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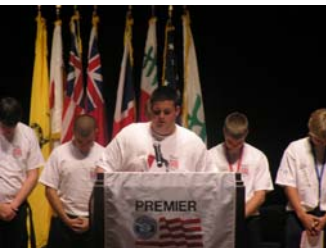
Federalist Primary Convention

By: Josè Ochoa & Austin Potthoff

The room slowly filled with Federalists from all counties, some citizens fully supported the candidates as they waited to speak. The convention began with an invocation given by Andrew Albin, and the rules of the convention were stated. The speeches ranged from quoting famous people, to using slogans, to rapping, to good ole family stories. As these speeches continued, faces



turned redder, the sweat was dripping, there was tension in the air, and the stress was building. The rules of the convention were read along with the party platform which included: curfew at 12:30 every day, a lowered drinking age, and a lowering of the amount of driving permit hours. The three Attorney General candidates were



the first to make speeches.

These speeches were formal and the candidates focused their attention on previous experience. The five Comptroller candidates were the next to give speeches; two candidates had a slogan for themselves. Matthew Boone's slogan was "Don't be a loon, vote for Boone!", and Brian Wang's slogan was "Put a Wang in the Nationalists face!". Jacob Millichamp didn't realize that he was running for Comptroller, he thought that the position was Controller. The State Treasurer position had five candidates running for it. Josh Chandler's speech was given in the form of a rap. For Secretary of State there were also five candidates, one of candidates didn't even realize that he was supposed to come to Premier Boys State until he received the information in the mail.

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Nationalist Primary Convention

By: Jim Watts

Last night the Nationalists Convention was held. Despite the warm room that the Nationalists met in, the candidates for Secretary of State, Governor, Lt. Governor, State Treasurer, and Comptroller kept the audience entertained and interested in what they would do if elected.

The convention began with listening to the Secretary of State speeches which had many that stood out. Everyone came out with absolute dedication to get the title of Secretary of State and many can never forget a few of the prominent speeches that everyone was fascinated by.

No one will forget Mathew Slater who came out dedicated and represented Hillary Clinton, by dressing like her. And one to take note of, Tyler Buck, he is a write in candidate who's speech was enthralling. Tyler will be voted for by drawing and marking a box underneath the Secretary of State candidates.



Once we went through the Secretary of State candidates we continued on to the Governor nominees. Many came out for the position of governor and there is only room for one. These speeches were composed and to the point. A couple notable contenders were, Brian Elliot, who has had a few very moving speeches to get him to the level of Governor Nominee. Brian used passion, patriotism, and dedication to grasp the attention of his audience and make sure it stays on him. Some used various other techniques like Andy Beiver who decided that innuendos were the way to go



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Five Federalists ran for the position of Lieutenant Governor. There were ten candidates that ran for the Federalist Governor position, compared to a whopping seventeen for the Nationalist Governor position. Only a few candidates ran out of time during their speech. Congratulations to the candidates on their good speeches and good luck in the Primary Elections!

Essay Evocation: It's Not Too Late!

By: Max Senn

The deadline for the Lincoln-themed essay is Thursday morning, meaning you still have time to earn your scholarship. If you don't already know, the topic involves Abraham Lincoln and his effect on the phases of the constitution throughout America's history. Although this may seem stressful, ask your fellow citizens their progress and you will quickly discover that you are not alone. One Thousand dollars will be awarded to the most exemplary essay, an enticing goal for many who find college tuition intimidating. So in your recreation time on Wednesday, make sure to stop by the Booth Library or ask your counselor where your county's computer is and get working!

Night Life* By: Seth C. Schroeder

Beyond the countless games of pool and the ever occurring matches of ping-pong, there are lesser known activities within Boys State; ones that occur after most activities have long been over and when many citizens have gone to bed.

Jousting, or mattress jousting, is one such event. Mainly, it consists of two mattresses stacked vertically next to each other in the middle of a hallway. Then two teams, one on either end of the hall, simultaneously charge the barrier. The collision between the opposing sides is where the competition begins as both teams strive to overcome the other and drive their opponents to the ground.

