

The Statesman



A Non Partisan Exploration of Boys' State Politics

As one could predict, the rivalry between the Nationalists and the Federalists has ignited into more of a grudge match than a political contest. Over the course of this experience, both parties have bonded and grown more familiar with one another, hence creating a more defined and strong barrier against the opposing party. Each party has shown sparks of superior intellect, solid beliefs, and innovative ideas en route to varying, yet influential campaigns. The key to a positive Boys' State experience is obtaining consistent forms of leadership. Leadership, quite simply, is the ability to motivate and influence others. Already, a mere three days into the Boys' State event, both parties have reached that goal. I say this because of the colossal amount of support each party has gathered amongst each other, and the tight fraternal connections within the members of the respective parties. However, the parties achieve success by following different paths, each to benefit of the party. The Federalists attack the Nationalists through their list of past faults such as "flip flopping" and apparently being a "weak" and "ineffective" party, contributing to their claim that pro-choice is yet another abominable act of the Nationalists. The Nationalists have stayed away from this vague style of name calling, instead focusing on improving their platforms and stabilizing their committees; placing their focus on having positive planks for their party, and not filling them with endless amounts of negatives. It seems there will never be an end to this battle of completely polar parties; the parties have too much pride coping with an undeniable sense of confidence. Who could blame them? Not me. This process fuels off of contrary opinions, therefore this is the greatest thing that could happen at Boys' State. I mean, how boring would it be if one party just entirely steam-rolled the other? Very! The thought alone makes me a bit drowsy. Scanning the other party for the seemingly smallest errors and jumping on each and every minute mistake they make can only improve the parties. This is the most basic form of competition and the reason the Nationalists and the Federalists thrive on this aspect is that they are consistent and continue to produce more and more opposition towards each other, which keeps the politics at this time at UNR something really special, check it out.

--By Benjamin Ross (Jaytown)

Progressivism of the Second Day

Yesterday, the delegates experienced a wonderful, somewhat-short presentation based on the principles of citizenship, given by Reverend Chad (last name). He spoke in a very convincing manner, and fully managing to captivate the delegates into the very depths of the speech, without the bribery of Snickers or Starburst, which, by the way, are a very healthy pick-me-up for the modern, ravenous delegate. Another interesting detail he used was the footage from *Superman Returns*. No matter the subject of discussion, you can't ever go wrong with The Man of Steel. Chad concluded with another video, this time being an aged compilation of largely famous footage of renowned leadership within the United States.

The city of Martie has some vivacious delegates running for important positions in Boys' State. Jacob Neely still plans on running for senator, with the upcoming election in just a few short hours. "When I started out, I had enough money to run for it, but I still have the goal of fundraising to help other federalists to get elected. I would also like to help as much as I can in attaining honor city for my city," Jacob said. Jacob has to miss opening ceremonies on Friday in order to make it to his father's wedding on Saturday.

The mayor of Martie, Brennan Childers, expressed his ideas about being elected city mayor. "I would like to thank the ones who voted for me, and I am glad they felt I was more qualified for the position than my stellar opposing candidates. I have plans with other mayors, as well as high cooperation with my city councilmen to make the city of Martie a great place during my term. I look forward to it," said Brennan. Other positions both in the city and in the parties have been selected. Sandy Arellano was appointed federal committee chairman, Brian Choe taking the party secretary position, and Zachary Hanson for Supreme Court Justice. Sandy and Taylor Minter also plan to run for senator alongside Jacob, to make a sportingly interesting campaign for such a prestigious position.

Today, our second guest speaker is Charles McNeely. He has served as Reno City Manager since March 4, 1996. McNeely has over 26 years of executive level management experience. He served ten years as City Manager of Seaside, California, before moving to Reno. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and a Master's degree in Public Administration, both from the University of Kansas.

--By Tony Boffelli (Martie)

(Source: City of Reno)

Daily Athletics: Day Two

Yesterday, cities took to the athletic field with renewed resolve. Each team was hoping to improve their records, or if they were undefeated, they tried to keep it that way. Undefeated cities, Martie and Lindsey were looking to keep their record that way, undefeated. Martie succeeded in staying undefeated by winning all of Tuesday's sports. Lindsey would have still been undefeated, except for the fact that they tied with Bill Valley in soccer. Cities Howard, Jay Town, and Anderson all finished Tuesday with one win each. Aside from a tie with Lindsey, Bill Valley lost all other events. In terms of win and loss records, Martie leads the cities with a record of six for six, while Lindsey runs a close second with a 5-1-0 record. Jay Town and Anderson take up the middle by winning two out of six events, and Howard and Bill Valley bring up the rear with only one win each. Teams became more aware of their strengths and weaknesses on the fields yesterday. Hopefully they will use the information gathered from yesterday's events to improve their standings today. Above all, all teams showed great sportsmanship after events, and hopefully this trend of good sportsmanship will continue to today's final athletic events. Good luck to all cities! By Daniel Williams (Howard)

