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Walter Paul, Federalist
Gubernatorial Candidate

Vs.

Jacob Lambert, Nationalist
Gubernatorial Candidate



"Listening to the conversations of young men, One might think things had changed recently, and indifference is the popular virtue. But I rarely hear anyone profess indifference to a campaign. Why should you run for office? Why endure long hours in preparation for a fierce exposition that will leave you all but dead? Does anyone ask the question? Is there anyone who would not go through all its costs, and more, for the moment when anguish breaks into triumph, or even for the glory of having nobly lost? Is life less than a campaign? If a man will give all the blood in his body to win the one, will he not spend all the might of his soul to prevail in the other?"

- (Adapted)

Oliver Wendell Holmes 1886.



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Walter Paul Will Hear Your Calls

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-“Axes on Taxes”

-“The Glass Tax Policy”

-“End Assault on
Weapons”

-“Balance of Power”

-”Regresive/Progressive
Taxes”

-“Social Dollarism”

Trust Against Bust

Jacob Lambert, Candidate for Governor

My goal is to prepare our generation for the future by making sure our education system functions more efficiently and effectively, promoting agriculture and small farms, creating temporary and permanent jobs, transitioning to renewable green energy sources, and working to improve the great state of Nebraska to be the best that it can be. I would



be honored to represent you as governor, and would like to listen to and get to know each and every one of you. I have enjoyed meeting many of you, and feel honored to be amongst so many intelligent, free-thinking, and wise young leaders.

Thank you, and I look forward to representing you as Governor.

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Meet Your Gubernatorial Candidates

Jacob Lambert, Federalist Candidate

By Davis Erker, Bataan

If you are a Boys' State resident who has not yet been approached by our resident Celtics fan, you are among the minority. Jacob Lambert, a resident of Hickman, Nebraska and student at Norris High School, is the Nationalist Party's candidate for today's gubernatorial election. Jacob is quite involved in both his school and his community, participating in organizations such as: student council, show choir, speech, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and One-Act.

Jacob considers the role of Boys' State Governor as a representation and voice of Nebraska's young men politically. "I promise to do everything I can to represent

them well and advocate on behalf of them to the best of my ability." The foremost issues on Mr. Lambert's agenda as governor include addressing deteriorating communities in Western Nebraska, sustaining agriculture, and education reform.

With regards to specific issues, there is no definite spot to place the Nationalist candidate on the political spectrum. He is pro-pipeline, but says that the safety of Nebraska come first. Jacob has a rather unorthodox view on abortion; "I'm anti-abortion, but pro-life." He elaborates by explaining he views abortion as appalling, but doesn't see it as his place to take away the rights of women. As for the hot issue of guns, Mr. Lambert states, "I value the right to guns, but there is a line at the point when the wrong type of weapon ends up in the hands of the wrong person for the wrong

reason." Finally, Jacob is **3** against the government defining marriage altogether, regardless of sexual orientation.

Both candidates were asked in what ways they differ from each other, but neither was able to give a concrete answer until after the debate. It was quickly discovered that while Mr. Lambert is a passionate Celtics fan, his opponent, Mr. Walter Paul, is a die-hard Lakers supporter. As soon as this dissimilarity was discovered, it was only seconds before the two were on the ground, verbally enthralled in an all-out brawl that transcended politics. Only when the voice of reason and world's biggest San Antonio Spurs advocate, John Michael Hogue, joined the tussle was the issue resolved. What was the outcome? Well who's in the NBA Finals? So what does this mean for the governor race? Only time will tell.

Walter Paul, Nationalist Candidate

By John Michael Hogue, Bunker Hill

Walter Paul's path to Federalist nominee for Governor has been a long one. Although he remembers little about his native Uganda, his family's journey to America has endowed him with a special appreciation of the liberty and prosperity that abound in the United States. Although he may seem like the unlikeliest of candidates, that special appreciation has propelled his campaign and made a distinct impression on his supporters.

Mr. Paul's course from mayor of Alamo to finalist for Governor has showcased one of the hobbies he dedicates the most time to: speech and debate. In his two

years in forensics, Walter has made it to four national tournaments (most recently placing 10th in the nation in persuasive speaking), placed twice at state speech, and won State Congressional Debate.

Walter professes he is most passionate about education reform, and is betting that his pledges to lead the way on education and on the construction of the Keystone Pipeline will carry him the full distance.

However, a prominent roadblock on his path to the governorship has emerged. After the conclusion of the televised debate, sparks started flying between the two candidates when they found the area where they do disagree: the NBA. Walter, an avid Lakers fan, had nothing but trash-talk for Jacob's beloved Celtics, a challenge that Mr.

