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Blood Drive

J.T. Murphy

It can be said without argument that blood is a critically important component of our bodies. It can also be easily said that a lack of this vital fluid in individuals would lead to deadly consequences. As a result, many organizations have been formed with a common goal of collecting and distributing blood for patients in need. One such organization is the

American Red Cross, which is teaming up with American Legion Jersey Boys State to sponsor a blood drive today from 12pm to 6pm.

The American Red Cross was established in 1881 by Clara Barton in Washington, D.C. Since then, it has participated in countless efforts to better the lives of individuals across the nation and world. The American Red Cross consists of 650 chapters, with 36 different blood service regions providing assistance for those in need. These aforementioned blood services provide the American Red Cross with a great amount of familiarity amongst common Americans. The American Red Cross is responsible for 66% of all blood donated in the United States, boasting 15.7 million pints of blood annually. While these numbers may seem immense, they are pale in comparison to the actual need of said blood. To put these numbers into perspective, a study by The American Red



Cross shows that a single car accident victim can require as much as 100 pints of blood. Furthermore, while 38% of Americans are eligible to donate, less than 10% actually participate in such events.

Carol Field, a director for the American Red Cross, stated that she hoped that the number of donors from ALJBS would reach 100. One may hope that this number will be surpassed.

Today's Weather

Low of 64
High of 86
Partly Cloudy

American Legion Jersey Boys State Social Media



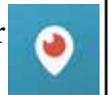
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Quote of the Day

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

Henry David Thoreau

Important Events on Thursday

8:30 am-9:15 am
Gubernatorial Debate

12:00 pm-6:00 pm
ALJBS Red Cross
Blood Drive

8:30 pm-9:30 pm
State Party Conventions

News

The Boys State Background

Shea Neuner



For two full days, Boys State delegates have been listening to speeches, voting on positions, and attending seminars, all while being hosted by and living on the Rider University campus. Despite this, many of the delegates have admitted to not knowing much about Rider.

Located on a 303-acre campus in suburban Lawrenceville, New Jersey, Rider University is home to over 5,000 total undergraduate and postgraduate students during the school year. The university features eighteen Division 1 sports teams, from baseball and basketball to soccer and tennis. All of the Rider sports teams share the “Broncs” nickname and participate in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) except the wrestling team, which is a member of the Eastern Wrestling League (EWL). The current

Rider University President is Mordechai Rozanski, who has been president since 2003. Rozanski is retiring from the position this summer and the presidency will be assumed by Dr. Gregory Dell’Omo. Dell’Omo served as President of Robert Morris University from 2005 until his hiring at Rider.

Despite the relative mystery surrounding most of Rider University for some of the delegates, the environment provided by the campus seems to have been beneficial to the Boys State experience so far, and hopefully will remain that way for the delegates and staff throughout the week.

Boys State Band Shines

Caleb Herbst

Of the many programs at ALJBS, perhaps the one that requires the most dedication is the Boys State Band. The band, led by Mr. Michael Kallimanis, played fifteen songs for the statesmen yesterday, and will play around thirty songs at graduation tomorrow. The band meets during sports each day, which means that in the end they will have had learned all of their songs in under seven hours.

The band plays a variety of genres of music, including classical, pop, and even grunge rock. Some of the songs they play include “The Stars and Stripes Forever,” “All About That Bass,” and “Smells Like Teen Spirit.”

Yesterday’s concert was a huge success, despite a mosh pit, a crowd surfer, and a bloody nose or two. But as graduation looms tomorrow, the band still has a lot of work to do, and only one more rehearsal left. Based on the crowd’s reaction, the band was successful yesterday, especially for a band that was jumbled together just four days ago.

Is News Media Still Influential?

Spencer Arnold

In today’s world of Google searches and instant information, one might believe that journalists and columnists have little influence on the public’s views. In a seminar yesterday entitled “Careers in Journalism”, renowned journalist Charles Wiley offered his take, based on a writing career spanning 65 years.

When asked about the relationship between the media and the public view, Wiley stated that “news media is the most powerful force on public opinion.”

Wiley went on to say that the public will often be swayed by the news they pay attention to, including news that is biased one way or the other. Wiley believes that the line between fact (“hard news”, as he puts it) and the interpretation of fact has become more and more blurred as time has gone on. One example he cites is the dominating coverage of the anti-war movement during Vietnam, which still has an effect on the public view of the Vietnam era. He speaks of an American attitude during the Vietnam era very different than the one that dominates in history books today (Wiley says to visit ncrp.us for details). He warns to take reports with a grain of salt, reading or watching the news from multiple sources with different slants.

Wiley says that the news is still important because it brings the issues to the forefront that are most important in the public eye. Though news media is still influential, according to Wiley, a responsible and thorough exploration of multiple sources allows for one to understand what is really going on in the world.

