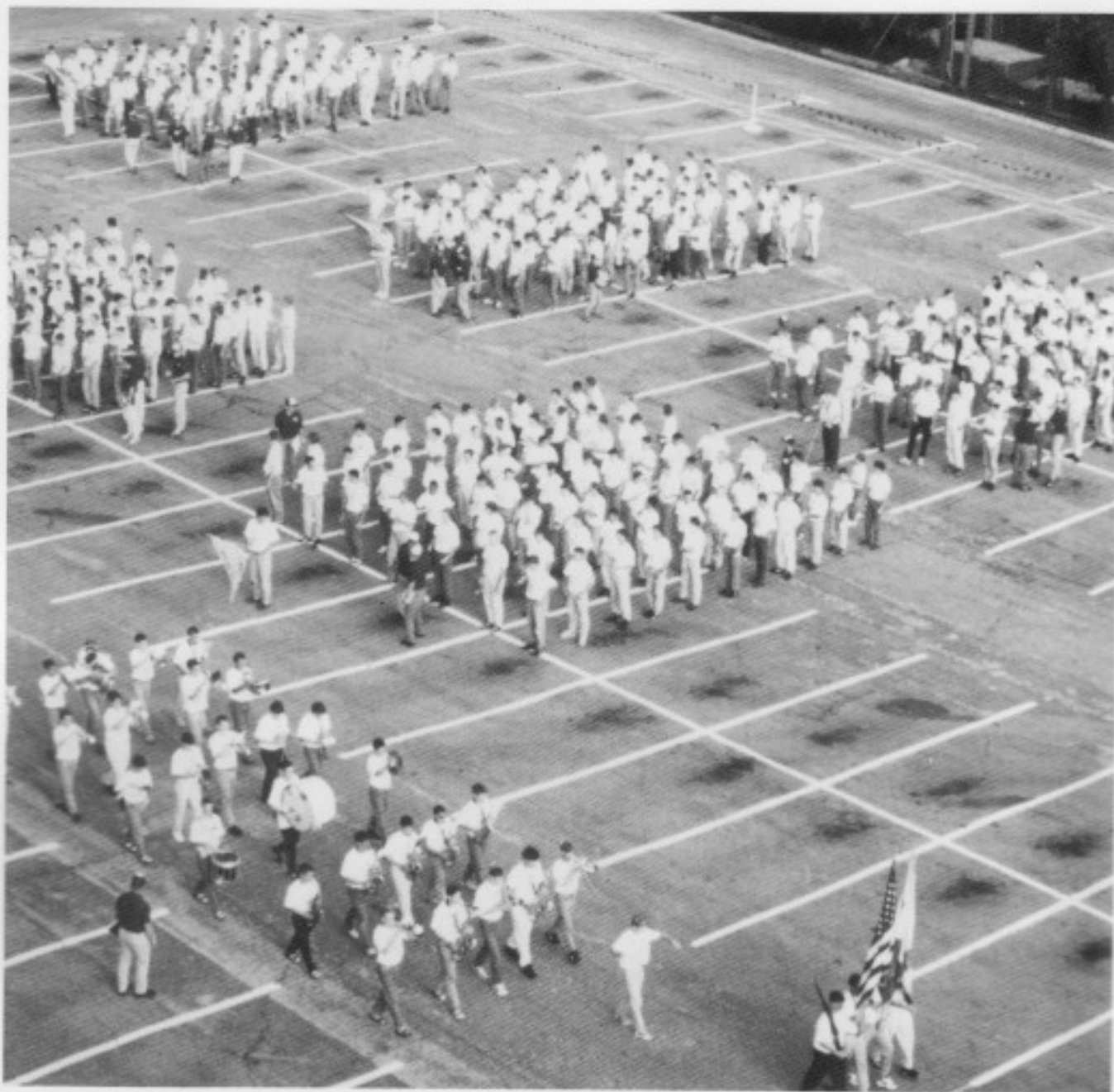




*June 5-11, 1994 • 57th Session*

# **American Legion Boys' State of Kansas**



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

*To begin the development of individual political beliefs and to further the growth of leadership, responsibility and self-esteem in all those who participate.*



