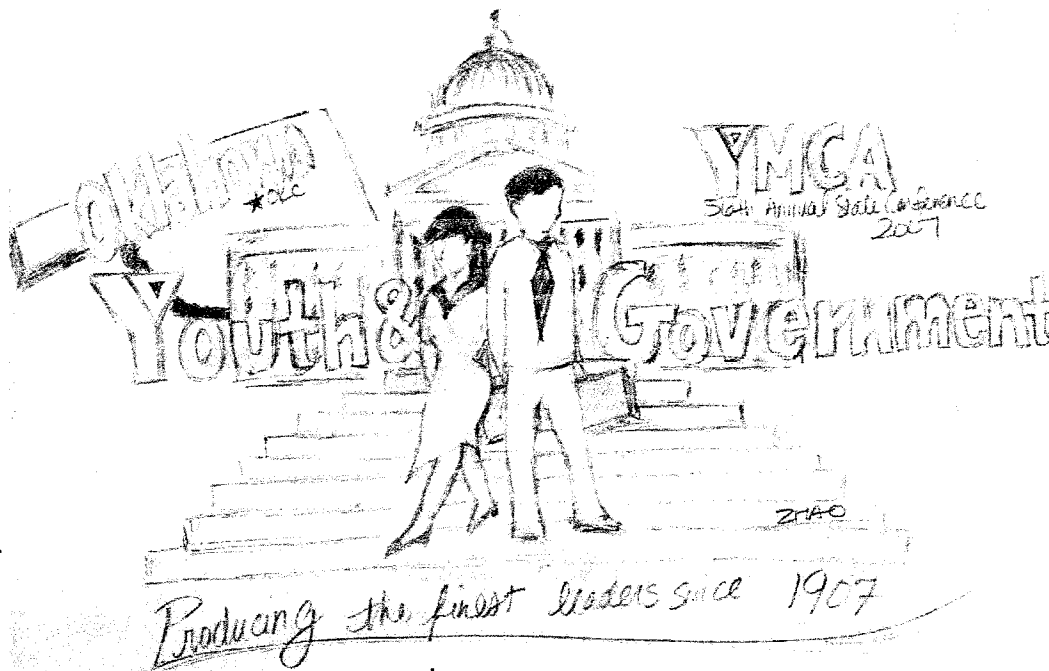


T-SHIRT DESIGN A CREATIVE COLLABORATION

By Tory Clower, Stillwater HS

The YAG t-shirt design this year was created by Jennifer Zhao, of Stillwater High School. Jennifer has been drawing for a number of years and was very excited when she won the design competition. However, her design was modified for the t-shirt without her knowledge. While she is still happy that her design won the competition, she is a little upset that the YAG sponsors seemed to take her idea and run (away) with it. "It looked like it was drawn with a white-out pen," Jennifer remarked. "Plus, they changed the date from 1907—Oklahoma's birthdate—to 1901. What does 1901 have to do with Oklahoma?" Her other major point of contention was that "they added faces to my people. And they're sad faces! Why are they sad?!" While Jennifer might be disappointed about the changes made in her design, she is sure that "I'm definitely going to remember laughing about this with my friends for a long time!"



Zhao's original drawing for the t-shirt was changed.

INTEREST POLL

By Margaret Wang, Stillwater HS

What do you miss about home while staying at YAG?

Computer/Internet: 20%

Friends: 30%

Family: 15%

Personal space and your own comfortable bed: 35%

What was the most fun event for you at YAG?

Working in different branches: 15%

Entertainment night: 35%

Staying up past my bedtime: 15%

Being independent and away from home: 15%

Food: 20%

Pepsi, coke or diet water?

Pepsi: 30%

Coke: 45%

Diet Water: 25%

Disclaimer: Diet water is not actually a real drink.

"The greatest revenge is to accomplish what others say you cannot do."—Anonymous

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS A SLOW ONE

By Courtney Barfoot, Charles Page HS

Preparation for youth and government begins early in the year. Clubs attend the conference for the opportunity to work in the real government process, but how real is the program? During this conference many have debated if it is actually as democratic as delegates are led to believe. Alexandria Reynolds said "I am almost positive what we did was undemocratic and possibly unconstitutional." If the YAG program is not following the real process, then why do delegates participate in the program? What good are we getting from an undemocratic program? Lack of time seems to be the biggest constraint. Committees were faced with many bills and little time. Advisor Amanda Shankle-Knowlton said that "basically, there was not enough time to get through bills. When this happened, we left it up to the discretion of the chair." Shankle-Knowlton presented the idea of reading captions and then voting 'pass' or 'fail.' Nick Emehiser, who chaired a committee, said that "I tried the strategy to speed the process along and still didn't get through all the bills." Is there not an order of debate to follow? Isn't the point of committees to weed out the insignificant bills and so help in speeding up the house of representatives? Who is to blame for the confusion in the committees? All of the controversy boils down to democracy being a very slow process. There simply was not enough time or advisors to thoroughly run the legislative process.