



Renelle Newton, Brandy Peurifoy, Kevin Moore, and Marvin Tucker reminisce about Boys' and Girls' State. They were chosen by American Legion and American Legion Auxillary.

## Learning to Lead

While most students were headed for the beach or the pool at the beginning of the summer, Renelle Newton, Brandy Peurifoy, Kevin Moore and Marvin Tucker were headed for Girls' and Boys' State. The girls were housed at the University of South Carolina, while the guys stayed at Wofford for the first time in fifty years.

The students were specially selected by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxillary for this week-long program. The participants heard lectures from state officials that dealt with topics concerning religion, patriotism, and politics.

Participants also campaigned, delivered speeches, and engaged in mock sessions of government. "Boys' State gave students the hands on opportunity to perform the duties of the judicial, legislative and executive branches of local and state governments," said Marvin.

"I learned a lot about government that I did not know, and I also made a lot of new friends," said Renelle.

— Bramlett Easterlin