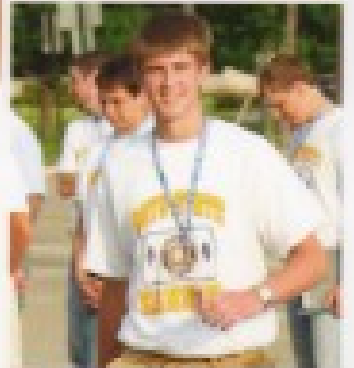
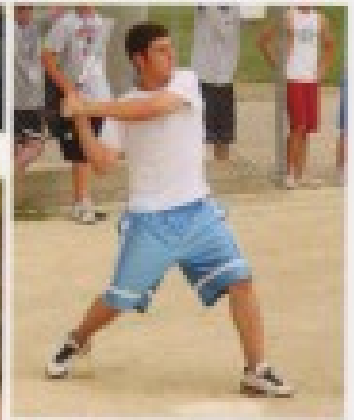
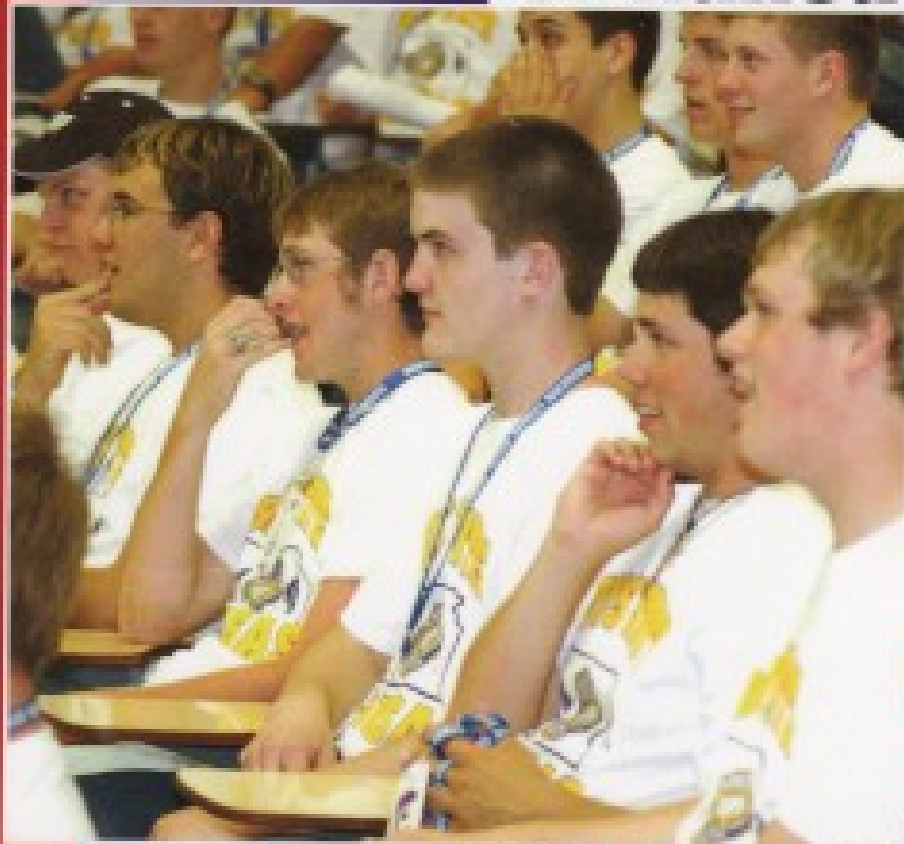


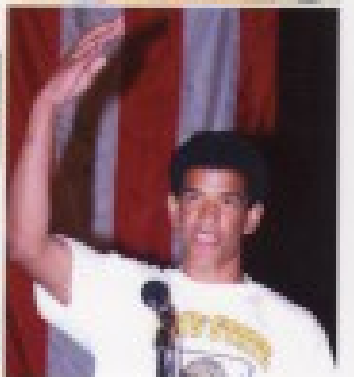


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Welcome

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One of the things we say a lot on Sunday of Boys State is "get involved," and here's one of the reasons why...

