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Voting Complications?

This just in, apparently there are some complications with the electronic voting counter. If this problem persists the Director of Elections might have to call in the League of Women Voters to manually count the ballots tonight. But never fear, a fair election will be in store and I can assure you that every vote matters and will be counted.

A long lived tradition..

They're brown, red, black, and white. They're fuzzy, snuggly, soft, and quite attractive. As many of you are probably well aware the infamous mustaches have been unleashed today. The Friday wearing of "the stache" is a tradition of the Dayton Delegation. This ritual has been occurring for at least the past five years according to knowledgeable



delegate sources. It all began five years ago when a group of Daytonites were shopping at Archibald Sisters, a cute little store located in downtown Olympia, during the lunch break. They saw a colorful set of staches and boom, they were sold. These men have become famous around the capital for their mysterious facial hair that seemingly grows overnight. So stop by and talk to these mysterious men, maybe even give the staches a feel, who knows... they might just be real?

Exit Poll Results

As of 2:40 pm

These results are unofficial and in no way are intended to determine the winners of this elections. The amount of people polled was fairly small compared to the overall number of delegates involved. These are for your entertainment and your viewing enjoyment only.

Governor

Mitch Wilson	26%
Johnny Krueger	37%
Mason Clark	22%
Erik Larson	15%

Speaker of the House

Arielle Ruizo	21%
Sam Schimmel	62%
Claire Brunke	17%

Lt. Governor

Kaleigh Boyd	42%
Katherine Rodihan	31%
Tucker Blessinger	21%
Michael Hansen	5%

Secretary of State

Alexa Warnek	31%
Tyler Grimshaw	34%
Harper Grimes	35%

Official election results will be announced at the Closing Joint Session tomorrow, which begins at 11:30 AM.

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OPINION

Koffee is King

By: Ellie Bartlow

With such busy schedules this weekend, many delegates and advisors are relating to one wonderful little bean in its beloved drink form that everyone knows as coffee. This caffeinated beverage has been seen in many senators and representatives hands, and in many more advisors who have tired from dealing with teenagers.

I know I have indulged in several caffeinated beverages such as these several times over the weekend myself, so I certainly don't condemn any "coffa-holics", but my favorite would have to be a Carmel Frappuccino Lite from the Seattle-based Starbucks store. I would definitely recommend this drink to anyone looking for a tasty drink, but without loading up on calories (the tall size only counts 130 calories!! WHOOP!). But in wonder of what other people at this Youth and Government event would choose when fifty randomly chosen people were pressed with the question, would you rather go to Starbucks or Dutch Brothers?

Not surprisingly, the Seattle based company took the coffee flavored cake. One thing that I noticed while questioning my fifty random people was that several people didn't know what Dutch Brothers was, and for those others who lack this information, it's a chain coffee shop with similar

products, but with slightly lower prices. Maybe this coffee joint is an East coast thing. Other people commented that they didn't particularly like coffee and asked if they could order anything off the menu, to which I replied yes, they could. So what is our beloved Governor Gardner's choice when it comes to these two stores? Governor Phil's a Starbucks man.

**Governors Ball**

By: Molly Payne

Ankle-breaking heels, enough cologne in the air to make you choke, and sweet dance moves are staples at the Y&G ball. With the loud music bumpin', everyone is in the mood to dance. Showing your skills at the youth and gov ball is the best part of the night! Nothing is better then hearing the crowd chant your name as you bust a move. So when the lights are flashing tonight, don't be afraid to show some hip action and dance in the lime light!

Surprising Results!!!

Interesting results found that the favorite candidate couple happens to be.....

Johnny Krueger

And

Mitch Wilson!!!

But keep voting the poll is not over yet!
Remember to send them to Rachel Cropper
In the press room!!!

EDITORIALS

Opinions expressed in these editorials are not necessarily the views of the page editor and/or Capitol Capers.