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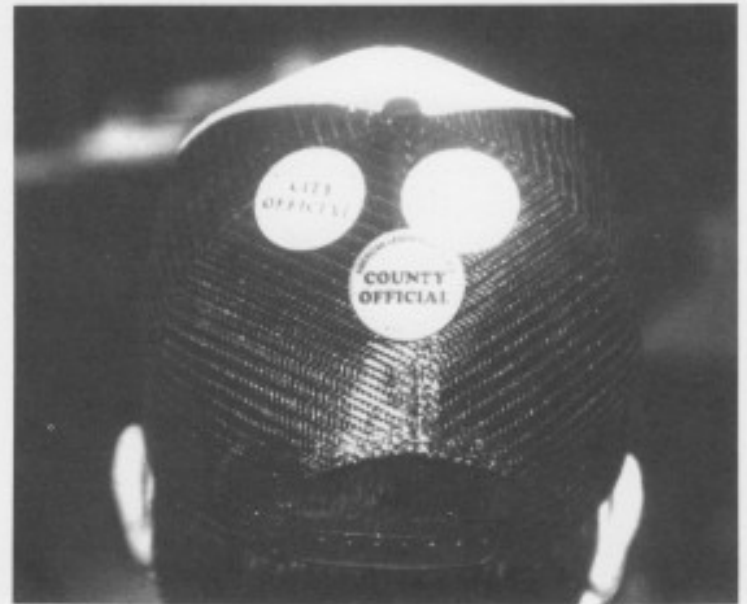


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**Highway Patrol Advisers:** Bruce Hyman (Ellsworth) and Maurey Rose (Manhattan)



**Morning Flag Raising**



**The many pins of Boys' State**



**Boys' State's Hosts from K-State Housing Department:** Carolyn Coon(Boys' State liaison), Chuck Werring (director of housing) and Bob Burgess (assistant director of housing)

All of the planning and execution for the fifty-seventh session of the American Legion Boys' State of Kansas is now committed to history. Committed to history and the hearts and minds of over 700 young men from across Kansas. It is with great pride that I am able to report that the 1994 Staters excelled at the task that they accepted when they first filled out their application.

Our Boys' State staff, consisting of volunteers from around the country, meet periodically throughout the year to evaluate the previous session and plan for the next one. These fine men spend a great deal of their time and their money so that each session will be better than the last. It is with great pride that I am able to report that they have succeeded once again in the task that they accepted when they agreed to be a counselor or an adviser.

Often times you will hear delegates to Boys' State say, as Nic Delgado, a Boys Nation delegate from Wyoming recently said,

"...at your hands I have learned leadership, character, respect, discipline, integrity, hope, prayer, and above all, the love of my country and my fellow man."

If ever, as a sponsor, you have wondered if your efforts were being rewarded, you need only to talk to a Boys' State alumnus.

To all associated with the continuing success of Boys' State, I thank you on behalf of the American Legion and on behalf of everyone who will be positively affected by their association with a Boys' Stater.

### 1994 Executive Director Rex Gardner

**For this week of Boys' State**, we've all come together to learn about politics. We've taken week out of our summer to not only see the political process in action, but to become a part of it. To come face to face with real problems, real obstacles and real people. We've come together to see the necessity of political involvement, and what it takes to shape our society. And we've come to learn that in order to accomplish anything, we have to work with others. - *Eric Reid, 1993 delegate from Dodge City*

"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 number five, was among the first to institute this week-long government-in-action program. Now, virtually every state department of the American Legion has set up its own Boys' State because they have seen the program's potential for educating youth in practical politics and government operation.

Kansas Boys' State 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 and the office moved to the American Legion Headquarters in Topeka.

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 and youth-in-government program.

Almost 50,000 young men from across Kansas, including over 700 this year alone, have participated in Boys' State and performed nearly every function of city, county and state government. Former delegates and members of the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion return each year to serve as counselors and advisers for the program. Many of them work year around 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 which convenes in Washington, D.C. in mid-July. In doing so they participate in a learning-by-doing program that focuses on our national government.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1994**



The 57th session of the American Legion Boys' State of Kansas began shortly after noon for the delegates. Counselors and advisers, many of whom work year-around on this program, had begun final preparation for the delegates the morning before.