Over the years at Boys State, I've watched Staters get very emotional about the program, especially at the last Friday and Saturday meetings. Guys are sometimes nearly sick about having to go home, not because they chased something there, but because they don't want to leave. I used to ask myself, "why?" Then I think I figured out one reason - certainly not the only one, but I think it applies.

They, you are worried it will never happen again. Guys worry they will never again feel so connected to a program and to other friends. They worry they will never enjoy a program like this again. They worry, or even fear, that they will never find an event or experience that matches Boys State.

I'm here to tell you, you are probably wrong, and that's a good thing.

You WILL go through experiences that rise to the emotion you got from Boys State. Of course it's easier if you come back as a counselor, but there are plenty of other programs and activities that will match or maybe even exceed Boys State. Maybe it will be a theatrical production you are in at school, or a state-championship sports team, or a church youth group retreat, or a family vacation. The point is, you CAN be a part of other emotionally satisfying activities if you choose to, but there's always a *but* you have to participate - "get involved" - as much as you did here at Boys State.

If you sit back and try to let it happen around you, the emotional satisfaction probably won't be recreated. You have to be a part of it, maybe lead it, expose your emotions, recognize the value of that activity and help others experience it to the fullest.

Now that it's several months or maybe even years since you were a Stater and you read this, I hope you remember your emotions at the end of Boys State. I also hope you have been involved in other activities where you helped other youth do the same thing. We as counselors and advisors are renewed every year when we see and experience those emotions around you and with you. But we had to get involved for that to happen. So you too need to participate in events, like Boys State, that have the potential to benefit and teach others.

Thank you for getting involved in this year's session of Kansas Boys State. Each one of you made a huge contribution to the success of the program.



History

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"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 1925. The Department of Kansas, holding Charter No. 5, was among the first to institute this week-long government-in-action program.

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 1953. 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. 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.

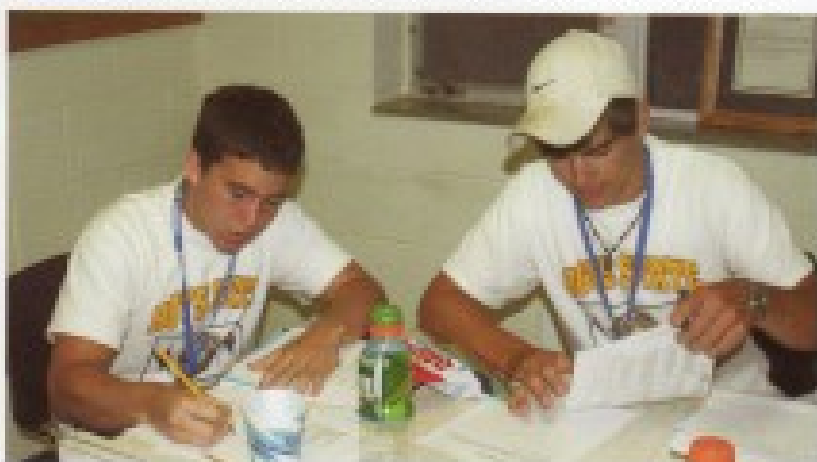
Sunday

1. Thane Chastain thanks Delano Lewis following his address
2. Delegates await instructions in Kramer

3. Rex Gardner greets delegates upon arrival
4. Moving in to the residence halls
5. Registration



In June of 2007, 450 young men from across Kansas converged on the campus of Kansas State University for the 70th session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas. After registration, delegates moved into the residence halls to make new friends



