

## CHARLES WILEY, A TRUELY WILD SPEAKER

Patrick Cao

Boys State statesmen were honored to have renowned international reporter, Charles Wiley, discuss the pros, cons, and special skills needed to become a journalist in the Careers in Journalism seminar.

Being a journalist for a number of years, Wiley enlightened the statesmen with his positive experiences, such as achieving a dream of his. Wiley said, "the time I fulfilled one of my childhood goals. When I was younger, I would watch the movies in the theater and dreamed of being in the scenes the actors were in the film. When I eventually became a journalist, I ended up visiting around one hundred-twenty countries in my career."

Despite his childhood dream being fulfilled, Wiley also mentioned that the title of being a journalist has gone down in the past twenty-five to thirty years. "I remember when I was a beginning journalist, there was a list of the top two hundred careers in the country and being a journalist was one of the top professions on the list. Recently I checked the list and being a journalist was number two hundred on the list," he claimed.

Wiley left off on the note that being a great journalist consists of always writing accurate and hard-hitting articles, while also being open about correcting stories with your editors.

## Today's Weather

Low of 73  
High of 88  
Rain: 10%  
Wind: 7 mph  
Mostly Sunny

### REMEMBER!

Use sunscreen liberally to decrease your risk of cancer, sunburn, and wrinkles.

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## REMINDER!

Tickets for the Family Day event are on sale now at the Boys State Store. Tickets cost 16 dollars for adults present and 11 dollars for children. The tickets can also be bought on Friday at the New Jersey Boys State Foundation table.

## SLAVIC SCANDAL AND THE RUSSIAN SUSPECT

Matthew Walsh

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The Quote of the day is...

"You can complain because rosebushes have thorns, or rejoice because thornbushes have roses."

- Abraham Lincoln

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## STATE LEGISLATURE MEETINGS

Dylan Giacobbe

With legislators elected from each of the nine counties, the Boys State Senators and Assemblymen have begun working tirelessly to determine the relevance and importance of referendums to be voted upon by other delegates. These referendums are questions proposed in a poll about the issues that pertain to New Jersey and, more importantly, to Boys State. I had the privilege of sitting in on both the Senate and Assembly referendums discussions, and it is clear that there are some very important discussions taking place.

I traveled between both the Senate and the Assembly as members of each began to propose their referendum ideas in the moderated and strict discussion of the state legislature. Though there was a lot of disagreement and chaos within the two houses of hardworking legislators; there were many important ideas being tossed around.

Many of the issues being proposed for Boys State delegates to vote on are questions relevant to our population: teenage guys living in New Jersey. As such, many of the referendums passed, such as one regarding online standardized test-taking, will be showing up on ballots on Thursday.

Moving forward, the legislature is becoming more experienced and shall continue to carry out the will of the people once the referendum poll results are in. The legislature will soon after begin to propose and discuss new bills for Boys State to be passed within the houses on Thursday.

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## COMICAL COURT CASES AND OCCURENCES

Matthew Walsh

The Adams City delegates are among the most comical individuals that I have ever met. Adams City congregated in the basement of Conover Hall on Wednesday to prosecute individuals who received court summons for their offenses over the course of the week. Reasons for summons ranged from a noise complaint of Big Time Rush being played late at night to indecent exposure and excessive muscle flexing. Counselors Carl, John, Rommy, and Eric of Adams City were called upon in the court and all four were found guilty of the charges against them. Only one counselor from Adams City was left unscathed. For the delegate found guilty of playing Big Time Rush late into the evening, his punishment came slowly; the delegate was ordered to dance while the song was played. Other defendants might as well have been sent to the gallows, as some were commanded to prance around the room to the beat of showtunes. The events of the night furthered the friendships between members of Adams City, and, as the final day comes to a close, the “Adams Family” hopes to remain very close friends, and return to Boys State next year as counselors.

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## THE GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES MEETING WITH DIRECTOR BAGATELLE

Matthew Walsh



The two brightest minds of ALJBS were finally revealed yesterday as a result of the gubernatorial primaries. Mathias Cross is a soft-spoken candidate representing the Federalists. Mathias expressed his appreciation of the veteran volunteers of ALJBS during his speech at the Federalist Convention earlier yesterday morning. He is a solid candidate but his position on many political issues remains unknown. Tim Gallo is a politically strong candidate representing the Nationalists. Gallo is very specific on issues such as abortion in which Gallo is strictly pro-life. Delegates of both parties agree that Gallo is a strong choice for governor while Mathias represents the underdog competitor in this situation.

