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welcome

Greetings:

It is with pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to the readers of this outstanding American Legion Boys' State of Kansas yearbook. It is my hope that in reviewing this yearbook some great memories of an important week will come back to you.

Your week at Boys' State was important for several reasons. First, you chose to attend. That may seem like a simplistic notion, but simply showing up to an event is something many people don't do. Our society today puts less and less emphasis on participation and more and more emphasis on simple observation of events. To agree to participate, you agree to the possibility of losing. For many that is too great a price, so they simply don't show up.

Second, you chose to step out of your comfort zone while you were at Boys' State. You may have made that a small step, or you may have made that a great leap, but in any event, I thank you for being willing to speak up for your beliefs. Again, today's society tells us that it is far better to remain quiet, and that we should not rock the boat. The fact is many boats need rocking.



Finally, now that you are back in your comfortable surroundings, I hope you are taking the time to interrupt the conventional conversations in your community. I hope that when you are presenting new ideas in your school, congregation and community you are willing to challenge the phrase 'we have never done it that way.' Few significant success stories come from already successful people. Most people fail (not fall) into success. Hopefully this week of comfort zone stretching has inspired you to fail into some great things.

Pass along Kansas' best kept secret, The American Legion Boys' State of Kansas, to next year's eligible delegates.

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history

"To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation," is the purpose of the American Legion Boys' State program. It was organized by the Department of Illinois in 1935. The Department of Kansas, holding Charter No. 5, was among the first to institute this week-long government-in-action program. Now, virtually every state department of the American Legion has its own Boys' State because of the program's ability to educate youth in practical politics and government operation.

The American Legion Boys' State of Kansas was headquartered in Wichita for 26 years before moving to the campus of the University of Kansas in 1963. It stayed there until 1992, when the program moved to Kansas State University.

The Boys' State program is available to any high school senior-to-be who meets the academic standards and demonstrates leadership potential. Civic and church groups as well as American Legion Posts sponsor delegates to this fine learning-by-doing, youth-in-government program.

Almost 50,000 young men from across Kansas have participated in Boys' State and performed nearly every function of city, county, and state government. Former delegates, members of the American Legion, and Sons of the American Legion return each year to serve as counselors and advisors for the program. Many of them work year-round on ways to improve the curriculum and structure of the program.

During each session, two Staters are chosen by their peers to represent Kansas at the American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. In doing so, they participate in a learning-by-doing program that focuses on our government at the national level.

SUNDAY | registration

The week began on a cool Sunday afternoon as the delegates arrived in Manhattan. Following registration, they began a fast-paced schedule of orientation meetings and team building activities. The first difficult question facing the delegates was deciding what position they wanted to run for.



1. Executive Director, Thane Chastain, answers the question "What have you gotten yourself into?"
2. Kansas Insurance Commissioner, Kathleen Sebelius, addressed the delegates on Sunday.
3. Coordinator Rob Maddux speaks to State.
4. "Hey Mike, is this the line for cheesy poofs?"





1. "Congratulations, you're all mayors now!"
2. Federalist Party candidates Nicholas Carnes, Patrick Bengtson, David Parkinson, Daniel Schumate, and Phil Burrows.
3. Nationalist Party candidates Paul Day, Staff Johnson IV, Austin Bolter, Jason Trimble, and Travis Clark.
4. Ron Thornburgh, Kansas Secretary of State, speaks to a group of Staters during the Whistle Stop Tour.



On Monday, the government began to come together. All State Associations were present at the Political Fair for the Staters to get to know their party's stance on popular issues. After listening to Primary Election candidates in the afternoon Whistle Stop tour, Staters voted for their party's candidates for state offices in the primary election. The city officials that were elected on Sunday night worked during the day on their City Projects.

