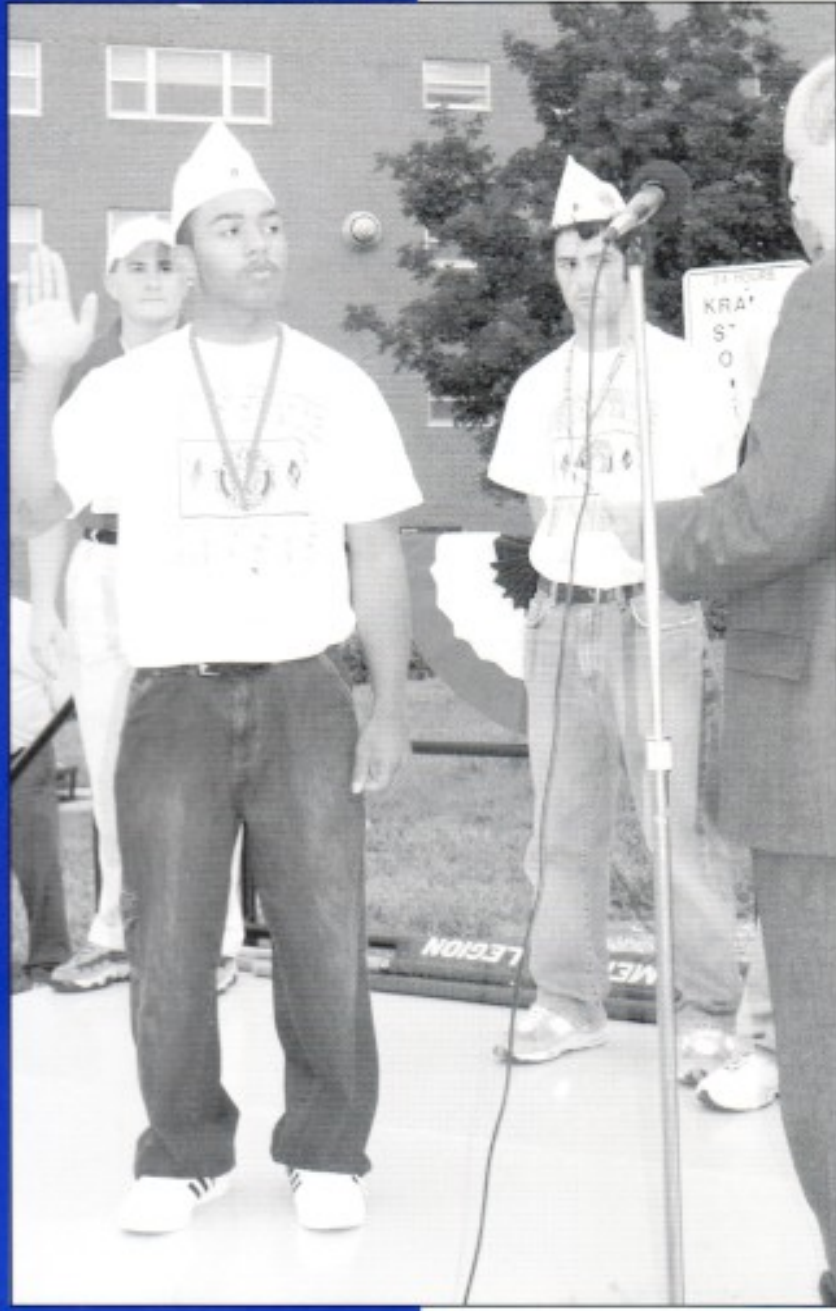


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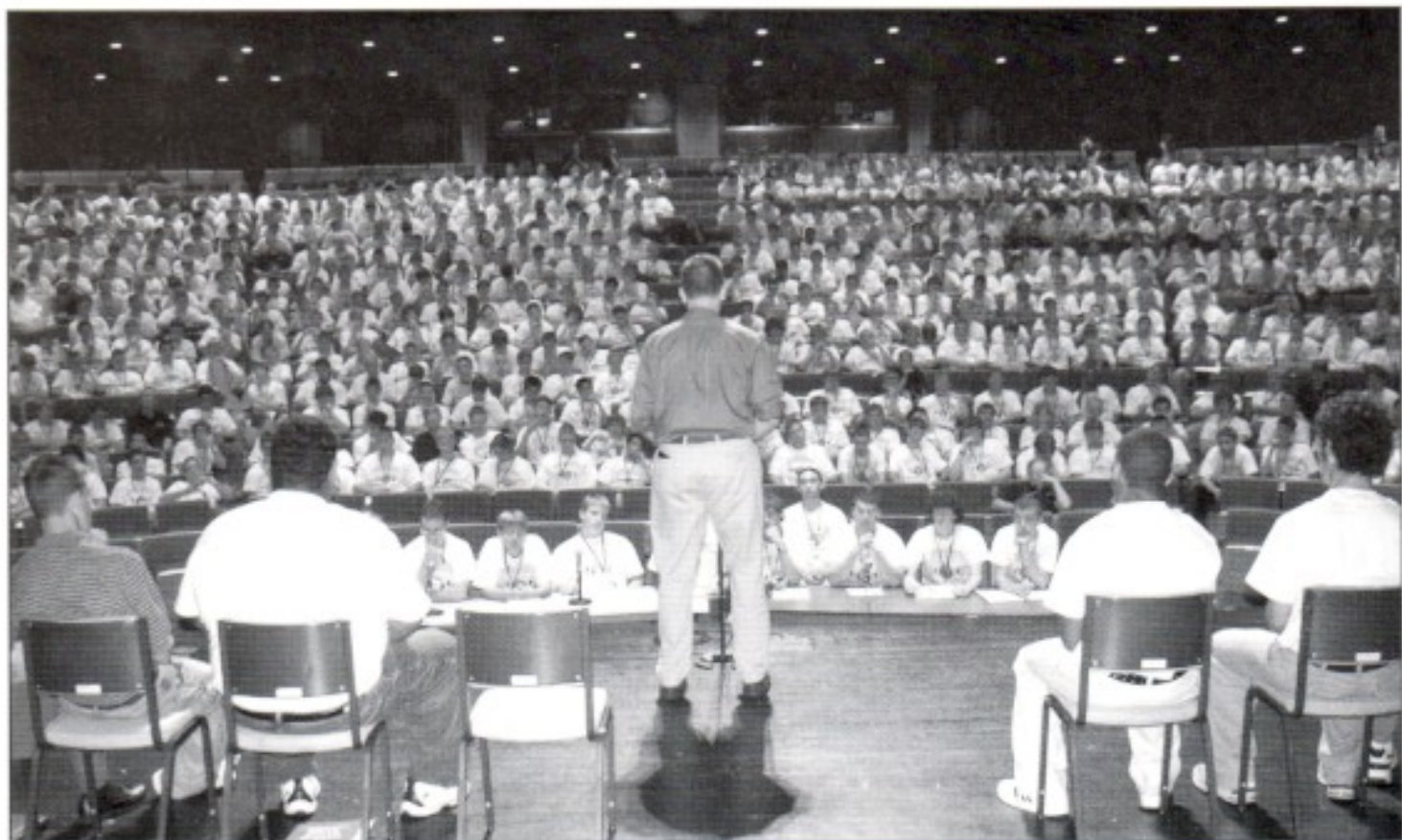


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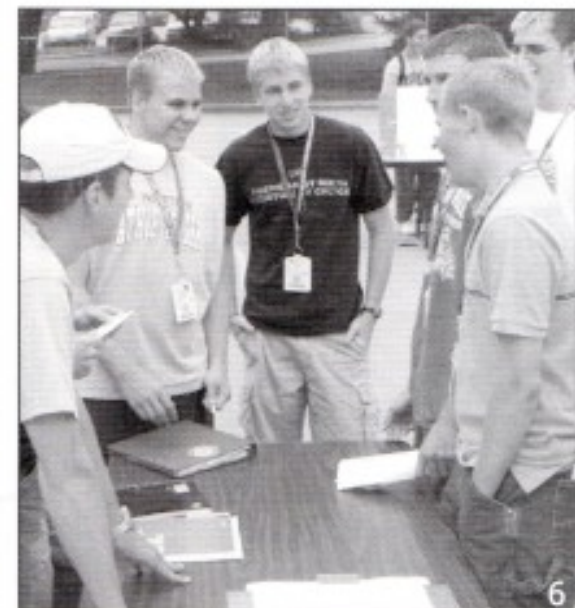


