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Performers treat Staters to a talent show

Curtis Thom
Whorley, Seitz

Boys States finest were on display Wednesday, June 14, 2006. In front of a packed McCain Auditorium, a diverse set of acts were performed. Interestingly enough, the sets ranged from an ape playing a piano, to stand up comedy. While the set itself was fascinating enough, the action that ensued was worth the price of ad-

mission, if it wasn't free that is.

Entertainment is an understatement. The

action that took place last night was ultimately mesmerizing. With acts of all types, the crowd re-

acted very compliant to every scene. The highlights of the evening included a Napoleon Dynamite dance montage, a black primate performing at a piano, a beat box rendition performed by counselors, a seat clearing piano performance by Chuck Shoemaker, and a presentation of "American Pie" sang by Mike Zimmers. Much love



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Governor Grice proposes revised budget

Dale Owen
Newman, Patton

Scott
Majority Party House

What do twenty-seven new jobs, a \$5000 surplus, thought differently. He a fast-talking Governor, said, "For not having and a Lt. Governor that any time in the schedule says "basically" a lot have to plan the budget, in common? They add up [Governor Grice] spent to equal the Governor's all night working on it, address.

I didn't like how it was

The Governor torn up by people." The entered and began his audience did offer up a presentation. Concerning multitude of reactions, the proposal, Willy ranging from groans of Christie thought, "Very boredom to furious note-boring. They did a good taking and even those job, but they didn't need sitting on the edge of to explain everything." their seats.

Ofcourse, the Governor could not have presented the proposal by himself. The Lt. Governor helped present. The Lt. Governor commented, "I feel the bipartisan budget committee plan, after some slight changes, will be in the best interest of the state."

Concerning the original budget proposal, minor changes occurred in the following departments: Office of Attorney General, Department of Commerce, Board of

Education, Ethics and Good Government, Department of Health, Judiciary Branch and Department of Transportation.

The cabinet decided on a few major changes as well. The Department of Wildlife and Parks lost \$1000, the Department of Agriculture gained fifteen jobs and the Department of the Environment had job relocation.

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Staters stun audience in talent show



Staters benefit from failure

Carey J. Gabbert

Kyle, Marshall

At the orientation speeches Sunday evening, there was an odd bit of advice that was given that Staters should consider endorsing. Mike Zimmers, the program coordinator, stated "I want every single one of you to fail this week." Thane Chastain elaborated on this advice in the Wednesday speeches. When they said this, they didn't mean it in a negative context. They

want to emphasize to us how valuable losing is to the way that we develop and learn.

Everyone has lost at something at least once in life, so we all know how bad it feels to lose. We get mad at ourselves, we have regrets, and we are in despair. Losing isn't always such a bad thing though. Failing is one of the key elements to success, in an odd sort of way. Failing is a way to start again, like a redo of sorts, but with more knowledge your sec-

ond time around.

Several of the delegates around here have seen failure already this week, after losing elections. These people have to remember that they didn't really fail in the long run, they just learned another way not to win an election.

Boys State is basically all about success. We come here to learn how to succeed, be it in public speaking, leadership, or making friends. As the week wears on, and we seek out a niche in Boys State, we need to

remember that even if you fail, you still gained a huge amount.

That is what the top guys here want us to do, fail. It will teach us the most about ourselves, and more than anything else it shows us that we're not perfect, but we can work towards it. So, in conclusion, if you're riding that pony to success and get bucked off, dust yourself off, hop back on, and hold on tighter. It's going to be a wild ride.

Ballot referendum

Kansas Boys State Ballot Referendum

The Office of the Secretary of State

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procedure.

e. The prescription cocktail must be handed to the patient by a licensed physician and taken under the power of the patient.

f. An autopsy must be performed within 48 hours of the procedure to determine the cause of death.

The results of this election will be implemented as Kansas Boys State law.

