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A WEEK THAT
Changed
MY LIFE

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NATIONALIST CAUCUS

BY JOSEPH CORREDOR
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Yesterday was a big day for the Nationalist party; they created their party platforms as well as held a caucus to determine the candidates for Tuesday night's state election.

This party has described itself as a left of center party with priorities in public school funding, moderate gun reform, healthcare, with an emphasis on the opioid crisis, and the decriminalization of marijuana. The nationalists are believers in letting their candidates articulate their own views on the more specific aspects of these issues, such as the extent of healthcare reform and whether or not marijuana will be legalized, in addition to decriminalization. (Cont. online)



FEDERALIST CAUCUS

BY CADEN MOORE
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Tonight was the night for any and all staters who wished to continue their political career into the state level offices. The competition was fierce among the candidates.

From an unbearably stuffy room, that eventually needed to be evacuated, to the struggle to hear the candidates orations, fate seemed determined to prevent the Federalist Caucus from succeeding.

However, the delegates pushed through the challenges and still managed to deliver powerful speeches that had many in the audience on their feet cheering. The two front runners were DeSasso and Marshall, as confirmed by... (Cont. online)



LIBERTY CAUCUS

BY EASTON ANDERLIK
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According to the new third party (otherwise known as the Liberty Party), they have come together due to their mutual abhorrence for the two-party system. They compare the two-party system to being "forced to choose between Pepsi or Coke, with no choice of any other beverage."

The party hopes to reach the delegates who disagree with their own party, and who are searching for an alternative option other than the two radical positions. Their main goals for this election are "to make a difference" and to show that there is more than just a Nationalist and Federalist choice in this election. During the party's caucus... (Cont. online)



STATERS gather to caucus. Photo
Credit Dustin Curiel



ELECTION STATEMENT

Boys State Election Commission

Relating to the election for the Nationalist Commissioner of Insurance at Monday night's caucus, due to a data input malfunction, a candidate for the Office of Commissioner of Insurance was improperly categorized as a member

of the Liberty Party. In the interest of full disclosure, the Liberty party has been cleared of any and all fault. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused.

Thank you,

Kansas Boys State Election
Commission

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Clean Energy; Bipartisan Effort



STATERS in their natural habitat: government. Photo Credit Julian Kincaid

BY ANGELO ANDOYO
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Seitz County House Representatives including Hap Waddell, House Majority Whip, and Chris Simkins, Seitz County House Representative, are heading a campaign in support of clean energy options for Kansas, creating a bipartisan mood in the House of Representatives.

While the specifics are still in the works, the main goal of the bill is to make clean energy technology less expensive, more accessible, and more prevalent in Kansas.

Waddell cites the counties of Eisenhower and Patton as their largest potential opposition due to their oil-based economies. He plans on reconciling this potential

problem by placing said counties in the center of talks, working with them to help transition their oil-based economies to cleaner alternatives, and just generally being more open to working with all the representatives.

Other potential problems for the legislation include funding and party loyalty. Waddell compared the funding issue to something like a “sizable down payment.” Although the barrier of party loyalty has not taken any effect on the bill so far, Waddell believes there is a “gray area” between party lines in the sitting House of Representatives.

Whatever issues may arise, Waddell plans on moving forward to create innovative energy solutions for citizens in Kansas.

Land Dispute Lands on DA

BY HUNTER HOTALING
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A recent lawsuit involving eminent domain heated up the District Attorney’s Office yesterday, possibly setting a precedent for future action in the State of Kansas. Simon’s Pharmaceutical, a large company based in Kansas, has decided to move its headquarters to the rural neighborhood “Portside”, found inside Bradley County. Following the basic procedures of eminent domain, land around the property and neighborhood has become condemned and purchased; however, resident Jason Swelter has filed a lawsuit on the grounds of it being unjust for the large company to take away his land. County Attorneys Jacob Karrasch and Daylan Williams were asked how this case is more newsworthy than other issues

at Boys State to which they replied, “Large companies giving massive blows to rural communities must not be ignored.” The District Attorney’s Office, who is defending the pharmaceutical company and county, wanted to make it a point that while Swelter is losing his land, he would be provided with “just compensation.”

A very unique factor for this case is how it creates a possible conflict of interest in young staters; one side being the law, and another being based off of how many delegates here may also be from rural communities. Cases like these at Boys State are very interesting and important as it allows young thinkers and shakers in our community to plan and create ideas to help solve issues in the future.



STATERS hit the court in between sessions. Photo Credit Dustin Curiel


Editor’s Corner

Sam Danneberg, Editor-in-Chief

Is red pepper appetizing on pizza, are mechanical pencils the key to effortless writing, is government necessary in enforcing social rule? Controversial views are the foundation to my social anxiety. At the very core of that

awkwardness is my hatred for authority. I mean, why should a force that I pay for, tell me what I should put in my body or if I am allowed to collect rainwater (which I am legally not allowed to)?

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