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next session June 15 through June 19, 2004

1. Secretary of State, Ron Thornburgh, makes his way through the Whistle Stop.
2. The Political Fair is a chance for delegates to campaign in front of a larger audience.
3. Mardell Maxwell speaks at the Nationalist Party Convention.
4. Mayors being sworn in Monday evening.
5. Pumping up the crowd at the Federalist Party Convention.
6. The Political Fair is also a place for Associations to rally support.
7. Frances Swensen shares her birthday with us this year.
8. Federalist Primary winners, Casey Bleeker (G), Kevin Mullins (AG), Jonathan Hooker (T), Bradley Cox (SoS), Erik Buell (Col).
9. Nationalist Primary winners, Mardell Maxwell (G), Kethley Lake (AG), Wade Walker (T), William Puetz (SoS).



MONDAY



1. State office winners, Mardell Maxwell (Gov.), Andrew Winetroub (Lt. Gov.), Keithley Lake (Atty. Gen.), Wade Walker (Treas.), Bradley Cox (Sec. of State), Eric Buell (Com. of Ins.).
2. Executive Director Jay Shelton congratulates Mardell Maxwell.
3. Casey Bleeker, Federalist Party Gubernatorial candidate at the Candidates' Debate.
4. Mardell Maxwell, Nationalist Party Gubernatorial candidate at the Candidates' Debate.
5. Judge G. Joseph Pierron swears in Mardell Maxwell as the new Governor.

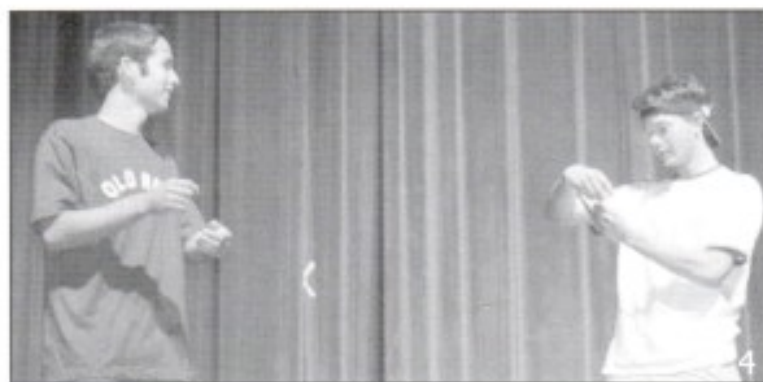


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A look at afternoon sports activities at the 2003 session of the American Legion Boys' State of Kansas.



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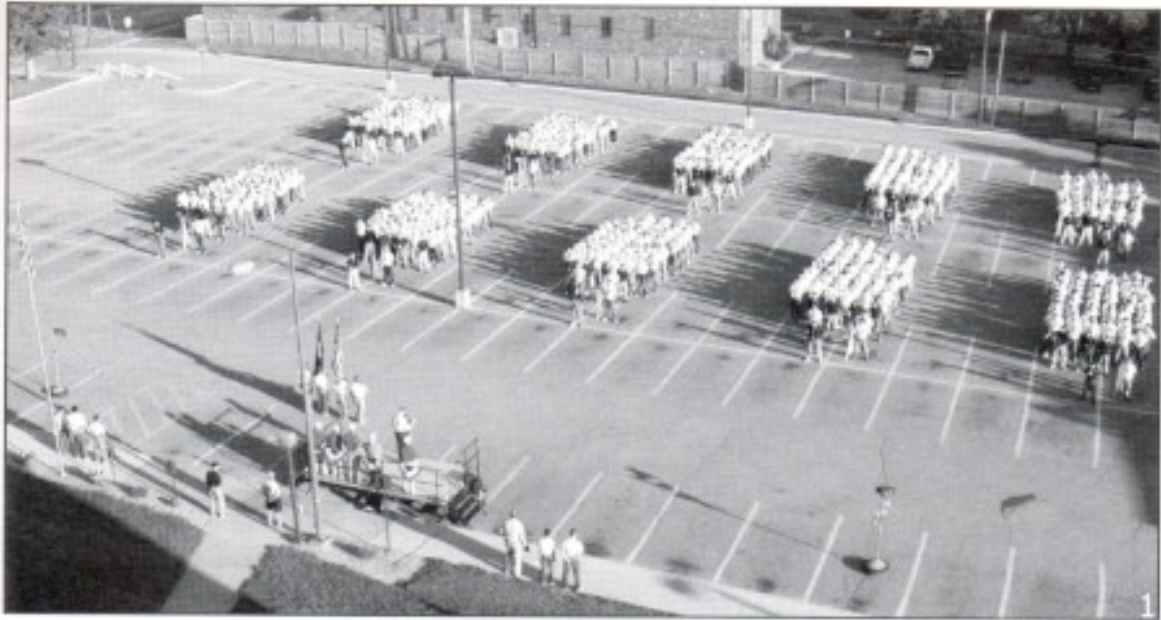


