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WEATHER

TODAY:

Hi- 85°F

Chance of Rain- 0%

Skies- Passing Clouds

TONIGHT:

Low- 66°F

Chance of Rain- 0%

Skies- Few Clouds

One Party, One Will: A Step Closer to Governor

Daniel Mattei

The 9:45 AM Federalist convention was, as usual, brimming with cheers and boos. There was a total of six candidates introduced by State Party Chairman Shraavan Balaji. The audience offered cheers of varying intensity, which seemed indicative of bias before the speeches even began. Whether the elections will be influenced significantly by ulterior motives or not is somewhat subjective. Regardless, all candidates who participated in the convention should be

praised for their courage and ambition. The candidates who did not succeed, Ben Abbaszadeh, Andrew Greenberg, Jugal Shah, Dimitri Henry, and Jonah Yesowitz should be commended for their own courageous attempts to claim victory.

Andrew Chen, the Federalist candidate, opened with a joke to poke fun at Governor Christie. Similar to any gubernatorial candidate, however, his ambitions could not be of greater magnitude. He was the

first to acknowledge a principal task of the governor: to introduce pieces of legislation to Governor Christie's desk. He promised to include provisions to "fix" school lunches, a vagueness that was deliberate on his part, change common core standards, eliminate mandated red car stickers for new drivers, and "put the garden back into the Garden State." He concluded by stating that, while he lacks a completely established political platform, the

Thursday Schedule Highlights

8:30am-9:15am Gubernatorial debate

12:00am-6:00pm Blood drive

7:25pm County and City manuals are due, and submission folders will be locked after this time

platform is entirely established by the voting public. In summation, he has styled himself as a conduit for the democratic whims of his political party.

Congratulations to Andrew Chen for his successful gubernatorial elections!

CPR Certification

Ricardo Vargas

There was a large turnout at the Rec Center on Tuesday morning for the CPR certification seminar. The seminar was taught by Mike Ingui, a nine year EMT who has taught CPR for four years. Ingui taught the statesmen the standard five cycle CPR procedure: thirty chest compressions followed by two rescue breaths. He also taught how to preform the Heimlich Maneuver and use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

Mr. Ingui, who is scheduled to become a certified doctor this

December, believes that CPR is "under taught" in America, despite the fact that heart attacks are very common and can happen to anyone at anytime. Ingui's best tip for anyone preforming CPR is to "be confident and do your best...you can do no harm...the worst thing to do is nothing."



The Many Colors of Leadership

Noah Eckstein

Throughout the last couple of days, Boys State has conveyed a consensus deeming leadership synonymous to success. I believe there are two forms of conveying this leadership: one through rebellion and one through discipline. Boys State has exposed us to a week of training which produces fine young gentlemen who will contribute to the greater good of the disciplined world.

I believe in Boys State, but there are ways to properly teach civil disobedience to form creative individuals

instead of collective thinkers. In different ways, a world of order is necessary; but, at the same time we need a world of radical thinkers to create art and reach success.

Boys State continues to unravel my passion for the future. I, as many of my fellow delegates, have a drive to make change. This program's reliance on obeying the rules confirms that future leaders are in the making. Ultimately, Boys State is accomplishing its goal of changing the future of leaders in America.

Boys' State News

Blood Drive

Nick Troise

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a Blood Drive today from 12:00-6:00 PM. Everyone encouraged to come and support. Each person who donates helps to save about three lives. Hospitals are in constant need of all types of blood because a lot of blood is required for transfusions, organ transplants, and similar operations. All

blood donations are extremely helpful, especially at this time of year.

Don't let anxiety stop you from donating. I've given blood for the past two years for a blood drive at my school and things went fine. It begins with some questions to assure you are eligible to give blood. Then you are

prepared by an experienced and careful nurse. There's a little bit of quick pain when the needle is inserted, but that's about it. The actual process of extracting blood takes any from 10-20 minutes and is painless. It can feel a bit strange, but that's about it.

