

CLOSING THE WEEK



RECAP OF THE WEEK

By Emily Sardo, Boone

Sunday, 4am Arnold, Missouri in a warm and cozy queen sized bed my alarm blaring, and with only 3 and half hours of sleep, I got ready for the first time during what would become the best week of my life. I drove 30 minutes to Festus Home Depot, loaded my luggage, stepped onto the bus and by 6:45 was on the road to Warrensburg, Missouri. . . 5 hours away.

Shortly after arriving, I met my roommate, Emma; we shared a few laughs and realized we were going to get along just fine. It was a huge relief to know I was going to be among good company, but little did I know, that she was one of the first of nearly 750 other extraordinary girls.

Politics is what I wish to do with my life. There is no way around that. So being at MGS was nothing short of my most amazing experience thus far in my life. I was able to be inspired by Governor Jay Nixon, Senator Claire McCaskil, Treasurer Clint Zweifel, Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, a past NFL cheerleader, 4 different representatives, Dr. Shari Bax, and both Miss Shari and Miss Katherine. MGS has given me and all the other girls here so many different opportunities. We are offered informative classes, scholarships, college credit, an experience of a lifetime and the best role-model, Governor Taylor Moody.

I am gracious to my sponsor and the ones who voted me into the House of Representatives, as well as the extraordinary honor of being a color bearer. Missouri Girls State has changed my life for the rest of my life. Also, I can't wait to attend University of Central Missouri. Go Mules/ Genies!

BANNER PARADE 2011



MGS SHOPPE

Close Out Sale!

Starts Friday morning at 7:00 a.m.

Ode to the MBS Governor

By Casey Wright and Lee Acton

Upon a dreary Wednesday Evening
We entered Hendricks, not believing
Our hopes deflated, spirits dwindled
But testosterone it did rekindle.

Our weakened shouts began to grow
A boy was anything but foe
His light grey suit and shining grin
Had girly hearts on the spin

Suddenly the energy rose
Starting from our painted toes
Our spirits we were gaining back
No longer something that we lacked!

Now we're back to our happy state
Though it hardly counted as a date.



nor, as well as to the rest of you. Being able to reach out to over one thousand girls is a great responsibility, but it is also a great blessing. You will do great next year as returning Governor, and I hope your experience is as rewarding as mine was. I wish the rest of you luck in the future; you are all strong and independent women, don't overlook that. If you have learned anything from me this week, I hope it is to grow in every experience you have, and always love no matter what the circumstances. Thank you again for making my experience as governor one of the best times of my life.

Love,
Gov. Taylor Moody



This past week I have had the privilege to work with a group of very fine young women who have put in hours of dedicated work to create a publication that has, very simply put, made history.

It had been the desire of the Missouri Girls State staff members and the Missouri Girls State committee to have a newspaper of this caliber. You have gone leaps and bounds beyond any and all expectations and in doing so; have set a high standard for Missouri Girls State citizens to come.

I would like to say a special thanks to Editor-in-Chief Mattie Burge for the hard work and long hours she has put into this newspaper all week. Vicki Russell, publisher of the Columbia Daily Tribune, had this to say after the first issue came through her office to be published, "We had fun looking at it today at the Columbia Daily Tribune and are proud of what you have achieved." Be proud ladies, congratulations!

Miss Whitney

Thank You!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As a small town girl with big dreams I have been inspired by Missouri Girls State 2011. There are ten students in my graduating class, so I literally mean "small town girl". I came here because, like everyone else, I am one of the "best of the best". Missouri Girls State has taught me so much about government and about myself. I believe from this experience that I have done what Governor Moody said to do, GROW. When I go home I will encourage girls at my school to go to Girls State. In the future when I have a daughter I will encourage her to attend also, and to strive to be the best that she can be. Girls State 2011 has been one of the best experiences of my life.

Sara Wikoff, Crowder