



The Great Debate

Yesterday's gubernatorial debate was riddled with vague clauses and obscure viewpoints; despite this, both candidates spoke their minds and delivered their speeches with passion.

Federalist candidate Anthony Covington's platform was largely in support of three main ideas: solving environmental issues, bolstering the economic status of the state, and re-urbanizing the cities. Covington's stance on environmental issues seemed to be a bit misinformed: the candidate stated that the oil spilled in the Gulf of Mexico by British Petroleum would advance along the East Coast and reach New Jersey's shores within 180 days. Bob Martin, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection, seems to have a different opinion: "The oil will not affect New Jersey this summer, and it is extremely unlikely that it will affect New Jersey at all." Despite this minor mix up, Covington's suggestion of switching much of public transportation over to bio-fuels was generally well received, with the only qualm concerning the expense this would place on the citizens.

Covington's ideas for the economic advancement of the state centered around ideas concerning the implementation of new casinos to attract out-of-state tourists, getting rich citizens back to the cities, and advancing the lower class to the middle class. The candidate also touched upon education in his speech, positing that he did not agree with the current governor's drastic cuts. His solution to this problem was to spread out the cuts to affect multiple groups minimally, rather than one group substantially. In addition to this, Covington suggests that teachers should not be laid off, but instead should be paid based on a merit basis. Rules to determine each particular teacher's merit were not here discussed.

Re-urbanizing the city areas of the state was Covington's final issue. His suggestions on doing so corresponded well with his previous economic ones: he plans to provide low-income housing to those in need and create more jobs by adding the aforementioned casinos and the like. Additionally, Covington's plan to improve the current pension system is meant to provide more incentive for out-of-staters to move to New Jersey. This plan seems particularly ambitious, and we wish him well in the implementation.

On the other side of the podium, we have The other Anthony. Though Anthony Williams did mention that some budget cuts would have to be made, his platform seemed to consist of everything we wanted to hear: he claimed to support the repeal of the dreaded Kyleigh's Law and promised to legalize marijuana.

First off, Kyleigh's Law is regarded by the people of Boys' State as one of the worst and

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Friday Schedule Highlights

11:00-1:20
Family Day

11:45
ALJBS Marathon

1:15
Final Retreat
Ceremony

1:30-4:00
FINAL Assembly in
Alumni Gym



SPORTS

Italy Gets the Boot; Blue Samurai Advance

In one of the more shocking results for a group in recent World Cup history, the favorite Italy was disqualified after a stunning 3-2 loss to Slovakia in arguably the most exciting match of this World Cup. Slovakia took a 2-0 lead in the 74th minute when Robert Vittek scored his second goal of the match, but Italy pulled within one when Antonio Di Natale scored in the 81st minute. Lackadaisical defense by Italy allowed Kamil Kopunek to run free through the defense and put home a beautiful chip shot to give Slovakia 3-1 lead in the 89th minute. Italy did tally one more but the Slovaks held off long enough to finish second in the group behind Paraguay, who tied New Zealand 0-0. In group E play, Japan defeated Denmark 3-1 on two goals from free kick (first time that has happened all tournament) to finish second behind the Netherlands, who defeated Cameroon 2-1 in a somewhat meaningless game due to the fact Netherlands had already clinched a spot in the knockout round. These results today set up surprising matchups in the Round of 16 pitting Slovakia against the Netherlands and Japan against Paraguay.

Impending Storm Impedes Sports

Due to a threatening summer thunderstorm, the sports on Thursday at Boys' State were canceled due to thunder and lightning. The last sporting event to decide who the best sports county will be the marathon occurring today at 11:45. If you are a runner please come out and support your county by running in this race in your county's final push for supremacy.

Sports Scores

World Cup

CMR:1-NED:2

DEN:1-JAP:3

PAR:0-NZL:0

SVK:3-ITA:2

MLB

San Diego:3-Tampa:5
Atlanta:0-White Sox:2

TENNIS

2 Nadal defeats Haase

4 Murray defeats
Nieminen

6 Soderling defeats
Granollers

10 Tsonga defeats
Dolgoplov

Odysseus Returns Home

On Thursday morning, the longest match in tennis history was finally put to a close. The match was between American John Isner and Nicholas Mahut of France. The match began Tuesday, and went on for only a little under three hours before the umpire declared that there was not enough light to continue playing. The match continued on Wednesday, but was not able to be finished for the same reason. The score after Wednesday was 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (3), 59-59. In every tennis major, with the exception being the U.S. Open, the fifth set cannot end in a tiebreaker, but the winner must gain a two game lead in order for the match to end. Because this stipulation had not been met by the end of daylight on Wednesday, it was necessary to finish the match Thursday. The match finally ended after 65 minutes of playtime, ending with a fifth set score of 70-68. The match clocked in at 11 hours, 5 minutes, becoming the longest recorded match in tennis history, with the previous record being 6 hours 33 minutes. Until the final game, neither player was able to break his opponent on serve in the fifth set. Both players were controlling on serve, with Isner breaking the ace record by recording 112 aces, and Mahut serving 103 aces. After these exhausting three days, both players must come back out onto the court to play their second round matches tomorrow.

