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Inside the Cabinet

By Elizabeth Finck and Emily Jones

This year, the governor's cabinet is full of excitement and friendship, inside-jokes and knowledge. As Chief of Staff Stephanie Landgraf puts it, "We are the Cabinet of Fun" or as Governor Nora Salmon says, "The Spice Cabinet." Clearly they all have close bonds formed already. Landgraf says, "Nora and I were already good friends before YIG, but brought closer now by it."

House Liaison Christa Waterwiese says the amount of work, dedication, and effort are crucial to the success of Youth in Government, and it is an important part of what gives YIG such a great vibe. Senate liaison Kirby Weber says

"reaching out to younger students to get them to keep coming, because we have a lot of CLI kids, and we need them to keep coming and branching out to other people and making YIG" is important too.

Although YIG may seem like all work and no play for the Governor's cabinet, they enjoy going from area to area looking at everyone's great work and listening to everyone's great ideas. As Waterwiese and Weber say, "YIG is all about having fun and having the freedom to be creative." They all agreed when Secretary of State Eric Lee said, "Positivity is key. It's contagious and reflects on your outlook of your experience at YIG."

When asked how they thought the YIG convention was going this year Weber responded telling us how great

it was that the video news is on time this year, and the whole convention seems to be rolling on schedule.

The vibe in the room was happy and hyper while we were in there, but it was evident that our Cabinet members can have a good time and still get tasks done. The members are accepting and glad to be here at YIG, and they have even "adopted" Secretary of State Eric Lee as one of their own. He regularly stays with them and fits in. The Cabinet has a great thing going for them, and how close of friends they have come to be.

The Secretary of State's highlights of the convention

By Shelby Dunn and Brad Jaeger

Eric Lee is this year's secretary

of state. He says that there are many great things about this position, but one of the greatest is the recognition. He enjoys talking to people and getting to know everyone at YIG.

Another highlight of being secretary of state is that he gets to work close with the governor, Nora Salmon. Besides talking at the sessions, he has a lot of unstructured time to help push certain bills and have time with the media. His favorite part of Youth in Government is the atmosphere-as he stated, "the ambiance of the people."

He also mentioned that his least favorite part would have to be packing bags.

Highlights of the House

By Sydney Dunn and Kristen Tucker

Tre Parker is one of the many members of the House. When asked what the highlight of being a member of the House is, he responded, "Debating your bill and debating against other member's bills." His duty in the House is to try and support his delegation and pass bills. His favorite thing about being in the House is arguing and listening to other member's ideas. One bill has been passed thus far.

An interview of the highlights of the senate

By Jordan Sheets

This morning, four senators, Maddy Prince and Vincent Perll from Mexico Delegation, Emily LaFentres from Rosati-Kain High School, and Kimberly Croxville from Elsberry Delegation,

were interviewed on what they thought of the senate proceedings so far. Here's what they had to say:

What has been your favorite part of being in the Senate so far this Year?

Prince – I've really liked my fellow senators because the things that they have to say are all really intelligent and I've heard a lot of opinions that have made me think.

Perll – My favorite part has been the efficiency of the debate.

LaFentres – I really like how it's small so we get through everything a lot faster and we have more time to debate.

Croxville – My favorite part is that most Senators are experienced upperclassmen so our debate is more well-rounded and focused.

How many years have you been in the senate?

Prince – I'm a junior and this is my second year in the Senate.

Perll – This is my first year in the Senate, I was in the House

for the past two years.

La Fentres – This is my first year.

Croxville – This is my first year in YIG all together so it's also my first year as a senator.

What made you want to be a senator rather than any of the other positions?

Prince – Last year I was a Senator just because there was an open position, but now I like the Senate because I realized you get to speak more, so your voice is heard more.

Perill – I had been in the house for two years, so I just wanted to try something new and get more experience and meet some new people.

LaFentres – The opportunities I have to promote my bill are a lot greater being in the Senate because I can branch out a lot more and talk to a lot more people about it.

Croxville – Senators are more highly thought of, I believe, and I also had prior experience being a Senator at

Missouri Girls State.