The clash can be physically demanding and in some cases painful. Each side attempts to provide enough force to make themselves both unstoppable and immovable. In the resulting rush, some participants will find themselves shoved to the front row. The mattresses are meant to alleviate most of their discomfort.

Other than jousting, many citizens have found numerous activities when they are simply not ready for sleep. Hallway soccer is common throughout many

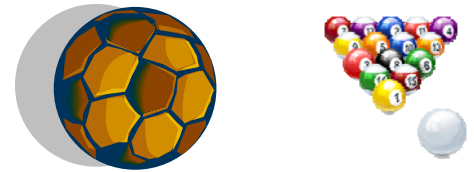
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When Governor Speeches were all done the next speakers were nominees for Lt. Governor. The candidates all gave it their all and worked hard to keep a hot sweaty room entertained but get their point across at the same time. Parry Draper used the method of getting tall by standing on the table to deliver his speech. While Evan Schroder did not let the audience down by delivering yet another amusing speech that made sure to get his point across by bringing in such classic nerd tortures as, "atomic wedgies" or "purple nurlples."

After the Lt. Governor Speeches the nominees for State Treasurer stepped up to the plate. John Vito had used the technique of composure to reach the audience and made sure to get to the point as to what he will do if he takes the position of State Treasurer. While Casey Clemmons used the same methods he stepped it up a notch by being a thunderous speaker, making sure to grasp everyone's attention.

Finally the last two speeches were those of the Comptroller nominees. There are only two candidates in this section for Nationalists. Both stood out using various speaking methods to try to grab the vote for Comptroller.

Voting will be today at scheduled times and locations.



dorms, although often it is limited to passing the ball between two players. In some cases, games of dodge ball are played. These games can be confined to a single room but are sometimes expanded to hallways, a single floor, or even an entire dorm.

For those who prefer more academic entertainment, several options are open to them as well. Many members of Boys State choose to watch movies provided by their city counselor. Others play board games such as "Risk," and some work on orations or essays whose deadlines are fast approaching.

What most seem to do, is talk. Whether to their roommate, a new group of friends, or a city counselor, citizens can be heard discussing issues, making plans, cracking jokes and just enjoying the presence of people they may never get to see again.

Overall, when it comes to afterhours activities here at Boys State, as long as a citizen strives to follow the rules of their individual dorms, they are only limited to their creativity when looking for things to do; so much for sleeping.

House of Representatives: Lets Play Cards * By: Graeme Murphy

We all knew when we were packing for Boys State that there was going to be some free time during the week. Naturally, we thought to bring a few small things to pass the hours. Some kids might have had to first instinct to grab a book, and other adventurous children went for a Frisbee, but I'm sure that a bunch of the citizens' first thought was to bring a pack of playing cards – an item of much of the House of Representative's discussion. The House of Representatives is part of the Legislative branch and it is responsible for enacting laws and regulations.

The current Boys State laws declare that "No citizen shall participate in games of chance, or in any form of gambling." All of the representatives at the meeting wanted to allow playing cards to be legal, but they made



sure to be thorough in their discussion of related topics. They considered people with gambling addictions and the fact that most sports games start with a coin toss to get a feel for the subject.

The representatives at this meeting felt that the purpose behind the banning of the cards and other 'games of chance' was simply to prevent gambling. These representatives wanted to make sure that if such games are legalized, that citizens of Boys State will still be aware that gambling is prohibited by the laws of both Boys State and Illinois. The result of this meeting was that the bill was amended but this law is only about halfway through the process. Now we need to wait for the passage of this bill before kids can stop playing cards behind locked doors.

