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PURPOSE, PASSION, MISSION

By: Zach Miller

Dr. JoAnne Owens-Nauslar visited Kimball Hall on Monday and spoke to a joint session between Boys' and Girls' state. This session was not only the first joint session of the week, but also the first for Dr. Nauslar also. She has spoken at Boys' State for a total of 17 years, counting this one. Monday was the first time that the Girls' Staters experienced the magic of her words. Nauslar's big quote of the night was "You sexy thing, don't you ever die!" the quote, when out of context, might seem a bit forward, but in context, was profoundly motivating. The message behind it is all about self-image and success on a personal level.

Dr. Jo, as she likes to be called, was full of energy and inspirational material. She told the audience that you have to find something that you want to do and go after it; it's not going to fall into your lap. She made the analogy of work being like a computer, what you get out of it is equivalent to what you put into it. Another quote she referred to was one of her own, "People that want milk should not seat themselves in the middle of the pasture,

and hope that the cow backs up to them". Again supporting her topic of working for what you want.

The session, held at Kimball Hall, was enormous. With the almost 400 Boy's Staters, and Girl's Staters too, one would think it was crazy and impossible to try and control them all. Dr. Jo, however, commanded attention with her energetic personality and wacky sense of humor. There were moments in her session where she had us get up and do things, as she is an advocate of Physical Health. At one point, towards the end of the session she had us all be quiet and do breathing exercises. The collective breathe of the group was an awesome experience. It truly solidified the fact that we are all here for a common goal and purpose.

One of the many things in the session that was applied to every aspect of the session was the "Purpose, Passion, Mission" mantra. In every situation that you are in, where you are working for a goal, you are supposed to have a purpose for that goal. You have to believe whole-heartedly in your goal, which is the passion part of the equation. Mission is the last part of the equation, and in my opinion, the most important. Your mission is your goal. If you don't have a goal, you don't have anything.

The main objective of her session was to get us being active, optimistic, and healthy. Finally, as Staters, she wanted us to lead by example and take the knowledge she taught to our hometowns and spread it around. Dr. Jo, the counselors, and all the Staters had a magical experience and many are looking at this experience with more optimism and kindness.

HOW GOV'T WORKS

By: Cody McBride

Cornhusker Boys' State has been, and continues to be, a fun experience. So far we have elected our city council members, mayor, legislature, city supervisor, and school board. Yesterday we either went to the explanation of the court systems, the explanation of the Unicameral Legislature, or an explanation City Government.

Those who attended the explanation of how the court systems in Nebraska work may have learned many interesting facts. For example, every county in Nebraska -93 in all- have a County Court and a District Court. Those who attended the explanation of how the Unicameral Legislature works listened to John Lindsay and may have heard things like a history of the Nebraska legislature and that you could run for legislature at the age of 28. Those who attended the City Government and How it Works listened to the Mayor of Seward and heard of different

campaign strategies that are used to obtain offices. After these we went to the debate between representatives from the republicans and democrats. The afternoon activities started off with legislature sessions and City Council meetings. Followed by campaign strategies and sports, band, chorus, or newspaper. The General Assembly had the guest speaker JoAnne Owens-Nauslar do a motivational speech. Then we filed for State and County Offices to end out the night.

NATIONALISTS CONVENE

VOTE FOR A NATIONALIST!

By: Levi Gutz

Our job at the Tuesday morning Nationalist Preliminary was to listen to the “spiel” of each Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State. From there we will chose who we want to represent the Nationalists in the Primary. Easy right? Wrong! We had just approved our Nationalists Party Platform, a process that had taken over an hour (plus, some overly spirited debate). Needless to say, we were cramped in our seats and mentally strained.

Regardless though, everyone sat attentively and listened as each candidate gave his reasons why he should be elected to his respective office. First we listen to the eight applicants for Lieutenant Governor. Which is a pretty important role, I mean, it's the Second in Command, the second trumpet, the dude who is in charge when the primary dude is unavailable. So we paid attention. All the perspective Staters had very good points. A recurring theme was that the Lieut. Gov. would be a people person who would bring the thoughts and opinions of the public to the government. Each member was a one minute opening, a three minute Q & A session, a town session where towns grouped up and asked a specific candidate one question, and finally a one minute closing.