Stuart Warkentin
Secretary of State

Menu

Breakfast:

Scrambled Eggs
Ham Slices
Tater Rounds
Pumpkin Bread
Donuts
Assorted Juices
Oatmeal

Lunch:

Turkey & Swiss Sand.
Hard or Soft Tacos
Nachos
Spicy Country Rice
White Rice
Turkey Noodle Soup
M&M Cookies
Ice Cream
Fresh Fruit

Dinner:

CFC Breast
Italian Meatballs
Marinara Sauce
Whipped Taters & Gravy
Spaghetti
White Rice
Vegetable Blend
Carrot Coins
Rolls
Chocolate Pie
Ice Cream
Chilled Berries

Highway Patrol experiences drunk driving

Dale Owen

Newman, Patton

The Highway Patrol protects Americans, keeping the highways safe for all drivers. But what happens when they drive drunk?

In order to test the abilities of our Boys State Highway Patrol department, they were required to drive through an obstacle course. It included single cone weaving, driving in-between cones, turning

tests in forward and reverse drive, and forward and reverse parking. The Patrol utilized a 4-by-2 wheeler, but the course included a twist.

The department timed each other's performance and based the winner on the fastest time and the least amount of cones hit. When asked about the difficulty of the course, Joe Sulsar said "The course was fairly easy. There weren't any tight turns. If you just don't think

about it it's not hard." Joe Klebba won with a time of one minute and thirty-four seconds without hitting any cones.

After the first round of driving, the staff members working with the department revealed the DUI goggles. These goggles blur vision and mess with depth perception.

"It's like being drunk," said Mike Wegener after racing through the course. Ironically, the

department finished the course with faster times while wearing the DUI goggles. However, the drivers crushed the cones. They smashed cone after cone onto the pavement, sometimes as many as four in succession. Klebba won once again by beating his old time by ten seconds, but he hit three cones.

Hopefully, the patrol won't wear those goggles while on duty.

Kyle City embezzles for strip club

Riley Ross

Harris, King

Monday at precisely 10:02 am., the simulation's first embezzlement took place (yes it's a little late but the story had to be held due to yesterday's flood of candidate ads). It was reported by Kyle Hett and Andrew Arnold, both members of the Assembly for the Advancement of Minorities, that their treasurer David Drake took out \$1200 to purchase a strip bar (or if you're feeling politically correct a gentlemen's

club) to be placed in Kyle city of Marshall county. It was also taken upon David to support a certain candidate by the name of Ji Liu on his own.

Unfortunately, this scandal is only just warming up. Upon receiving word of this activity, Marshall County began a case to sue the city in which the club was located. Mainly because it was earlier determined that such businesses were not exactly kosher and therefore outlawed. However the story does not end here.

The city members of Kyle then learned of this activity and began to take action. This action lead to a series of money laundering sessions, achieved by dumping the money from the sales of the club, from one personal account to the other.

Fortunately, the city members then did what was right, and returned the cash to its rightful owner, The Assembly for the Advancement of Minorities. The county was left with nothing. The city of Kyle was broke, and there was no longer a

need for suing.

Moral of the story, watch those cards and don't let them run off, there could be nothing more crippling than a huge financial deposit to a non-approved source. Thankfully only \$250 was lost, and hopefully we can all take something from this fiasco. It's just sad that some people, no matter how high of a position they achieve still can't be trusted. Just remember to keep your friends close, and your enemies, posing as friends, closer.

Prayer Reaction

Steve Nelson

This letter to the editor is about the "voices and opinions overlooked" article in your newspaper in the previous issue. The writer was complaining about praying under Christianity and that Christianity is the only religion here at State being used, talked

about, etcetera, and then something about girlfriends—I don't get that part. This is understandable that Christianity is active here; everyone knew that the American Legion is affiliated with Christians, they have their own Chaplains. We all knew this before signing up for Boys State. If you're of

another religion then you have every right to say you're pray before, during, or after the Christian prayer. If you are of no religion at all, then out of respect you should let the people of religion say their prayers, and I thank the people that do this and God bless you. My opinion to the people who wrote the article—think about

getting a girlfriend and quit complaining about others having them, and looking forward to seeing them when this is over. We are a group of soon to be senior guys, girls are what is on our minds most of the time, our mother or family isn't. If this offended anyone, sorry but it had to be said.

Another Prayer Reaction

Dear Editor,

I am writing you in reference to the opinion piece in yesterday's paper concerning the various opinions within the state. I understand that you are not responsible for the content, but nonetheless, I want to thank you for putting those words to press.

