

REMINDER: Blood Drive Tomorrow!

Order in the Court

Matt Reper

Yesterday, the eighteen municipal judges, prosecutors, and public defenders took a field trip and walked a few blocks to Lawrenceville Township Municipal Court to observe some of the court's daily proceedings. The Honorable Kevin Nerwinski presided over the court and ruled on several cases that the statesmen were able to witness. The most interesting of the cases was a case presented about an offender who failed to observe a traffic control device (ran a red light). The state had produced video footage of his offense from a red light camera and he claimed that rainy, salty road conditions caused him to glide through the red light. He also claimed he attempted to stop, yet when the Judge reviewed the video, he quickly ruled that the defendant was guilty and imposed a \$164 fine on him.

For those statesmen unknowing of the jobs of the public defender, municipal judge, and prosecutor, here is your chance to learn. The public defender's job is solely to make the prosecutor prove his case. He presents no evidence, and his client's guilt is not relevant to him. The prosecutor, on the other hand, must take all cases; his job is to protect the interests of the state and to make sure justice is served. The Judge simply makes an ultimate ruling: guilty or not guilty. Municipal Court will be held tonight with these three positions in action and hopefully, with a better understanding of them, city members can go into court tonight and be effective, be confident, and achieve the ultimate goal of making court fun.

Wednesday Schedule Highlights

- 1) Gubernational Candidates Begin Petitioning 6:30
- 2) State Party Conventions 8:30 – 9:30
- 3) Gubernational Primary Election 12:30 – 2:00
- 4) Band Concert 7:30 – 8:30
- 5) Municipal Court 8:45 – 10:30

Forecast

Today: High - 79° F

Low - 55° F

6% Chance of
Rain

Tonight: 54° F

Early Chance of
Thunderstorms

9% Chance of Rain

Fearless Leader

Matt Reper and Nicholas Gabuzda

Unfortunately, there has been another emergency amongst the Jersey Boys' State staff. Tom Marsden, Senior Publisher of The Jersey Statesman, has suffered a minor heart attack and will be unable to actively continue as Publisher for the rest of the session. Mr. Marsden is currently out of surgery and doing well. In fact, he is already up and making jokes since his heart attack occurred. However, the doctors did find an 80% blockage in the lower portion of his heart. They inserted a stent in order to facilitate blood flow. In addition, doctors also found another 70% blockage in another part of his heart and they will be operating to insert another stent sometime next week. In the meantime, Kevin Cameron has taken over as publisher of The Statesman. Tom is a current member of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) in Squadron #348 out of Brick, NJ. He was also the past State Commander of the Detachment of New Jersey, the past National Vice Commander of the Eastern Region, and is currently the Editor in Chief of the SALute, the newspaper for the SAL for the entire state of New Jersey. I urge everyone to keep Tom and his family in in your thoughts and your hearts. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Boys' State News

Whose Island is it Anyway?

Conor O'Leary

Fillmore City, a community of fifty-thousand citizens, has recently gotten into an argument with its sister city of Taylor over who is the true owner of an island located near both cities. Before this recent dispute, Fillmore had assumed responsibility of the island. In a turn of recent events, Taylor city claims the land in question is part of their city. Taylor has accused that the old maps which entitle Fillmore ownership of the island are forgeries.

The reason for such a heated debate over this property is because of the historical bronze statue located on the island. This statue has brought in revenue for Fillmore city due to the tourists visiting the island.

In 1880, France presented the statue to the U.S. to commemorate the humanitarian presence of the U.S. globally. The statue was placed on the island which citizens presumed was Fillmore territory at that time. It used to be connected directly to Fillmore mainland, but the land that joined the island and the mainland.

How This Got Into Your Hands

Lucas Cuatrecasas

I am late. I walk into the room on whose door 'The Jersey Statesman' is denoted by a sheet of paper. The noise is what first hits me: the complementary sounds of pen-clicking and keyboard-hitting. I start matching voices to faces, frantic pens to their respective owners. Possible articles are being passed from one editor to another, accumulating revisions. "Don't use the passive voice," one editor says, amending the sentence with a scribble.

For the next three days, 18 editors will meet each day to compile articles, collect photographs and, with laborious effort, create the issue of 'The Jersey Statesman' that each delegate will receive in the morning. Flashing ALJBS credentials will allow them to enter seminars freely, ask questions of the speakers and officials, and grant them access to other Boys' State events, so that they may report on all aspects of life at this six-day program.

