



Election Results

Tuesday the delegates of the American Legion Boys State cast their ballots for their government leadership. The Nationalists and Federalists both ran intensive campaigns as they vied to secure dominance by electing a party member to both the governor's office and the cabinet.

Once the dust settled, though, the Federalists came out on top.

Connor England, a Federalist of King County, won the governorship. His lieutenant governor candidate Anthony "Tony" Baldessari received the votes to take the position. Baldessari is from



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Pershing County.

The only Nationalist to win a cabinet seat was Marshall County's J'Qui Audena. He won the position of attorney general.

The 2011 Secretary of State is Ross Marine, of Pershing County; the treasurer is William

Cockriel, of Powell County; and the insurance commissioner is Baker Weilert, of King County. The new governor and his cabinet were sworn in Tuesday evening during the final assembly of the day in the parking lot of Kramer Dining Center.

Josh Svaty, the senior adviser to the United

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The Great Debate

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Tuesday the candidates hoping to be elected to State office squared off in a Federalist versus Nationalist duel of platforms and philosophies. The debate took place in McCain Auditorium.

The format for the event had members of the various Political Action Committees asking questions of the candidates.

First one party's candidate for a given position was asked a questions. Following the answer, his opponent was allowed time to rebut what was said. Then the candidate who originally fielded the question was allowed a brief amount of time to responded to his opponent.

Answers given by both sides often refereed to party platforms and campaign promises, at times rousing cheers from supporters in the audience.

Questions thrown at the candidates covered a wide variety of topics, including energy, welfare, taxation, prison reform and education.

Several candidates discussed their thoughts on preserving the American Dream, which quickly became a theme for the debate. Following the conclusion of the verbal battles, delegates cast their ballots for their top picks in each race.

Party Conventions

After a hard day of campaigning and many eliminations, the Party Conventions took place on Monday night and featured the final campaigners for State offices.

Federalists

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As the Federalists were herded into a large lecture hall for the Federalist Party Convention, nobody knew quite what to expect. Master of Ceremonies Gage Holter definitely electrified the crowd with his erratic screaming and rambunctious behavior. There were Kit Kat candy bars flying



around and Staters screaming battle cries of, "Go Feds!"

After the thunderous applause finally capped, Nathan Short, Chairman of the Federalist Party, came before the throng to read the party platform. The Federalist platform, written by Connor England himself, include increases to education, equal opportunities for all citizens, and tax incentives, as well as pro-gun and pro-life ideals. After the platform was read, the Staters were introduced to a Fed "gang sign" which was constituted as three fingers in the shape of an "F" and soon became quite popular among the delegates.

Next, all of the Federalist candidates addressed the crowd ambitiously screaming their policies and ideas. The first up was Baker Weilert, for Secretary of Insurance, shortly followed by Ross Marine, for Secretary of State candidate. William Cockriel, for Secretary of Treasury, fired up the crowd with a loud chant of, "Less taxes, more jobs!". Dave Thompson, for Attorney General, educated the masses on the elements of swag. Swag essentially equals money plus women, according to Thompson. But on a more serious note, since women aren't present at Boys State, Thompson decided to focus on the money issue. Lastly, a nonchalant character with a beret on his head quietly meandered onto the stage to address the crowd that was bestowing a king's greeting upon him.

Connor England, the 2011 Boys State Federalist gubernatorial candidate, was as serious as he could be while he talked to his fellow party members. He stressed his promise to bring fairness to all constituents and to work to govern the state in a pleasing and equal manner. There were promises for schools and police departments. Some Staters haven't yet had money in their accounts and England himself is on welfare, but he is hoping to change that. He also announced his choice for Lieutenant Governor; Anthony Baldesarri of Pershing County. If

the reaction of the crowd is any indication, then this duo will reflect the ideals of the party with undying support.

Although the convention was largely a success in the aspect of exciting the crowd and having fun, the serious issues were also present and well reviewed. Many Staters gave no second thought to participating in all the crazy activities the leaders put them through be it chanting, or standing and jumping or screaming just because they felt like it. The room was indeed dressed for the Federalists.

Nationalists

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Monday night saw the beginning of a new era for the Nationalist party. Starting at 10 PM, the Nationalist convention managed to rally together people from all across Kansas, united by a single platform.

The Nationalist party, also known as the "People's Party," represents a mostly liberal



platform in which education, income-relative taxing, and civil rights are emphasized. Monday night's convention saw a lot of enthusiasm and exciting talents

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News from the Outside

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Though you may still be here at Boys State, the world outside still turns. Below are a few noteworthy points of interest from global news today.



Governor Brownback declared the flag to be flown at half-staff today in honor of a Kansas native fallen soldier in Afghanistan

On Monday, House representative Anthony Weiner (Democrat - New York) admitted he sent a lewd photo of his underwear-clad self to a young woman over Twitter in late May, and then lied repeatedly to protect himself. Weiner is known to be an intensely demanding and long-working House rep, but he must cling to his once-promising political career as allegations rise.

Upon the approval of the recent United Kingdom and France laws restricting Internet access from those who commit file-pirating offenses, the United Nation has officially reported that disconnecting people from the Internet is a human rights violation against international law. The U.N. recommends that no country ever restrict the Internet, including "during times of political unrest."

Other headlines include:

The Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) will take place June 7-9 (today through Friday).

Handfishing is now legal in Kansas.

10-year-old boy (Austin, TX) gets ticket for not wearing seat belt properly

The French have banned the words 'Twitter' and 'Facebook' from use on television and radio.