Often times, people find it easy and comfortable to assume things about people, and often give little thought to others. To hear Mr. Gabbert bring these often silent voices to all of our attention, was truly moving. What really impresses me is that he never advocated political correctness. It

seems like anytime that someone decides to protect the minority voices, they do so by way of being "PC." He seems instead intent on encouraging us to seek the truth of the matter, not avoid it all together. Avoiding prayer is an easy answer, offering a time for all in either individual contemplation or with a variety of prayer forms is an attempt to truly embrace the differences of people rather than ignoring them. Sound advice.

What do we gain by assuming that someone has a girlfriend, or that they were indeed born within the United States? Very little. Asking instead where someone is from, or who they are seeing gives

us a chance to glimpse their lives in a unique way that not only removes any negative feelings they may have, but also lets us become closer to one another, and learn more about the people we interact with. I love that Boys State allows us to interact with people that we may never otherwise come into contact with. I am very glad that I have gotten to know about my friend's Jewish heritage through discussion, in the same way he gets to experience the different things within my life. I have met numerous people who have never met a gay person before, or at least never took the time to figure out if they

had. Asking if I had a girlfriend, and getting a simple "No," wouldn't give them any insight into my life, would have made me feel at the very least uncomfortable, and as such the barrier between us would remain.

I would like to second the writer's thoughts that we all have our own unique lives, and we can't possibly avoid all possible offenses, but often by being aware of others' positions, we can learn about them and enrich our own lives in the process. The thought and care he and your paper have given to this important issue are truly remarkable. Bravo!

Jurassic park looking to increase tourism for state

Peter DelNero
Haney, Kennedy

As the departments assembled for the first time to discuss Gov. Grice's proposed budget, most funding was almost immediately accepted. By cutting administrative costs, Grice planned to increase funding in the majority of departments.

Each department prepared to invest this funding to their greatest possible extent. After brainstorming several possible projects, the Dept. of Wildlife and Parks prepared an agenda to construct Jurassic Park of Boys State, which will be located in the

highest bidding county. This proposal is intended to increase tourism, reduce crime and create jobs.

Several organizations immediately committed to the idea. The Heritage Foundation pledged their "full support," according to one of the department members. In addition, the Dept. of Corrections, Corporation Commission and Water Board agreed to support the motion in a variety of ways for a variety of reasons.

According to a Parks committeeman, the Water Board said they will flood any areas needed to contain the reptiles. The Dept. of Corrections will use the park to

punish criminals, and the Corporation Commission appeared excited about the revenue such an attraction could generate.

The cost for this establishment was estimated at \$5865 including the dinosaurs, which will be created through DNA replication. The department said they have over \$3000 in the proposed budget, approximately half of which must go to necessary expenditures. Other funding will be provided by the supportive organizations and host county.

In the Dept. of Transportation, committeemen are

investigating the possibility of a space port in Finley County to encourage advanced methods of transportation in Kansas. Not only will it make Kansas a leader in research and development, but it will also attract tourism, business and commercial interests, they said, while only costing \$2550.

The department also wants to construct a harbor on Democracy River.

As the legislature makes the final changes to the budget, it will be exciting to watch these projects develop.

City councils ponder PAC's actual authority

Riley Ross
Harris, King

"How many deals are you poppin' at 40-45% [profit PACs receive]," asked a member of the Harris City Council.

"That's confidential information," replied a representative from the American Way.

These statements brought up a lot of

charged debate on whether or not the PACs should be claiming so much profit for their donations. There was even a threat to take the charges to court. The Cities main argument would be the fact that PACs are non-profit organizations, and claiming these huge percentages of profit would eventually lead

to a surplus of money that the PACs wouldn't know what to do with fast enough, thus making them a profit organization. It was also brought up that the city might just get out of the contract by paying what they borrowed, if not offered a better contract. The PACs didn't like that idea but talked of future contracts at lower rates,

if the city would just stick with them.

This is just one example of learning through your mistakes. Take this instance and use it to your advantage, don't rush into a contract you're going to regret later, take your time and arrive at a deal you can live with in the long run.