Tree Huggers, Unite!

by Anna Boyd

Trees: Bracchiferous, chlorophyll-producing plants. They live in forests, in meadows, on nice country lands, and here at our capitol. We are surrounded by gorgeous carbon-dioxide-eating trees. They produce oxygen, giving us one of the vital ingredients for life.

Yet they stand there, year after year, lonely among so many people who walk by without giving them a second thought. Sure, when they blossom in spring the people talk about their beauty, the abundance of their flowers. But seriously, talking about the trees doesn't mean they're any less lonely.

I must suggest a remedy to this unfortunate problem. It is simple in concept and easy to execute, but it will ultimately save the trees from overwhelming loneliness.

Give them hugs, of course. Warm and friendly, hugs the world over are

signs of affection and friendliness. By hugging trees, we help them and ourselves in the release of the happy hormones called endorphins. A simple hug a day can keep our capitol trees from depression. Make a happier campus. Hug a tree.

Viaduct Strife

by Emma Cumpton

Anyone who's watched the news in Seattle (or perhaps anywhere in the state) has surely heard about the Aurora Viaduct issue. The hulking, creaking highway has become a complete liability, and the time has come to take it down. Everyone can agree on that, but a problem arose when we had to decide what to replace it with. To make a painfully long story short, we—as in the state government—opted to build an underground tunnel, opening up the waterfront where the viaduct used to be.

The controversy over the viaduct is just another case of Washington State's inability to make a decision. It's an epidemic. We all know the strange political clash between Eastern and

Western Washington, as well. This has also proven problematic as the predominantly conservative East can be easily misrepresented when lumped with the populationally dense, predominantly liberal West. Internal regional and party clashes have the same effect in clogging up our governmental process, and making every possible decision nigh impossible.

Some people want more taxes to fund much-needed road repair, educational reform, and the like, but as soon as these are instituted, there's an uproar over paying still more. Even the most universally beneficial legislature, like a school levy, becomes a hot topic.

Please, let's look past the minutia of political parties, small taxes, and the aesthetics of the transportation system, and let's make decisions to improve Washington, not to cause strife and waste our time.

HAIKU CORNER

by Reilly Hannigan

Another deadline
Fluttering out the window
Press room in motion

BILLS

Taking it to the next level.

-Matthew Pyles

We all know that Youth and Government is an important asset to America’s youth in instilling traits of leadership, education of democracy, and a sense of importance. However, few of us know that there is a higher importance in this program. The bills that we choose to pass and get signed go on to the next level—the *real* legislature. If a politician sees a bill that he or she likes, that bill may very become a true state law. Take the seat belt law for example. It originated in YAG! The proponent later became, by an odd coincidence, a YAG leader and my host family. Other bills include no smoking in public places, prohibiting cell phone use when driving, clean up requirements for “meth” houses, and the progressive drivers’ license. So I beg that when voting, consider that these bills can impact this state and show what youth *really* think.

A NOTE FROM DREW:

Yes it’s true that I, Drew Michael Grannemann, did challenge Deacostia Law to a dance-off/throw down and I take full responsibility for this recent controversy. And I am not backing down from this challenge.

THE UNDERTAKER

-Will Grant

On the Senate floor a grim scene occurred. Lobbyist Jonny Alavez warned the senators to vote for his “Zombie Defense” bill (SB 49), yet it was mocked, shot, butchered, and finally cremated; like a sickening murder scene only thought of by a twisted killer. This bill passed away never to rise again.

Some Senators demanded a P.Q., but the topic was still in the oven; too hot to touch! One senator claimed vampires are a more serious threat, this received a standing ovation, and others claimed this bill is “a joke bill” and a waste of time.

The “Zombie Defense” bill was to build a task force in the case of a zombie apocalypse. The bill itself is, yes a tad silly for a usually serious Senate but, is humanity’s fate something to joke about?

After Lobbyist Alavez left the depressing Senate he agreed to have an interview with “Capitol Capers.” He does believe that, “a zombie apocalypse could end humanity.” Though the Senate shot down the bill, Alavez states “the Senate is doing good for our state... they have a noble cause.” He respects that, “they [the senators] want serious,” but still believes they need room for a bit of fun. That is if you believe zombie hordes are fun, where are the Resident Evil gamers at?