Next we listened to the candidates for Attorney General. Most implied that if they were elected, they would deal with any adversary that tried to infringe upon the laws of Nebraska. They'd be like “Yo, you mess with Nebraska; I'll screw you up foo!” No one actually said that, it's just a general-

NATIONALISTS DETERMINE PLATFORMS

By: Jon Jahnke

During the Tuesday meeting of the Nationalist party, the members of the party discussed their viewpoints on certain issues that they felt the party should take a stand on. The first “plank” of the Nationalist platform that was decided is Education Reform. In particular, the majority of the part agreed on the fact that they wanted less emphasis on standardized tests, and they also wanted more rewards for quality teachers.

The second plank of the Nationalist platform that was agreed upon is an emphasis on agriculture, the industry very near and dear to this state of Nebraska. Several positions that the Nationalists took were that they wanted less government limitations on what farms can and cannot do. They also discussed several ways that they could support and encourage small farms, but could not come to a decisive agreement as to how

ization of all the speeches.

Finally the candidates for Secretary of State gave their propositions. Then we were done. Hopefully everyone had fun and those that are elected are worthy of the position.

they wanted to accomplish this. The party finished up the agriculture plank simply by agreeing that the Nationalists will hold the general position that small farms need to be supported and encouraged.

A third plank Nationalist's support was described for was energy, in particular alternatives to fossil fuels. An entire list of energy resources was compiled and decided upon. Some energy forms discussed included: hydroelectric, solar, wind, natural gas, and nuclear.

A possible Nationalist position on gun control was discussed, but a consensus could not be reached and so the idea was scrapped and left to individual political candidates to decide for themselves.

Other nationalists planks that were discussed included different Keystone Pipeline standpoints, a lowering of the alcohol consumption age to 18 on the grounds of if you can serve your country in the military, you should be able to consume alcohol. The final platform that was decided on was stricter welfare laws including mandatory drug tests to receive welfare checks.

Chance of Rain	10%
Wind	SSE at 11 mph
Humidity	44%
UV Index	9 - Very High
Snow	0 in
Sunrise	5:56 am
Sunset	6:18 am
Moonphase	☾ Waning Gibbous

A few passing clouds, otherwise generally sunny. Hot. High near 90F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph



NATIONALISTS GATHER AT CBA

By: Thomas Rezac

Sure, I knew plenty about the views of the Nationalists in Manila Bay. But, I was eager to learn more about the views of all the nationalists here at Boys State. Filing into the seats at the College of Business Administration at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, the Nationalist party discussed some very important current issues. Lead by Chairman Caleb Nuehring, the Nationalist debate on these issues got very interesting.

The first issue discussed among the Nationalists was education. This sounds kind of broad, but several people brought some points that needed to be addressed. The first of these was teacher salaries. The majority of the Nationalist party agreed that a teacher's pay should be determined by the quality of their teaching skills. The second point mentioned was standardized testing. Many Nationalists felt that there is currently too much dependance on these tests within schools. It was also pointed out that if school teachers really want students to get a high score on these tests, then students should be able to put their standardized test score on a college application if they received a high score. The second issue discussed was agriculture. This is an issue that concerns many Nebraskans, and many Nationalists were willing to participate in stating their views on this issue. The entire party unanimously voted no on the bill

that would prohibit children under 16 from working on the farm. The Nationalists also determined that there should be less government limitations when it comes to farming. The third part of agriculture discussed was small farms. Several members of the party stated that small farms should be supported and encouraged. It was also mentioned that big farms should pay taxes so they don't become too big, and also because the government funds several agricultural programs. The third major issue discussed was energy. Mainly the alternative forms of energy that could replace fossil fuels and coal. The alternative forms mentioned were propane, hydroelectric power, wind energy, solar energy, natural gas, and nuclear energy. There was a debate about the pros and cons of nuclear energy. Some mentioned that it's modern and efficient while others argued that it's unstable and dangerous. The Nationalists eventually came to the conclusion that there should be tax cuts for those who use alternative energy sources.

