



# THE BUCKEYE

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## STATE PARTY CHAIRS STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE

On Monday evening the Federalists and Nationalists parties each held their state caucuses to elect their respective State Party Chairman. Each of the five counties nominated a woman to represent their county in the county caucuses held prior to the state caucus. As the girls gathered into their designated rooms, the room filled with the sounds of anticipation and excitement.

Each candidate was given the opportunity to give a 30-second speech to her fellow party members as to why they should vote for her. After all the candidates had given their speeches, everyone in the county voted for the candidate they felt was most qualified. After the votes

were counted Kimberly Wilson was named State Party Chairman for the Federalist Party and Shallon Smith for the Nationalist Party.

Later this evening Wilson and Smith will each run a second state caucus, so their party can endorse its members for state positions. Each party will endorse 2 candidates for each of the state positions, 8 associate judges for the Supreme Court, and 5 judges for the Court of Appeals. On Wednesday afternoon each Buckeye Girls State citizen will have the chance to cast her ballot in the state primary election, which will be located in the gymnasium from 11:30AM to 1PM.



Left: Shallon Smith, Nationalist State Party Chairman

Kimberly Wilson, Federalist State Party Chairman;



Below: Caucuses



## VOTE

Living in a Democracy with the freedom to vote for the candidate of your choice carries with it certain responsibilities. The responsible good citizen always takes the opportunity to cast her ballot considering the qualifications, ideals and principles of each candidate for the various offices. A political election is not a popularity contest but one that you choose the candidate whom best reflects your views on the issues at hand. Many voters have anguished when she has not chosen to vote for the candidate of her party but it is the wise voter who casts her ballot for the issues rather than the label.

The right to vote is not only a right and privilege but also your duty as a citizen. In the 1960 Presidential Election John Fitzgerald Kennedy was elected by a mere one vote per precinct making him the 35th President of the United States. The 2000 Presidential Election also demonstrated the importance of casting your ballot and following instructions so that your vote counts.

Make sure that you are a responsible citizen and cast your vote for the candidate of your choosing tomorrow.

### WEDNESDAY AT A GLANCE

Flag Ceremony	7:15am
County Rallies	9:00am
State Rallies	10:00am
County/State Primaries	11:30am – 1:00pm
City Elections	1:15pm
University Seminar	2:30pm
Election Results Posted	3:30pm
City Official Orientation	3:30pm
Debate/Party Demos	4:30pm
County/State Elections	6:00pm
City Government Celebration	8:00pm
Election Results	10:15pm
City Meeting	10:30pm

# AWARDS, HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

## ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP

One outstanding Buckeye Girls State delegate will be selected to receive the \$1,000 Buckeye Girls State American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio Endowment Fund Scholarship. This scholarship is funded by donations from local Auxiliary Units across the state of Ohio. Delegates must be recommended by BGS staff members and go through an interview process.

## GIRLS NATION

Two Buckeye Girls State delegates will be selected to represent Ohio and Buckeye Girls State in a weeklong exercise in the operation of the Federal Government through the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation Program. The American Legion Auxiliary National Organization underwrites the transportation as well as the housing and meal costs of all delegates selected to participate in the Girls Nation Program. Delegates must be recommended by BGS staff members and go through an interview process. Selection is based on leadership, cooperation, attitude, knowledge of office and desire.

## SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP

One individual is selected from BGS delegates to be Ohio's candidate for the Samsung Scholarship. She must be a direct descendant, i.e. child, grandchild, great-grandchild or a legally adopted child, of a U.S. veteran who served during a period of war. The scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited U.S. college or university. Her application will be submitted with Girl and Boy Staters from all over the country and a committee will select the winner.

## JUNIOR CADET WEEK

Twenty-five girls are selected to attend Junior Cadet Week at the Highway Patrol Training Academy in Columbus. This program is jointly sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Ohio State

Highway Patrol. A desire to participate in the program and the willingness to serve the public are prerequisites to attending Junior Cadet Week. The troopers attending BGS will hold interviews for these positions at 9AM Friday.

