District Attorney, "my office is committed to investigating and subsequently prosecuting all forms of wrongdoing in Kennedy

County, including hiring illegal housekeepers."

When asked for comment, Rosalita O'Neil, the alleged housekeeper said, "I don't know what is so big deal. What is so big deal? I clean house."

Community members have expressed a wide range of reactions to the news. "I think it's just awful, just awful," said Ragna Millenapea, a retired 75-year resident of Kennedy County. "Rosalita used to help me with my roses. I simply don't know what I'll do about my roses this year. Do you know what I should do about my roses, Admiral Fluffnugget?" she asked her cat. Other residents were less generous.

"I hate it when those people, those people come into our county and think they're above our rules. OUR RULES! And I don't know what to say about a man who'd employ inexpensive, qualified labor and

not pay taxes on her employment. Sick," stated Gary Porpoise, a custodial engineer and recently-declared citizen of Kennedy.

While no public statement has been made from the candidate's campaign headquarters, party insiders and opposition candidates have seized on the opportunity to assail the candidate's credibility. "Clearly, the good people of Kennedy County don't need this ruffian, this ne'er-do-well, this codswallop in their pretty little community, let alone in their Senator's office," said Representative Fitz Wu, who has also declared his candidacy for the open Senate seat.

Hearings have been scheduled for Thursday. Formal charges of employing undocumented workers are expected today and the District Attorney is confident in his case's prospects. "We gon' git 'im," Wiggenthorne said.

Quote the Raven: Politics should be a way of life

BY STEVEN DICKSON
LANE, MARSHALL

Parents always tell their children not to discuss politics at the dinner table it is impolite.

Rick Raven, in a speech to staters yesterday during the whistle stop tour, said that political discussion, even at the dinner table is important to democracy.

"Democracy is the greatest form of government, but it relies on people being involved and people having open discourse about what is

going on in the world," Raven, a '98 graduate of Missouri Boys' State and current events coordinator, said.

After graduating from Boys' State, Raven ran for State Representative in Columbia, Mo. He withdrew from the race because he moved to Kansas City, he threw his mostly young support behind another Democratic candidate.

"In the primary, I think that my support was vital to her winning the election. In the general election, it definitely contributed greatly to the

landslide victory she achieved," Raven said.

Raven also said that when working on an election, if you can persuade people at the water coolers and dinner tables, then winning at the ballot box becomes much easier.

When discussing politics do not always talk with people who have the same opinions.

"I actually enjoy discussing politics much more with people who have differing opinions than those with similar ideas," Raven said.

Seitz, Monday's sports championship scores

Softball: Seitz 3-1

Basketball:

Game One -Seitz 27- King 18

Game Two -Seitz 30- King 18

Ping Pong: Winner of 7 games

Volleyball: Won one of three games

Tennis: Lost one game to Powell

Soccer: Lost to MacArthur 0-5

Badminton:

Game one- Lost 1-11 to Pershing

Game two- Lost 4-11 to Ike

Rec time provides exercise, competition

BY SAM MCCLAIN
BRAMLAGE, BRADLEY

After hours of meetings, campaign presentations, court hearings, and balancing budgets, it is time for a break from the politics. Recreation, or Rec, is a great opportunity to take a break from the strenuous political routine and compete for valuable points for your county. This year's competition will no doubt be very exciting.

The basketball tournament will be one of the most competitive. The large number of participants along with the talent of each team will make the games thrilling. The building anticipation has led to some

early predictions.

"Bradley county will clean up in basketball," Jon Born, Aylward, Bradley, said.

Other counties disagree believing that they will prevail, but the general consensus is that basketball is going to be one of the most heated competitions for the week.

Volleyball is another sport that has some large numbers. According to Caleb Barger, Finley, Kennedy, the volleyball tournament will provide some interesting games.

While other games take a backseat to the more popular sports there is no shortage of enthusiasm for them. The seemingly docile

sport of badminton is accompanied by some bold predictions. In two words Marcus Toschi, Icenogle, MacArthur, described his counties plan for the Badminton competition, "Pure Domination."

Other bold claims can be heard coming from the tennis world. "Look for some hardcore tennis from Bradley County," Phil Hoefer, Aylward, Bradley, said.

"Andy Roddick has nothing on me," another Aylward Citizen, Eric Anderson said.

The stage is set for the athletes and their predictions. However, only time will tell which counties will come out on top.

WHAT'S TO EAT?

Meal Menu

Tuesday June 14, 2005

Lunch

- Breaded Chicken on a Kaiser roll
- Pepperoni Pizza
- Triple Cheese Pizza
- Cut Green Beans
- French Fries
- Chips

-Cream of Potato Soup

Dessert

- Sugar Cookies
- Ice Cream Novelty
- Fresh Fruit

Dinner

- Carved Ham
- Beef and Bean Burritos
- Cheese Enchiladas
- Scalloped Potatoes

-Spicy White Rice

- White Rice
- Tortilla Chips
- Refried Beans
- Vegetable Dinner Blends
- Wheat Rolls

Dessert

- Carrot Cake and Cream Cheese Topping
- Ice Cream
- Chilled Fruit

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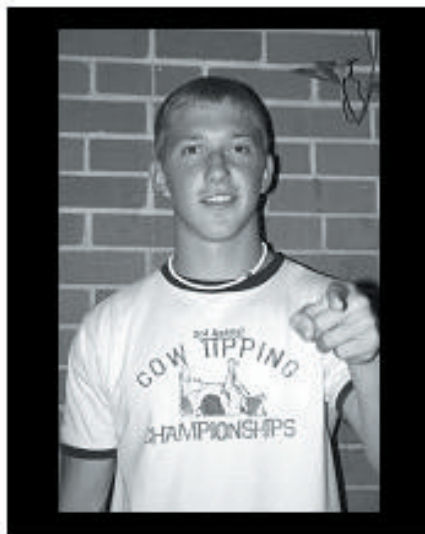


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