What's that one thing that has caused so much controversy within the state of Nebraska in 2011 and into 2012? That's right, the Keystone pipeline. This is when the debate really started to get interesting. Roughly two thirds of the Nationalists were "pro pipeline." Those that were against the pipeline argued that the proposed Keystone pipeline

would create only temporary jobs and could potentially ruin land in either western or eastern Nebraska. Another argument was that once the oil from this pipeline reached the Gulf of Mexico, most of it would go to other nations and very little of it would actually be used within the U.S. It was decided that the Nationalists will be "pro pipeline" and anyone who was still against it would try to persuade candidates to be "anti pipeline." Gun control was the next issue, but due to so much disagreement on this issue, it was scrapped. The final major issue discussed was alcohol consumption. "If you can serve for your country at age 18, you should be able to have a beer," stated one Nationalist. Therefore, the final decision on this issue was that the legal drinking age should be 18 years with some restrictions.

There were a couple of minor issues that were briefly discussed such as internet censorship and government aid. The majority of the Nationalist party voted no on both of those. All in all, it was a very productive debate among the Nationalist party. I learned even more about my party's views and had fun stating my own opinions on issues. It's safe to say that Nationalists running for office benefited the most from the debate. Once the candidates learned about the views of the Nationalist voters, they were able to use that to their advantage and build their campaign in a way that would win them the most votes. At least, that's what I would do if I were running for an office ●

CONRAD'S CUISINE CORNER

By: Conrad Martinez

No time in Boy's State is more looked forward to than this... no, it's not sleeping which is probably a close second. The time I'm talking about is.... Eating Time!

While the cooking is nothing that mom makes, the food here is very well-made for the amount of individuals the cooking staff must prepare for and feed. So before I begin I believe that the next time you see a cook you say thank you to them for their hard work and time-consuming effort to keep our bellies full.

Today for breakfast on the menu was for our tasting pleasures was: Biscuits and Gravy, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, and along with the other item which given daily such as cereal, fruit and yo-

gurt. The cooks also for the vegetarians attempt to offer non-meat foods such as pancakes and veggie bacon.

For breakfast I went for what any other warm blooded Nebraskan would have when offered: Biscuits and Gravy. I personally enjoyed this breakfast: the biscuits were baked for the perfect amount of time so that the bottoms didn't over-brown and burn. The gravy was warm and did not lack in the sausage department, if I do say so myself. The bacon was thin, but was tasty, and was I believed was cooked I also decided to indulge in a raspberry crunch muffin which I personally did not enjoy for I thought it was lacking in flavor and was overall not enjoyable to eat.

When lunch rolled around, let's just say that my stomach had already alerted me that the time for food had finally arrived. On today's menu, along with the normal pizza, hamburgers etc. was a lemon crusted tilapia, some wing dings with sauces, curly fries, and seasonal vegetables. I decided, af-

ter fine consideration, to just go ahead and try well... everything. The wings ding were breaded and boneless, which was expected, but were just a little of the dry side but not by much, I had these with the hot sauce and they complimented each other quite well. The tilapia, by far, was my favorite dish which was very very well seasoned and cooked. It had lemon slices on top which were not supposed to be eaten but to add flavor did just their top and added a little bit of a decoration which is unheard of in a cafeteria type setting. I regretfully did not sample the curly fries or vegetables but from my fellow newspaper writer I have come to the conclusion that they were in fact quite good and a hit with the Boy's Staters.