Ross Miller

Father, husband, politician, and a community leader are all things that describe our states Secretary of State Ross Miller Ross Miller was born into a three generation Nevada family. His father, Bob Miller, served two terms as governor and a deputy attorney. Ross Miller has strong ties within the community. Before he became secretary of state he served as deputy district attorney. With an undergraduate degree

from Stanford and dual advanced degree in Law and a Masters degree in business administration he is highly qualified to be in a political position. Beyond his political aspiration Ross Miller has a loving family. The primary political viewpoints that he is concerned with include the security of elections, identity theft, voter accessibility, and sex offenders. Ross Miller is also a member of the Democratic Party. Overall Ross Miller is a great asset to the Nevada government and will serve well as our Secretary of State.

By Tim Hansen (Anderson)

Stuck Somewhere in the Middle

Have you ever wondered where you fit in the political world? Well I have and I've found that there are grey areas in each party that I don't quite understand or even know how to react or what to believe. The nation being separated in to two main groups really limits our ability to think for ourselves. These two groups being prominent doesn't mean we have to pick these candidates it means that our opinion/vote will not be heard or even matter because of the mass votes and support for the others. At times it may seem that there is no solution for us in between parties with different ideas and opinions, but there is. Although a majority of our nation is Republican or Democrat most of the nations people do not wholly believe in just one of their beliefs, they agree and disagree with some of each-others beliefs. So what do we do if we agree with abortion and the death penalty, or having guns and increasing minimum wage; we create a separate middle party mixed between the Republicans and the Democrats. This party would be more for the people who like the diversity o country and not stomping on too many toes. This would be for the preferred people, people that are every ones friend and consider every ones opinion and not just what they believe. Every one in the nation would have similar thoughts and opinions and could all have something in common. People's feelings wouldn't be trampled or discounted because of their less popular opinions. Since the middle party would

share a lot of the same opinions and ideas no one would be left out or persecuted. This here is the reason we need a third party so no one is left out in our nations political party. If only we show everyone that their thoughts were important even if they feel it goes unnoticed.

By Evan Sengarn (Bill Valley)

Jill Derby

When thinking about Jill Derby a few words come into my mind. Words like community, leadership, service, and inspiration. These words define a leader that can relate to people in Nevada. She is a part of a four-generation legacy in Nevada. Through her first hand experience in all aspects of Nevada, she has become an expert on Nevada politics. She was born in Lovelock, Nevada to world war two pilot and rancher. She is the wife of Steve Talbot, and she has two children. She has served as the democratic chairwoman and led the Democratic Party in 2008 presidential caucus. Recently, she ran for U.S Congress against former secretary of state Dean Heller. She says that she has a "unique understanding" the issues that face our country. Her position on the war on Iraq is that she believes we should "win the war once and for all."

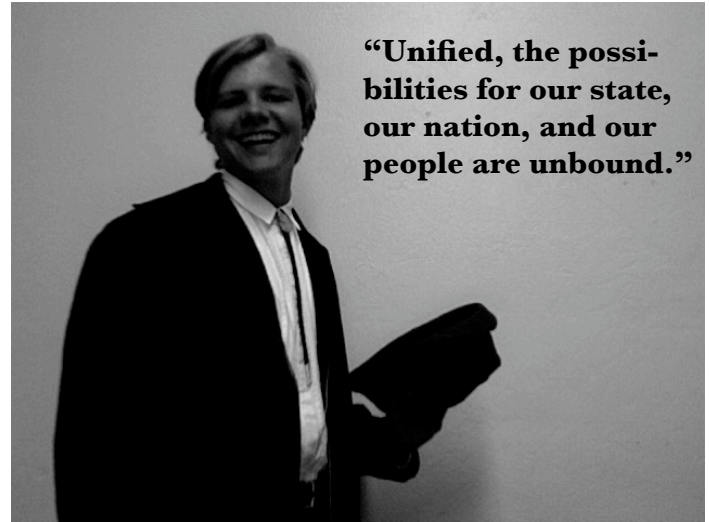
--By Tim Hansen

Quiz Bowl Results

Howard (26)	V S	Bill (27)
Lindsey (16)	V S	Martie (33)
Anderson (29)	V S	Jay-Town (19)

Church's Compromise

As the 2007 session of the Nevada Boy's State moves forward, the differences between the Nationalist and Federalist parties fuel bitter indignation for one another. Yet despite our views, there is one thing both parties value most. The citizens of Nevada, the prosperity of our citizenry is the issue that we stand united on. Let us look at our similarities on agreements for a moral, rather than tear one another apart.