All-in-all, the humble lobbyist is thankful to post his opinion but still feels Washington, if not all of America, is in danger of zombies. On another note, he stated that, “I [Alavez] do not believe that Swine Flu can cause a zombie apocalypse.” (Swine Flu is highly mutable and projected to worsen, this means it could turn into a biological agent that could raise the dead).

Alavez was allowed to voice his opinion due to Senator St. Louis, *who is still looking for a date for the Governor’s Ball.*

“A zombie apocalypse could end humanity”



	PASSED	FAILED	TABLED	SIGNED
House of Reps.	20	11	3	2
Senate	23	12	2	2
Cherberg Senate	32	15	3	4
O’ Brian House	40	20	3	5

BILLS

Infamous Jackson

-Loretta Velaochaga Klugger



Yes, "Andrew Jackson willfully and knowingly deceived Native Americans." It is true that treaties and arrangements were broken and problems took place, but Senate Bill #31 forgot one very important fact: pain is necessary. Do you honestly believe that every one of our presidents have been saints? Think again. Removing Jackson from the twenty dollar bill is hypocritical. He was a war hero and has been chosen to be on the twenty for a reason. He had much success in his presidency and should not be forgotten just because of his actions that were at that time period not extremely extravagant. He was not the best, but he was definitely practical. If we are to remove him from the twenty, then why not remove Lincoln from the five dollar bill? Although he is remembered for "freeing the slaves", technically his efforts were not for ethical reasons but for preserving the Union. Washington and Grant were not completely innocent either. Jackson's portrait is a representation of his overall success not his infamous moments.



Andrew Jackson

No Clothing Beaches

-Garth Lindquist

This bill is trying to make it so National Parks in Washington, that are on beaches will be required for people to be nude on the beaches. If you aren't nude the nude police (N.P.) will give you a fine of \$75. Hats, glasses, scarves and shoes are acceptable. After five minutes after arriving at the beach you have to be legally nude.



Child Custody

By Julia R. Tauben

Many people get divorces every year and many of these shattered unions resulted in children, so every year there are custody battles. A lot of the time these custody battles end up being over who can hire the best lawyer and who can dredge up the most dirt on their ex spouse. Rarely do the children get any say in what happens to them. Sometimes the child is not even fully informed of what is going on.

In Senate bill number 9 Emma Bilski addresses this issue. The bill asks that children age eight and over be allowed to give their input and veto on their living situation. If a child disagrees with the plan set forth the court must take that into account and reexamine the case.

ENTERTAINMENT

Ten Tips to Top Pages

By Leanna Knowles

1. Always make sure you have a proper bribe. (candy does very nicely)
2. Tell a sob-story. Example- my uncle's brother twice removed, he died in Arkansas and now I really need to get this page delivered to [insert name here]...
3. Scare them into action.
4. Threaten to bring the force of Dea on them.
5. Flattery is key. If you boost their ego they will be willing to do anything.
6. Slip them some "wise" debating advice.
7. Tell them you can get them an extra ice cream at lunch.
8. If you are press, say you will feature them on the front page of the paper.
9. Don't forget to say "please."
10. Auction off dates to the Gov ball. (the date being the recipient of the page note)

Follow these helpful hints and you're sure to get your note delivered J

Bubble Tea

By Whitney Hentschell

During lunch today, we went to Happy Teriyaki. The classy and sophisticated oriental establishment downtown. I happened to run into Drew Grannemann, and

other Y&G delegates. While we sat for many minutes waiting for our delicious teriyaki, I discovered that a good friend of mine, Jordan Domingo, told me how he order Bubble Tea. This interested me extremely, because I like bubbles, and I like tea. The wait was well worth it, because the food was delicious. When the waitress brought out the bubble tea, I took a sip of his, and thought it was the most disgusting thing I have ever tasted. Then Jordan goes "You needed to shake it up, you drank pure syrup." Then he shook it up, I drank it, and it was magnificent!!