Today's food I give on a scale of one to ten I give it a solid 9. I believe the cooks are doing an amazing job and I encourage them to keep up the good work and thank them for doing such a wonderful job. If you would like to give me your opinion of the food, find me and let me know.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS: THINNING THE ELECTORAL HERD

By: Michael Petska

Yesterday afternoon all the towns of Boys' State came together to share in the first electoral ceremony of the week: primary elections. As per some sort of unspoken command, absolutely everyone took the stairs. Unfortunately, the line to vote grew longer than the space that the lobby could accommodate, and it eventually grew high up into the stairs. There were many amusing dialogues to be shared in that multilevel forum. Eventually every Boys' Stater had the opportunity to leave the stairs, travel into the lobby, and collect a ballot from their election commissioners. Voting was a surprisingly public experience, initial expectations

of private, curtained booths were dispelled as soon as a Boy's Stater turned the corner and saw the lobby full of tables packed with hunched voters. Despite the long lines, the whole ordeal was wrapped up in less than a half hour... at least for the voters. For the organizers there was quite a bit more work left to do. In addition to setting things up, a combination of Boy's State counselors and Legion officials had to collect ballots from voters, count the ballots, and clean up afterwards. Fortunately, the Legionnaires and Counselors were able to count on a few good volunteers from among the voter body who volunteered their time to help count ballots.

FEDERALIST GUBERNATORIALS

VALLEY FORGE

By: Alex Varon

Andrew Penry has entered himself as the Federalist Gubernatorial candidate for the town of Valley Forge! Coming from Milford, Penry is the only Federalist candidate from Valley Forge. Penry prides himself on his Libertarian political founda-

tion and is able to provide insight on wide range of issues. His political experience ranges from simple door-to-door campaigning all the way to his involvement with the Ron Paul campaign in Washington D.C.. Best of luck to Penry in his Gubernatorial race; if you wish to speak with him he may be found on Valley Forge, 4th floor.



YORKTOWN

By: Nick Oviatt

Cody Brown is a rather common name. And for the most part, Cody Brown is the common man. However, as a Federalist candidate for Governor, he is rather unique. From Yorktown, he represents Yorktown's conservative values. However, Brown is somewhat different than most candidates. Brown is less asso-

ciated with his town of Yorktown, and in addition, has put his focus on outside votes. Dush, Yorktown's mayor, is extremely popular within Yorktown and Brown is putting his bet on outside voters in addition to his own town's. Brown is pro-life, for the Keystone XL pipeline, and not for Obama Care. Despite this, he supports gay marriage. His logic on gay marriage is equality and the fact that it doesn't affect him.



GETTYSBURG

By: Jack Thompson

This year's Boys' State Federalist Gettysburg gubernatorial is Bob Leddy. Bob is an exceptional leader, and he has made a lot of sacrifices to be the best governor he can be. In his speeches, Leddy doesn't really talk about his resume, in an attempt to level the playing field, and concentrate instead on the political issues at hand. This may lead some to believe that he is neglecting to mention his past performance because this is definitely not the case. To start with, Leddy was awarded the President's Volunteer Survive Award by President Obama for his service. Leddy formed the first Habitat for Humanity organization in Nebraska at his school, Creighton Prep, as well as many other schools throughout the state. He has raised over \$50,000 dollars individually for the cause of helping people with poor housing. Besides from this, Leddy excels in a number of other areas. He plays lacrosse, lifeguards, and achieves

exceptional grades at school. Even in preparation for Boys' State, Leddy was highly involved; creating a comprehensive plan for energy independence and studying-up on current Nebraska issues for the past



five weeks. In the future Leddy hopes to attend the United States Naval Academy, and to study a variety of current subjects. If Leddy is elected governor, he intends to compromise and find what solutions will be the most agreeable and beneficial for the citizens of Boy's State. He believes that the relationship between the governor and his citizens should be a "two-way relationship, with people exchanging ideas with him and listening to his ideas. This is the only way we can prosper."

FEDERALIST GUBERNATORIALS CTD.

ALAMO

By: Jake Weskamp

Trevor Sorensen is the gubernatorial candidate for Federalist Party. Sorensen is pro-life candidate from Minden, NE. He also supports changing the current tax system in order to benefit small businesses and individuals. One of his goals is to maintain

openness in government decision making.



BATAAN

By: Nick Flamme

Brent Comstock is the Bataan Gubernatorial candidate for the Federalist Party. He has shot right out of the gate and already has many followers. Even before primaries he had bought advertising space on the first floor. Brent has quite an impressive resume. He was selected by Governor Heineman to serve on his advisory council. He also has started his own business. He started it at age 12 and now has many clients including international ones. He is also state VP in FBLA. He spends much of his time campaigning and is a very intelligent individual. If you see him in your room or anywhere go ahead and ask some questions, he will be more than happy to answer them.