Education: While our two parties disagree on private education and applying vouchers to these schools, both agree that we need to uphold education. Nationalist and Federalist alike understand the problems facing our education system, understand the additional funding the system needs, and understand the urgency of the problem.

Natural Resources: Ultimately, global warming and fossil fuels cause much of the controversy between Nationalists and Federalists. Yet none of us, regardless of party identification, deny maximizing our domestic fuels or deny the benefits of alternate energy. Thus, rather than have one way or the other, why not stand together to support both ideologies?

Labor: although our parties hold different views regarding Prescription Drug Cap: business U.S. employee interests. But once again, compromise is key to the benefit of our economy and people. Together, and unified as one lawmaking unit, we can forge policy that benefits all parties involved.

In conclusion, I quote Senator Dennis Nolan in saying, "See where you can come to some form of compromise." That is the goal both parties must seek in order to make progress. Divided, our battling interests will tear us apart and create a gridlock. Unified, the possibilities for our state, our nation, and our people are unbound. I hope both parties regard this article with an open mind.

Thank you.

A New Voice for Democracy

A New Compromise For Politics

A New Direction for Nevada

Andrew Church Nationalist Rancher Nevadan for Governor



When asked if he believes in more government involvement or less government involvement he said, “a balance between the two would be best.” He believes in a pro-choice ideology when analyzing a political issue.

Abortion

Pro-choice plays a major role in determining whether this is a morally correct issue

One of the major that federalist have with this issue is that people will abuse this privilege. He believes that abuse is natural human tendency.

He believes that government roles should not be a part of family choices.

Gay Marriage

The only problem that federalists have is with same sex marriage is the rhetoric of the term “marriage.” Shane believes that the only premise behind this conclusion is rooted in religion. Because the American constitution prohibits the interference of religion in governmental processes, this connection between the two cannot be a part of our democratic system.

National Security

Shane believes that the Federalist Party does not realize that terrorism has always been a threat, even if it was called something else. The ideology of fighting and winning a war on terror is not only a paradox, but it is killing American soldiers. A better way to insure the safety of our citizens is to strengthen the security of our borders.

Nationalist

Shane Harris (Martie)

Education

He believes it is important to supply education programs with enough money to function properly. He thinks that teachers in Nevada need to be better qualified. A major problem that he sees in the public education program is that student in the lower end of the education scale are given more opportunities than those students who strive for success. He does not believe in standardized testing

Ethics/ Morality/ Philosophies

He is sick of the Federalist bureaucracy...Are you?

The Nationalists are fighting for a new direction in Nevada. A direction that saves the education system, raises minimum wage, and conserves natural resources. Join them in paving the road for freedom.



**Sierra Bets (Anderson)
Federalist**

Education

Private and public schools need to be separate. Quality of education needs to improve this can be achieved through better quality of teachers. Higher requirements would produce better teachers



“Party lines have misconstrued the meaning of a true democracy; this is something we can’t stand for. I believe that we must work together, that’s an exclusive trait to the Nationalist party.”
 - *Cody Fielder, Chairman of The Nationalist Party.*

Morals/ Ethics/ Philosophies

The laissez faire economic policy is more conducive to a good economy. The economy will take care of itself if left to its own devices. His primary philosophy is “What is right is not always popular and what is popular is not always right.”

Gay Marriage

It is a bad thing that faces today’s government.

Marriage is hard enough already to

keep i.e. the divorce rates that are apparent in today’s society.

The social impact of a child that is adopted by a same-sex couple will have problems adapting to the social norms when introduced to the society.

Nationalists

National Security

If we pull out of the war on terror it will create a domino effect, which will lead to a decline in peace in the Middle East. People in a government should have enough trust in the government to trust it enough to make decisions that are well researched.

Environment

The government should not be involved in researching alternative fuels. The government should give incentives to companies that want to research alternative tools.

Why are you a Federalist?

I believe in doing what is right for the people through government involvement.



“ The Nationalist Party strives to uphold our traditional national values while embracing and supporting bold and innovative political ideals. Through our commitment to achieving consensus we hope to best fulfill our obligation to the state of Nevada”.
 - *Joseph Kennedy, Secretary of the Nationalist Party*