The Joys of Judicial

By Rachel Rotter and MarkCount

Kathi Chestnut, the coordinator for Judicial, said, "It's a joy every year to see the growth of students. It's a great program and it's lots of fun. " Every person and every role plays an important part in the judicial. Whether if one is a witness, a lawyer, or a judge, the opinions will very from person-to-person. Witness Montell Gunn from Carnahan High School said, "I like having to remember what is said and you don't have as much stress as a lawyer. It's fun because you get to make up how you want to act, like having an accent or how you move. I would recommend this." Lawyer Ashley Reichert from St. Joseph Academy said, "My favorite thing about being in the judicial

is after I present a case and after I prepared for the case I feel more confident and I can stand up and present a case and be like, "Wow, I could really be a lawyer". It gives me hope that maybe if I wanted to be a lawyer I can make that a profession in my future. Witnessing is also great because it teaches you how to know the facts, present them, and know how to get around tough questions. It's a great learning experience." Finally, Judge Megan Brightfield from St. Joe said, "I enjoy being able to make decisions on objections, people's arguments, and having control of the courtroom. It's really important for people to know their rights. A lot of people who do this really love to debate and it's fun for all of us. I think it's the most important."

What has CLI done for you?

By Olivia Stewart and Sierra Smith

Former CLI participant Rebecca Hopke from Bowling Green Delegation gives us the scoop on how CLI used to be.

Rebecca's first year going to YIG was the year Bowling Green first joined the program. The reason Rebecca wanted to go is because her teacher said she would get two days off from school so she decided to give it a try. Once she got there she realized that having two days off from school was not the best part. The best part was getting to experience how the different types of branches in the government work. The CLI program influenced her to come back every year after her first. The program gave her opportunities to develop good leadership skills and help her prepare for high school.

YIGsters have those "uh - oh" moments

By Megan Glynn and Emily Messmer

Do you ever have those embarrassing moments that YIGNite your YIGmotions, make you want to go hide in your YIGloo and sit alone eating YIGnewtons and YIGgy pudding? Well fear no more, a YIGcersist comes to relieve your YIGNorance and make you realize that it is not that bad at all and that it happens to everyone. So get YIGcited because many YIGsters have agreed to share their stories with you. So let's get YIGgy and lower our YIGspectations of what it means to be perfect. **NO ONE IS PERFECT!**

Or first story comes from Anna Wehking from Lindbergh High School. She explains an awkward situation she faced in the elevator: "We had just gotten back from dinner and I had eaten so much. I said, joking with my friends, 'I'm pregnant, guys.' I didn't realize that three other

people were listening. It was awful."

Cody Stark, from Clopton, explains an event where his friends tricked him into thinking his advisor needed to talk to him while he was in the shower and it couldn't wait. Cody says "I had to rush out of the shower and they all laughed at me. It was horrible, and when I got back in the shower it was ice cold!" Even though these embarrassing moments are terrifying at the time, everyone has them and shouldn't worry. So relax and don't let embarrassing

situations get in your way of loving YIG!

Ask Not What the Hotel can do For You but What You can do for the Hotel

By Sadie Franck and Jessica Wellington

We all know that YIG would not be possible without the help of the Capitol Plaza Hotel and them making sure that this program flows smoothly. The friendly front desk employee, Chris Mehemert, said that his favorite thing about YIG being here is "having the hotel busy. it makes being here more enjoyable since around this time of year everything is usually slowing down, plus it is also fun to mess with the kids who come to the gift shop to buy sodas, and it is hilarious to see the look on their faces". Of course YIGsters respect the hotel because of their generosity and friendliness for hosting

almost 900 teenagers every year so the real question is, what can you do to help the hotel? Well, Chris also said that "on campaign nights, it would be very helpful if students could throw away papers and stickers they do not want, not only because it keeps the hotel looking nice, but because it helps the workers who are in charge of cleaning up after everyone." So next time YIG is here, make sure the hotel is treated just as nicely as the state capitol, itself.

YIG leader lives on through scholarship

By Rebecca Hopke

Many of us have heard about the scholarship offered to one outstanding senior every year at the end convention; some of us may have even applied for it but I bet a lot of us don't know who the scholarship is in memory of or characteristics of this outstanding individual.

Elizabeth You was a regular participant in YIG throughout her time as a student attending

between the years of 2006-2010. She held many roles including floor leader, committee chair person, and her senior year she was privileged to be the YIG Governor. Elizabeth was an outstanding individual who had many great leadership qualities like compassion, dedication, and optimism just to list a few. She was very active in YIG and encouraged and influenced those around her.

This \$500 scholarship was set up by her parents to award an outstanding senior who displays the same qualities of leadership as Elizabeth did. Elizabeth passed away a year after her term as governor from cancer but her legacy as a great leader will live on and be told in many years to come.