KEYSTONE XL

By: Trevor Sorensen

Last night, Jane Kleeb of Bold Nebraska and Brad Stevens of Americans for Prosperity met in front of the Boys' and Girls' state delegation with local and state media outlets to debate the Keystone XL pipeline. With questions asked by the boys' and girls' state attendees, Kleeb and Stevens debated issues such as environmental risk, eminent domain, and job growth over TransCanada's controversial crude oil pipeline from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Each side had specific points they used to prove their side of the argument. Kleeb, of the environmental Political Action Committee Bold Nebraska, emphasized that the protection of the Ogallala Aquifer must be the primary concern of every project, the estimated job growth is projected be smaller than propagated, and the oil that would be transported is tar sands, a type of oil that is not used for gas. Stevens, representing the conservative nonprofit organization Americans for Prosperity asserted that no matter how small, a growth in jobs would be beneficial to Nebraska's economy, it is almost impossible for the oil to move through the ground to reach ground water, and there would be the possibility for greater economic growth in the future due to jobs created now.

The debate was a great opportunity for both Boys' and Girls' staters to learn information from both sides of a very controversial issue and reach their own conclusion. Attendees left with a sense what many people have issues with about the pipeline and possible solutions to combat the situation.

The debate was hosted by Rob McCartney from KETV Nightly News. All three of tonight's participants attended the American Legion Boys' and Girls' State programs in high school.



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DO WE CARE ABOUT HEALTH CARE?

By: Nick Oviatt

When asked about Obama's health care package, most people claimed they didn't quite understand or know about everything in it. And for this reason, many Boy's Staters chose a rather neutral stance. Well, as of Tuesday, the pro universal health care PAC officially chose the name "We Care Health Care." Its target? You the average voter. On Wednesday they will be a fair for all of the PACs and what they stand for. Each different PAC has a member fee and a maximum donation amount of \$1,000. The "We Care Health Care" PAC is very much interested informing the public on health care reform, even if your not 100% for Obama Care. Seth Cope, one of the directors for the PAC, loves to inform everyone of their mission. "We Care Health Care" has a member fee of \$250 and has already claimed over \$5,000 in donations. One of the PAC's goals is to have microphone time at the auditorium and be able to send their message and support for candidates across the entire Boys' State group.

"We Care Health Care," which supports Obama Care as a building block to even better health care, has members ranging from Republicans to Socialists and everything in between. It is

truly a PAC which focuses on the common good rather than the interests of groups. The PAC has agreed, on compromise, to support a plan in which the state will supply additional subsidies for those who are not entirely covered by the federal government's plan. This mostly consists of people who are not poor enough to apply for Medicaid, yet not rich enough for a good health care plan. They are also proposing a bill in which everyone's health care would be handled by the state. No longer would people pay into private insurance companies, but the state would act as a "broker" between the people and the insurance companies. The state would deal with the private insurance companies, demand competitive rates, impose regulations, and offer a variety of deals that the public could purchase via the state government. This would not effect people who are already covered by their employer. The employer would have to simply transfer over everything to the state. Instead of paying health premiums, people would pay taxes. Plans ranging from to basic to the all inclusive would be offered by the government. Private insurance would still exist, but instead its largest customer would be the state, not the people. The PAC even will support a move to allow people to opt out of such a program and go their own route. However, such a route might be more expensive as none of the government's rules would apply.

In terms of what the PAC had to say, all of its members agreed that the new proposed system is one where "you give what you can, but receive what you need."

THE TOWN REPORTS

MANILA BAY

By: Alexander VanAckeren

As we embarked upon day three of this adventure called Boys State, our group of men continued to grow closer and more knowledgeable of one another. We have several candidates for both county and state offices. Thus, most of our day was spent dashing from floor to floor spreading our campaign messages and obtaining votes. Of course, there were those who didn't have to leave the floor. Those people stayed and took in the messages from those running for office. Unlike other floors, Manila Bay didn't have any crazy or embarrassing initiations in order to give a speech. We were calm, which allowed the candidates to state their message clearly. Manila Bay has been getting along fantastically, and we're all having a great time so far. We've got a great town government and are looking forward to a super week.