# Opinion

## THE PARTIES: UNITED WE STAND OR DIVIDED WE FALL

Samuel Schepps

Among the very first points of information made available to delegates upon arrival was the delegates' individual party affiliations. These affiliations came in two varieties, nationalist and federalist, and serve a plethora of practical purposes; they neatly organize all statesmen into two even groups and provide a proper introduction to all on the functioning of a two-party democratic system.

However, the political purpose of these seemingly arbitrary designations is less clear. As there are no ideological guidelines given to either party before resolutions on platforms are made, the outcome in many cases is that both parties adopt markedly similar stances on many major issues. For example, on the major issue of how to recuperate lost funding facing Madison City, both mayoral candidates ran on a platform of cutting civil services in order to make up for the new budget deficit. Likewise, both parties in that city adopted similar stances in addressing whether or not to allow the city's notorious topless beaches to remain open, both agreeing to keep the beaches open in some form.

Given the current political climate in Washington D.C. and across the United States, such widespread similarities between the two major political parties would be near impossible. This brings statesmen back to the question of what political purpose the parties serve. While definitive answers to this question prove elusive, one possible explanation parallels a theme seen throughout many of the keynote addresses and candidate speeches given at the program thus far: unity. The designation of two distinct yet like groups ironically appears to have served to emphasize the values shared by all the delegates. In doing so, a potential purpose of these superficial designations becomes apparent: to drive statesmen together into one brotherhood by first driving them apart.

### REMINDER!

Get out and vote! Voting is a core principle of the democratic process, and Boys State promotes the democratic process in its entirety. To make sure you have ample time to get to the polls, try to leave for them as soon as possible.

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#### WEDNESDAY SPORTS RECAP

Noah Roselli

The sports results for Wednesday are as follows:

1. Cty 400 – MacArthur
2. Cty 200 – Marshall
3. Cty 800 – Bradley
4. Cty 500 – Ridgway
5. Cty 600 – Vandenberg
6. Cty 700 – Eisenhower
6. Cty 900 – Schwarzkopf
8. Cty 100 – Halsey
9. Cty 300 – Nimitz



According to Dean of Sports Rob Del Prete, there are only two points separating MacArthur and Marshall Counties, equal to half of a game. Similarly, Bradley is ahead of Ridgway by only two games. Eisenhower and Schwarzkopf are in a tie for sixth place.



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## RIDER IS MORE THAN BOYS STATE

Tommy Stuppi

Entering into Jersey Boys State, as many of us are thinking about meeting new people, campaigning for offices, and eating food, the place we are staying at is often overlooked. Rider University has been generous and welcoming over the past 49 years, acting as the host site for Jersey Boys State. While staying here, I believe it is right to take notice of the campus and what it has to offer because no tour could beat five nights of staying over on a campus.

As we continue our Boys State journey, don't ignore the fact that we are still about to be seniors, and that the college search is one of the top priorities in our lives. So, while we are here, take in some of the amenities that Rider has to offer. Here's a few quick facts that might spur your interest.

Hopefully, taking a glance at these facts has sparked your interest in Rider or at least offered some more knowledge on the university which so generously hosts us. ALJBS appreciates everything they do to cater to us, from food to rooms to gym access, and so we should at least take some time to appreciate and take note of them.

## FAST FACTS

(TAKEN FROM RIDER.EDU)

Founded in 1865, university status granted in 1994  
School colors: Cranberry and White  
Mascot: The Bronc  
Student-faculty ratio: 12 to 1  
4,100 undergraduate students  
20 (10 men's and 10 women's)  
National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I teams  
67 undergrad programs and 35 grad programs



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## SLAVIC SCANDAL AND THE RUSSIAN SUSPECT

Matthew Walsh

Wednesday saw the commencement of the gubernatorial primary elections. Hopeful candidates sprinted back and forth across campus, attempting to persuade their fellow members to petition for their position in the race for Governor. As voting began, statesmen ran to the polls and placed their votes for the candidates who spoke earlier that morning. However, there was a complication in the voting process.

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## REMINDER!

Please remember to contribute to your city's and county's manual. Manuals are due by 7:25 PM today, and failure to contribute a written piece to the article will decrease the likelihood that your city and county will be the best city and council.

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