## SENATE YOUTH

In 1962, the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to endorse a nationwide youth program that would bring high school students to the nation's capital for a brief introduction to the federal government and United States Senate. The program has been continued in succeeding years by unanimous action of the senate. The resolution specified that the program should be "supported by private funds with no expense to the federal government." The William Randolph Hearst Foundation is and has been the sponsor of the program. Each year, two high schools juniors or seniors from the 50 states and the District of Columbia have participated in this unique experience. The Foundation pays all expenses for the week in Washington D.C., including transportation, hotel and meals. BGS selects one to five individuals as their nominees.

## FREE SEMINAR

### *THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF FREEDOM IN AMERICAN POLITICS*

This seminar is offer by the Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs at Ashland University in conjunction with BGS. (The delegates had to apply prior to the session.) Attendance from Monday through Saturday and the successful completion of a final exam will earn one semester hour of university credit (Political Science 1SG). This credit may be applied to a degree from Ashland University or it may be transferred to any other institution of higher learning, dependent upon their transfer policy. The week's lectures are: The Declaration of Independence; The Constitution; Slavery and Succession; and Lincoln and the Civil War.

## HEALTH TIP

HANDWASHING –  
PREVENT THE SPREAD  
OF GERMS

GOOD HANDWASHING  
TECHNIQUE –  
WASH FOR 15 SECONDS  
WITH SOAP & WATER  
TURN WATER ON –  
WET HANDS-  
PUT SOAP IN HANDS  
& LATHER -

TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE  
WASHING FOR 15 SECONDS -  
SING YOUR ABC'S  
OR A CHORUS OF  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY -  
THEN RINSE -  
TURN THE FAUCET OFF  
WITH A PAPER TOWEL -  
THERE ARE GERMS ON THE  
FAUCET!!!



René Reese, Christa Luttman, Kim Gray



## WORKSHOPS

This year the ever-evolving Buckeye Girls State added a new dimension to the program, comprehensive workshops on fourteen different topics. The response from the delegates was an overwhelming approval.

The Campaign Strategy Sessions were forced to ask delegates to return to a later session, as it was standing room only to hear Ashland County Commissioner, Mathew Miller. Mr Miller is in his mid-twenties and is the youngest county commissioner in the State of Ohio.

The two key words stressed by Commissioner Miller were INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY. He pointed out that campaigning is an image building process but the voters will know if you are not being sincere and truthful to ones self. Being seen everywhere there is a potential vote is an important aspect of campaigning. He recalled how the Ashland Press joked that there must be more than one Mathew Miller because he was at every event that they were covering.

Aiding Commissioner Miller was Dana Vinson, the 1999 Buckeye Girls State Governor, who has returned to BGS as a Legislative Assistant and City Government Advisor. Ms Vinson fielded questions from the delegates on effective campaigning at BGS. The delegates were concerned about what is in "your face campaigning" and gimmicks to help them be remembered by the 939 delegates.

Assisting Rene' Reese in the State Auditor and Treasurer session was Deputy Auditor of Accounting and Auditor Support, Kim Gray and Christa Luttmann, Regional Public Affairs Director for the Toledo area. The delegates were walked through a day in the office of State Auditor, explanations of what would their duties would be, hired and appointed positions in the office and to expect that they would be running a full scale operation issuing Payroll, income tax returns, and auditing City and County records as well as many State Agencies. The intelligence and enthusiasm of the delegates impressed both Ms. Gray and Ms Luttmann.

The first question asked of the delegates at the Party Platform Session was "What is a Party Platform?" To the pleasure of the Chairman, Jo Ann Bond and her fellow presenters the girls were ready with the correct answer, "What your party stands for during an election year that the party can agree upon." It was then established that there would be 10 issues to discuss but no more

than 5 issues on their platforms. The top issues that the delegates seemed to be most concerned with were Education, Campaign Reform, Victims Rights, Censorship and the Environment. The presenters informed the delegates that it takes the entire party to form the platform. There are committees to be filled such as committees on Campaign Material, Debate, Rallies, and Issues. Working together as a team the delegates can have their concerns answered and presented to the electorate for consideration.

The School Board Sessions lead by Pat McLaughlin were at overflow capacity. The delegates showed an intense interest in both the city and state school boards. It was explained to the delegates that school districts vary from city to city, some rich and others poor. If the school district that they represent were in need of money it would be their job to have a special election to either pass a tax levy or bond issue.