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YORKTOWN

By: Carl Meyer

Yorktown just got a whole lot more interesting with the completion of the first day. From sports to the backing of their candidates, Yorktown has the best morale and team spirit in the whole campus. From the cheers and chants to the competitiveness in sports, Yorktown has it all.

The sports in Yorktown got off to a bang with their dominating win in football. They dominated Gettysburg with an astonishing 10-4 win. Although they won by 6, the game was really not that close. The basketball team was defeated by Gettysburg 40-33. They played a hard-fought game and came up just a bit short. The softball team competed very well, but they just were outplayed and they fell 13-2. They tried hard but unfortunately Gettysburg was just a bit better. The volleyball team competed in the closest sports event for Yorktown and they came out victorious. After winning the first game and losing the next, the final game will be crucial and it will decide the game. Yorktown pulled together and came out victorious over Gettysburg, so they won the game 2-1.

Starting Monday night, Yorktown started enforcing the best ordinance for campaigning on the Yorktown floor. For those of you who don't know what the ordinance is, it consists of an American past-time. The ordinance states that if any candidate wants to campaign, they must first do the Truffle-Shuffle.

All of these things and many more make Yorktown the best town in Boys' State. The reasons are limitless, but no matter what we do, one thing is clear. Yorktown is the best town and will end up winning the whole competition.

VALLEY FORGE

By: Alex Varon

Congratulations on making it to day three in Valley Forge! Always busy, here is what's going on in Valley Forge:

After a quick and early morning start Valley Forge members experienced a long day of Preliminary meetings for their political party followed by State, County, and Political Action Committee campaigning. Results of the election have been posted today so congratulations to all those in Valley Forge who are hopeful for a position!

During the course of the day party ideologies were formed in coalition with party members of the other towns. This group debate helped to promote cooperation between different town members and form either the Nationalist and Federalist party platforms!

In other news, Valley Forge has seemingly garnered a highly positive reputation as one of the most courteous floors in Harper hall. Valley Forge hopes to be the victorious town at the end of the week and we will continue to battle other towns with war chants and our political officers, as well as with our skills in volleyball, football, softball, basketball, and pentathlon. Though we may not rise to first in the end we will all take away a positive experience.

FEDERALIST PARTY DEBATE

By: Steven Towne

Around 200 boys gathered in Richards Hall today. This formed the Federalist Party platform meeting. Many things were debated over whether or not a certain plank was to be included in the party's platform. The debate went from creating licenses for industrialized hemp to whether or not citizens should be required to wear motorcycle helmets.

Some of the planks were debated over much more than others. One of these was the plank about making a more efficient process for immigration. It was argued that this could possibly represent the fact that our party wanted to make it simpler for illegal immigrants to become legal immigrants. People argued that it was not fair to allow people who enter our country illegally to have the same rights as those who enter legally. In the end, it was decided that a separate plank would be made regarding illegal immigration. However, due to time constraints there was not sufficient time to put the plank into words.

In the end, some of the planks that were decided on include expanding agriculture in Nebraska, efficiently expanding other forms of energy, and making a more efficient process for immigration. All in all, the Federalist Party Platform meeting was a success.

MARKETING TO PERFECTION: PAC MARKETING STRATEGY

By: Chris Navrkal

We've all met those annoying salesmen who go door to door asking, at times begging, you to buy their product. At Monday's and Tuesday's PAC meeting, groups worked on how to promote themselves to candidates, legislators, and the general public. Many began by selecting and creating bills they would want passed, then moved on with how they would campaign.

