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## WEATHER CAUSES CONFERENCES TO COMBINE AT WESTMOORE

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Winter weather in Oklahoma is usually not... well, wintry. This year has radically broken the norm with not one, but *two* snow and ice storms. While most Y&G-ers were thankful for the snowy landscapes and school cancellations, the storms had far-reaching effects. Youth & Government clubs were unable to get their registrations and fees in on time, schedules and to be rearranged, and as we all know, Northern and Southern District Conferences were consolidated into one. The Northern District gubernatorial candidates don't even know who they are yet, since the election for Northern District won't be held until State. Even the name of this paper has been changed!

Even though state registration deadlines were extended, there are still three schools that have yet to send in their forms and, sadly, Santa Fe South High School even decided against going to State. According to State Director Stan Barton, "Santa Fe South couldn't make it today, and they didn't want to come to [the state conference] unprepared." Stan also said that last Tuesday, when registrations were due (before the extension deadline was set), only five clubs out of the twenty-one in Oklahoma were registered. Estimates for State attendance, usually around 300 people, are down to 225-250. However, Oklahoma clubs can apparently be thankful that they got off so easy. Missouri's Y&G schedule is entirely in the fall, and only one-half of their ordinary 500-600 members made it to their State Conference.

Trying to rearrange schedules has been a hassle, as was seen by this conference sharing the Lecture Hall



Wintry weather in Oklahoma still remains even after two weeks of melting time.

with a golf coaches' meeting. Westmoore Youth & Government coordinator Tom Kilbourn said that "the biggest problems were schedule conflicts--trying to fit a lot more things into fewer weekends."

"It's been a chore in terms of holding it all together," remarked Stan Barton, "but we can turn the lemons into lemonade and still have a great conference."

In her first official statement as Youth Governor, Ruby Coyle thinks that "despite natural setbacks, it will be interesting to see how the Northern and Southern districts coming together before State will affect the State Conference."

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