Lambert immediately responded to with strong words of his own. When this article had gone to press, it had still yet to be determined if the two would ever speak to each other again.

Should Walter's path conclude with a move into the Governor's mansion, he says that his first act as the chief executive would be the same as his last act when his service as Governor had concluded: to thank his citizens and supporters. He glows when speaking about his fellow Boys Staters, joking that all four hundred of us should be governor, and that our intellectual prowess would easily surpass Washington D.C.'s. His demeanor is marked by humility, and he feels like he is "no different from any other person here."

First Gubernatorial Debate

By Aidan Clarke, Bunker Hill

Last night, the first debate between the two candidates for governor took place. In the Federalist Party is Walter Paul from Alamo, and representing the Nationalist Party is Jacob Lambert. At the beginning, each candidate opened with statements outlining the focus of their campaign. Walter began by stating that he trusts in trust. By being honest and forthcoming, he hopes to re-establish trust in the government as George Washington wished for. Jacob started off with a strong focus on the future of leadership. The boys in attendance at Cornhusker Boys' State represent what the leaders of Nebraska will be like in the future, and stressed that everyone has a strong responsibility for the future. One of the questions addressed to both of the candidates was what exactly sets them apart from the other. Both of them share

similar viewpoints, as demonstrated by their answers to the various questions asked. In regards to reformation of education, both candidates support comprehensive education reform, stating that education shapes every individual's future. An important issue in Nebraska is the Keystone XL Pipeline. Lambert's stance is pro-pipeline, but with a revised route to take the environmental factors into consideration. Candidate Paul is quoted saying that the pipeline is, "Key to a Stone hard policy to EXcell". Both candidates see the pipeline as a boon to the local and national economy. The possibility of oil spills also brings up the issue of agriculture. Nebraska is one of the highest ranked producers in American in the Ag sector, and both candidates feel strongly that more measures need to be taken in agricultural education, as more awareness needs to be raised. Along the same lines, both stand firm in

their belief that both the rural and urban sectors are important to the Nebraskan economy and society, and neither should be relegated to the background. Staying true to the standpoints of many other Nebraskans, both believe that the right to bear arms given by the second amendment is very important. Walter stated that weapons are meant for defense. Jacob understands the value of firearms and advocates people to be trained and informed with their weapons. As the debate drew to an end, each candidate was given the chance to make a closing statement. Walter Paul reiterated his strong focus of trust in the government, as well as a call for transparency in media and government, while touching on a desire to axe taxes. Jacob Lambert ended by saying that he has a strong desire to listen to everyone that has a voice and wishes to be heard. Both candidates will be participating in a second debate this morning, making the final push to gain the vote.

Elements of the emblem



*From <http://www.legion.org/>

The rays of the sun

The rays of the sun form the background of our proud emblem and suggests the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.

The star

The star, victory symbol of World War I, also symbolizes honor, glory and constancy. The letters "U.S." leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.

Inner rings

The smaller of two inner rings set upon the star represents service to our communities, states and the nation. The larger outer ring pledges loyalty to Americanism.

The wreath

The wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States that liberty might endure.

American Legion

The words American Legion tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.

Outer rings

The larger of two outer rings stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled comrades. The smaller inside ring denotes the welfare of America's children.

PAC Session

Phil O. S, O'Raptor, Valley Forge

The Political Action Committee (PAC) meetings today were completed without incident. Many PACs chose candidates they were ready to put their support behind, and also began to purchase adds for their supporters. Some made plans to meet with the gubernatorial candidates they would support in order to come up with a more comprehensive campaign plan. The lobbyists for the PACs, however, went to the room under the dining hall to attend the legislative session and helped pass the bills that they proposed.

Legislature Session

James Demott, Manila Bay

Thursday's session of Cornhusker Boys' State legislature was punctuated with a mood of effectiveness and ambition. Major legislative attempts started with a bill reforming the educational system in the state. John Michael Hogue, author of the bill, answered questions and lead the congress through the process of amending the bill, ultimately passing it. The bill to reform education sought to do so with a number of bold changes to the current system. Initially, the bill sought to abolish the current system of tenure, which makes it difficult for teachers in both high schools and universities to be fired. The bill also initially sought to establish a voucher system that would give students seeking to go to private high schools the opportunity to do so affordably. Online education was also embraced in the bill, asking the university to offer accredited courses and to offer half of the

courses online. Hogue's bill also provided for a program which would forgive student debts if students lived in the state long enough as a method of combatting brain drain, a major problem facing the state.