Offices organize for coming tasks

Michael Chang
Johnson, MacArthur

The organizational meeting took place yesterday at McCain Auditorium and was attended by the Department Officials, Elected State officials, House of Representatives, Senate, and PAC Representatives. The meeting started with a presentation by Rick Raven and Ward Cook. They began by speaking about what the various groups should do to get with the budget.

Both speakers outlined the plans that the Staters

should go through, which included becoming close with the legislators in their respective counties and also to use the newspaper to gain an upper hand.

They spoke of the jobs the Staters had for their various positions and responsibilities, what the PACs should be looking for, and also what to do with the budget, and how to make changes in their favor.

Afterwards, the Staters divided according to their positions and held group meetings.

The House of Representatives held their leadership elections. Steve Mitchell was elected as

the Speaker of the House, Scott Crim as the Majority Leader of the House and Timothy Coles was elected as the Assistant Majority Leader. The Minority Leader is Craig Venters, the Assistant Minority Leader is Dylan Slaven, and Patrick Rockers is the Minority Party Whip.

The PACs decided that they wanted to connect the people to the government more effectively. They also discussed the faults in the budget that shorthanded the people of the American Way, yet the budget had some benefits for the rest of the PACs.

The Senate also elected its officials at the meeting

after having a short discussion. Paul Nelson was elected as the Sergeant of Arms, Paul Minor is the Secretary, the Majority Whip is Dan Zernickow and the Minority Whip is Daniel Carroll. The President Pro temp is Aaron Kadauy, the elected Majority leader is Timothy Lemm and the Minority leader is Rory Pugh.

Due to time limitations, they got little done. They were only able to say a few words after describing their positions, spending much of the time answering questions.

Joint Committee meetings provide challenges to departments

Caleb Kersenbrock
Chastain, Eisenhower

On the agenda yesterday were the Joint Committee meetings, which were held in the Marlatt basement. These created a variety of reactions from different groups.

The Department of Agriculture was overall very happy with the proposed budget because they received double the money they were allotted last year.

The meeting produced lively discussion about the needs of Pershing County. The county commissioner of Pershing made his plea in the agriculture joint committee meeting to receive funds for a new livestock auction yard as well as a fish hatchery. Pershing needs these to boost the economy and also create more jobs. New jobs are very necessary because many people in the county are on welfare. The

total cost of the hatchery and auction yard would be roughly \$950.

The American Way also paid a visit and voiced their displeasure with the increase in funding for Agriculture under the proposed budget. They did not like the fact that Agriculture, already a prosperous industry in the state, received double the money they obtained in last year's budget. The American Way proposed taking away \$2500

of the money dispersed to Agriculture in the budget. The Department of Agriculture decided to possibly concede \$1000 of the \$2500 proposed by the American Way.

Humanities had a relatively slow day at the Joint Committee meetings yesterday. The American Way was the only group to pay a visit. They were worried because there weren't

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*Sports Stats**Softball:*

Bradley 7
 Eisenhower 8
 Kennedy 12
 Patton 1
 MacArthur 11
 Pershing 11
 Powell 19
 Seitz 13
 Marshall 8
 King 14

Soccer:

Eisenhower 2
 Kennedy 1
 King 1
 MacArthur 3
 Pershing 1
 Powell 1
 Seitz 1
 Marshall 2

Volleyball:

Bradley 57
 Eisenhower 67
 Kennedy 65
 King 61
 MacArthur 53
 Pershing 54
 Powell 63
 Seitz 52
 Marshall 63
 Patton 63

Table Tennis:

Bradley 10
 Eisenhower 2
 King 20
 Patton 4
 Marshall 8
 Kennedy 8
 MacArthur 10
 Pershing 12

Arm Wrestling:

Bradley 10
 Eisenhower 10
 King 8
 Seitz 18
 Marshall 4
 Kennedy 8
 MacArthur 2
 Powell 2

Tennis:

Bradley 6
 Eisenhower 10
 King 8
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American Way ignored in Governor Grice's proposed budget

Wesley Eckols
 Schmidt, Pershing

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Unethical behavior will be prosecuted

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Harris, King

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Secretary of State

American Legion Boys State... \$250 real dollars
 Campaign Materials for General Election... \$950 Boys State Dollars

Losing the Governors Election and
 your nametag in the same week...