Upon arrival to the campus of Kansas State University, delegates are given room assignments that make up the city and county political sub-divisions from which most of their work will be done during the week. Each was assigned to a city. Three cities make up a county.

Delegates were given the result of their bar examinations and began work on their city governments and budgets. They also began to form two political parties through which candidates for election would be selected.



**ABOVE:** Delegates from each Boys' State city begin work on their city budgets with the help of their counselors. This was the first of the government projects that anchor this learning-by-doing program.

**BELOW:** Registration begins in Kramer Hall.



The Nationalists and Federalists party conventions were held on Monday. Each worked at nominating candidates for state-wide offices and also drafted a platform for those candidates to espouse.



County Counselors Willie T. Moore and Andy Foster wait with their counties for the evening assembly.



Cities, associations and individuals used computer-generated checks to pay bills and make donations during the session.



Chief executives from each city were sworn in Monday night.

Political parties got going on Monday with conventions in the morning and afternoon. Around these conventions, city government began work on their local projects which mirror the problems that Kansas cities face. Associations, the Boys' State version of political action committees, also began to press their interests to candidates in return for monetary contributions.

The primary election was conducted late Monday afternoon. The parties and associations wasted no time. They began efforts that evening toward ensuring that their people and interests would be victorious in the general election.

**MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1994**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1994**

Tuesday marked the end of partisan politics at Boys' State and the formation of the state government.

Following morning conventions and the afternoon speeches, state and county officials were elected and the legislature began its work.

Staters were also able to apply for the various appointed offices and those were in turn appointed by the newly elected governor on the same day.

The state officials elected for the week were:

Governor	Kris Humbarger
Lt. Governor	Rod Wong
Attorney General	Eric Paradise
Secretary of State	Wes Ashton
State Treasurer	Harry Lauderback
Commissioner of Insurance	Cassidy Riegel



The 1994 state officials taking their oaths of office.



The final political party conventions were Tuesday morning. In these the staters prepared for the candidates debates which were scheduled for later in the day.



Advisers applaud as Boys' State counties pass in review during the evening retreat ceremonies.



The Boys' State Supreme Court made a trip to Topeka, where they were sworn in during a brief ceremony in the Kansas Supreme Court Chambers.

They are pictured left in front of the Capitol.

On Wednesday morning the government of Boys' State got into full swing on the state and county level. With the newly created state government in place, city projects became the local leg of state-wide issues and the whole organization became interactive.

Any action made by the legislature now affected local budgets and employment as well, making all politics at Boys' State local.

Wednesday evening brought the ever-popular talent show to state as well as special guest speaker Attorney General Bob Stephan.

Also speaking at this session was State Treasurer Sally Thompson.



Members of the Boys' State Legislature began their work.



Staters musical and performing talents shined at the Wednesday night talent show.



Robert Stephan made his final appearance at Boys' State as Attorney General. Stephan, who is retiring from office this year, is an annual favorite at session.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1994**





Members of the Boys' State Highway patrol worked with Kansas patrolmen throughout the week.



Cities and counties began aiming their efforts at state agencies for services to benefit their local economy.

On Thursday, government operations were fine tuned after all legislative and executive bodies had a day of experience under their belts.

New plans were made and old ones were either adjusted or scrapped.

Courts through the state continued hearing cases while, the Supreme Court had a full day of hearing appeals.



K-State President Jon Wefald, a North Dakota Boys' Stater, spoke about the value of his experience there and its effect on his later life.

Candidates for Boys Nation spoke that evening, an event that was followed by the band and chorus concerts in McCain Auditorium. Both musical groups had been practicing all week for the performance.

Many groups such as the various association, newspaper editors and highway patrol staff continued their work.



The Boys' State band led each marching formation during the week and played each evening for the lowering of the colors.

They also entertained state at a Thursday evening concert in McCain Auditorium.



