

# Boys' & Girls' State

Empire Girls' and Boys' State were week-long programs in the practical application of Americanism and good citizenship. From June 26th to July 2nd, 1988, two girls and six boys from the small town of Odessa joined other juniors from all over

New York State to learn about the three branches of government and their own personal roles in them.

Terri Williams and Cassie Foley spent their week at SUNY Albany. Their hosts, the American Legion Auxiliary, taught them all about the different jobs of the state government. Many hours were spent in lecture halls, listening to guest speakers such as Lt. Governor Stanley Lundine. The 340 girls

in attendance set up an imaginary 51st state, electing assemblymen, senators, commissioners, and a governor and Lt. governor. Both girls were senators. 'We stayed up until three in the morning making signs for candidates and talking to all of the great people we met. It was exhausting', said Cassie Foley. The highlight of the week was the final night, when the elected officers were inaugurated in a formal candle light ceremony.

Boys' State citizens had an even more exhausting week than their female



Dearie, well hon - its time for me to get out of O.M. Time has gone by so fast. I must say you & I have about 06 memories (ET+PA) & I'll never forget those times. Plus we had many more. But I'm glad you & I became such good friends & I wish you all the best in the world and enjoy your senior year. Talk to me at FSA too. You best be around to attend my wedding w/ Jeff. Step on and see me sometime. I'll miss ya! Love ya! Tiff



Tiffany Fair and Becky Decker preside over the cash box during a basketball game.



Front: J.Lisk, W.Hughey, S.Letteer, K.Saunders, C.Starkweather, S.Murch, M.Lynch, C.Foley, B.Daugherty. 2nd: S.Sayre, D.Stayer, T.Fair, B.Decker, M.Kotmel, D.Gauvin. Back: G.Melendez, J.Grover, H.Rice, B.Clark, D.Berner, R.Meyers, R.Moshier, M.Glover, D.Slusser, A.Gooley.