1. Matthew Grigsby
2. Carl Amerine
3. Ben Byard
4. Daniel Usera and Travis Lechtenberg
5. Brian Waldon
6. Ben Byard and Peter Leonhard
7. Benet Braun
8. Cody Willnaur
9. Ben Proctor
10. Eric Linville
11. Rex Gardner and Tanner Lucas
12. Nick Weiser

1. The lunch ladies are always a pleasant break in the day.
2. Brady Butler and County Counselor Jason Trimble at the college fair.
3. Tanner Fortney speaks at McCain.
4. The Boys' State Highway Patrol in action.
5. The college fair in Kramer Dining offered delegates the chance to see many of the state's colleges and universities.
6. The American Legion Boys' State Chorus.
7. The American Legion Boys' State Band.



THURSDAY



1. A view from the top.
2. Boys Nation delegates Quinton Cheney and Derek Carlisle and alternates Jeffrey Thompson and Lucas Short.
3. The Friday evening banquet was outstanding!
4. Travis Clark plays Taps at our evening ceremonies
5. John Mulhern, Banking Center Advisor, receives the Advisor of the year award from Associate Director, Allen Klassen.

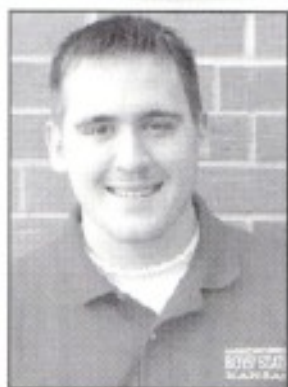


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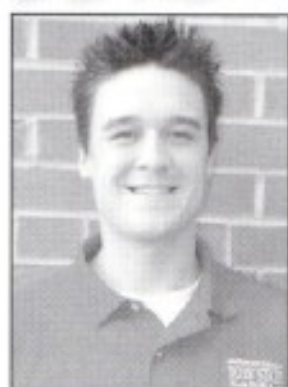
Kristofer Bain (C)



Lee Urban (C)



Mike Zimmers (C)



Tanner Lucas (C)



George Rothwell (C)



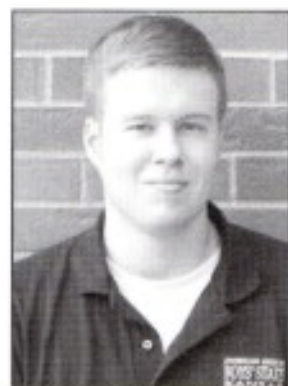
Adam Doyle (I)



Andrew Higgins (I)



Christopher Swartz (I)



Colin Tuggle (I)



Seth Bridge (E)



Glenn McMurry (E)



Ken McNickle (E)



Michael Moeder (E)



Steve Pearce (E)



Ben Procter (E)

Coordinators (C)
IT Staff (I)
Events Staff (E)

Not Pictured:
Mike Schlotterbeck (I)
Shiloh Dutton (E)



Rick Raven (E)



Tim Yeado (E)

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1. Jim Schroer
2. Jim Cook, 4th District Commander
3. Lester Paul
4. Damon Christensen