While Government is functioning the State School Board representatives, one from each city, will be formulating a Mission Statement, setting Goals, and forming committees to write resolutions on 5 or 6 issues that will be voted on at the State School Board Meeting held Friday in the 9th Floor Suite at Amstutz. The one question asked by the delegates during the question and answer session

was, "Can I run for both City and State School Board?" The answer is a resounding no, the delegate must choose.

440 delegates filled the seats in the County Government Sessions. "Reinventing Public Service for Ohio's 3rd Century" a 13-minute video supplied by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, which gave an overview of the 12 elected county offices, their duties and responsibilities started the session.

In attendance to answer the girl's questions was Sargent Beth Steward of the Ashland County Sheriffs Office. The delegates were curious as to the difference between the Sheriff and the Deputy Sheriff.

The girls were encouraged by deputy Director of County Government, Patty Williams, and her team to appoint their opposition in the election to a prominent job in their office. As was stated, "After all the opponent has already shown an interest in the position." The presenters also pointed out to the girls that it would be wise to attend correlating workshops for the positions that they are seeking. The delegates departed with a flyer on each of the elected official offices.

As was demonstrated by the enthusiasm of the 939 Buckeye Girls State Delegates the Workshops were an enormous success bound to become an ongoing program.



# TUESDAY CONTEST

THE WINNER OF MONDAY'S CONTEST WAS **FLOWERS CITY**.

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR ENTRY IN TO THE NEWSROOM BEFORE 9AM WEDNESDAY.

## FAMOUS OHIOIANS

1. HE WAS THE FIRST ASTRONAUT TO LAND ON THE MOON \_\_\_\_\_.
2. THIS SINGER WAS BORN IN STUBENVILLE & PART OF THE RAT PACK \_\_\_\_\_.
3. SHE IS A COMEDIAN WHO JOKES ABOUT HER LOOKS \_\_\_\_\_.
4. THIS COWBOY ACTORS HORSE WAS NAMED TRIGGER \_\_\_\_\_.
5. THIS ASTRONAUT WAS A SENATOR & AND RAN FOR PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_.
6. THOUGH BORN IN ENGLAND THIS ACTOR (MR. USO SHOWS) CALLED CLEVELAND HIS HOME TOWN \_\_\_\_\_.
7. SHE WAS THE SECOND FEMALE ASTRONAUT IN SPACE AND DIED ABOARD THE CHALLENGER \_\_\_\_\_.
8. SHE WAS A WORLD FAMOUS SHARP SHOOTER \_\_\_\_\_.
9. HE PLANTED APPLE TREES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. \_\_\_\_\_.
10. THESE BROTHERS WERE FROM DAYTON & FLEW THE FIRST PLANE FROM KITTYHAWK, N.C., \_\_\_\_\_.

## MONDAY CONTEST ANSWERS

- 1.8 2.Taft 3.McKinley 4.Grant 5.Hayes 6.Garfield 7.Harding 8.Wm Harrison 9.Wm Harrison 10.Republican



# Letter to the Editor

## BONDING

I have to say I was relatively skeptical of the social aspects of Buckeye Girls State. Especially how we could relate to each other in our cities. I was prepared for everything including debate, campaigning, current events, meeting new people and having a generally great experience in this program. The one thing I had not anticipated was the bonding of the members particularly in our cities. All of us seem to get along very well and in two days I felt as though we had been friends for a long time.

I think it is almost ironic that with a program so tightly packed with politics none of us are even aware of each other's political leanings. This is the best part because if we do not have to work past difficult and personal issues then we do not have time to argue. This allows us to get the most out of our experience. If we do not have to focus on detail then we are free to learn about the general process. It is a lot of information to take in, but is a phenomenal amount of knowledge on a different level.

I am not sure whether it is our similarities that have brought us together, or our differences. Maybe the diverse opinion, viewpoints, experience, and abilities displayed at Buckeye Girls State brings us together. Either way this has been a great experience and the week is still young.

Citizen of Resnick City

## WEDNESDAY'S WEATHER



**ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS**  
HIGH 87°F • LOW 67°F

## AU BOOKSTORE

The AU bookstore is open for business. Check out the BGS items for purchase.