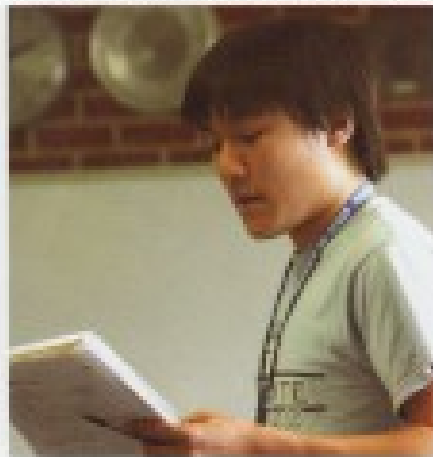
and begin a week to change a lifetime. Cities and counties met for the first time, and then delegates marched to McCain Auditorium for opening ceremonies. Delano Lewis delivered the keynote address, recalling his experience as a delegate to Boys State. That evening delegates faced their first challenge — running for a government position. For city officials, county commissioners, and district court judges, work began immediately as they were confronted with their first project. For state office candidates, the campaign had begun.

Monday

Monday



By Monday morning, the candidates were out campaigning in full force. The political fair provided a forum for candidates to share their stance on popular issues. Political action committees were given the opportunity to endorse candidates and help fund



their campaigns. At the Whistle Stop Tour, state office candidates delivered speeches to the citizens of Boys State. The voters listened and weighed each of the candidates position on the issues before casting their ballots. The winners of the primary election were announced after supper. Amidst the hustle and bustle of candidates campaigning, local governments continued to address issues facing their communities. Later that night, the Federalists and the Nationalists held their annual party convention before making their final push in the general election.

1. Governor candidate Tobias Wilson speaks at the Federalist Party Convention

3. PACs visit with candidates at the Political Fair

4. Candidates speak at the Whistle Stop Tour

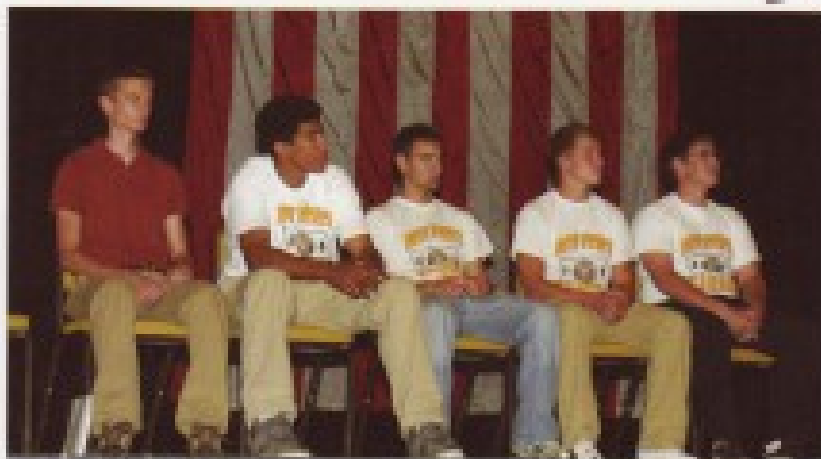
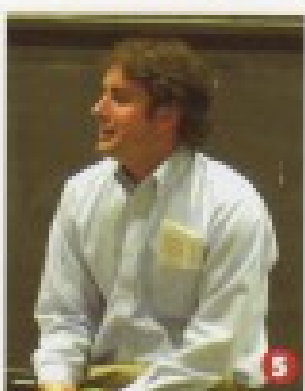
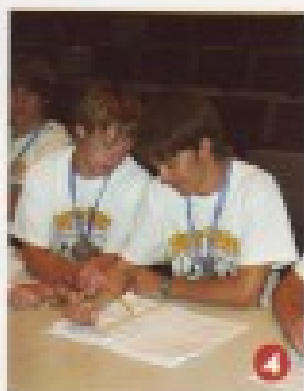
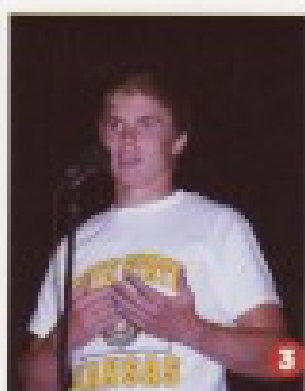


