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Changed
MY LIFE

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FEDERAL LOYALTY

BY JOSEPH CORREDOR
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As of Tuesday night, The Federalist party is facing a potential lawsuit on the grounds of a forced loyalty contract. Although final state election results are in, questions are arising about the early processes of the election, specifically in the Federalist caucus. According to multiple anonymous candidates who were on the ballot for the Federalist caucus, any delegate wishing to run for the party ticket was required to sign a form that would tie him to follow the party platform. At first glance, this may appear to be a pretty standard procedure, but with further examination, it appears that there might have been problems with this idea. Many of the candidates interviewed explained that forcing a candidate to abide by every single party view, especially when delegates were placed into these parties based off of five vague questions, in order to be on the ballot may have legal implications. Those interviewed believed that this has ramifications



THE Federalists gather to establish party platforms and policies. Photo Credit Dustin Curiel

in relation to the first amendment, specifically freedom of speech. Every interviewed candidate believed that if there were consequences of going against this form when in office, it would be a direct violation of the First Amendment.

Although most of the interviewees believed that there could be possible unconstitutional aspects of this form, some support this form as a vital part of the process. One candidate concluded that the Federalist party, after seeing the formation of a third party, might have used this form as a tactic to keep the party unified and prevent an offshoot.

Fortunately (or unfortunately depending on your party) this is

not just a speculative issue. After speaking to a member of the District Attorney's office, it appears that there could be a potential lawsuit against the Federalist Party. He further commented on the chance of a suit, saying, "I would say 90 percent", he went on to explain that he believes it will be filed tomorrow morning. The complaint is allegedly coming from a Federalist state office candidate that did not make it past the party caucus.

Whether or not this pledge is unconstitutional, this story raises multiple questions about the importance of the survey that determines a delegate's party, the role of a party post-state election, and if a two/three party system is enough.

Unemployment Rocks State

BY CADEN MOORE
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In the aftermath of the first day of city operations, many staters were shocked to wake up and find out that they had lost their assigned jobs.

More panic ensued when they then discussed this with others in their city, and discovered that most, or even all in some situations, had become unemployed as well.

Most cities, including Klassen City, from MacArthur County, as well as Chastain City, from Eisenhower County, believe that these huge spikes in unemployment can be traced back to raising taxes to attempt to raise

funds to be put to use on improving their respective cities.

Both cities mentioned... (Continued online.)



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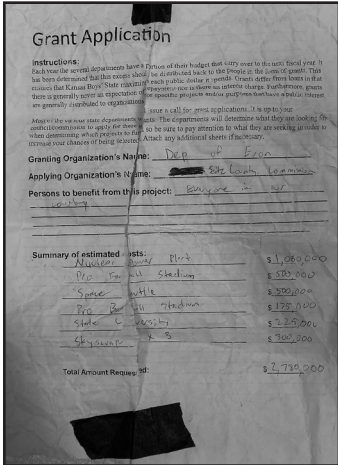
A Shattered State

BY HUNTER HOTALING
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Scandal, tax fraud, and massive pandemonium has taken over Boys State. Two nights ago during average conversation in my operation, I heard rumors about the Departments of Humanities, Natural Resources, and Economy. I originally blew these rumors off as general gossip, as they focused on outlandish statements such as free buffets, proposed gambling, and even, as I heard it, a “Communist Nightclub”. However, after thinking about it overnight, it began to intrigue me so I decided to start digging and see what I could find.

I started my investigation at the Department of Natural Resources, a well spoken group of delegates who could speak in much more intelligent jargon that I can not even muster. In order to capture a full scope of events, I started with basic questions such as “What is going on with these rumors?” and “Where did these originate?” I immediately knew something was up when they started to consult each other before answering and talking in circles, things you do when trying to cover something up. All I could scrounge up from their statement was that Powell County had allegedly messed up a 2.7 million dollar grant.

My visit to the Department of Humanities proved to be much more beneficial; as soon as I asked about Powell, the room erupted in laughter. The County of Powell requested finances and to pay for things in their community such as (but not limited to): professional football and basketball teams, a state university, and a space shuttle. However, on their grant to the departments



POWELL’S botched grant application; catalyst of chaos. Photo Credit Hunter Hotaling

they signed it as Seitz, effectively making a separate county pay for their outrageous claims. Powell then got frustrated with the Departments for rejecting their claim and are now planning to sue them and Seitz for, in a simpler word, screwing up their purchase orders. When I asked Seitz Rep. Gugelmeyer why Powell is getting mad at other departments for their mistakes he replied, “I don’t know... the county are [sic] acting like idiots.”

So, in summarization, all rumors of corruption within the Departments are untrue, however a combination of unorganization and false paperwork has created something much larger. Now, we are left with government procedure in ruin with the Department of Humanities planning to counter-sue the county of Powell along with support from Seitz for making them pay for their claims. Even more, an unnamed representative from the Department of Economy has said that they plan to put “Seitz in their crosshairs because they are not able to pay [for Powell’s grant].” As a fellow stater, I would recommend you pay attention to this issue in the following days, as it could either evolve into something more or eventually die down.

Gun Control Consensus in House



STATERS consult in the legislature. Photo Credit Jonathon Volker

BY CALE CHAPMAN
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Gun control, one of today’s most divisive political topics has found its way into Boys’ State. However, here in Manhattan, it seems representatives have reached a bipartisan consensus.

“I’ve talked to both sides and everyone seems pretty alright with it,” Pershing County Delegate Jackson Gardner said, “Most of the federalists are fine with it as long as you can still own the guns, as long as you can pass everything.”

Gardner is the delegate behind the House of Representatives’ Gun Control bill, which he’s branded as the Parkland Bill. The main intention of the bill according to Gardner is to provide safety and more control over weapons while still being able to wield the firearms del-

egates want. Some of the larger points in the bill are; setting the gun purchasing age to 21, allowing minors with hunting licenses to purchase rifles and, conceal and carry. One issue that isn’t included in the bill is regulating attachments like, bump stocks or suppressors.

“We are thinking of amending that into the bill,” Gardner said, “We’re still currently discussing the matter of bump stocks, most likely we’ll put something in it that just bans suppressors and bump stocks but, if anything, that will be an amendment the House makes as a whole.”

The House of Representatives continues to advance and work on new bills everyday here at Boys’ State. Check back with the Staters Union whenever you can for more updates on what the legislative branch is working on.

Editor’s Corner

Sam Danneberg, Editor-in-Chief

In my most humble opinion the mid 2010’s will be remembered as the age of ignorance. What brought upon this fad is the rampant perception of fake news. This idea that all media excluding ones catering to particular beliefs; is funded, supported and controlled by the opposing party is insane.

The lack of trust in media is the cause of the legitimate bias and malpractice within news reporting. Hatred of the media has created a war within itself

that has shifted a good organization from one that reports credible news to one that reports fast, biased news.

This dilemma, however, will not be an eternal crisis. Trust will fall back into the hands of the media once political division simmers down. Patience and understanding are key to the return of satisfactory reporting. Fake news is a fad that will end the same way leg warmers and frosted tips did.

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