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POSSIBLE MISTRIAL IN HUMANITIES CASE

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As always, the government did not operate as intended. The high stakes case between the Department of Humanities and Powell County is the most recent event involving a government slip up. To summarize, Powell County approached the Department inquiring about the possibility of receiving a loan for education and infrastructure. As a result, the Department signed off on the grant of \$40,250. However, the money was never received by Powell County, thus a court case ensued. Throughout the trial, Powell County repeatedly invalidated the evidence presented by the Department, and Powell County won the trial. Almost immediately after, Powell County used to funds to create a K-12 school system and a community college. After tensions seemed to settle, the situation took an eye-opening turn.

The Delegate discovered late last night that Attorney William Madden served as the alleged judge that ruled over the trial. His interference may make the trial's result invalid and force



STATERS make their cases as they duel for thousands of dollars. Photo Credit Daniel Park

Powell County to return the \$40,250 it was loaned.

Madden himself delivered a written confession to the Delegate writing staff:

"I impersonated a judge in the Powell vs Dept. of Humanities. At the time I was not aware that I could not be a judge, therefore the ruling should be, in my opinion, invalid and a mistrial should be declared."

Madden has no intention of hurting any side of the issue. He is a part of the judicial system, but he has explained he is not a judge. He explains that he was unaware his acceptable positions did not include judging court cases. He does not hold any power to shift the future outcomes in light of this news.

Despite the already chaotic situation, Powell County now faces the possibility of bankruptcy due to the immediate use of the accepted funds. The case has presented many challenging aspects while taking many unexpected turns leaving those involved in complete disarray.

Playing the Tax Game BY JOSH KHANG AND BRETT CHAPMAN

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To many people, taxes are one of the most- if not the most- important part of their lives. It influences how they spend their money and the way they live their lives. The government needs money in order to properly function, but it is also important for governments to rely on ways other than raising taxes to raise a proper body of finances to accomplish any actions. Higher taxes are not popularly desirable for people, so in order to prevent this problem one city in Kennedy County is working to increase property value

Johnson city in Kennedy county is trying to pump up the city's profits from property taxes. The city council members are trying to increase the property values of the city for more revenue from property taxes.

"An increase in property value gives an increase on money from property taxes the city gets without increasing tax rates," city council member Gavin Pore said.

To increase property values, the city council members are urging its citizens to improve their homes. At the bank, people can buy home improvements ranging from five to five hundred dol-

"Home improvements don't have to be expensive for a large impact. Just getting some ranging from five to ten dollars helps raise profits from property tax. You can buy a pool, deck, kitchen improvements, or even get a recording booth, but thats expensive," city council member Logan Hope said.

Tax raises are a nightmare for all Americans. But by focusing on home improvements, Johnson city hopes to get more money for its government without burdening its citizens with higher taxes.

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Reports of Federalist Unprofessionalism

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After two days of operations, the Federalists are leading the Senate; however, according to several sources, Federalist senators acted unprofessionally throughout their first operation time on Sunday night.

"Our first assembly was probably not as professional as it could have been," said Federalist Senator Dalton Dix, whose last name was publicly joked about among other Federalist senators. "This is Boys State, and we did come here to learn but also have fun. The difference is when fun goes too far. I personally feel like we were getting carried away." Senator Dix was not the only Federalist senator upset with his peers.

"There's just general unprofessional behavior from some of my colleagues," Federalist Senator John Stanley said.

"I hope we have learned from what we had yesterday in the Senate," Dix said. Despite their behavior, the Federalists are doing well; the party currently has a supermajority in the Senate and is 1% away from having a supermajority the House of Representatives.

of Representatives. "We feel like we can get a lot done," Stanley said. "We have some interesting ideas. First of all, building a pipeline between Patton County and some of the more industrial counties, just because we have oil and they have a lot of need for it. We also had an idea to have a soft minimum wage increase in which a corporation can get a tax break if their employee's wages are increased to \$15." Oddly, some Federalist plans such as the minimum

wage increase proposal seem somewhat leftist for the right-wing Federalists. By leaning a bit more to the center, they hope to get both their plans enacted and receive as much Nationalist support as they can.

"We think that the \$15 minimum wage and the pipeline will get a lot of Nationalist support. The \$15 minimum wage is something that both Nationalists and Federalists can get behind," said Stanley. According to Pore, this minimum wage raise and a proposal to eliminate double taxation could be used to implement a system of trickle-down economics in Kansas.

"We are hoping that if we can eliminate double taxation for people who do pay the [new] minimum wage, our federal taxes would be unaffected," Pore said. "[Because] about 4% to 7% of taxes would be probably cut out, people [would be incentivized to] give more money to their employees, which would then in turn be taxed, so the employees would then be taxed by a income tax."

Federalist legislators are waiting to watch the election throughout the week, which they are confident that they will win.

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"I don't think the governor elections are really much of a problem either for the Federalists, because just as there's a supermajority in the Senate, there's almost a supermajority when it comes to Federalists here at Boys State," Stanley said. Senate Federalists have many issues they are eager to resolve, but no legislature will be passed until the governor is elected Tuesday night.

Nationalists Aim for District Courts

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Despite not having the majority in either the House or the Senate, Nationalist members remain determined about upcoming elections and policy meetings. The District Court is supposedly where the Nationalists have claimed they will supposedly leave their mark, but many have pointed toward the obvious disadvantage. Heading into elections, many Nationalist candidates believe they are more than capable of securing several State positions and push for policies despite the Federalist majority.

Senator Pore was confident that even though there isn't a strong Nationalist presence in the House or Senate, it doesn't mean there is no hope. Although the odds might not be in their favor, Nationalists remain confident through bipartisan votes and Federalist support in certain areas the party can pull through.

'Just because there is not enough Nationalists in the Senate and House doesn't mean that they're just gone. Since there's so many federalist documents, nationalists, we need to start focusing less about like, bills that are going to help only the nationalist because if we start going towards nationalist bills, we're going to lose like, there's no doubt about. So we need to start focusing more on county bills to help our counties," said Pore.

Interestingly enough, both Federalist and Nationalist party members have mentioned how they wish to push for more cooperation and bipartisanship. Pore believes that as the minority in the House and Senate, compromise with the Federalists will be necessary to be able to push for any of the changes they wish to propose.

"I'm actually working

"I'm actually working with my fellow federalist senators from my city, as well as with the rest of my county, as well as senators, federal senators from other counties. Ironically, a nationalist bill is getting more resistance from the Nationalists than the Federalists. We've got a bunch of Federalists on our side. We expect to see a lot of support behind this bill."

Senator Andrew Harty added that Nationalist perseverance "shows that we're willing to work harder regardless of the disadvantage". All in all, despite the Federalists' confidence and clear power, Nationalists have battled through hardships in order to put themselves in a successful position during elections.

Moreover, Senator Poor talked about Nationalist power lying within the District Court. He goes on to say, "And we feel that on when it comes to the District Court and you take a look at the counties and the cities, we feel that there is a bit of a nationalist leaning there". The party believes if Nationalists can gain "legislative power" within the District Court then there is an opportunity to make a case for themselves.

In spite of being outnumbered in the Senate and House, Nationalists believe that they can come through and make a change.

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