

STATERS UNION

Talent show

This year's talent show had many great performances with great comedy, talent, and music. Performances just seemed to get better throughout the night.



On The Menu

By Halen Lacey

As far as pizza goes, I'm a purist. Cheese, dough, and sauce, the holy trinity. So when I stumbled up to the pizza line only to find that the only option was chicken Alfredo, I was, to say the least, estranged. Almost to my disappointment, this sort of risqué pizza was delightful. The sauce itself was sinfully rich, though somewhat under seasoned. The chicken was bright and almost zesty, and would have worked wonders with a more authentic Alfredo sauce. The crust was pale but was surprisingly light and shatteringly crisp, and actually ended up being the highlight of the meal. As per yesterday I am continuously impressed with the kitchen staff here, and am quickly running out of compliments to give to the chefs.



A Bombacious Budget

By Riddick Goss

Many departments and people in the government have been affected by the budget, and depending on who you ask it is for the better or for the worse. After interviewing the Departments we learned, as you now will, that Education wants the budget to improve education and schools. They would not change the budget because they don't quite know what the other departments need and are still figuring out their own goals. The Department of Economy wants to improve many things including water treatment, storm drains, telephone lines, and free wireless. However to do what they want they ask to increase their to \$4 mil but they will do their best they can with any amount they have. National Resources want to provide better and more diverse power for the counties. They want a little more money for better power but we will see on that. The last Department, the Department of Human Resources, wants to increase emergency services and to create a Veteran hospital. With a larger budget for veteran affairs, they plan to use it well. They do wish to have more money to increase mandates and grants and right now they can't focus on the lower priority item because of their budget.

Some Departments did not get as much as they wanted, such is the case with the Department of Education. They are receiving 2.5% when they planned for 3%. They say that the loss of 2.5% will not allow them to do the culture part of their job, let alone pay for schools. They believe they can cut cost in some way but at the moment they cannot do their job and have to run off of donations until something changes. While on the other hand the Department of Economy got the 4 million approved without difficulty.

Rec Recap

By Bryson Luebbers

Athletic events during yesterday's hot afternoon were softball, volleyball, and basketball. The most impressive group of performers for the day's physical activities was Seitz county going 2-0 in softball, 2-0 in volleyball, and 1-1 in basketball. For the second consecutive day showing athletic dominance and gaining an even larger target on their back over the coming days. Seitz county won the athletics banner again, and will certainly have to step up their game to stay on top.



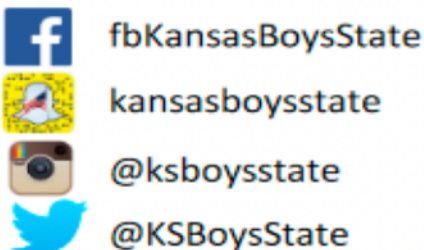
Words of Wisdom

"Stick with me you won't go too far wrong."

Rex Gardner
Dean of Counselors



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Bill Breakdown

By Kyle Haner

Over the past few days the Senate and the House of Representatives have been passing bills like it is their job. Going back and forth between ideas on how to make everyone's lives better. Bills would be amended or turned down completely. These bills would have an impact on everyone involved in the simulation. Here is a breakdown of some of the bills that passed.

Prisons have always needed some improvements like allowing prisoners to have access to education and that is what the Prison Education Bill enacts. This bill allows inmates to receive education only if they choose. If inmates are learning and have good behavior after a year they could have three months removed from their sentence.

Emergency aid relief bill is tailor made for the departments. Each department will allocate 5% of their funds for emergency relief. Half of these funds will be used for public safety in the event of an emergency. These funds will be distributed to the counties by the department of human resources. The National guard will oversee and enforce HR decisions.

The bill is tailored toward the department of economy. 25% of their funds will be dedicated to infrastructure. Each county will receive 5% of these funds for their own use. This bill is intended for counties to grow and develop.