After much debate and numerous proposed amendments, the bill passed without the provisions for the voucher system for individuals seeking to attend private schools. This is undoubtedly a big win for the state and the legislature. A bill to finance the construction of a high speed rail system which would service the states larger cities failed to gain widespread support after being labeled impractical.

The legislature began discussion on a bill drafted by Patrick Nolan which seeks to digitize the Veterans Affairs record system in order to streamline the organizations ability to provide services. The legislature will take up this and other important bills today.

Nationalist Party Caucus

Craig Thor, Bataan

The Nationalist Party held a caucus yesterday so that the Gubernatorial candidates could speak their mind and campaign.

After the candidates returned to their respective parties the candidates for governor began to talk about what they stood for. Jacob Lambert from Yorktown started the conversation off. He spoke of his unique experience of living in Lincoln but going to a school outside the city. Lambert explained that he was personable, easy to approach, and passionate about the office. He planned to reform standardized testing and raise minimum wage.

Next was Aidan Clarke from Bunker Hill. Clarke decreed that he plans, if elected, to address and

understand all issues and then take care of all of them. Clarke also plans to raise the minimum wage to a more reasonable level so that families can make ends meet. Clarke also plans to make the education system fair. **5**

Next was Samuel Lindblad from Valley Forge. Lindblad spoke on a platform of discussing all of the issues in order to get the best possible solution. He also spoke about raising minimum wage and increase education. Lindblad planned to increase education by increasing the payment of teachers.

Davis Erker from Bataan came next. He ran on a platform of increasing education by removing tenure and standardizing retirement benefits. He spoke of innovating the economy by hiring a commissioner to talk to businesses. He also talked of his personality, describing himself as being approachable.

Up next was Keenan Kremke from Gettysburg. He described himself as having strong Republican values. He believes in fairness in schools and the government needing to be there to help with the economy.

After Kremke came Cameron Schmueker from Manila Bay. Schmueker talked about how Boys' Staters are the future of Nebraska and want to raise minimum wage and create fairness in tests.

Jordan Walker came next. Walker is from Belleau Wood. Walker also believes in fairness in test. He also believes being positive is a good trait to have as governor. Walker was also a strong supporter of agriculture.

Scott Smith from Alamo came last. He wanted to grow the economy through having a balanced budget. He has a desire to lead and respect the office of Governor. Smith is also Pro-Pipeline, describing it as being a way to grow Nebraska's economy.

Keystone XL Pipeline

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for

Walter Paul



Bunker Hill Town Report

Aiden Clarke, Bunker Hill

Bunker Hill remains committed to excellence even when faced with others who may feel differently. In an incredibly strong showing on Wednesday, Bunker Hill swept all of the athletic events, emerging 4 and 0. After dinner at the joint session with the governor, the city stayed on good behavior. These efforts were acknowledged by the Red Shirts, as along with Belleau Wood, Bunker Hill received no Giggly Points. The following day at the General Election for state and county offices, Bunker pulled off an upset with none of their candidates for state positions winning an election. In spite of the disappointing results, the citizens of Bunker Hill remain dedicated to setting an example of good conduct to all other cities.

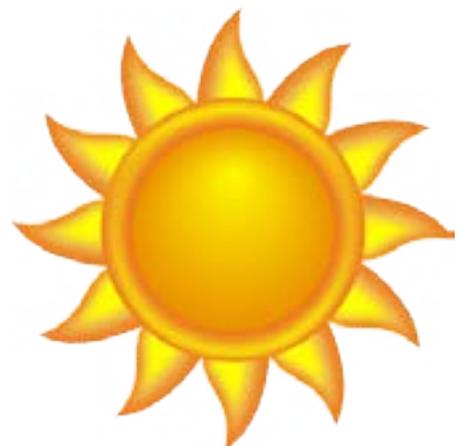
Manila Bay Town Report

Luciano Ramirez, Manila Bay

Manila Bay started off slow today. Even though many of us didn't get breakfast, we soon prepared ourselves for whatever Thursday's schedule hurled at us. We went to the flag raising we split off into our parties, listened to speeches, went to town hall meeting that involved the candidates. Manila Bay managed to survive the dreadfully dull health-care debate. The denizens of Manila Bay voted and went to our government sessions. Our town is doing well in sports, and hopefully nobody will try to assault anyone from any other towns from sports vendettas. Not much happened in our town today, and hopefully more interesting occurrences arise for Manila Bay.

Friday Weather Report

Today will be mostly sunny with a high of 76 degrees F. 0% chance of rain. 58% humidity. North wind at 7 mph speeding up to a SSE wind 10 mph. Low of 56 degrees F.