Random Facts of Nothingness

- When snakes are born with two heads, they fight each other for food.
- According to suicide statistics, Monday is the favored day for self-destruction.
- The first known contraceptive was crocodile dung, used by Egyptians in 2000 B.C.
- When you die your hair still grows for a couple of months.
- Cats can hear ultrasound.
- The sound of E.T. walking was made by someone squishing her hands in jelly.
- Kansas state law requires pedestrians crossing the highways at night to wear tail lights.

Charlie Part I

This is a story about a boy named Charlie. Charlie was named after a blue elephant. Charlie was blue as well. Not blue in color, but in feelings. You see Charlie had a terrible problem. He suffers from an extreme psychological disorder called Parauresis (fear of bathrooms). Therefore he is not able to wash his hands... Ever. Now Charlie also suffers from germ phobia. Hence why he is so very blue. Now Charlie is an avid fan of politics and government, and when he heard about the Y group, that went to Olympia for a totally awesome legislative experience, his blue lightened. To be continued...

Horoscopes

Capricorn

(12/22-1/19)

Be sure to look extra spiffy for the Governors ball tonight because with your good looks you will create a new dance move that will start a revolution.



Aquarius

(1/20-2/18)

It's time to resolve all the issues clouding your mind; let loose and have yourself a good time.



FEATURES

Joke Bills -Tay Rob

Year and year again students come together at Washington's capital to share their bills as a youth legislature. Some individuals are more serious about their bills, proposing ideas they find truly just. Others, however, take a more light-hearted approach and simply want to have a good time while dipping their toes into government.

Jeremy Waters and Casey Smith of Stevenson Delegation, for example, are presenting a bill that proposes all beaches become nude beaches. Another "Joke Bill", as they have come to be called, written by John Salazar and Andrew Wareham (also of Stevenson Delegation) proposes the immediate impoundment of all domestic animals or pets if they are found "doing the nasty" in public. Furthermore, if they attempt to flee the scene prosecution they will be tazzered. It is bills such as these that keep Youth and Government fresh and entertaining along as informative.

Alexa Warnek and the Microphone Mishap ~Matthew Pyles

Alexa Warnek's campaign has been nearly derailed by the unfortunate microphone mishap that we all witnessed during the Secretary of State's candidate speeches. It is in the effort of fairness that I strive to inform the public of the part of the speech that was not magnified for all of us to hear. I am not allowed to reprint all of what we missed, but after reading the speech, I must say that I am thoroughly impressed. To illustrate what was not said, the speech was full of analogies between the world of Harry Potter and our own. Take, for example, "Magic is the outlet for the imagination, a way for people to be who they want, to fit in, and to feel comfortable. That's the magic I see when I look at Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings and especially when I look at Youth and Government." Alexa feels, as she mentioned in her speech, that the Secretary of State's job description ("a custodian for all legislation passed by all legislative chambers") is inaccurate. In her own words, "the Secretary is so much more than a custodian. A custodian just cleans everything." So what *does* a secretary do? The Secretary makes "sure that every bill is where it should be, that things are getting done, and to keep track of the entire program." It is my humble opinion that Alexa Warnek is more than able to take these responsibilities in stride and will be able to add her own bit of magic to the capital.



A warning to 8th graders: Do not take bribes By: Colin Marshall

Dea Law, our Post Master General, has decided that she does not want to take place in the dance off this year, but she has stated if we can find out who her favorite pages are, she will. The press has started a full fledged investigation, asking around everywhere, and to everyone, who might know. However, Ms. Law has been trying to bribe the 8th graders in order to keep them quiet on this issue.

I would like to remind all 8th grade pages **just because you take her candy, does not mean you are on her side.** Candy is not a binding contract. If you want to see a dance off then send the press a note saying yes, and it will count as a vote towards making Dea dance. Also, if you know anything about who her favorite pages are, then please come and talk to the press. The Governor's ball is tonight, and if you want to see a dance off we could defiantly use your help.

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BETWEEN THE PAGES
