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A Cautious Divide: Opposing Parties Establish Platforms

BY MATT GOECKEL AND
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In light of the upcoming election, a representative from each party has stepped forward to give their views on how the party will operate.

The Federalists elected their party leader Sunday night. Through long discussions with the other county chairmen, each party has developed a platform consisting of their current goals for the upcoming election. The Federalist party is mainly looking to grow business by lowering business taxes and giving power back to the people. The leader said that, "The Federalist party wants to focus on enforcing [the idea of] private business," and many of their political views reflect this claim. The representative also heavily expressed the Federalists' intent to bring back manufactured goods as well as focus on highway and railroad construction. With a concise and driven platform to work off of, the Federalist party has its priorities set for the election and issues to follow.

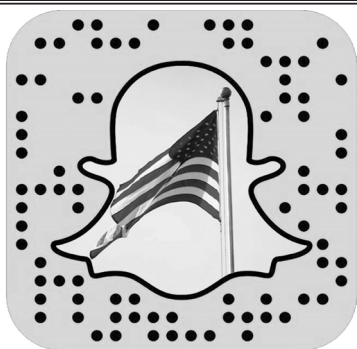
A Nationalist representative



STATERS arrive on their county floors, ready for the week ahead. Photo Credit Julian Kincaid

from Bradley County stated that candidates from their party can be seen promoting democratization, a form of government where representatives will favor the general workers instead of interest groups. Other interests of the Nationalist Party include improving education, the environment, and the economy, as well as reducing crime and government corruption. Nationalist

leaders are looking for candidates who are open to problem solving and have the ability to adapt to the ever-changing problems facing the state. They will accept any level of liberal viewpoints from their candidates, as long as they agree with the end goals of the party. The Nationalist party is ready to take on these issues, but first will prepare for this week's elections.



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A candidate debate will be held Tuesday, June 06, 2017, before the general election. If you have questions for the candidates, please get them to the Media Office located in the basement of

Marlatt Hall (Room 20) by Noon Tuesday, June 06. You can tweet us your questions as well at @KSBSMedia or via email at media@ksb-statesim.org.

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Tom Frier: Vietnam Veteran

BY OLIVER PINCKNEY
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Lieutenant Colonel Tom Frier started his military career in 1959 by entering the ROTC program at the University of Wyoming. When Frier realized that he enjoyed ROTC and wanted to go into the Military, he transferred to the Air Force Academy, where he graduated in 1963 with John F. Kennedy speaking at his graduation. Frier trained in Arizona before going into TUY in Tucson, and ended his military time in the states at Eglin Air Force base in Florida. In 1966 Frier was sent overseas to Thailand. When Frier returned to the states he became a faculty member at the Air Force Academy.

During his time overseas Frier flew the F4 Phantom, a plane originally created



effective yet very dangerous way to get planes refueled. After his time in the Air Force Frier came to Manhattan KS, and started working for a local bank. He also started playing golf when he returned stateside. Frier will be missing Thursday's events for the 100th anniversary of the 1st Infantry at Fort Riley.



First Impressions of State

BY LUKE STEINLE
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So far, Staters from all over Kansas have had similar experiences in coming to Boys State. A consistent trend is that most people were fairly nervous as they settled into the Boys State experience. Drey, a Patton County stater, said, "I thought the expectations would be really high, and I didn't even bring khaki pants, but then I realized I wasn't the only one who was nervous, and I felt better." Boys State wants to push the question "Why Boys State?" It's the question that has been asked of Staters since they arrived. Noah from Powell County explained, "I was looking

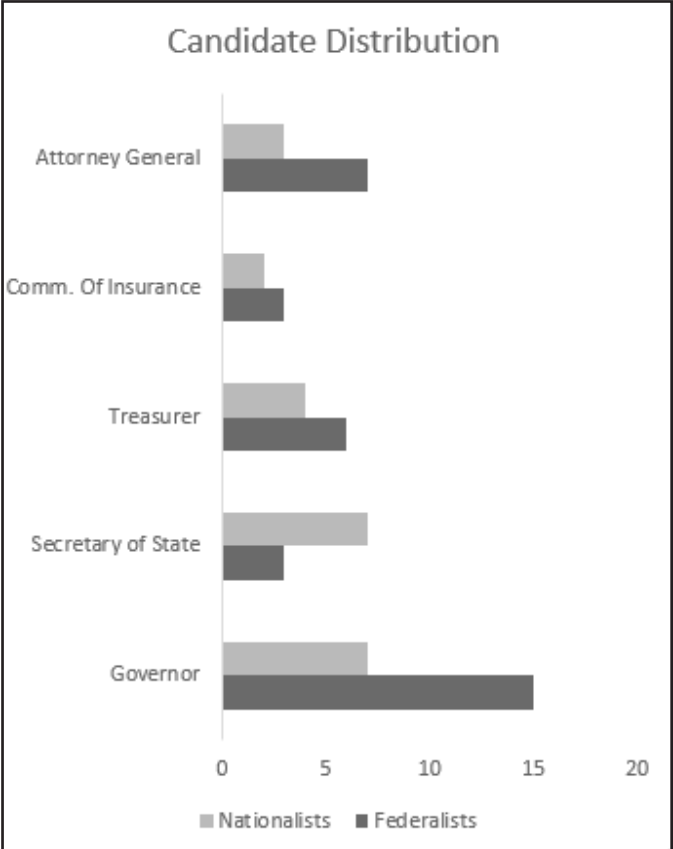
for somewhere to learn about leadership skills. I also really enjoy politics." This is a common answer of everyone interviewed. Boys State is definitely the place to learn how to lead. Learning how to lead, especially in communities, is the main focus of the program. Another reason people came to Boys State was to make connections with other Staters. Staters have been told that the connections they make here may be lifelong. These connections could be seen from the moment Staters met each other for the first time. So far, Boys State seems to have been an enriching experience for everyone involved.

Early Candidate Declarations Display Anomalies

BY TREY PEAT
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As Sunday came to a close 56 delegates had announced their candidacy for office, with a clear majority being federalists. This is to be expected as the majority of delegates have registered as federalist party members, however the position Secretary of State has broken the pattern. Four more Nationalists have announced candidacy than Federalists.

The high number of Federalist candidates will likely lead to an extremely contentious caucus, however they will have a clear advantage in the general elections due to their larger party base. The party association of delegates was set in stone at 8:00 pm June 4th, however additional candidates are likely to emerge until registration closes at 3:00 pm June 5th.



This session, many events will be live streamed including the officer debate and the talent show!