Counselor Tom Aarsen takes time out to speak with State Commander Gus Bosetti.



Past State Commander Jim Gravenstein addressed the delegates.



Boys Nation delegates and alternates.

The week's activities concluded on Friday as governmental bodies conducted their last bits of business and the legislature wrapped up its activities. The last bills went to the Governor's desk for approval or rejection.

This was the last chance for associations to get their agenda made into law.

Boys Nations delegates were elected to represent Kansas at the national level in July. In the afternoon, cities and counties dissolved their organizations and prepared for the evening dance and the movies all held in honor of the Governor's Ball.

Friday morning at state always brings fun and creativity from staters and counselor as they dress up for the morning retreat and flag raising.



FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1994



Staters file into McCain Auditorium for Saturday morning's closing ceremonies.

In the cool morning air the staters made their last march to McCain Auditorium for the closing ceremonies. The annual slide show reviewed the fun times and proud moments of the week.

Music and a traditional narrative capped off the week, putting into perspective the goals and purposes of Boys' State and challenging the staters to be better citizens.

After the ceremony and the final march back to the retreat area the flag was lowered for the last time of the session and over 700 young men returned to their homes across the state: better people and better Kansans for having been Kansas Boys' staters.

In doing so they began to learn that government is compromise, and political beliefs cannot be taught but must be formed. They also enhanced the lives of those counselors and advisers for whom Boys' State holds special meaning.



Allen Klassen, an 18-year veteran of Boys' State and dean of advisers for the 1994, was named executive director for the upcoming session.



The flag lowering following the closing ceremonies marks the end of this session.