Reporters will exclusively use hot pink cameras (the color is to prevent theft, I've heard) to photograph events, speakers, meetings, and the like. All pictures that appear in the newspaper have been sourced from these pink cameras.

Last Monday night, our head editor, Matt Reper, finalized the paper at 3 a.m. and has since been subsisting on Mountain Dew and coffee. He hopes that as the week continues the paper's assembly will take up a bit less of his time. Nevertheless, Matt, along with the rest of 'The Jersey Statesman' staff will literally not rest until we have a paper.

How to Succeed in Politics Without Really Trying

Nicholas Gabuzda

It's safe to say that although it's only been three days since Boys' State began, every statesman has heard his fair share of campaign speeches. By now, many have realized who the eloquent orators are and who, to put it lightly, are the babbling meat-heads.

Here's the thing: guys like heroes, the guys with the guts to be short and sweet and stand against his fellow candidates. Thus, bragging about your accomplishments in the National Honors Society or your role in student government won't do much, but the guy who is courageous enough to say "Yo, all his extracurriculars are nice, but we all have those little do-dads for college applications." So cut the crap and talk politics, essentially.

Such is the strategy of freeholder candidate Joe Green of Jackson City, who likes to keep his speeches simple: he states his name and thoroughly discusses both his platform and central dogma. He recognizes that mentioning that the fact that he is a good compromiser is a more valuable Boys' State skill than volunteering at a local animal shelter.

Also, cookie-cutter comments such as "I'm personable" and "I'm easy to talk to" aren't really worth mentioning, because- apparently- so is everyone else.

So listen up all you hopeful future governors: while some may say the ticket to success is to go your own way, there is clearly a formula worth noting. Be simple, be honest, and avoid mentioning animal shelters.

REMINDER:

Don't Forget to Purchase Family Day Tickets!

Boys' State News

Federalist Convention Recap

Connor McNabe

The State Party Chairman candidates filed into the Cavalla Room Tuesday evening for what would be a spirited convention for the Federalists. The Governor of the 67th Boys' State Session kicked off the assembly by motivating the party, "It is your duty to pick the candidate that will represent our party best; who can speak well and introduce the governor to the statesmen."

The nine candidates each gave passionate speeches explaining why they should be elected. Each candidate was asked two questions to which they had to give impromptu answers. All candidates were excellent speakers. Voting will take place on Thursday and the winner will help campaign for the governor nominee. The convention was summarized by one Federalist, "There are so many well qualified candidates that it is going to be hard to choose who to vote for."

Nationalist Convention Recap

Kevin Segal

The Nationalist Convention assembled last night in order to discuss the election of their Party Chairman. At first, the room's energy was lacking as the party remembered last year's Federalist victory as well as the sweep of state positions for the last six years. Chairman candidate Sean Gunther promised "the state senators and state governor will be nationalists." However, the Federalists seem to be filling most of the state positions so far. At this point, anything is possible.

As always, the convention ended with a question and answer between the candidates and statesmen. The issues showcased included the roles of candidates in activities up until then, governor platforms, and the Nationalist desire to stand apart from the Federalists. The elected State Party Chairman representing the Nationalists is Joseph Wagner.

Sports Overview

Kamoya Ikhofua



Rain Rain Go Away...Jersey Boys' Staters want to play. Day number two of competitive sports between the counties was partially suspended due to intermittent showers, causing all outdoor sports to be cancelled. That did not stop the adrenaline and competitiveness, however, as statesmen battled it out on the basketball and volleyball courts, and many got a chance to showcase their wonderful skills. It seems clear that not only are we some of the brightest most promising teenagers in New Jersey, we are also promising athletes.

In addition, the Marine Corps PT was moved indoors, where a number of boys were put to the test in a pull-up challenge. While taking pictures of the scene, I was actually asked to give it a go, and of course I did. Pay me a visit sometime and I will tell you how many I did. Nevertheless, all sports should continue tomorrow, weather permitting. So, keep playing and stay hydrated!

Layin' Down the Law

Greg Chen

Twenty, thirty, eighty; these three numbers were given to the audience during the law seminar. While the audience desperately guessed at the meaning behind these three numbers; they could not imagine their importance. What Drew Britcher, attorney at law for Leone and Roth LLC, later revealed was that they were in fact percentages of knowledge attained. He claims you learn 20% of what you hear, 30% of what you see, and 80% of what you hear and see. During these seminars the students were both stimulated orally and visually which led to an enriching seminar with a captivated audience.