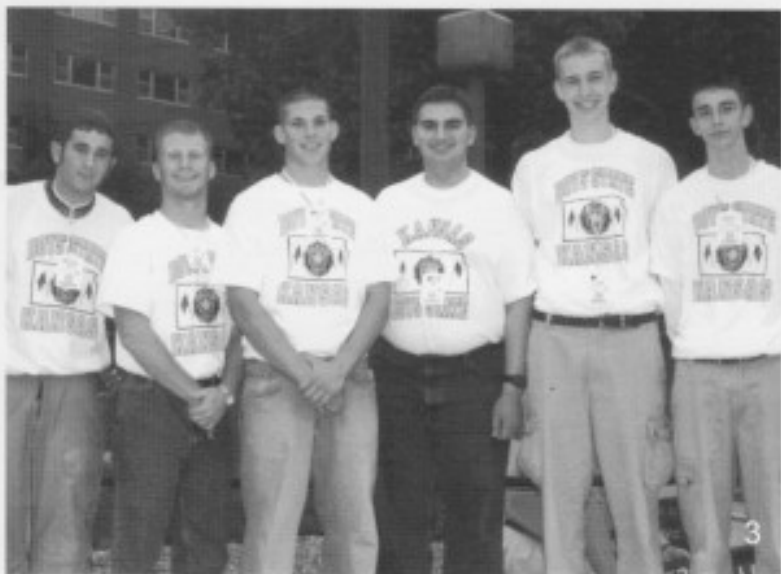
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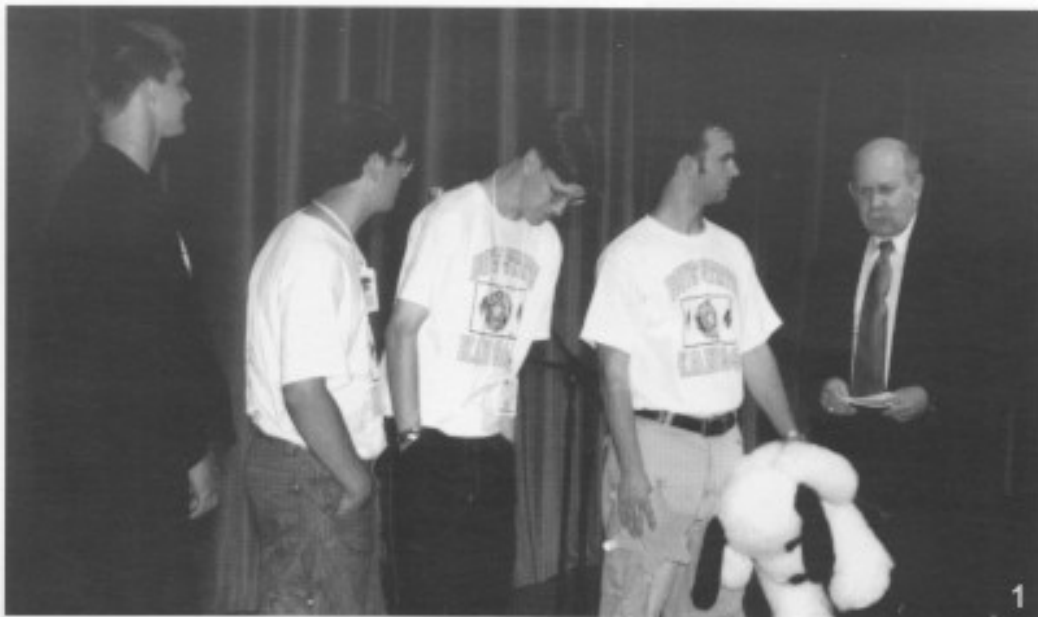


1. Newly elected Governor Nicholas Carnes celebrates with his county.
2. Kent Glasscock, Kansas Speaker of the House, addresses State on Tuesday evening.
3. The newly elected State Officers: Gov. Nicholas Carnes, Lt. Gov. C.W. O'Brien, Sec. of St. Jason Trimble, Atty. Gen. Patrick Bengston, St. Treas. David Parkinson, and Com. of Ins. Phil Burrows.

TUESDAY | general elections

On Tuesday, most delegates worked on their respective city projects until lunch. The State Candidates' Debate provided the candidates a forum to answer questions in front of the entire State. The general election was held after the debate. By Tuesday evening, all branches of the Kansas Boys' State government were operating following orientation sessions for the newly elected and appointed officials.





1. Kansas Court of Appeals Justice, Joseph Pierron and friends act out a court case.
2. Tanner Lucas and Jacob McCallie work diligently during counselor grading.
3. "Wes, did I just run over that cone?"
4. Boys Nation Executive Director, Ron Engel speaks to the Delegates on Wednesday.