Tuesday

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1. Joe Blessing at the candidates debate
2. Debate Committee
3. Joey Stromberg responds at the debate

4. Members of the Debate Committee
5. Representative Josh Svaty speaks at the Town Hall Presentations



With representatives from each of the political action committees, the debate committee met to determine the format and to design the questions for the debate. While the state office candidates prepared for the debate, other citizens were summoned



to district court for jury duty. Ten candidates. Five positions. Tuesday's debate would be the deciding factor for many voters. Each candidate answered questions from the debate committee, with each response followed by cheers from the audience. Afterward, voters cast their ballots in the general election to determine who would lead Boys State. The winners of the general election were announced that evening, and Governor Tobias Wilson took the oath of office. At the town hall meetings, delegates learned about government firsthand from Kansas officials.

Wednesday

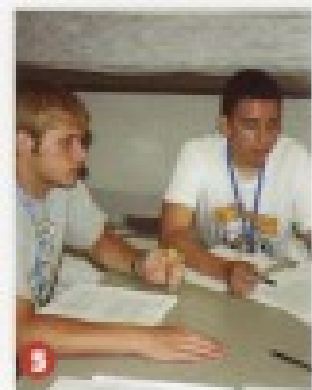


With the elections over, all government branches were now operating. Governor Wilson delivered his State of the State speech to outline his goals and objectives for the session, and members of each of the departments prepared for hearings over various is-



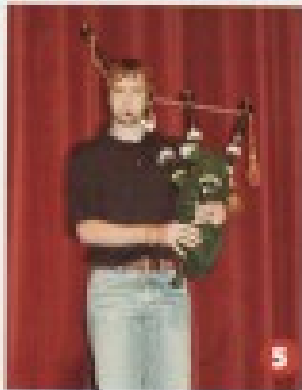
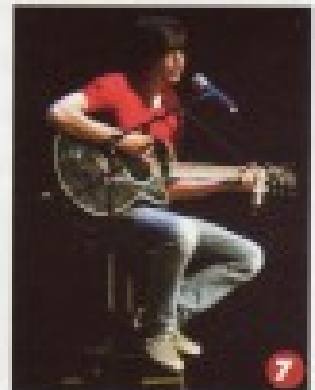
ues. The house and senate convened to address matters related to the state budget. The Boys State Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a high profile case. That evening, everyone took a break from government activities to enjoy the annual Boys State talent show. Following the talent show, delegates heard from past representatives to Boys Nation. Later, each county nominated one individual to run in the Boys Nation election. Tomorrow the state would decide who would represent Kansas at the next session of Boys Nation.

- 1. Evening retreat
- 2. League of Industrial Workers
- 3. Jeff Schrag, 1984 Boys Nation Senator
- 4. Lucas Vinze, 2004 Boys Nation Senator
- 5. The Department of Commerce prepares for hearings



Talent Show

- 1. Chase Foster
 - 2. Ryan Easterling
 - 3. Keith Smith
 - 4. Ben Burghart
 - 5. Alex Wise
 - 6. Jordan Kohlman
 - 7. Iain Blair
 - 8. Michael Scott
 - 9. Casey Habluetzel
- Right: Counselors perform "Hey Ya!"



Wednesday evening provided a break from the work of government, as delegates were treated to the annual Talent Show. Delegates enjoyed a wide range of acts including many talented musicians, a counselor jam session, and a variety of other acts.

Thursday



The Boys State band and chorus performed at McCain Auditorium on Thursday evening. After a hard day's work, delegates enjoyed the lighter music provided by the two groups. Outside the weather turned harsh as thunderstorms moved



across the simulated society. Throughout the evening, weather bulletins were presented to the citizens to keep them up-to-date on various watches and warnings in the area. Following the band and chorus performances, ten candidates took the stage to express their desire to represent Kansas at the next session of Boys Nation. After the speeches, delegates returned to their counties to participate in the most important election of the week. The results of the Boys Nation election would not be revealed until the next day.