Changes in the Capital

By Rachel Kimminau and Lanelle Troesser

As many of you know the Capitol is under renovations, which has caused us to have

some of our YIG activities that would normally be at the Capitol, in the hotel.

Some YIGsters do not mind the adjustment such as Francis Howell Central's Chance Bowman and Daniel Tedder, Video news, who stated, "Having everything in one area makes it easier. Although we haven't done many stories at the Capitol because of the renovation it hasn't been a big deal." Other YIGsters have been more impacted by the change. Sara Becka from Rockwood Summit, a member of the House, stated, "It's harder to hear because the seating is at one level, where as in the House there's elevated seating. It's slightly more cramped and you don't get that Capitol experience that House members have gotten in the past." Although there are positives and negatives to the renovations YIGsters are still happy to come to Jefferson City and play a

role in the government. "The important thing is that we still get to do what we came here to do: be a part of Youth in Government," said Beka. It may not be ideal for the time being but for future YIGters they'll get to experience the capitol in its full glory.

What Was Your Favorite Part of MOYIG?

By Josh Miller and Cody Stark

Josh and I roamed around the hotel looking for people to give their input on what they enjoyed most about MOYIG. These were their responses:

"I enjoyed meeting new people and getting to know them better."
-Shelby

"I enjoyed getting away from home and being able to make my own choices."
-Annonomys

"I enjoyed seeing the capital building and learning how a government is set up. I also liked eating at all the restaurants around town.

-Jessica

"The breakfast downstairs"

-Jamon

Seniors bid farewell

By Angeles Echols

This year, the senior YIGsters prepared to exit the program. Many of the Executive leaders have been great mentors for the younger delegates. "I love how the judges let me know how I did on the case. It really helped me know what I need to do next year when I come back.", Says Maddy Wyant from Carondelet YMCA.

Most of the seniors will miss the experience of MOYIG but plan on coming back as an advisor next year. Many seniors also plan on inviting students to come and experience YIG.

Some of the seniors were in the program

since 8th grade. "This last experience taught me alot. One of the big things it taught me was time management," says Alex Shaw from Mexico YMCA.

"I personally will miss the relationships I built here. I may be a little shy still but I have opened , my self up a bit," says Stephanie Babatola from Carnahan. Some of the younger students will miss the seniors at next year's convention but will also remember the marks they left.

The Witnesses: Their Importance and Their Work

By Josie Fox

The witness in a court case is extremely important. A witness can either prove your point or topple the claims and evidence of your work. To be a witness there are several key points that are essential for helping your attorney and hindering the quest of the opposing side. The first is the memorization of the deposition, the second having the ability to improvise, and the third practicing with your

lawyers.

Both today and yesterday it was very clear that to succeed in trials the witness and the lawyers had to be in sync. In many trials it was clear that during last minute preparations attorneys and witnesses were quizzing and planning how they would question and answer when the time came. This strategy has definitely appeared to work extremely well for many teams. Their testimonies, lines of questioning, and evidence go much more smoothly than a group that didn't prepare in a similar manner. Lawyer Kaley Burroughs stated earlier, "It's important that [lawyers and witnesses] work together because if you don't know what anyone is going to say then everyone can sometimes look a little clueless or unprepared." It is also important that witnesses listen to what their attorneys tell them to gravitate towards when answering questions or the opposing team can twist the points said away from the

goal of the witness' team. As stated by lawyer Hannah Bartz, "It depends on what you want [the witnesses] to prove. If they don't mention something important then basically you try to steer the person slowly back to where you need to be." Her point was further highlighted by lawyer Rachel Dippel. When asked about dealing with the unexpected, Dippel answered, "You just try to move on and smooth over any damages caused by the unexpected question." Still, how do witnesses deal with the unknown outcomes and questions and their ability to be able to remember what they need to say? After several interviews, patterns started to bubble up among witnesses that had either just finished a trial or were heading into one. Harrison Beretz, a witness on his way to a trial, responded, "I read the deposition and try to

commit it into remember it the best I can and if I'm asked a question I don't know how to answer I give the best educated guess I can think of." When asked about how she gets ready for her trials as a witness Allison Gerkins explained, "I usually make a list of all the important points I need to make and then ask the attorney what he or she would like me to put emphases on and what not to." And after a stressful trial of unexpected questioning, Ally Kostle answered, "I try to go with the flow. I just try to stay in character and say whatever pops into my head that pertains to the deposition." Though at some points in the convention and trials witnesses can be written off as an easy job and forgotten, being a witness is extremely important and essential to the trial process. The weight of success hinges on their testimonies.

