

Don't forget to vote in the Election at Noon in the Rec Center



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The Blood Drive is Thursday, June 21st in the Rec Center. Remember to sign up!

WELCOME BOYS STATE DELEGATES!

I hope you are all enjoying the "week that shapes the future", and that you are all excited for what the rest of the week entails for us. The long days and hard work make for productivity, so get involved and you WILL have fun! And remember to pick up an issue of the Jersey Statesman every morning from your postmaster!

Tuesday Schedule Highlights

- 1) College and Career Fair. 12:30 - 2:30 Student Rec Center, Court 1 & 2
- 2) EBO's will announce the winners of the Legislative and County Elections. 2:45 - 3:00 Outside your city,
- 3) State Party Conventions 7:10 - 10:55 Fine Arts at Yvonne Theater
- 4) Lights Out. 11:30

You Only Live Once

Sunday morning I arrived at Boys State with a mind-set of, "wow... this is the first time I'm going to be without my mom for a whole week!" And truth-be-told, I was nervous as to what this week had in store. There were things I was expecting, such as missing my friends and family, and there were things I wasn't expecting, such as carrying around a schedule that was my only chance of survival here at Boys State! I sure wasn't expecting to meet all of the great people here this week. I sure wasn't expecting to sleep on back-breaking beds we rarely see due to the large amount of activities planned. I sure wasn't expecting ice-cream available for breakfast, lunch, and dinner! But I knew going into ALJBS that I would be doing things i was not expecting to happen, and i accepted that.

You only live once, and however you spend each second here determines the outcome of the rest of your life. So enjoy the week of sharing a room with a complete stranger, because you may find it to be the best time of your life.

Forecast

Today: High-84° F
Low-70° F

Tonight: 66° F

Tomorrow: High-97° F
Low-73° F



Do you know what your Alumni Card and Pin tell people?

- #1 That you are the best of the best.
 - #2 You belong to something that only a few people in your high school belong to.
- Also, it looks good for college and or job applications. You never know who was a Boys' Stater. besides it helps your city and party look good!
So visit the sales table during lunch and buy an Alumni Card and Pin!

Boys' State News

“Conflict in Jackson”

The debate heated up in Jackson City today as the Federalists rallied behind mayoral candidate Kevin Hernandez and councilmen, while the Nationalists joined under mayoral candidate Ben Jaffe and councilmen in order to resolve the problems of the “dying” Jackson City.

One of the main problems that beleaguered the Jacksonian statesmen was whether or not to accept an \$80 million bribe from the federal government to dump nuclear waste onto a two mile-wide Native American burial area in Jackson, or to let a prominent Native tribe establish a large casino on that same burial ground. Initially, the Nationalists wanted the \$80 million to rejuvenate Jackson's lost textile industry and small businesses. They later decided against this stating that nuclear waste would alienate the small number of Jackson residents and “drive people away from Jackson City”, according to candidate Jaffe. The Federalists followed the same belief from the beginning and advocated the rise of small businesses and tourism from the casino and a long-term rise in revenue for the city from these areas of interest.

It became clear during the county meeting that both parties supported many of the same ideas, so it simply came down to which statesmen seemed to be the better leaders. Mr. Hernandez, the young and bright Federalist delegate, won the position of Jackson City Mayor while Fahad Jamal, Mark Hill, Faraz Jamal, William Jacob, and Phil Huecj won city council seats. An interesting note was that only one Nationalist was elected to a city seat, while the mayor and remaining councilmen were all Federalists, an insightful view into the influence of the Federalist party versus the Nationalist party in Jackson City. The City parties then reached the conclusion that the waste would be detrimental to the city and decided against the bribe. Only time will tell how the Jackson City leaders work with their sister city Monroe to solve the problems plaguing Nimitz County and journey on in the coming days to try and make Nimitz number one in the state.

An Inconvenient Truth

When discussing voting in America, most point to the lack of voter turnout on election day, but overlook a statistic that is very troublesome: the voter registration rate. According to the 2010 census, only 65% of Americans over the age of eighteen are registered to vote. Before voter turnout even becomes an issue, an entire third of the population has no direct influence on elections, and they ignore their right to vote.

This is particularly problematic because the lack of voter registration reflects the growing sense of political apathy in America. This indifferent attitude is highlighted among our youngest legal voters, who, as Congressman Leonard Lance pointed out on Sunday, hold the key to the future of America; only 27% of eighteen year olds are registered as voters and for twenty-one year olds, the rate climbs to a still pathetic 50%. Clearly, young voters do not appreciate the sacrifices made by citizens before them who, instead of ignoring Americans' rights, fought and served to ensure that today's generation would experience these great rights. This lack of respect for America and her veterans paints an ugly picture for the future.

The very reputation of politics leads to these attitudes; parents shelter their children from politics, politicians are seen as selfish, and public discussion is often heated and controversial. This turns away many citizens, and it must change. Young voters do not recognize that elected officials and their actions can actually have a direct effect on an individual, so citizens who already dislike “politics” choose not to register to vote. Unfortunately, while there are nearly one thousand involved citizens here at Boys State, there are thousands more in America who disregard the political environment. The country must change and improve the reputation of politics, or America's next generation of voters will fail in their civic duty to positively shape America.