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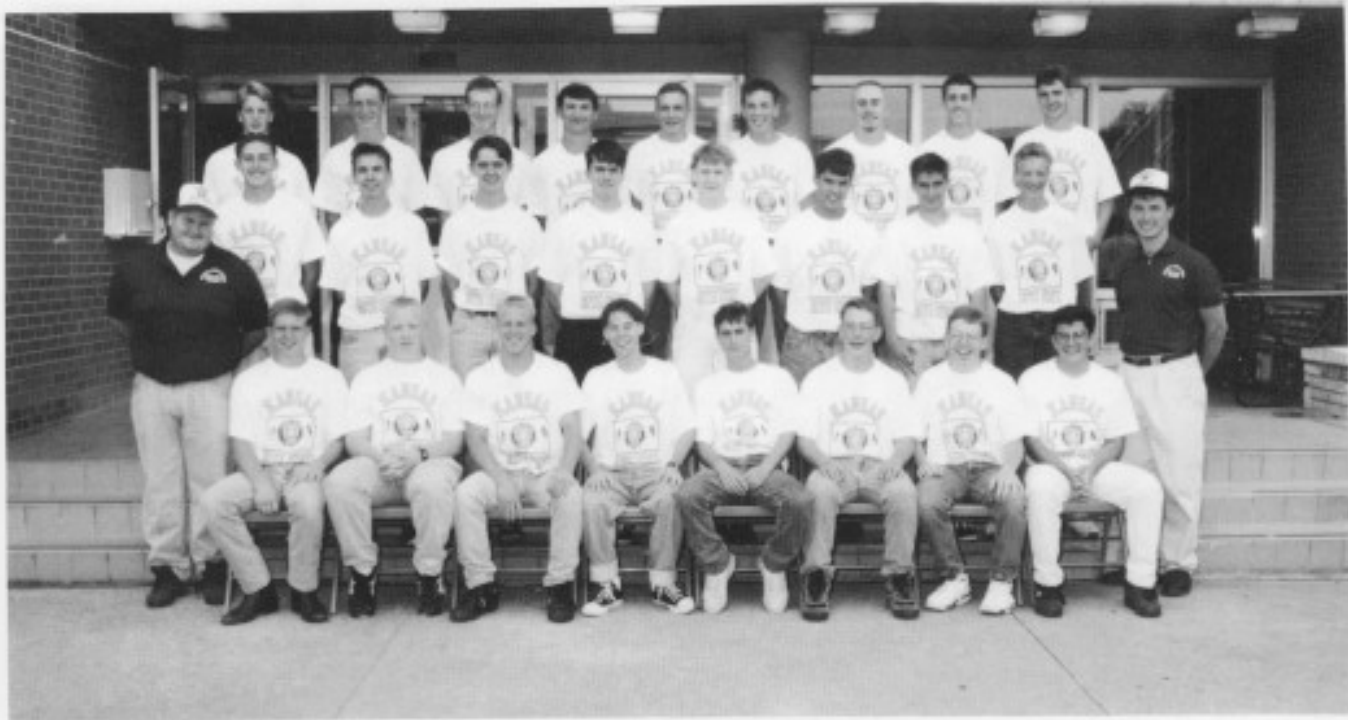
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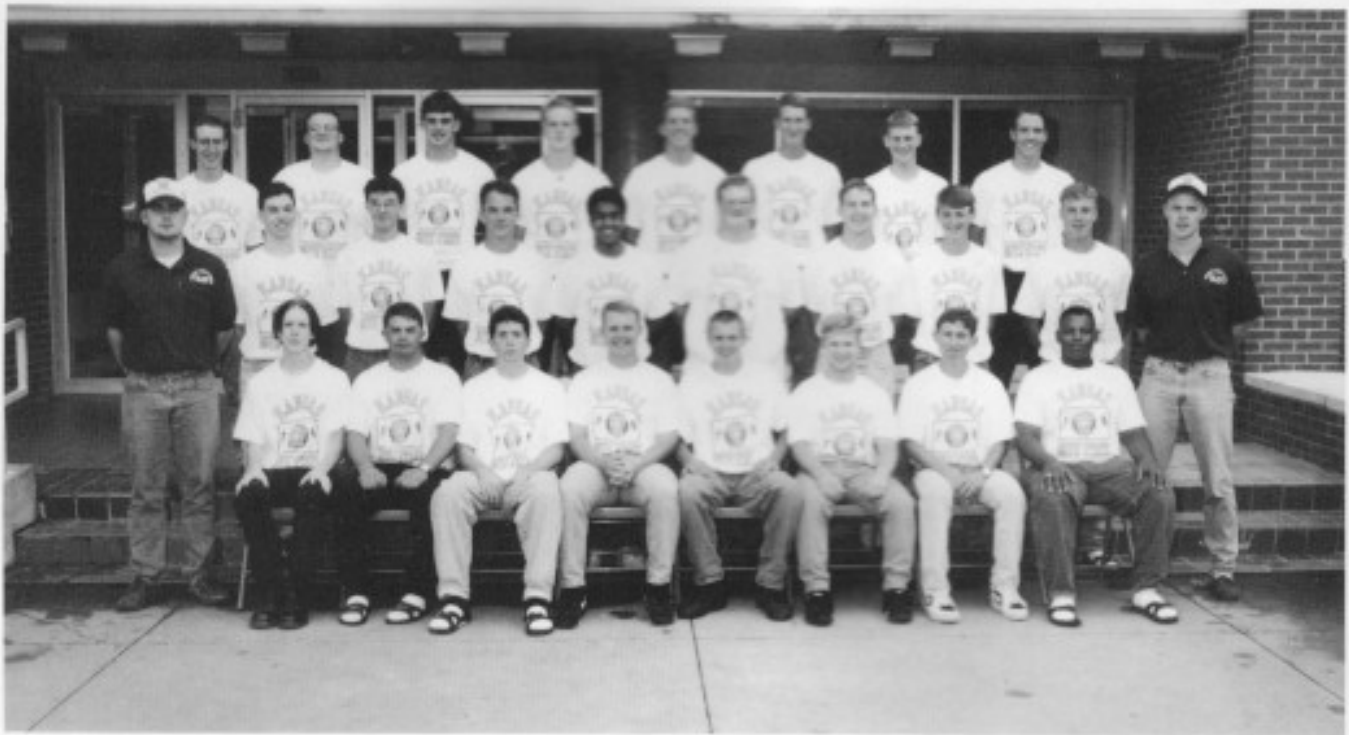
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