Anegeles invents entertainment

By Alex Shaw

Yesterday in the Print Press lair, some time between the hours of 6:07 and 7:54, a rare thing occurred. The Print Press editors allowed entertainment in the newspaper.

From this point on, there will be no more information. There will only be activities in which you can participate if you so choose.

All of these activities were generated by Anegeles, entertainment extraordinaire.

Activity 1: How many words can you make out the letters included in Youth in Government? Use the space below if you want:

Activity 2: Unscramble the following words:

(Hint: the following can be more than word jumbled together)

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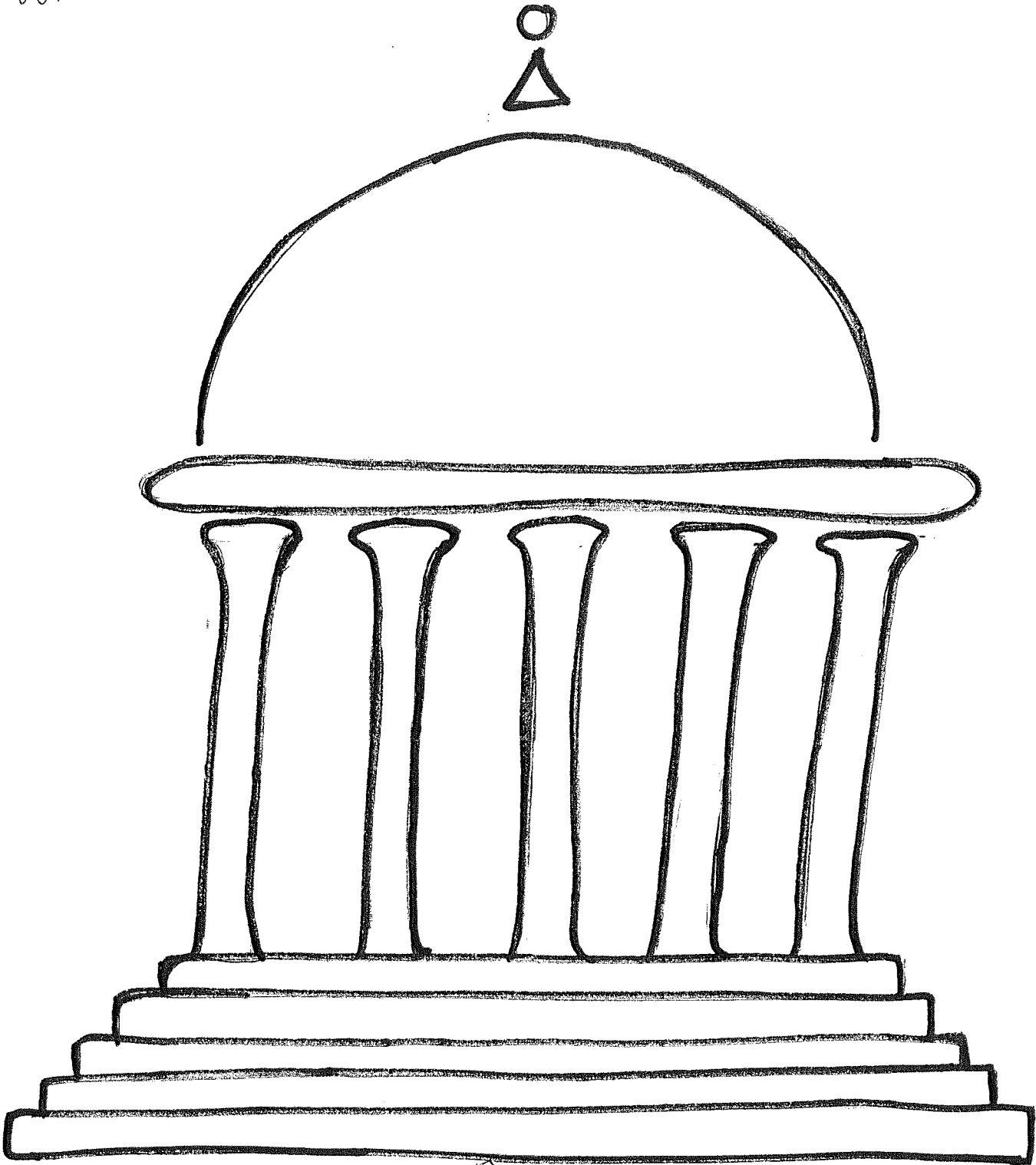
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