All boys are eligible, but those sixteen and under

require a permission form signed by their parents. Every donor is required to bring two valid forms of identification with them. Also, those who have donated blood after May 1 are not able to donate. If you would like to donate blood, but are unsure if you are permitted, stop by anyway. All help is greatly appreciated.

Morale-Munchies

Daniel Mattei

Food is fuel, and there is no logical exception in Boys State. As demoralizing as grease-soaked nuggets may be, a hot meal and the right choices lay with the judgment of a statesman. Whether or not he can devour four pounds of synthetic chicken patties and win a game of football during free time is at the least questionable, and likely not achievable. Even Hercules himself would have wept at the thought.

The food, in all seriousness, is a bittersweet affair. Variety seems to be absent. There are only so many variations of the meat product, vegetable product, and grain product trinity one may tolerate. Hot meals easily succumb to the cold meals of the morning; the cereals, quaintly enough, are both classic and crunchy.

Lunch is also repetitious,

although similarly full of classics. Grease-soaked nuggets are mere mimicry of meat. They are truly horrid pellets, but breakfast eggs of sufficient sponginess and 'runniness' to rival them.

It takes a meek man to avoid completely the subject of dinner. Morale is a stubborn bugger. Its patience is tested day after day, and it crawls back asking for more. Those who disagree have strong stomachs. Those who agree, however, can derive morale from a source beyond food; perhaps an ambition, or an objective. Or the kick-ass salad bar. Who knows?



D-Day: A Date with Destiny

Raven Haub

June 6, 1944: a day forever memorialized as D-Day, the start of Operation Overlord, and the allied invasion of Nazi-controlled Europe. On Tuesday night, the delegates of ALJBS had the opportunity to witness an excellent documentary about this momentous day in history. The presentation was kicked off by Mr. Ray Zawacki, the Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs of the State of New Jersey, who gave a powerful speech on the value of character and the sacrifice of veterans.

The presentation itself was extremely well composed. The first portion of the film consisted of the opening scene from the legendary war movie "Saving Private Ryan," lending the presentation an emotional quality. The second portion consisted of a documentary made by ABC

News in 1994, which detailed the steps of the Normandy invasion. It showed the deceptions, training, and technologies necessary to carry out the invasion, and the emotional final letters to families and friends. From Sword and Juno, to Gold and Utah, to Omaha and the many drop zones behind the lines, the documentary used historical footage and the testament of veterans from both sides to show the emotion and tension behind the invasion.

The presentation was closed by an emotional assembly of several American veterans from all branches of the service, who served in American conflicts from Korea to the First Gulf War. The veterans greatly impressed the candidates, and earned a standing ovation, which perfectly closed a very moving presentation.

Boys' State News

Marshall Beats Eisenhower in a Nail Biter

Matt Costantini

Basketball at Boys State is played under two ten minute halves with a running clock. There are three referees, with one head referee keeping score. The players decide amongst themselves when to substitute other players in and out. Today, Eisenhower County lost to Marshall County in heartbreaking game. Eisenhower, who had the lead for the entire first half, went on to lose the lead and could not mount a comeback in the second half. After the game, Vito DiGiorgio from Madison

City said, "It was a close game the whole way, we had a comeback and it was a good team win." He also said that everyone on the team contributed to the win and played well as a team. One of the referees, Michael Gaus (the governor from 2006), said that this year's games are "going well and everyone who plays is really talented and competitive." Marshall County is now 3-0 in basketball while Eisenhower picks up their first loss and goes to 2-1.

Careers in Medicine Seminar

Michael Tang and Charlie Castillo

On Wednesday afternoon, many delegates poured into a lecture hall on campus, eager to hear what the experts had to share about medical careers. William Rosen and Henry Ho, both deeply committed to their careers, described their experiences in the fields of emergency medical services and digestive diseases, respectively. They explained the rigor and dedication needed in pursuing such careers and offered advice to succeed, both professionally and personally, in the field. Rosen noted that a benefit

of his job is that there are always opportunities to improve oneself. Ho said that majoring in any field is possible as an undergraduate before applying to medical school, as long as the required pre-med courses are taken. Delegates asked a variety of questions throughout the seminar, showing deep interest in helping others and a commitment to the field of medicine.