With general elections and appointments now behind them, all government branches were up and running early Wednesday morning. Associations, ten district courts, the House and Senate, county commissions, and all the other offices worked on their projects. After dinner, Staters marched to McCain Auditorium to enjoy the annual Boys' State Talent Show.

talent show



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1. John Parsons
2. General [Radford] Patton and his troops
3. Eric Benavidez
4. Landon Tucker and Lance Miller
5. Staff Johnson IV
6. Jeff Coverdale
7. Andrew Bates
8. Arthur Peters
9. Janny Foerschler performs a Matt Foley skit.
10. Michael Moeder, Jeremy Wagner, Spencer Sward, Thane Chastain, and Jared Han
11. Daniel Sobrevinas
12. Joey Ernst
13. Caleb Kruckenberg



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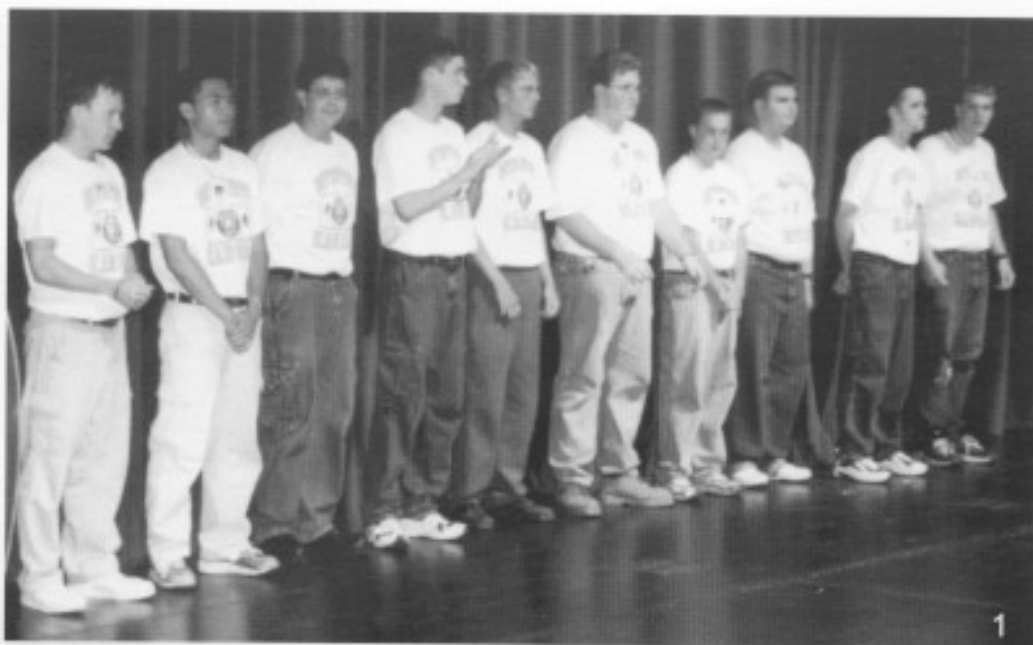
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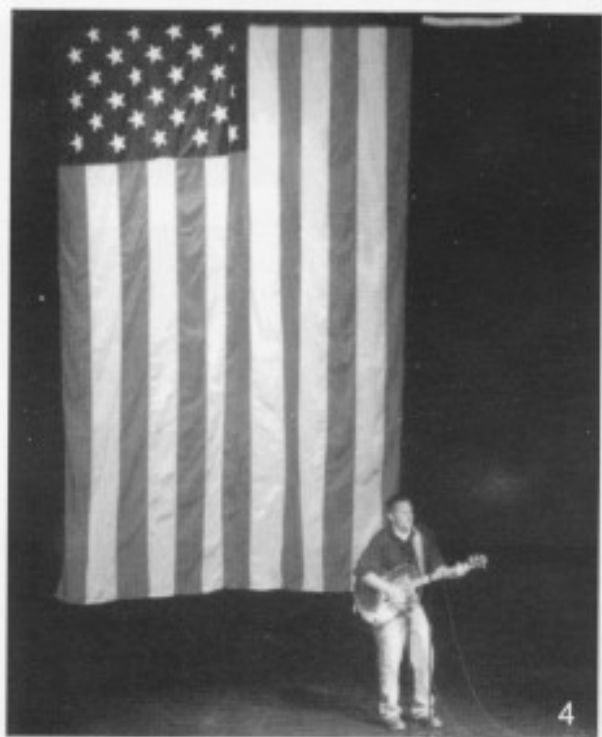
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1. The candidates for U.S. Senator spoke to the Delegates Thursday night.
2. The Boys' State Chorus during their concert on Thursday.
3. The Boys' State band performed on Thursday as well.
4. "Bye, bye Miss American Pie."