Priceless

There are some questions that wait be asked
 for everything else, there's "BASICALLY"



Bush apologizes to vision-impaired reporter

WASHINGTON (AP) -- President Bush, who often teases members of the White House press corps, apologized Wednesday after he poked fun at a reporter for wearing sunglasses without realizing they were needed for vision loss. The exchange occurred at a news conference in the Rose Garden. Bush called on Los Angeles Times reporter Peter Wallsten and asked if he was going to ask his question with his "shades" on. "For the viewers, there's no sun," Bush said to the television cameras. But even though the sun was behind the clouds, Wallsten still needs the

sunglasses because he has Stargardt's disease, a form of macular degeneration that causes progressive vision loss. The condition causes Wallsten to be sensitive to glare and even on a cloudy day, can cause pain and increase the loss of sight. Wallsten said

Bush called his cell phone later in the day to apologize and tell him that he didn't know he had the disease. Wallsten said he interrupted and told the president that no apology was necessary and that he didn't feel

offended since he hadn't told anyone at the White House about his condition.

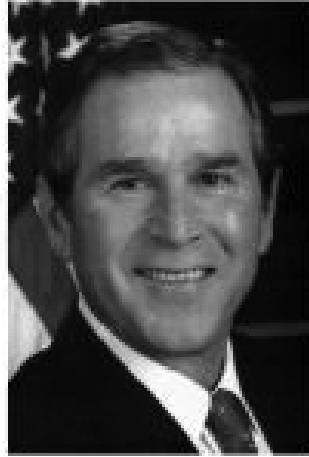
"He said, 'I needle you guys out of affection,'"

Wallsten said. "I said, 'I understand that, but I don't want you to treat me any differently because of this.'"

Wallsten said the president said he would not treat him differently, so Wallsten encouraged him to "needle away." "He said, 'I will. Next time I'll just use a different needle,'"

Wallsten said he thought that was a pretty good line. And his only complaint is that the president didn't answer his question at the news conference. Wallsten, who is the author of a book coming out next month titled "One Party Country: The Republican Plan for Dominance in the 21st Century," had asked about White House credibility now in the aftermath of top aide Karl Rove having been cleared in the CIA leak investigation. But Bush said he wouldn't comment with another top White House aide still facing prosecution in the case.

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Talent show from page 1

must go out to all contestants for participating; your contribution has been greatly appreciated by all Staters.

When this years group of Staters first congregated, many would of never guessed the amount of talent that has been amassed this year. Not only did they put on an astounding show, the truly made every State proud, and excited to be able to observe such a diverse show.

Revised budget from page 1

The proposed budget included a raised State Sales Tax. It changed from two percent to four-and-a-halfpercent. However, this tax was the only tax to receive a raise.

Certain departments stayed the same, including the Commissioner of Insurance, the Department of Corrections, the Secretary of State, and the State Water Board.

In total, the proposed

budget added twenty-seven new jobs and included a surplus fund of over \$5000. The departments, PACs, House, and Senate will work together with the Governor's cabinet to change, fix, edit, and finally pass the budget by Friday.

Joint committee from page 7

enough Park Rangers to preserve the wildlife, thus possibly resulting in natural gas companies exploiting the lands. The American Way proposed that the Department of Wildlife and Parks reduce their budget from \$2,905 to \$1,905, so that the funds that were cut could be used to increase the rangers' wages.

The Humanities group failed to see a point in the American Way's proposals to preserve the wildlife, in particular the native grasses, raising the question: Is native grass more important than oil or natural gas? The Humanities members felt that the American Way arguments were unconvincing, slightly ridiculous, and incorrect in relation to the effects of oil mining on the grasses

above.

Ethics from page 9

members then did what was right, and returned the cash to its rightful owner, The Assembly for the Advancement of Minorities.

Moral of the story, don't commit anything unethical, there is committee out there looking for you. They will track you down; they have nothing better to do. It's time to start getting serious in the simulation. Find out just how much good you can do for your city, county, and most importantly the state.

American Way from page 9

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