Bataan Town Report

Craig Thor, Bataan

The City of Bataan geared up for elections yesterday with multiple city members up for a position. The Nationalist and Federalist parties split up to go to their individual party meetings. At the beginning of the meetings, the parties sent all of their state election candidates to the opposite party's meetings in an attempt to win more votes. After the candidates returned to their own parties, the candidates for Governor were introduced and given time to talk about themselves and their platforms.

After the meetings elections started, once again the citizens of Bataan came out in force to vote for our candidates. In the end Bataan won five positions as well as two positions in the judicial system. This is big for the city of Bataan. The positions include Lieutenant Governor Trent Hays, Secretary of State Zac Cote, Public Service Commissioners Connor Barr, Trev Mumm, and Tom Waldo, for Lincoln County Associate Justices Joseph Benes and Shane Brichacek.

After the city council and school board meetings, the city prepared for the track meet and went out to win everything.

Yorktown Town Report

Micky Osten, Yorktown

Yorktown... there is no other town like it. In Yorktown we are always town bonding. Too many ways to writing them down. If I were to write them all down I would fill the whole newspaper. During the day we talked at the school board meeting about school consolidation. We had a few people in my town that had their school already consolidate. My school is going to co-op with another school. In the city council meeting we

made a lot of other ordinances. In my eyes we are the closest group. WHO ARE WE? YORKTOWN.

Belleau Wood Town

Report

Devin Mueller, Belleau Wood

After last night's session where Belleau Wood was NOT awarded any gigipoints the town came together and really became friends. Belleau Wood's goal is go through the entire camp without being awarded any point for any reason. This morning the floor was energetic as Walker tried again to get the floor vote. Sadly that was not enough but Walker put up a tough fight and was a good sport about the lost. In other news city counsel passed a new ordinance that does not allow any counselor to be late for any reason or they will be slapped. Although this may seem harsh this will assure that all fairness across the board.

Things That "Burn" My Mind

Zachary Burns, Yorktown

Besides disgusting or awkward things, have you ever seen things so stupid that you think they'll be in your mind forever? I know I have, and I was hoping with the brightest kids in Nebraska I wouldn't have to see another, but hey we're all human. For those of you just tuning in for the first time, I'm Zac Burns and you're about to get "burned", in the fourth degree. Yeah, that's not exactly an actual degree of "burns" but I'm sure you'll need some skin grafts for your brain, or maybe just a new brain in general. I'm not sure why, but whenever I leave the room some things just plunder into an internal pit of chaos. I went to the bathroom, and upon my return I returned to just hear the word "spanking" with an uproar of laughter. No one ex-

plained to me why spanking was brought up, but I'm just going to rest assured **7** that I don't need or want to know. Also, apparently it was necessary to bring up the ordinance referring to girlfriends and phone calls, except this time a clause was added dealing with texts as well. The only thing that bothers me, was no one heard or cared when one kid brought up "How about Facetime?" Regardless, I don't want to ever see the Facetime incident in my entire life, and next one. While we're on the note of ordinances let's bring into play "the stupid". The grammar of one of our ordinances got placed on our T.V. for being illegible and poorly worded. It got Jack Graham's approval for worst ordinance tone ever. Still, it wasn't the stupidest thing I saw in that short time frame. Someone, who will remain anonymous, plugged their phone in to charge. That doesn't sound too bad right? Wrong, what happened next confounds me. They placed the phone back into their pocket, and a minute later proceeded to walk away from the wall unplugging the charger and letting it drag behind them for a few steps before they felt the awkward tug on their pocket. I'll never forget that moment in my life, because in the middle of all the chaos, I was the only one who saw it happen. I am the one! As you can tell, today wasn't as eventful as other days, but I still hit gold. Or, I'm confused should I call it coal since it's great "burnable" material. Either way I've added to my awkward/disgusting/stupid things I've seen and heard. I can only hope for one thing! I hope that none of you ever walk away from a wall with a plugged in phone in your pocket. I mean, that's just asking for an electrical "burn".