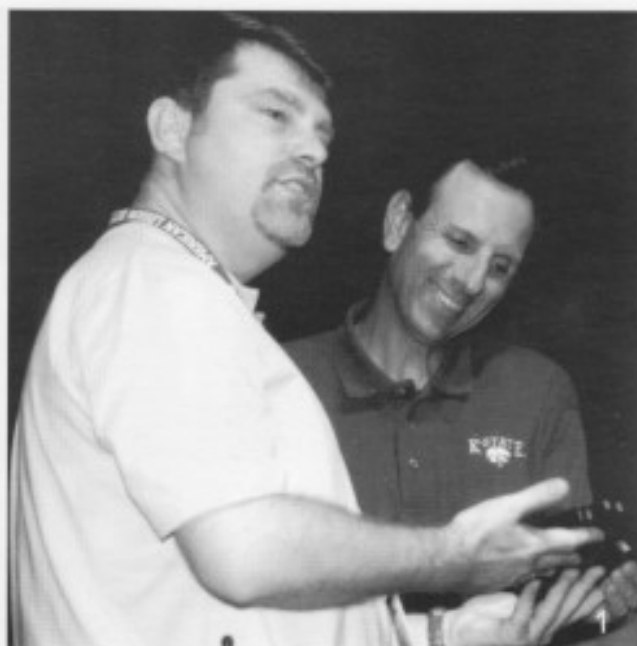


On Thursday, all state agencies were busy hearing from cities, counties and associations. Through each of their projects, each branch of the Boys' State government played an active role in developing economic and social policies. Later that evening the Staters assembled at McCain Auditorium, this time to be an audience for the Boys' State Band and Chorus, followed by the speeches from Boys Nation candidates.

t HURSDAY | band & chorus

fRIDAY | inaugural celebration

Friday was the final day of governmental operations as legislation continued to be passed until the last minute. Championship matches were also held during recreation. Following the competition, Delegates gathered around the tennis courts for a pig roast followed by the Inaugural Celebration at the K-State Union. On Saturday morning, the Delegates were joined by their parents and other guests for the Closing Ceremonies of State.



1. Jeff Schrag thanks Dean of Students Pat Bosco for his years of service to the program.
2. Delegates enjoy the pig roast outside Marloff Hall.
3. "I wanna be like Mike."
4. Newly elected U.S. Senators alternate Khampadith Choleunsouk, Delegate Dustin Galyon, Delegate Patrick Bengtson, and alternate Chase Dahrke.





