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CONGRATULATIONS, 2007-2008 YOUTH GOVERNOR STUART DOWNEY!

CONGRATS TO SECRETARY OF STATE MICHELLE UPTON!

DINNER AT OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER NEW EXPERIENCE

By Su Hong, Stillwater HS

Tonight, all of the YAG delegates will be going to the Oklahoma History Center in honor of celebrating Oklahoma's centennial. Stan Barton, who made the proposal, said it would be a special way for the delegates to honor this celebration. This year it is first time YAG has gone to the Oklahoma History Center and to also the first time to extend the YAG conference till Saturday evening. After a tour of the museum, the YAG delegates will be having dinner in the banquet hall of the museum.

DELEGATES CONFESS INNER FEELINGS

By Courtney Evans, Classen SAS, and Adriana Knight, Star Spencer HS

The Youth & Government State Conference is a new

experience for many delegates, but for several, this is a yearly routine. Several delegates were interviewed about the times they've spent at State. Youth Governor Ruby Coyle said that the most valuable moment that she experienced in YAG was "the moment Stan called and told me that by default I obtained governor," and Andrew Brown was quoted as saying that "my first year in northern district, I was taught how to use evidence and expert witnesses in my cases and have been using it ever since." When asked what has been her favorite part of YAG, Chief Justice Jennifer Harrison said that "it was being able to see competition in the courtroom and see it turn into friendship outside of the courtroom." Kasey Steffen remarked that her favorite branch is "judicial, because you get to participate in everything. You also get to make friends with people you wouldn't meet otherwise." The funniest thing she's ever done during YAG? "On the witness stand, I wore very large bifocals and pretended to have an imaginary asthma attack." To top it all off, Jennifer Harrison was also asked about her most embarrassing moment in YAG. She laughed, saying, "Yesterday, I tripped over my robe while going up the stairs of the capitol building."

JUDICIAL IN REVIEW

By Margaret Wang and Su Hong, Stillwater HS, and Sydney Caswell, Westmoore HS

Judicial delegates have worked throughout the school year to make their performances the best. All the practice and hard work paid off in the showdown today at the Capitol. Friday night, when the semifinalists were announced, many squeals

of joy were heard. Saturday morning, qualifying delegates rushed to the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, nervous yet ready to argue their cases. The nonqualifying delegates also try to rush there, hoping to catch some good advice for next year. Appeals court was a great experience for Madison Cary, of



Delegate Haleigh Watson let us in on her dream.

Cleveland Co. & Home School. As a first year participant at YAG, she enjoyed being apart of the court tremendously, finding everyone very friendly. The Supreme Court was also filled with amiable competition and camaraderie, displaying thoughtful cases and great acting by the witnesses. The showcase was held in the stately and intricately embellished Supreme Court, a perfect place for any conclusion to a program. It was bubbling with excited energy for the showcase, being crowded yet attentive at the same time. This weekend had been an exciting, and educational, one for all.

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