1. The Boys State Chorus
2. Bob Burgess receives the Friend of Boys State Award
3. Sousaphones perform
4. Clarinet players in the Boys State Band
5. Marching back to the residence halls after the concerts



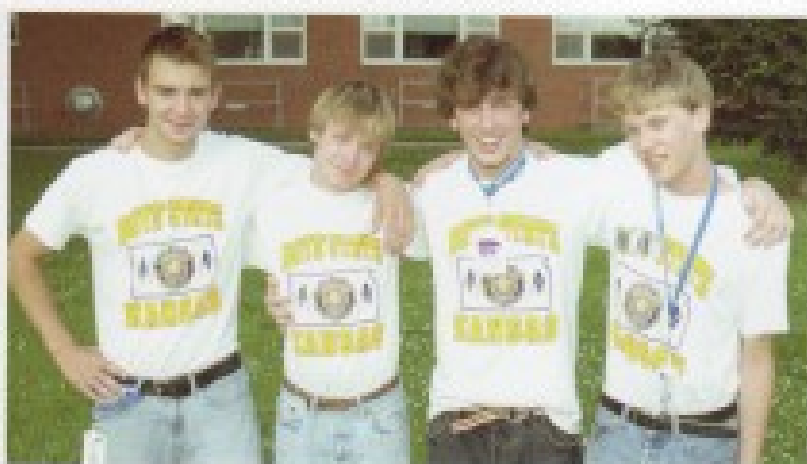
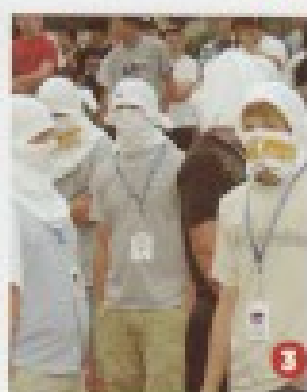
Friday Friday

1. Thane Chastain presents an award to Tyler Suelter
2. Crazy counties
3. Ninja county

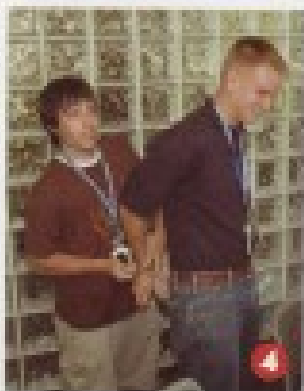
4. Counselor Tim Lamm learns that crime doesn't pay
5. Activities at the K-State Student Union



The monotony of morning assembly was broken on Friday as crazy counties took to the parking lot in various forms and costumes. For supper, the Kramer Dining Staff held a barbecue complete with a hog roast out on the tennis courts. The results



of the Boys Nation election were announced at evening retreat. Thomas Gregory and Paul Baumgardner were chosen to represent Kansas at the upcoming session of Boys Nation with Jeremy Harding and Logan Keener as alternates. Activities at the K-State Student Union that night provided one last opportunity for delegates to hangout with friends they had made during the week. The next day, following closing ceremonies, 450 delegates would return home after their week to change a lifetime.