counselors



1. The IT Counselor Staff.

2. The Events Counselor Staff.

3. Eric flexes his grading muscle.

4. TJ Rothwell hard at work once again.





legionnaires



1. The 2001 Advisor Staff

2. Department Commander, Elgin Wahlborg speaks to State on Monday

3. Military Veteran Advisors were recognized on Tuesday night by the war in which they served

4. Thane and the K-State support staff.





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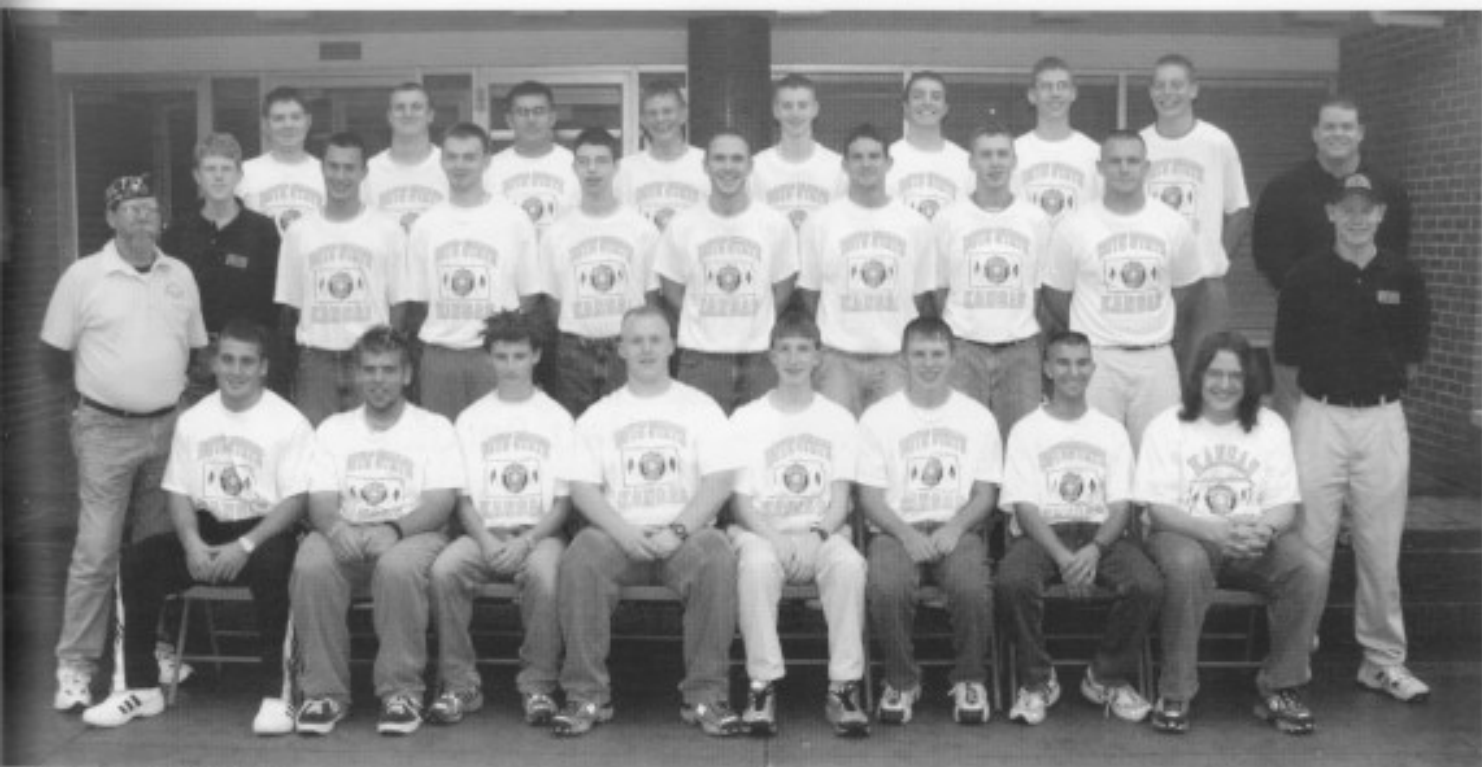
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a week to change a lifetime



These are the memories that you created over one week in the summer of 2001.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 3rd wondering what exactly to expect. Suddenly you were thrust into a high-paced, cooperative, and very involved program. The tasks of creating and maintaining a working government were placed in your hands. Hopefully through this program you were able to see exactly what kinds of decisions our society is faced with. Elected officials have the incredible tasks of creating legislation to protect their constituents' rights, while at the same time maintaining financial and social stability. One evident message of our program is that it is not easy to be a leader. We

hope that you not only found opportunities for great success, but that you also faced the chore of overcoming a sound defeat. It is in these instances where a leader proves his worth, and you have undoubtedly taken this message from The American Legion Boys' State of Kansas.

So it is up to you, and you alone, to overcome the failures and struggles that life will present you. Democracy, the most effective form of government, is dependent on involvement. We are taking for granted that you will certainly be involved, but we challenge you not only to become involved but also to become a leader, that extra step beyond simple participation, within your communities.

Democracy is not limited to the realms of Topeka and Washington. Democracy exists in your homes, schools, congregations, and workplaces. There will be times in your life when you will be faced with a situation that you do not agree with or that you feel is unfair to you or someone you know. As difficult as it may seem, it is not only your right but your responsibility to use the knowledge and skills you gained from our program to help yourself and your fellow citizens do the right thing.

No matter what you think about what has happened in the past, or even what is happening now, you have the opportunity to change the future, and that is what is great about America. In a very short time a couple hundred years' worth of progress will be handed to you. What will you do with it? Will you be content to stand still? Will you move forward? The decision is up to you and no one else.

Serve your community and serve it well. We wish you the best of luck in your endeavors, and we hope that the American Legion Boys' State of Kansas helped you along the way.

The 2001 American Legion Boys' State of Kansas Staff

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