Opinion

How to Survive the College Admissions Madness

Junlan Lu

“Grades are kinda important,” said Mr. Bill Carousse, the admissions officer from Rider University. As soon as I sat down in the room, I couldn’t help but overhear delegates talk about their ACT scores, SAT scores, SAT II’s, AP course load, you folks know the deal. While some people are more comfortable sharing this information than others, the thought of going to college crosses all of our minds one point or another. For some, it is only when our parents mention it in the car, for others it happens every waking moment. Regardless, brace yourselves, admissions season is coming.

Carousse and the other panelists seemed to agree that grades are the strongest indicators of success in college admissions. Hearing that, I wanted to throw up. Although I told some of my city members my current course-load, SAT scores, and other accomplishments, they were surprised to hear that my grades are relatively low compared to those of my fellow peers. So yes, even though I am Chinese, I can have bad grades too. Enough about my complaints, I want to address to you, ALJBS readers, the highlights of the college admissions seminar as well as input some of my own advice and inspiration.

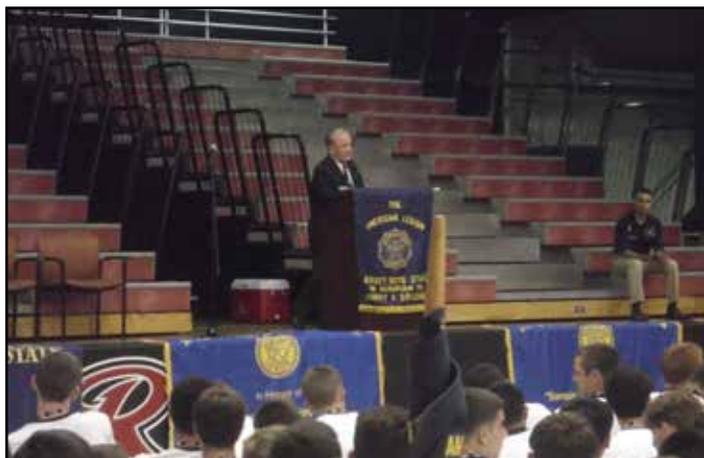
The panelists from Princeton, Rider, and Stockton University say: get good grades, you still have 1 semester of senior year to redeem yourselves; take standardized tests more than once; write in the “additional info” section of the Common App; have leadership roles in extracurricular activities; and get good grades (not a typo)

I don’t know about you, but this rhetoric seems much too common, bringing about jargon publicists would use. I hear this advice from guidance counselors, admissions officers during college visits, and even parents who do not have the up-to-date knowledge on the current rigorous application process. AKA bologna. Here’s some legitimate advice that I have to say: Firstly, be intrinsically motivated, don’t strive for things for the title or for the transcript, do it because you want to challenge yourself and help others. Secondly, don’t lose sight of what is important to you. If you value your friends, don’t alienate them and think they are just competition. If you value your family, don’t distance yourself out of frustration. Finally, acknowledge your own faults. It’s important to recognize your own weaknesses and have humility. Each person’s greatest room for growth is his or her areas of greatest weaknesses

What We Want to Hear?

Payton Kelly-McNally

The week of campaigning has brought candidates from all corners of the state to run for positions. We have heard speech after speech from the candidates based on either their backgrounds or their plan. That’s all well and good, but after hearing so many speeches I personally wonder if anyone is actually gaining votes by saying the same thing that everyone else is saying. I asked many delegates whether they prefer to hear about personalities or plans in speeches. It may seem obvious, and it may seem obvious to me, but it was actually a perfect split between the two. Each side has a very convincing argument on what is more important when it comes down to it. It shows that when candidates make their speeches they should include have both their plan and their personality in order to persuade the statesmen. This information should be taken into account by anyone planning to run for positions.



Sports

Current Sports Standings

1st	MacArthur Marshall
3rd	Nimitz Schwarzkopf
5th	Eisenhower Halsey
7th	Ridgeway Vandenburg Bradley



Reminder:

Today is the final day to prove yourself as the best city in the state for sports. Every city is tied with at least one other in the standings, so play your hardest to make the jump ahead that other city and attain the highest rank as possible.

Around the Sports World: Thursday June 25th

Franklin Pavon

Boston Marathon bomber apologizes; given the death penalty

Cleveland Cavaliers Kevin Love opts out of contract

Dallas Mavericks Monta Ellis also opts out of contract

Atletico Madrid signs highly rated Colombian striker, Jackson Martinez, on a reportedly 4-year deal

Denver-Houston trade talks involving Peyton Manning were “very preliminary”

White Sox pitcher, Chris Sale, becomes first pitcher with double-digit strikeouts in 7 straight outings since Randy Johnson in 2001

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