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Zac Ewert - Aylward
Russ Lunderer - Birk
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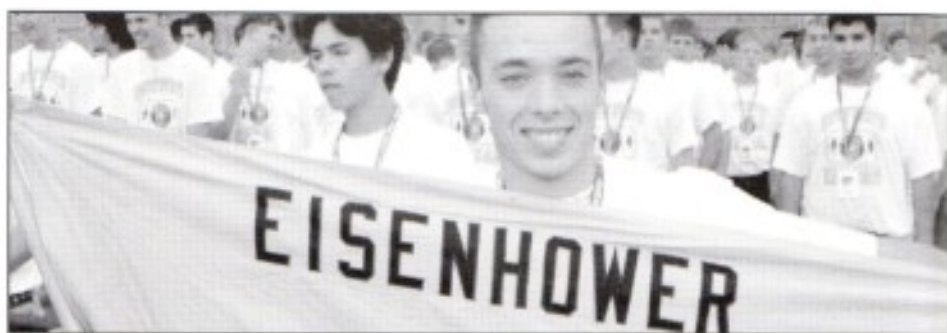
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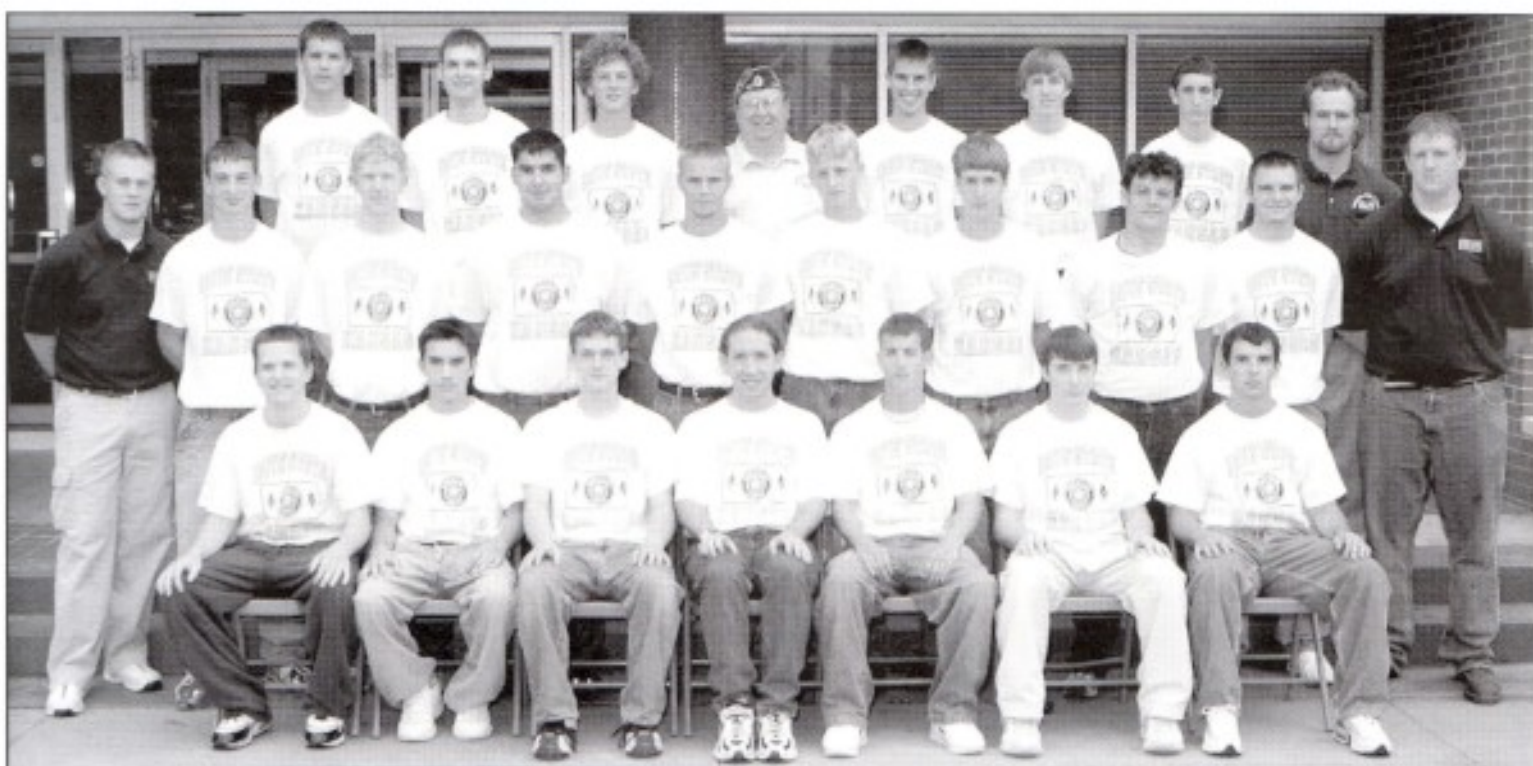
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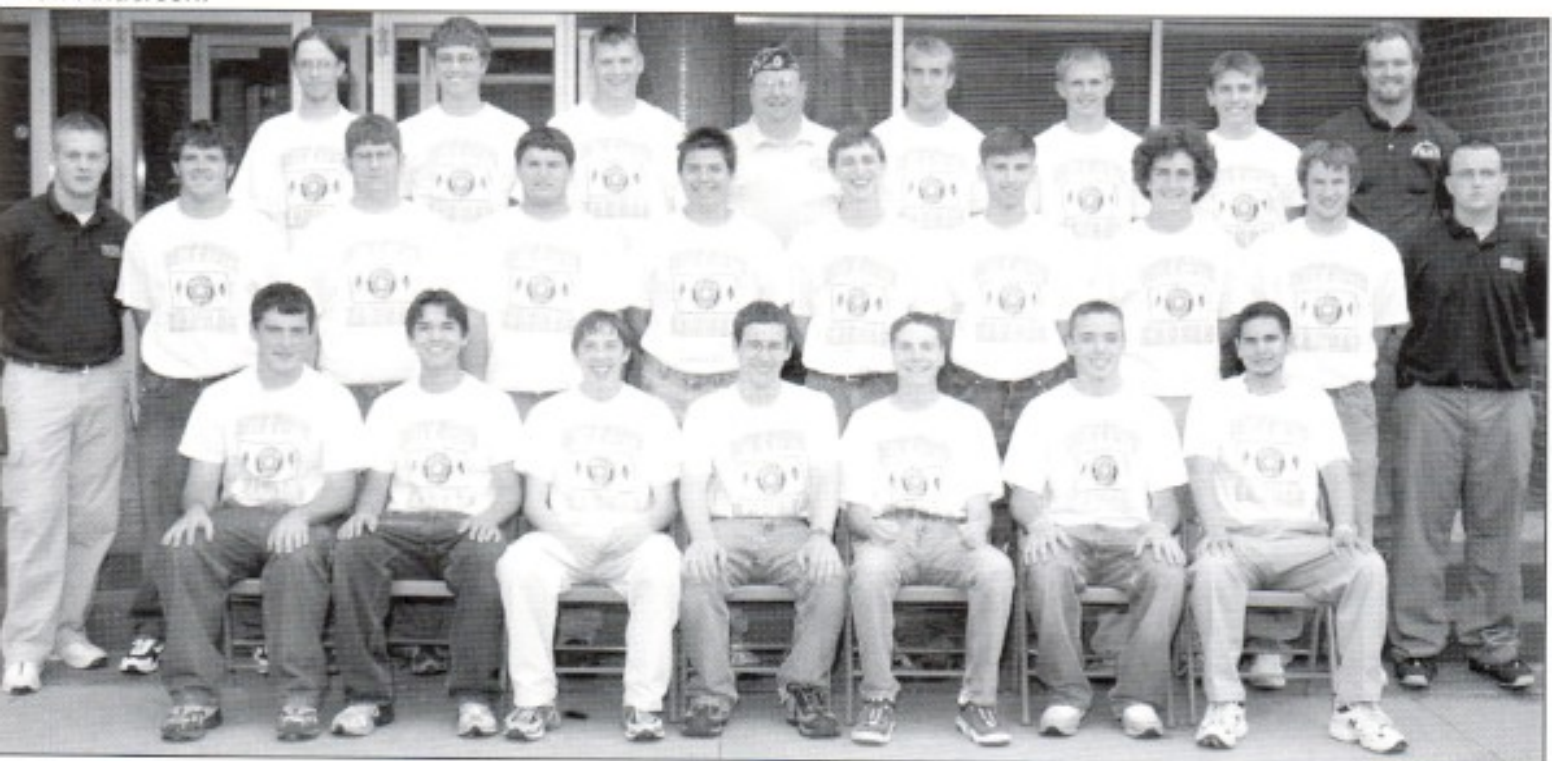
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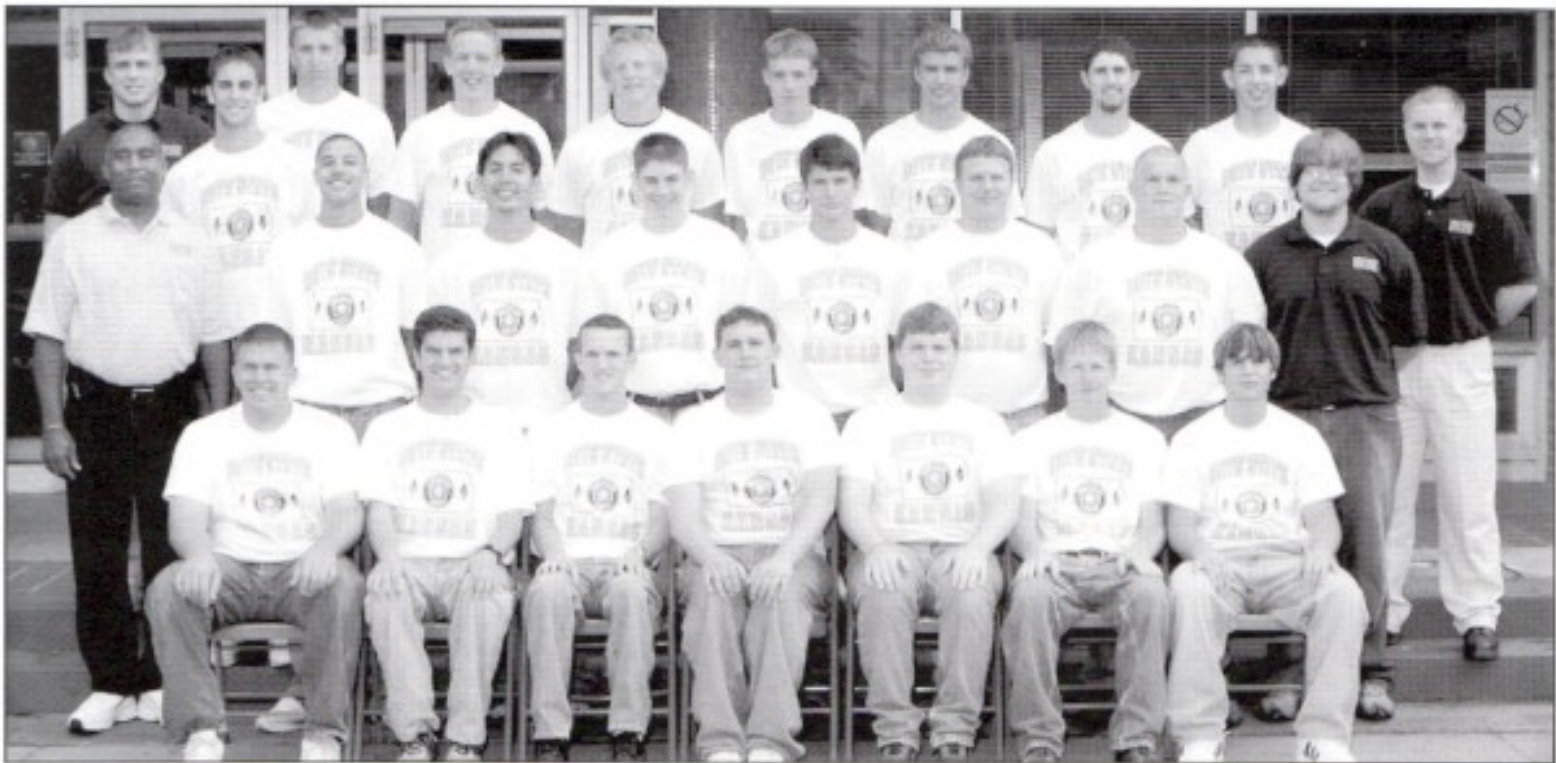