Scientists have added two new superheavy elements to the periodic table of the elements.

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States Environmental Protection Agency's Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks, swore in Governor England, who then swore in his new cabinet. Svaty, from Ellsworth, attended Boys State and is the former secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, as well as a former member of the Kansas House of Representatives where he represented the 108th district and served on several committees.



Question of the Day

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Today's question of the day is actually a challenge. We picked up 3 staters off of the street and tested their creativity and ingenuity. These boys were given various office supplies including paper plates, paper clips, scotch tape, and post-it notes. They were told that they had thirty minutes to make whatever they wanted. After a bit of thinking and brainstorming, they decided upon creating a spider web, complete with spider, that would take up a whole wall. when asked why they chose a spider web, they all had different reasons.

Sam Knauss from King County said, "I wanted to do something that would take up the whole room"

Tyler Henning, also from King County, said, "I thought that the spider web idea would be neat and original."

Joshua Staley of Powell County said, "I like spiders, and it was fun and easy to build. Also, we got to use all of the materials."

These staters brought a new meaning to being "on the web."

Did you Know?

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Did you know that for each flight of stairs you climb to reach your county floor, you burn 48 calories? So, if you are unfortunate enough to live on the sixth floor, you burn 240 calories just walking up to your room. Not only that, but you burn another 80 on the way back down – for a total of 320 calories. That's roughly equal to an average-sized bag of Funyuns.

How many calories might one burn when walking to the McCain Auditorium? At a distance of half a mile, which is about 2,640 feet, a Stater takes around 900 steps (the average length of a step is 3 feet). 900 steps multiplied by 1.5 calories per step goes to burning 1,350 calories. That's enough to cover for a Nestea Iced Tea and a bag of Funyuns, and that's only the walk there. And, if you climb to the top of the dorms five and half times, you've burned as many calories as you would walking to McCain. If you include the walk back, you burn over 2,500 calories. So while it may be irritating to walk those long distances, you're getting into shape. Be men, boys!

Notice

The Staters Union will award a free Snickers bar to the first Stater to complete all three of the sudokus below. Come to Marlat 20 when you have completed the puzzles. Offer good on Wednesday only. tNo proof, no prize. Good Luck!

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Heating Up: Scandals revealed, Rumors Fly

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Politics just wouldn't be politics without a good scandal. Whether major or minor, public or private, they happen with almost every politician. Here at Boys State we have recently had our first scandal. Then-Federalist Governor candidate Connor England was recently of embezzling up to \$4,000 for personal gain; he supposedly gave a large portion of this to the City of Harris in King county so as to give them a competitive edge.

Many members of the federalist party had become suspicious of England, citing his demeanor and body language. Monday night at the Federalist rally all of the board members seemed to be pumped up and excited. All of them made known that they were going to be very conservative and make matters fair for everyone if they were elected, but when England walked into the room he was calm and less vocal. He men-

tioned the scandal to his fellow party members, which was a red flag to those who had not yet heard the rumor. The once rowdy room became silenced with questions. Later on during the time for questions, a Stater asked England a question that



have questioned why the Feds wouldn't trust him considering his position. It would not make sense for this rumor to be true because if England's county received all of this money, then they likely would have pulled in more banners yesterday at the awards ceremony. That alone should be proof enough.

he could not answer, he turned and spoke with his board and stumbled through a response only to have time cut short on the rally. Lots of the federalists left the room with a leery feeling. An eleent of doubt had been added to voting conservative.



It is amazing what a small rumor can do. No one knows where it started or if it is even viable, but it certainly does draw a lot of attention. England has been doubted by some. Though he is a Federalist leader and the newly-elected Governor, some

"If you don't believe me," England said, "I will personally take you to the bank and show you my account."

Still, for some this is not enough. No matter what politician it is, there are always going to be nasty rumors. The side who has the advantage is usually vulnerable to these rumors, and since Boys State is primarily a pretty conservative group, of course Connor England will be the center of attention, particularly in the coming days.

THE NEWSPAPER

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from people ready to show their support for this platform.

"People [from the party] got really into it," said Zachary Hendrickson of Patton county, the Nationalist governor candidate. "They had a lot of really great chants and really showed their support for the Nationalist party."

Christopher Lewis, also of Patton county and the Lieutenant Governor for the Nationalist party, agrees: "the convention went really well. We rapped, and people got really into it when Zach started rick-rolling." Indeed, the audience participated excitedly in every chant and rally that the candidates had to offer, with enthusiastic chants of "Nat is where it's at!" echoing into the night and persisting even back in the Stater dorms.

Also accompanying the candidates was an improv team that, despite its intentional lack of preparation, managed to entertain everybody

in the room with brief but contagious laughter.

Some, however, thought the convention wasn't centralized enough. Vivek Menon of King county said that "it was too rowdy, the candidates weren't entirely



focused on their platform. It was all about entertainment."

This certainly seemed the case towards the end of the convention when Master of Ceremonies, Jason Grossardt, began inviting people up front

to show off their own various talents. These talents varied from coin tricks to yo-yoing, supported by cheers and support from the hoi polloi. One of the final "talents" featured a lean Stater turning his back to the audience, hunching over for several seconds, and turning around after having removed his glass eye. This elicited a number of bilious reactions from the crowd of Nationalists and even from some counselors.

Overall, however, the convention was a unifying force. "It was interesting to see what everyone was willing to do," said Jack Brekke of Pershing county. "It definitely brought the party together."

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