The law seminar was led by Drew Britcher, a past Boys' Nation senator, who recommends pursuing a career in law. The reason is that there are more and more openings in law professions with fewer and fewer applicants to both law firms and law schools. This predicament has mainly led to the growing fervor of young graduates to pursue more "get rich quick" careers such as those on Wall Street. In response, Britcher notes that a new trend in law schools is abbreviating the length of schooling by law students and implementing at least one year of clinical internships to promote an easier transition from a classroom setting to a career one. Despite all these new developments, Britcher points out, medical schools still maintain a superior educational methodology. Since, he connoted the main difference is that unlike medical schools, law schools take attendance. Which implies that while medical school allows its students to become more independent learners and emphasizes the understanding of knowledge versus actual classroom attendance, law schools are more antiquated and employ a policy where class cutting can prevent graduation.

Deviating from Britcher's academically centered talk, Adam Polhemus, Trooper II, noted that the main attribute of a state trooper is physical fitness. Physical confrontations are inevitable in this line of duty. This preparation is formed in what Polhemus described as "the worst six months of your life," when state troopers train in a variety of skills such as water survival, boxing, jiu-jitsu, and weapons usage. The motivated few that push through this grueling training to completion become elevated to a status above their fellow law enforcement officers. To people like Polhemus, these grueling few months are more than worth it, as it enables a select few to become a small but significant part of the "the best."

Opinion

Ten Minutes to Think

Jimi Stine

The walk from the far end of campus, where my city of Lincoln resides, to the newsroom is a long one. It is a walk I have made many times, under cloud-free skies and under thunderheads leaking rain, in the heat of the afternoon and in the cool air of night. This ten minute walk, often made alone, has afforded me much time for thought. Every moment spent at Boys' State, we delegates are learning. We are receiving more information, more inspiration, more ideas in one short week than we usually receive in months. Digesting it all takes time. One moving example of this motivation was tucked away in a speech given by Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, "Believe in yourself and shoot higher." Later in that same assembly, Herbert Conaway, a Princeton graduate, medical doctor, and current assemblyman put it bluntly: "Grow. Stand for something."

As aspiring leaders and rising high school seniors, these words carry a lot of weight, and as busy as our days here have been, not a lot of time has been allotted just to think, to decompress. The break-neck pace of society is evident here at Boys' State as well; the majority of thinking will be done after the fact when all is said and done and we are back in our hometowns. And that's okay. We are here to be exposed to as many new opinions, viewpoints, and discussions as possible and to be changed because of this exposure.

The time spent walking to and from the various assemblies, meetings and seminars is just about all the time we statesmen get to chew things over and figure out where we stand on these many and varied issues. The value of independent thinking cannot be understated. Many of the greatest minds have flourished from time spent alone, away from the cacophony of society. These individuals spend weeks or months in seclusion. Think Henry David Thoreau at Walden or the millions of those pious individuals who pilgrimage to locations of importance in their faith, all in search of clarity and understanding.

The walk from the newsroom to my dorm is certainly no pilgrimage, but it does offer valuable time to take apart what has been built up in my mind throughout the day and for that, for any time we have to come up with our own take on the days events is something we need to appreciate and use well.

The Boys' State Band Plays On

Max Natanagara

The first time I heard the Boys' State Band was pretty dramatic. As I walked into the Alumni Gym, I was immediately greeted by the piercingly beautiful music of—I couldn't believe it myself—bagpipes. The entire band sat silent, transfixed by the otherworldly notes reverberating throughout the gym. Then, after a brief silence, band leader and conductor Mr. Michael Kallimanis raised his arms and the band played the opening bars of "America the Beautiful." This group of musicians hadn't been playing together for more than half an hour, but the gorgeous music coming from the brass, woodwind, and percussion sections would've convinced all but the most seasoned listener otherwise.

The Boys' State Band sounds good—really good. At the climax of one solemn piece recognizing America's veterans, Mr. Kallimanis called out "Crescendo!" The musicians responded by playing a truly glorious note, gradually putting more power into it before gently closing the song. The band has some great surprises ready for Wednesday's show, at least one of which left several instrumentalists grinning upon news of its inclusion in the performance.

The show is sure to be a resounding success under Mr. Kallimanis's expert direction. It's easy to see that the man manages to be both professional and charismatic, at one moment correcting tempo mistakes and at the next moment joking with the musicians about the state of modern music.

One band member, when asked about the show, said, "It's going to be sweet." I don't doubt it!

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