Football	
Team - Score	Team - Score
Keller-27	Hayes-7
Savage-14	Conaster-12
Stelle-14	Geiger-7
Kennedy-27	Gleason-21

Soccer	
Team - Score	Team - Score
Keller-10	Kennedy-2
Stelle-2	Conatser-1
Savage-6	Geiger-0
Gleason-2	Hayes-0

Softball	
Team - Score	Team - Score
Geiger-4	Conatser-2
Hayes-15	Kennedy-1
Savage-11	Stelle-5
Gleason-6	Keller-4

Basketball	
Team - Score	Team - Score
Gleason-45	Hayes-42
Savage-44	Geiger-32
Stelle-61	Conatser-43
Kennedy-46	Keller-44

Volleyball	
Team - Score	Team - Score
Gleason-2	Kennedy-0
Savage-2	Conatser-0
Geiger-2	Stelle-0
Keller-2	Hayes-1

Sports Results



Correction: Yesterday we mistakenly gave the wrong score for the Football game between Gleason and Hayes. The correct score was Gleason 40, Hayes 12. Sorry about the mix up.

Options Abound * By: Max Senn

Have you ever been sitting in your dorm, with absolutely nothing to do? Well that ends today! Believe it or not, there is a plethora of activities with which to occupy yourself all around the beautiful Eastern Illinois campus. Upon being initiated to Boys State, the first thing you probably became acquainted with was the quad. Throughout the day, citizens can participate in the various physical activities that other Boys Staters find interesting. Although these hobbies are the most obvious, there are many other ways to be amused at EIU. Walking down the sidewalk in front of Thomas Hall, you will pass the Booth Library.

This building is not only a striking piece of architecture, but a vast cache of knowledge of all mediums.



You will find yourself walking along the rows of books mesmerized by their breadth, and seconds later discovers the scenic photographs and displays located all along the walls. The fun does not end here, however. Simply exit through the rear of the building and make a right, and you will stumble upon the Martin Luther King Jr Union. This building provides for countless hours of engaging

entertainment. In the Java B&B in the right wing, you can buy coffee and sit in comfortable furniture. Exit this room and take a left and an expansive bookstore appears on your left. Here you can purchase all of the EIU memorabilia your heart desires. Back-track out of this side of the building and continue forward to the other. Here you can play videogames unique to this building only like a putting challenge. Immediately to the right, you will see numerous bowling lanes available for fewer than five dollars.



Keep going down this hall, cross the street, and you will find the recreation center with a prominent bronze statue of a basketball player. Citizens here can utilize the array of gym equipment and practice for your county sport. All in all, the Boys State experience exists in many forms, different for each citizen. One sure thing, nevertheless, is that there is absolutely no reason to be sitting in your room bored during your recreation time at Boys State. If you simply make use of all the resources provided for the citizens, your Boys State experience will surely be an enjoyable one.

Dining * By: Alex Mamach

Though many have shown an instinctive aversion to the food offered at Boys State, it is really superior to cafeteria food offered at most schools. The cheese actually is cheese, the meatloaf is not still alive, and the green beans are less flaccid than jelly. For those used to the horrors of public school lunches, these are indeed a superior choice. Most claim their favorite difference between school lunches and those offered here is the wide variety of food available here as opposed to the no-choice high school alternative.

Especially popular seems to be the chocolate milk, which is usually completely depleted within the first half of the lunch hour. The 2%, skim, and soy alternatives are noticeably full in comparison, pointing to the interesting fact that many members of Boys State, given the opportunity to choose the content of their own meals, generally do not choose the healthy alternative.

Though there is a dedicated minority who continually make the salad bar a guaranteed stop at lunch and dinner, most

pass the salads by for chocolate milk, double orders of dessert, and the main dish. As an early taste of on-residence dining, it reflects the state of mind of many students at Boys State, many of which have not previously had the opportunity to choose the content of their own meals.

This is likely how freshmen in college react to their first few on campus meals, until perhaps a growing gut or increasing fatigue encourage them to amend their habits. By the end of the week, most students will have ended their “binge” of unhealthy foods and returned to relatively balanced eating patterns.

Perhaps another reason behind the behaviors exhibited is the knowledge that this is only a brief break from normal eating patterns, and that events will return to normal on Friday night. Either way, the campus experience in whole will have prepared participants in Boys State for their freshman year of college, from the cafeteria to dorm life.

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