Federalist Gubernatorial Elections

Ricardo Vargas-Mora



From left: Austin Meo, David Bagatelle, and Andrew Chen



From left: Shравan Balaji, Andrew Chen, Austin Meo, and David Voychuk

On Wednesday morning, the Federalist Party held its gubernatorial candidate convention at the Yvonne Theater. Spirits were high as nine candidates sought their party's nominations. Among the many topics mentioned were monetary donations, compromise, bipartisanship, the topic of marijuana legalization, and even puns on the Obama and Christie Administrations were told. Voting took place later that day after lunch.

Just before sports, the Federalist and Nationalist gubernatorial candidates were announced outside, with all the cities assembled in a grand occasion. After a few minutes of waiting, the candidates were announced: Andrew Chen of Jefferson City for the Federalists, and Austin Meo from Taylor City for the Nationalists. Now, the powers of democracy will be at work to elect the ALJBS 2014 governor.

Boys' State News

First Impressions in City 17

Dennis Yang

For most statesmen, the first day of Boys State was a nerve-racking and tiring experience. This has also been the case of City 17, or Grant City, where like everywhere else, delegates from all parts of New Jersey come in with limited knowledge of the program and each other. This, however, did not stop the statesmen of City 17 from having favorable impressions of the program

and their soon to be friends. "I've enjoyed meeting people and legalizing prostitution," remarked a comical Jeff Werner. But he was not the only delegate with such a sunny attitude.

Tre Williams: "It's been pretty interesting so far."

Danny Weinbaum: "It's been good. I met new people and the food was not bad."

Nitin Vejerdla: "I like

debate and it seems pretty straightforward, but I don't want to see any Sandy Hookers."

Josef Weichmann: "It's pretty exciting. A lot of work but really rewarding."

Sam Walkins: "I was nervous at first, but it's really fun and intense at the same time."

Dave Weitzel: "I enjoy the scenery."

Grant City had varying responses, but it was

agreed that both Kroner Hall and the food were great. Not only that, but also the program and people (including the counselors and Corporal Devore) were outright outstanding. In the end, the first day was the longest day, even in Grant City. All delegate David Villa could muster was, "I'm pretty tired."

World Cup Update

Nick Troise

More teams advanced out of the World Cup Group stage yesterday. Argentina, with a spot already guaranteed, defeated Nigeria 3-2 with two goals from Lionel Messi. Messi is now tied in first with Neymar for the Golden Boot. Both players have scored a remarkable four goals in three games. Nigeria still finished the group stage in second place and advanced to the knockout round, thanks

to an Iranian loss to Bosnia and Herzegovina 3-1. In Group E, France and Switzerland finished first and second respectively. The French tied Ecuador 0-0 in a well fought game, while the Swiss defeated Honduras 3-0. This means that Argentina will play Switzerland in the first knockout round and France will take on Germany.

Petitions for Governor

Nick Troise

Wednesday morning, long before the sounds of alarm clocks or showers, gubernatorial candidates and campaign managers were busily preparing speeches and knocking on doors to increase name recognition and finish their petitions. Statesmen, each one armed with a single colored sticker, were given the opportunity to pledge support to the tireless candidates hoping to represent the nearly one-thousand boys in attendance this week.

Given a deadline of 8:15 AM to submit their petitions, the candidates knew that they had

to work quickly and efficiently to obtain the required forty-five signatures. Thus, they knocked on the doors of statesmen throughout their dormitory halls, as well as others, in order to ensure that their message had been communicated to the voters and that the first that the statesmen had heard of the candidates was not the state party convention.

When all the campaigning had come to an end, six Nationalists and six Federalists had succeeded in gathering the necessary number of signatures.

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