Valley Forge Town Report

Ezra Effrein, Valley Forge

The town of Valley Forge had a rather... interesting day. As usual, the day began with the town groggily pulling themselves out of bed in order to shower and prep for another busy day at Boys' State. After another large breakfast, the town, like all others, separated into parties to hold the gubernatorial candidate caucus. Questions were asked, and the town's prospective candidate navigated them fairly well. Both parties concluded the caucuses and were brought back together to head to the next activity. A debate over the issue of health-care in the United States was held afterward. The debate went down fairly orderly, and, unlike the last debate session, did not end with any scorning from one of the participants. Both were very respectful of each other, and they encouraged the entirety of Boys' State to form their own opinions on the issue, rather than submit to one side. Once the debate had ended, the gubernatorial primary was held along with general elections for state and county positions. Lunch came next, followed by PAC and school board meetings alongside a session of the Boys' State legislature. But the city council meeting was when things really began to get strange. (By the way, I wish I were making this next part up, but as they say: "truth is stranger than fiction.") At first, the session started out rather normally. Ordinance was passed to help clean up the parks, and another one to bring in animal control to help deal with raccoon and deer feeding on the trash and lawns, respectively. Evidently lion attacks were also occurring. Then, issues involving gang violence in the less-privileged part of town were brought up. Af-

ter that, things escalated, as one citizen claimed that gang members were constructing a Class-2 nuclear weapon in his back yard. Evidently, the gangs had been using toxic waste that was lying around the town in the construction, and that they were also using bricks torn from the gold-paved streets to purchase materials. After much debate, it was decided that the FBI would be brought in to investigate the nuclear issue, as it was a concern of national level. One complaint arose about the waste and warhead situations, saying that the radiation from both sources had mutated wildlife (and citizens). An afflicted squirrel had evidently punched his now-three-armed daughter. It was decided that a team of scientists would be brought in to round up the waste and use it to perform experiments on local vagrants and volunteers in an effort to produce super heroes. It was also decided that the original road would be torn up and regular asphalt would be used. However, the shoulder lines would be paved in diamond and the center lines would be paved with spare gold. Obviously, money is no object in the quote unquote "small" town of Valley Forge.

Gettysburg Town Report

Tyler Cuellar, Gettysburg

Wednesday night Gettysburg was informed of bad news after our joint session with the girls. We received two giggys for misconduct and not giving the governor the respect he deserved. We had a serious meeting that night afterwards, we all agreed on instead of going downhill from Thursday on, we would learn from our mistakes and change our behaviors for the better. Gettysburg has also estab-

lished that we will not point fingers at our fellow Gettysburg citizens and blame them, we are a united town, we will win together and loose together but most importantly we will learn together and help each other out. From now on Gettysburg is a more respectful town and will respect those that are due for respect. On a more positive note! We are getting more chants and cheers, and our very own Seth Hackleman, and Caleb Compten got elected for county positions, so hats off to them! Other then this we are still having fun and progressing through the week.

Alamo Town Report

James Richards, Alamo

As Boys State winds down, so does Alamo. During Wednesday's city council session, the town passed a few ordinances, one of which designates a "nap time" in the middle of the day for about 15 minutes. Another ordinance was also passed which appointed the official manager of sanitation, psychology, and repossession. I currently hold this position, and am tasked with cleaning Alamo's lounge, repossessing valuables left in the lounge, and handling all complaints and mental disturbances with the citizens of Alamo. Yeah, it's a blast. Just kidding, it's alright, and it keeps the lounge clean and functional. Alamo is proud to hold some state, county, and non-partisan office positions after the general election as well as some judicial spots. All in all, Alamo is ready to finish Boys State on a high note.

Vote Me

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Walter Paul for Gov.
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With the 73rd annual Cornhusker Boys' State quickly coming to a close, the Primary Election was held at 11:30am on Thursday, June 6th. Results for the election were as followed:

State

Lieutenant Governor: Trenton Hays
Secretary of State: Zac Cote'
State Treasurer: Trevor Burr
State Auditor: Aaron Smith
Attorney General: Jack Graham
Public Service Commissioners: Connor Barr, Trev Mumm, Zach Mumm, Benjamin Kruse, and Tom Waldo

Washington County

County Sheriff: Seth Hackleman
County Attorney: Dylan Stuck
County Clerk: Cody Boche
Clerk of the District Court: Trevor Bengé and Quinn Michael Nelson
County Treasurer: Alex Hart
State Board of Education: Daniel Allgood, Ty Ogden, and Cole Weise
County Judge: Ethan Steiner
County Superintendent of Public Instruction: Jacob Burr
Public Defender: Caleb Compton

Lincoln County

County Sheriff: Tyler Ebeler
County Attorney: Zachary Kirby
County Clerk: Mark Dunn
Clerk of the District Court: Seth Gohl and James P. Richards, Jr.
County Treasurer: Taylor Kubik
State Board of Education: Connor Bentley, Dusty Chandler, and Hayden Geis
County Judge: Jon Freese
County Superintendent of Public Instruction: Cole Beebe
Public Defender: Dean Helgenberger