On Tuesday, whether it be from education, gun control, agriculture, the Keystone pipeline, healthcare, or public safety, members from each PAC went floor to floor talking with other towns in order to promote themselves and ask for donations. Lobbyist also made themselves known among Governor candidates. By asking how candidates based their views on the PAC's position, some packs have looked at some candidates to support. Wednesday morning PACs will continue pushing for support by having a PAC fair. During this, people from other towns will have the ability to donate to PACs and become members.

Over all, PAC groups continues to work hard in marketing and communication with candidates will continue to grow.

BOYS' STATE VOTING PROCESS

By: Cody McBride

Voters in Boy's-State have been split into Nationalist and Federalist parties since their arrival and

also by town and county as well. Tuesday we held our county primary elections involving such positions as Sheriff, County Treasurer, County Clerk and several others. When we came down to the first floor of Harper Hall to vote we was split off into our respective parties Nationalists and Federalists and commenced vot-

ing on what we thought was the best candidates for the offices.



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GETTYSBURG

By: Jake Weskamp

In the last issue, I talked about why Gettysburg is the chilliest of the towns hear at Boy's state. Now I will talk about why we are the most talented.

We have this dude whose name is Joshua (I don't know his last name) who is very talented in doing card tricks. I mean like creepy talented. He has bet people that they couldn't figure out his card tricks, and has already won \$2,000 in boy's State funds for the town of Gettysburg.

At Gettysburg we don't believe in making people who are running for an office do crazy stuff, because we are cool like that. We think the towns that make their people lay on their backs to talk or rub their tummies before are overdone. At Gettysburg, we are better than that. Hoorah!

BUNKER HILL

By: Jake Weskamp

Welcome to day three of Boys State! Here's what's been going on in the town of Bunker Hill. Today Bunker Hill was up and ready bright and early. It was a busy day of listening to campaigns. First sitting at the state conventions, later sitting in our lobby at Harper Hall. With ballots sent in we all wait patiently to find out who will be in what position.

HONORABLE BOB KERRY

By: Trevor Sorenson

Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' Staters were given the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear from one of the most diverse United States Senate candidates that Nebraska has seen in a long time, Bob Kerry. Kerry, a Democrat, has served in the armed forces, as a governor, a senator, and a business leader in Nebraska for the past five decades. In his opening remarks, Kerry recalled a story of having his leg amputated following an injury in the Vietnam War. Kerry explained that the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, along with family, friends, and church, were extremely supportive in helping him to recover, both physically and mentally from his amputation.

Following opening remarks, Kerry took questions from the students. Questions that were brought up included issues such as the TransCanada

Pipeline, the Federal Reserve, the activities he participated in in high school, and how he would stop the current divide in the United States Congress. Kerry explained his views, but he also went farther, explaining how he reached his stance on key issues in America.

It was prevalent by the end of the session with Mr. Kerry that he was truly excited for the future of Nebraska. In a personal interview, Kerry explained that he was correct when he assumed that the students that attend Boys' State are truly the best of the best. He claimed that every year the students show an interest in the problems America is facing, to desire to hear another person's point of view, and are courteous and respectful.

He was also asked if there were any issues that he would use to appeal to conservative voters in Nebraska. Kerry emphasized that he supports Republicans in restructuring the current Medicare and Social Security systems, lowering corporate tax rates, and eliminating some regulations on businesses. He hopes to also create more partnerships between Republicans and Democrats to help combat America's problems.

NATIONALIST GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES

BRAXTON CUNNINGHAM FROM GETTYSBURG

By: Jack Thompson

Braxton Cunningham is the Nationalist Gettysburg gubernatorial for this year's Boy's State. Cunningham likes to market himself as a tea-party/ republican, with strong conservative values. He is an avid football player, and goes hunting regularly. He does not believe in strict government, and quotes Ronald Reagan in saying "government is not the solution to our problem. Government is the problem."

Cunningham plays guitar on his free time, and sings in his school choir. He lives in Beaver Crossing, a small town of 480. And he hates guys who disrespect women.

Earlier this year, Cunningham woke up and remembered a dream that had happened during the night. He dreamed that he had gone over to his friend's house to party. Never haven drank alcohol before, he had been misled into drinking an excessive amount of alcohol. Although he couldn't remember most of the dream, he remembered waking up in a smashed up car and being flown by a helicopter to a hospital.