Boys' State News

Jefferson: A Gem in the Mountains

Jefferson is one of the most incredible places in Boys State. The pristine lakes found on the West Side draw 60,000 tourists every summer. The city is renowned for its hiking trails and the beautiful vistas of the surrounding mountains. Tourism is Jefferson's biggest source of revenue. However, the city possesses no industry, out of fear that industrial development will corrupt the pristine landscape. Many people worry that industry will destroy the scenery and tranquility of the environment. Any threat to the attractiveness of the city could destroy the tourism that Jefferson depends upon. Fortunately, the Nationalist Party has envisioned an ingenious solution to increase seasonal tourism and the amount of permanent jobs: subsidizing the development of a local water park.

This decision to subsidize would increase jobs in engineering, as well as draw tourists in both the summer and winter months; due to an indoor segment of the water park. The Nationalists' plans will serve to make Jefferson even more popular. The already burgeoning tourism will; boost the city's revenue, allow for more investment into the city's resort culture, and provide jobs for Jefferson's permanent residents. Due to these improvements, the already beautiful Jefferson will become one of the most amazing resort destinations in the region. Will the Nationalists' plans for a "Six Guide-Ons" water park succeed? Inquire with Jefferson City's Mayor Jon Dennler for more information at Conover C, Room 210.



A Traumatizing Trauma Center

As I journeyed to Room 115 in Sweigart Hall on Monday, I entered the fully occupied seminar for Careers in Emergency Medicine. Daniel Graves RN, an EMS coordinator in the Cooper Trauma Center, was armed with experience to deliver a message on why one should partake in such a career. Graves explains the operation of trauma centers in comparison to emergency rooms. He states that, with emergency rooms, "you wait for the care," but with trauma centers, "the care waits for you." In the former, a victim may have to schedule an appointment for a cat scan, but in the latter, the cat scan is performed by doctors who work various shifts in a 24-hour period and wait for the victim's arrival. With such a rigorous work schedule for their employees, trauma centers become more costly. Graves later spoke lightly about the prerequisites for various levels of nursing in trauma centers.

In the seminar of captivated statesmen, Graves communicated a piece of advice that is universal to any group of people. In trauma centers, he stated that "one must move up in careers and continue his never-ending education in the process." This is analogous to the statesmen's struggles this week as each member goes to great lengths to attain higher offices. With each successive position, a statesmen learns more about the inner political workings of his position.



Opinion

Introduction to Collective Woes

Following a slew of hectic final exams, the average high-school Junior may wish to immediately take a well deserved break. At Boys' State, hundreds of high-school Juniors sacrifice this period of respite for a chance to participate in the volatile world of politics.

However, like the Republican and Democratic parties and the "real" political playing field, the teens at Boys' State couldn't be more divided. Adams City was initially daunting. Where was I; a nerd obsessed with the semantics of kerning on street billboards, supposed to fit in? Would anyone else appreciate my enthusiasm? Would I even have such enthusiasm? I felt I would end up being swept and by the unforgiving waves of the American system- those that are pragmatic win, while those that are not lose.

The Early Elections of Polk: How to Win

Many delegates, especially those who have won elections thus far, have already discovered that SPEECHES WIN ELECTIONS.

The most prevalent problem with the speeches I have heard so far is that nearly all of them were comprise of a few generic lines that have not helped the speaker AT ALL in appealing to the voters. A few examples are as follows: "I will listen to everyone", "your voice is what's important", and "my door is always open." Other statements that mean nothing are listing your credentials as if they mean something. People try to establish their leadership in the minds of the voter by talking about how they've been on Mock Trial or how they were the president of DECA. Others even talk about captaining sports teams. The obvious problem with this strategy is relevance. HOW does having been on Mock Trial or DECA actually help you in being a leader here at Boys State? These things are completely different! There's NO direct relevance, other than the vague quality of "leadership" that people claim to have demonstrated, and voters know that. If what you say isn't concrete and specific, voters won't respond. Getting preoccupied with generic lines, the ones that you've heard repeated from someone else and appropriated, is suicide.

90% of all human communication is nonverbal, mostly registered subconsciously. This fact relates to more intimate settings such as job interviews than it does to speech-giving, but it indicates the importance of everything other than the words out of your mouth. Your bearing, facial expression, tone, and many other things are registered by listeners. And the way to send the best message is definitely not to try to become aware of all these factors and control them. If you really believe in what you say that sincerity will transmit, and voters love sincerity.

Strapped for Cash, Van Buren Entrusts Nationalists to Fix City

Broken bridges, museum controversies, and internet scandals are only some of the problems that plague Van Buren City. Despite similar party platforms, the 30,000 residents of the town elected a Nationalist mayor and a town council with a 2:1 Nationalist majority to alleviate these issues.

Mayor Yasar Khan stated that though the Nationalists have gained control, "we must be united" and make "our individual streams into one river." This shouldn't prove difficult for the new mayor as the general consensus was to gradually increase municipal tax rates.

The resulting revenue will be used to fund the bridge, aid the police force, and provide housing for low income families.

Candidates for both mayor and council expressed nearly identical opinions, hoping to listen to and voice the opinions of the people. However, differences of opinion arose between Khan and Federalist mayoral candidate Matt Lang over the proposed Flint sex museum.

Lang said that he believes in a free market and has "no reason to oppose it." Khan countered that it could drive away tourism from Van Buren's primary museum, but he said "what you want is my duty to represent."

On the remaining issues, the two parties had similar views, but voters still opted for the Nationalist majority.

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