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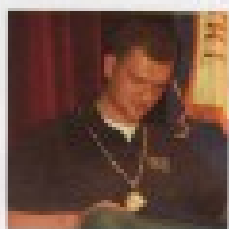
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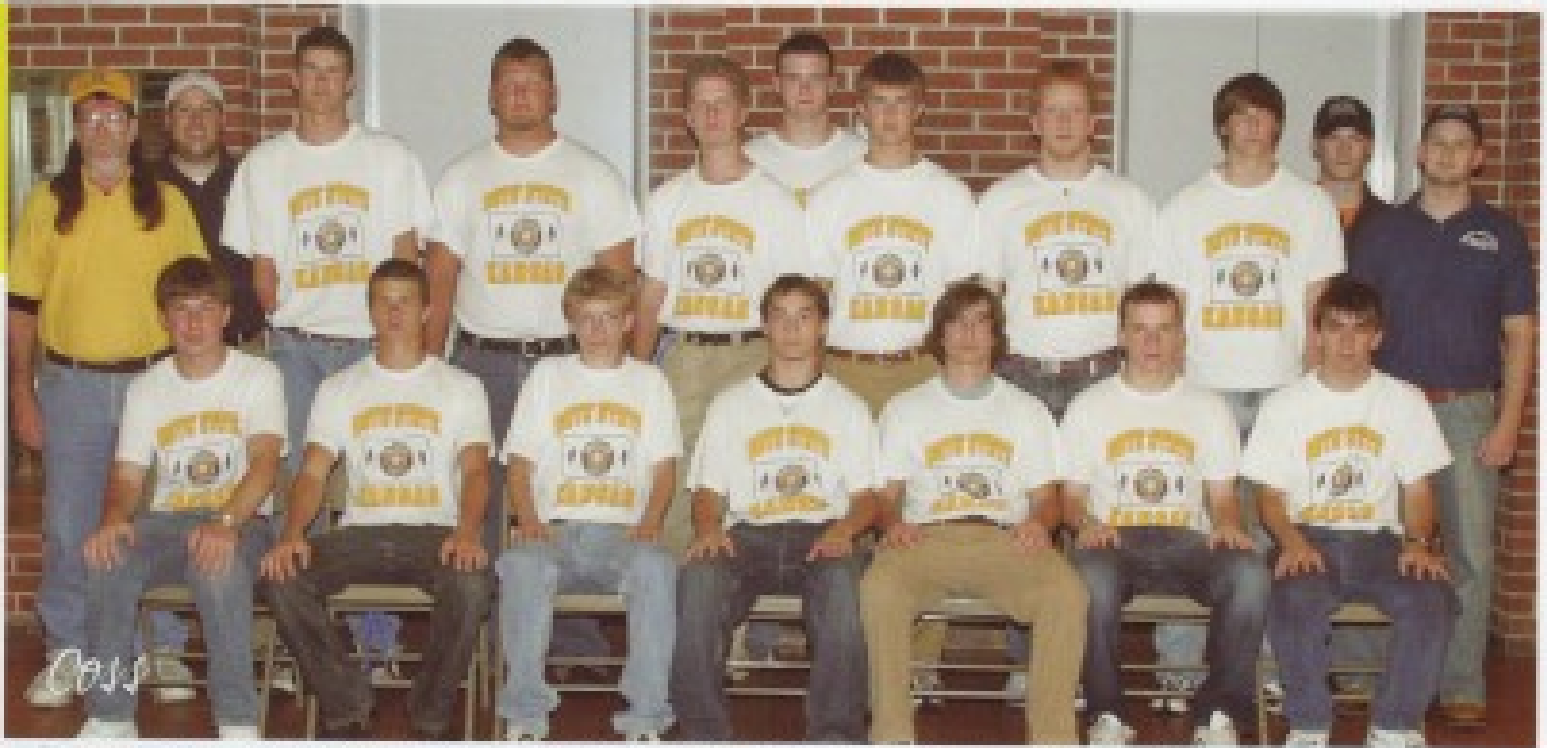


