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Going Green; Staters Discuss the Future of Green Energy

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The house of Representatives has always been the place where policy hits the pavement, but currently it seems as though the automobile of state has hit a crossroads. The Nationalists of the house are pushing for a more moderate approach to green energy through weaning the state off of natural gas and into wind power and solar, while the federalists are pushing for an alternate route through nuclear energy.

“Natural Gas is our best bet at the moment,” states Samuel Coleman, state rep. from Eisenhower County.

Henry Quayle, state rep. from Eisenhower County, followed up with, “Natural gas is a good stepping stone into a more sustainable and prosperous future, once we have more Eggs, we will have more baskets to put them in.”



However, Christian Custer of McArthur County says the house plans to propose “a nuclear energy bill to reduce greenhouse gases and provide a more efficient and green energy to the state of Kansas.” Custer’s side of the room was mostly made up of Federalists who were pushing for one nuclear power plant for the state and to incentivize renewable energy.

While both sides came up with different solutions, they seemed to agree on the same goal of achieving a green and sustainable future.

Following the general election, the Executive and Legislative branches will be tasked to pass a budget before 3 pm Wednesday August 4. If no vote is passed, a Government shutdown will occur. If you have any desire to lobby for allocation it is up to you, staters, to speak with your representatives before this time and make your voice heard!

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(Political) Party Time!

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Being randomly assigned into a party with little to no information left many staters confused as they read “Nationalist” or “Federalist” on their name tags, and raised the question: what does my party stand for? After electing party leaders this vision has become more clear as platforms solidify.

On one hand, the Federalist Party envisions pushing the power of decision making towards the counties and cities rather than the state levels as they more directly impact the individual.

The party leaders reiterated that the cities and counties know what is best for the cities and counties. The Federalist party also plans to incorporate ideas from both a conservative and liberal view as well, to create a sense of unity throughout Boys State. This includes being pro second amendment, getting rid of the death penalty, and making all schools in person. With that being said, the Federalist party’s main points still are rooted in prioritizing power on a county and city level. Co-Party Leader Chairman, Thomas Kluck summarizes it by saying,

“Our goals for the party are definitely unity, working together, acknowledging our difference in opinions, and celebrating that and using that to our advantage.”

On the other hand, the Nationalist party has built their platform on four basic points that they believed would set them up to address the state’s concerns: economy, education, industrialization, and drug decriminalization.

These provided their candidates a basis for their speeches at last night’s caucuses, but they made it clear to their aspiring politicians that they wanted them to be able to manipulate the policy guidelines and make them their own. Their template tended to lean into government intervention and greater executive control over the counties.

This view was expounded upon in the fiery speeches given during their party’s caucus Monday night. They drew their line in the sand on measures against poverty, education, and were very concerned with how their candidates would be able to trump the Federalists in the general election.

Overall, there were strong performances from each and every candidate and neither party will have any difficulty in finding skilled, passionate members of their ranks to lead them.

EDITORIAL

The Media, The State, and The People

By Luke Hampl, Cam McDonald
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Local Government is influenced by many different entities, one of which is the media. After asking several people who work in our local boys state government to see what they think of what the media does and what it should do for our local government.

Everyone interviewed agrees that the media has a role in our government, but not everyone agrees on what that role should be. Joey Martin, a Federalist from Pattin County who is running for governor, believes that the media’s role is to be there to give people

an accurate view of what the people in the government are doing, and the majority of people seem to agree.

When asked who should decide what direction the local government should take, a majority agrees that it should be the people who have the final say. Abe Frederick, a current Senator from Seitz County says that while the government and the media may have an influence, people should have the final say.

However, some think that the issues around here aren’t being helped by any party and that the media should help show the issues to more people. City council member Vinnie Scirelli thinks that some real issues aren’t being shown by the media and that they are overreacting about minor things. Tristan Vandervelde of the Department of Economics, Elijah Self of the Department of Humanities, and Mason Smith of the Department of Natural Resources all agreed that the role of the media in small government is to just cover the news. These three agreed that the media has a major role in local government, and with a little more honesty and transparency it can do the most good for the people. We can all agree that the media somehow influences the local government, but the question we ask the readers to ponder is, how?

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