Don't Fear The Reep-er

Edward Michael Reep does not look eighteen years old. Sporting a bushy brown mustache, thick spectacles, hunched over posture, and crackly voice, Reep could easily pass as a middle-aged man. Despite his older looks, Reep is one of the most charismatic and intelligent former delegates serving on ALJBS staff this year. Reep was elected ALJBS governor two years ago in 2008.

Hailing from Fair Lawn, NJ and about to begin his sophomore year in the Rutgers Honors Program at Rutgers University, Ed is currently serving his first year as a staff member at Boys' State. "I felt obliged," Ed comments, "I knew I had to give back after everything the program had done for me. Reep, a federalist, served as athletic director, mayor, county executive, and finally governor of Boys' State. "The ultimate reward of being governor is the fun of being governor and you get to know so many people through the opportunity. It's really cool."

Ed came into Boys State with a positive attitude, "It was really cool from the beginning. I got involved right from the start and it really paid off." When asked for advice to Boys' State delegates he stated matter-of-factly, "Remember, Boys' State is about learning and having fun. Take it very seriously in one way and not too seriously in another way." He paused for a second and took a bite out of his scrumptious sausage and scrambled eggs breakfast and added "Is that too politically correct?" further confirming Ed Reep's status as a truly fascinating and unique politician.

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most undesirable one of all time. Although Williams stated that he firmly supports the repeal of this overly restricting law, as governor he can only preach to the legislature and put his John Hancock on the letter of repeals. Hopefully his efforts are not in vain. "Pyschomoms," as supporters of the law have been dubbed, often cite powerful driving statistics that state that teens are the worst drivers. If such pyschomoms appeal successfully to the legislature, Williams will stop the passing of further restrictions.

He than spoke on the legalization of marijuana. As an intelligent fun loving teenager, Williams decided that it would be a great idea to legalize the drug. He states that our state will be able to tax marijuana as a recreational item. As discussed in the Assembly yesterday, this seems to have been a point of contention between the candidates.

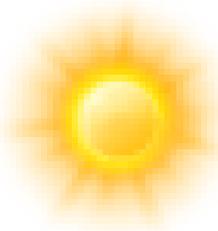
Finally, his most serious stand point is on the budget deficit. During his speech, he stated that "some cuts have to be made." While true, the location of these cuts in the budget was left unknown. Hopefully Williams will be able to find a better source for the cuts than education, because it is the future of our children. As many of our illustrious speakers said, the world is facing many problems. We, the youth, will be inheriting the job to fix these problems. Without a good education, it will be very difficult to mend our problems.

After reviewing the the two platforms, both nominees are well versed in the ways of politics and they both have great ideas. We wish that they each have had a great time here at Boys' State.

Congratulations to Anthony Covington, the Governor of of the 2010 session of the American Legion New Jersey Boys' State

Weather

Tmorrow
High: 90
Low:65
Sunny



Editorial

By: Jonothan Rockower

"All men are created equal." While Thomas Jefferson, the originator of this statement, may not have actually believed in what he wrote, myriad citizens following him have adhered to his ideology. By 1963, America achieved full equality for women and blacks.

Despite how far we have come in terms of leveling the socio-political status of so many classes of people, there is still one group that appears to be increasing its size perpetually, yet has not even come close to achieving equal rights. This group is the LGBT crowd (lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transsexuals). More often than not, their civil unions are not recognized by law. The law of the land mentions nothing regarding the status of LGBT people and their ability to marry one another. A civil union, according to the Constitution, occurs between a man and a woman. The idea that members of the same gender would marry one another was about as remote at the idea of the computer in those times, so the issue is not addressed in the Constitution.

America's legal and political quandary is that we are no longer living in 1789. This is 2010. LGBT is bigger now than it has ever been. It is ridiculous to attack the group's status as a minority. Constitutional measures are necessary to secure rights for them. What does a gay father do when he does not receive "parental leave" to care for his new baby in its first months? How does he convince politicians and government workers that, because his sexual orientation is different, his rights are still the same as anyone else's?

Most opposition to gay marriage comes from a crowd that believes anyone who supports gay marriage must be gay themselves. Supporting equal rights for a different group of people does not make one a member. If a man supports female suffrage, that most certainly does not make him a woman. Just because someone has a different sexual orientation from you does not make him or her a bad person. He is not trying to destroy the world or make everyone else gay.

Part of the quandary blocking gay rights legislation from passing is the indecision of politicians. The gubernatorial candidates of Boys' State are perfect examples of this ambiguity, as they have both expressed conflicting views on the issues at different times. Anthony Covington, of the Federalist Party, suggested during the gubernatorial debates that he would support gay rights if the people so desire, yet he himself is completely against equal rights for gays. Anthony Williams, the Nationalist candidate, said the same when

Vote Count

Cities 8,9,14,15,16 all achieved
100% voter turn out.

Hope everyone had a great time at this
years American Legion Jersey Boys' State.
Good luck with your senior years. Always
keep in mind the people here and all you
have gained from this very very long week.

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