In a few moments however Cunningham looked down at his hospital band and relived that it was not a dream. He had gotten drunk, had been ditched by his ride home, and had been pushed 500 feet by a train.

Although his car was totaled, Cunningham knows he has to stay out of the scrapyard, and not dwell on the past. He believes he has to spread his story, and has plans to talk at neighboring schools about the dangers of drinking and driving.



ABE DUSH FROM YORKTOWN

By: Nick Ovatt

You've probably heard his name shouted by Yorktown. But, other than that, you might not know much about Yorktown's mayor. Abe Dush has been nominated to serve as Yorktown's Nationalist candidate for governor. Dush believes, for the most part, in strong conservative values. He's pro-life, in favor of the Keystone XL pipeline, and believes that civil unions for same-sex couples will suffice. Although against gay marriage for historical and philosophical reasons, he understands the need for civil unions. He is also serious about getting votes. He understands that a strong Washington and Lincoln county are needed in order for the state to run effectively.



CARRICK PERLINGER FROM VALLEY FORGE

By: Zach Miller

What is there to say about Carrick Perlinger? He's the mayor of Valley Forge. Perlinger is a positive influence on his peers with his optimism and people skills. The characteristics that Carrick is already displaying as mayor lead me and many others to believe that he is a great candidate for Governor. Mayor Perlinger has values that make him superior to the rest. He is a great asset to the Valley Forge Town and we want to share with everyone one of the people that make our experience memorable and positive.



NATIONALIST GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES

DAVID STEINKRUGER FROM BELLEAU WOOD

By: Joshua Johnson

David Steinkruger was chosen as the Belleau Wood Nationalist party's gubernatorial candidate on June 4th. He is from Cambridge, and prides himself on his ability to relate to the common man. During our interview with him he stated that he is in favor of a flat tax, and that he is opposed to abortion if a heartbeat can be detected in the fetus. His most prominent issue, however, is his stance on the Keystone XL Pipeline. He said that he was in favor of the pipeline but that he wanted to change it's



route to the east. He says this is the better option for two reasons; the first is to protect the sand cranes in the west, and second, because the sand-hills in the west would mean that constructing the pipeline there would take longer.

HUNG VO FROM ALAMO

By: Trevor Sorensen

The candidate for the Nationalist nomination for governor is Hung Vo of Lincoln. Vo attends Lincoln High School. The main points of Vo's platform begin with stopping the inaccuracies that occur in our education system due to standardized testing. Vo also hopes to change the current foster care system in Nebraska to allow children to receive benefits past the age of nineteen. Throughout his campaign, Vo also has the desire to raise awareness for



youth involvement in adult decision making. He hopes that students will become interested at an earlier age in politics, and make their opinions known as the youth are the future's leaders.

THOMAS FRYKLIND FROM BATANN

By: Nicholas Flamme

Thomas Fryklind is the Bataan Gubernatorial candidate for the Nationalist Party. You may have possibly seen this candidate on your floor recently, spreading the word that he is working for not just eight Boy's State towns working against each other in rivalry, but for one Boy's State united and working for the better of Boy's State as a whole. He goes from floor to floor not only to campaign but mainly to make friends. T.J., as he likes to be called, is from Fremont and has got here not only by choice but he had to be chosen by his school administration. He enjoys three sports, wrestling, cross country, and track, and he really likes Mt. Dew. He is working from



strong Nebraskan values such as large support of agriculture, low gun control, and a resistance to unconstitutional government run healthcare. So if you see this candidate shake his hand and make his acquaintance.

PAYTON FLUCKEY FROM MANILLA BAY

By: Cody McBride

Payton Fluckey has been selected as the Manila Bay Nationalist Gubernatorial Candidate. Payton has been in the past the Manila Bay Mayor and has stood as a common man running for office. Payton has proven that he has strong leadership abilities while in his position as Mayor. Payton also is pro-life, for the Keystone Pipeline, leads positively, is



an honest hard worker, takes in everyone's opinion, and decides on what the majority wants.