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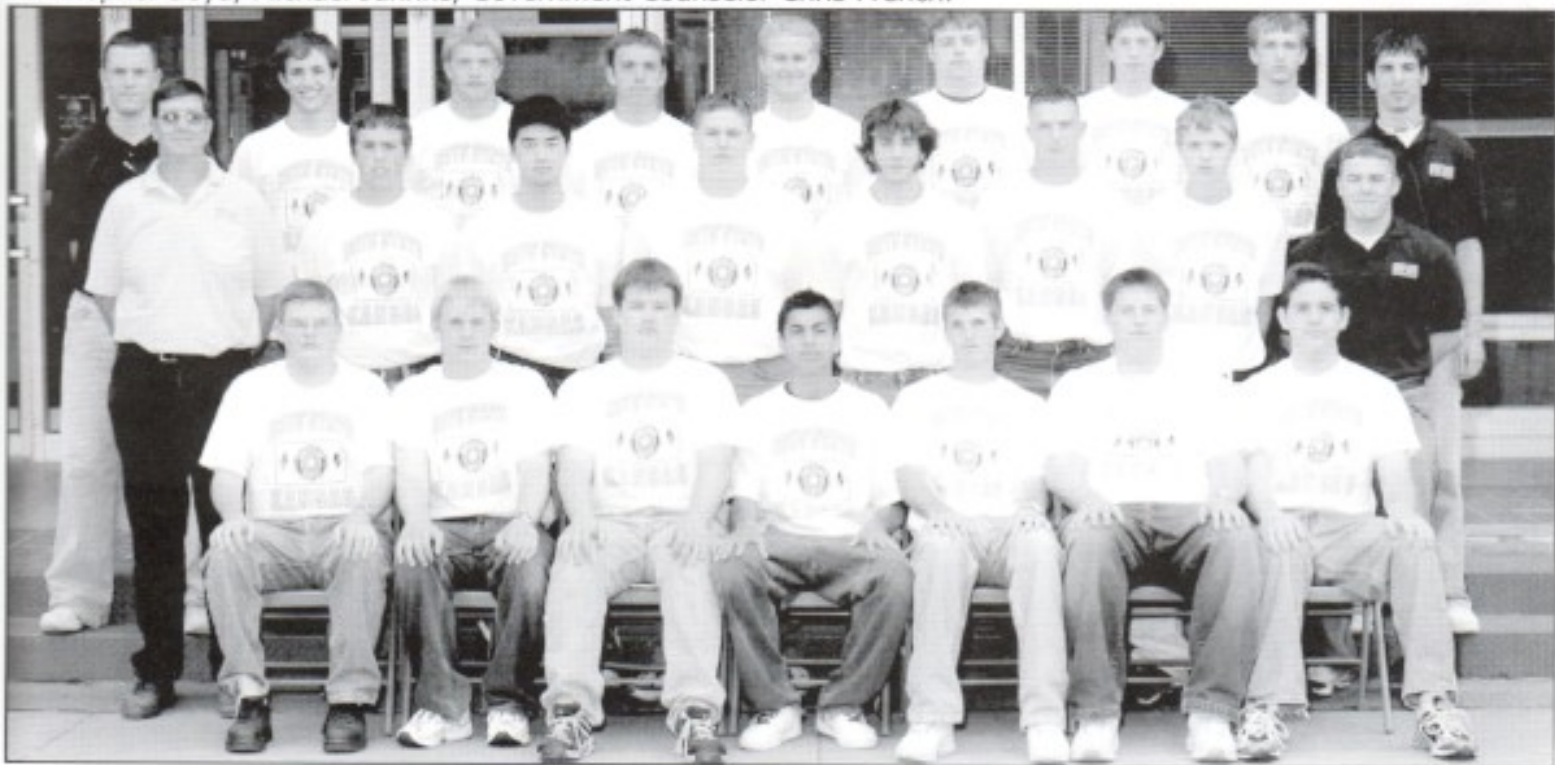
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These are the memories that you created over one week in the summer of 2003.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 1st 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.

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.

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