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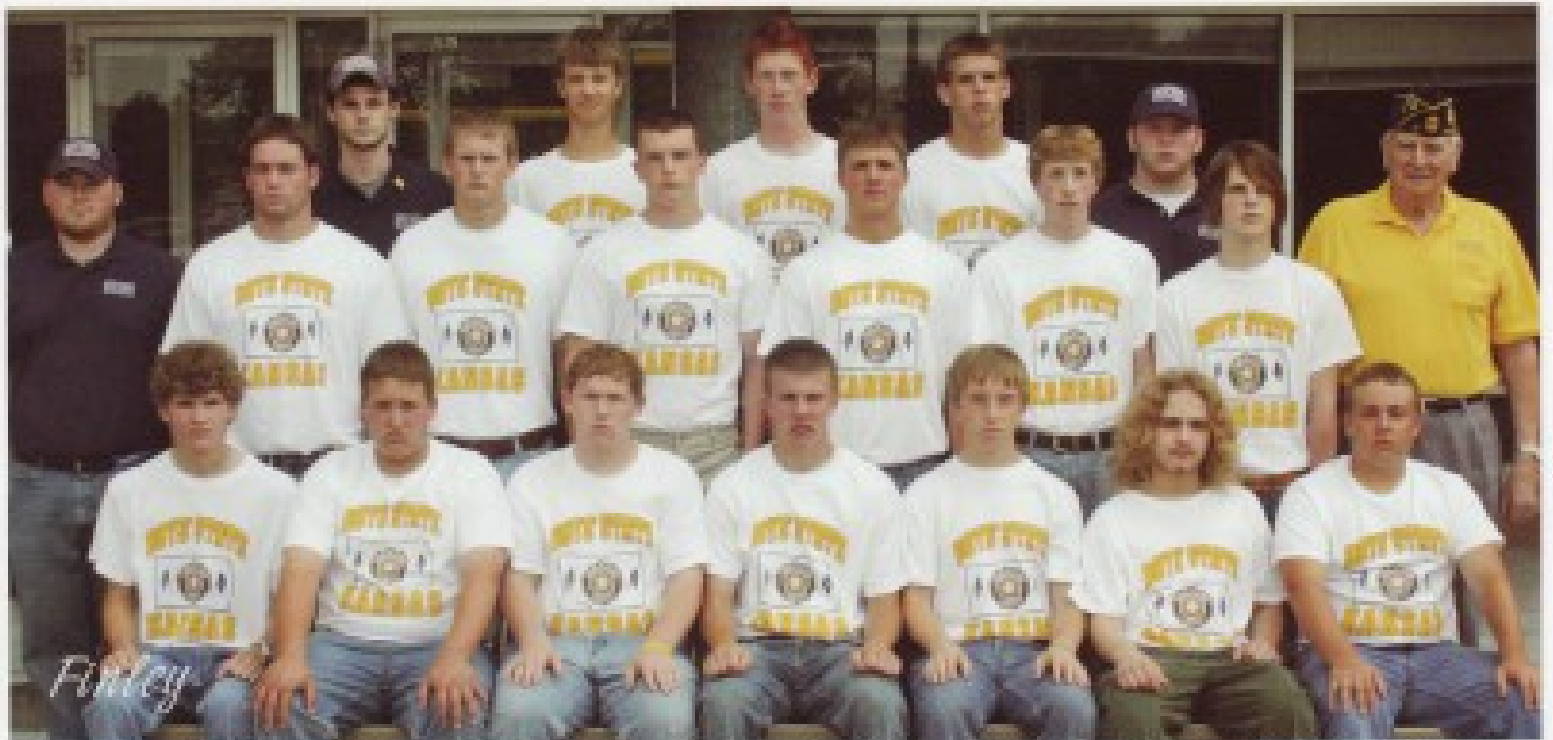
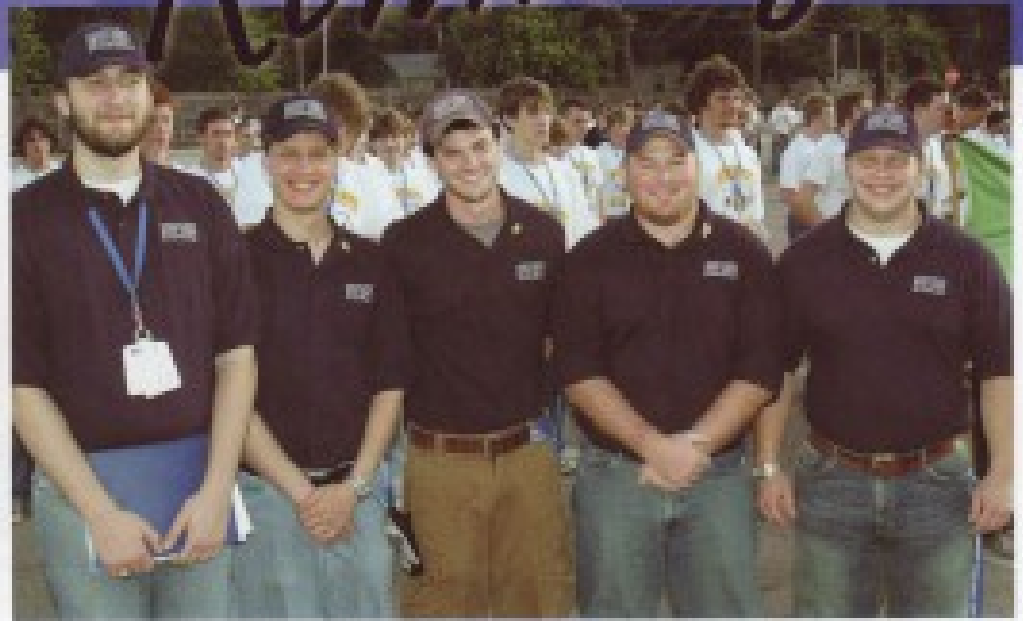
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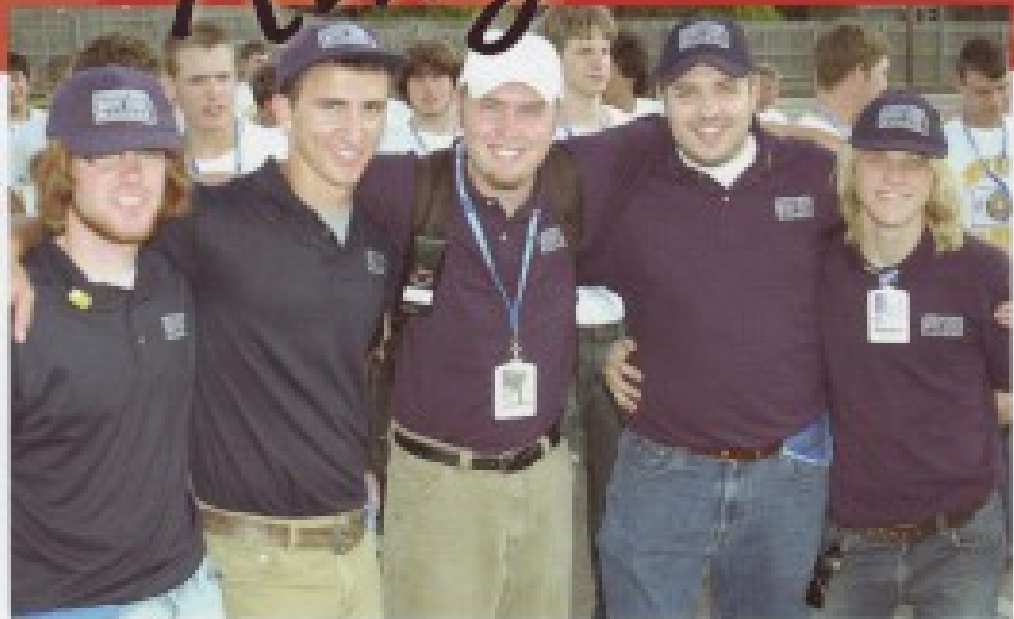
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The American Legion Boys State of Kansas

A week to shape a lifetime

These are the memories that you created over one week in the summer of 2007.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 10th 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.

The 2007 American Legion Boys State of Kansas Staff

This yearbook is proudly dedicated to the life and service of Advisor Everett Budenbender of St. George. Everett took ill the final day of Boys State 2007, and was transported to the hospital in Topeka. He passed away at Midland Hospice on July 2nd.

