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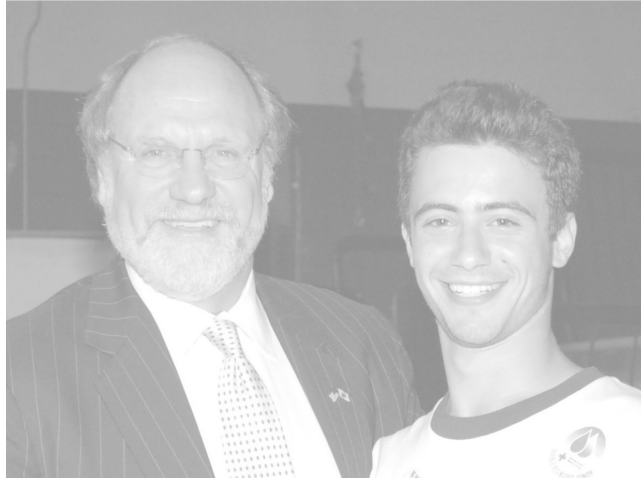
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## Corzine Appears (briefly)

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## Gaus New Boys' State Governor

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At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, 850 weary, sleep-deprived, and over-worked Boys' State delegates filed into the air conditioning deprived Alumni Gymnasium of Rider University. After waiting over half an hour in the crowded gymnasium, with temperatures upwards of ninety degrees, Governor Jon Corzine paraded into the gymnasium to the sound of the Boys' State Band blowing away.

Governor Corzine was greeted with mixed reactions (boos and applause), yet despite such he remained to give a "flattering" five to ten minute speech about the importance of Boys' State New Jersey. Calling the program a "terrific tradition", Governor Corzine commended the

program's objective to "expose young people to how politics work" and "lay the foundation for your lives."

Corzine continued to "flatter," claiming that we are the leaders of the new world and we have been given a reason to believe in politics. His speech reflected pride in New Jersey and our Boys' State program, despite his recent decision to cut funding to other programs geared toward the state's youth such as Governor's School.

The delegates of Boys' State would like to thank Governor Corzine for his "flattering" speech and simply for taking the time of five to ten minutes to remind every single one of us that we can make a difference if we conduct fair politics.

When asked what type of Governor he wanted to be, newly elected Boys' State Governor Mike Gaus responded, "I would be of the people, by the people, and elected for the people." Before this gubernatorial race, Mike Gaus already had an illustrious political career at New Jersey Boys' State. As a prominent member of Monroe City, Mike had the drive to get involved in the political process from the second he arrived. In the first Monroe City elections, Mike was defeated in his attempt to become the city's athletic director. However, Mike was not discouraged. Although he is a Federalist, he went on to garner the support of both parties and became one of his city's councilmen. Capitalizing on this support, Mike was successful in his pursuit of the County

Executive position. All of these positions gave Mike the experience he needed to run for the position he had truly desired before even arriving at Boys' State: Governor.

Mike, with the help of State Party Chairman Sam Moon, ran a brilliant campaign. They worked with the other members of their party to establish strong stances on each of the various issues. They came up with creative solutions for each of our state's problems, even calling upon a system that would utilize methane gas as energy. Statesmen of both parties responded to their message; and, while giving his gubernatorial speech, both Nationalists and Federalists stood and applauded their future governor.

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# **False Hopes and Disillusionment: The Fall of an American Dream, a Memoir of ALJBS Told By an ANONYMOUS DELEGATE**

For decades, penniless foreigners boarded overcrowded ships and ventured thousands of miles over tumultuous seas to reach the United States, where Lady Liberty herself welcomed them with open arms. These immigrants came to America with the aspirations of attaining freedom, equality, and liberty; they believed in the direct correlation between hard work and success, financial growth and happiness. However, these beliefs merely serve as underlying myths of American society, purely folklore and nothing further.

ALJBS was a life-altering experience for me. Before my participation in the program, I was an avid fan of the democratic system and the American Dream. Campaigning for the incumbent town mayor and interning for my local congressman, I had been politically active in my respective town. I had planned to attend college and major in political science in hopes that one day I may overcome my financial and social status and serve at the nation's highest office. However, my dreams have now come to a crashing halt. Boys' State has exposed the democratic process for what it really is: a popularity contest gone wrong and an arena of backstabbing duplicity.

With aspirations of climbing the governmental ladder, gung-ho, alpha-male jerks disguise themselves as your friend, shaking your hesitant hand with a superficial smile on their faces; they are masterminds of false promises and exercisers of manipulation that would stop at nothing in order to get to the

On the contrary, there are also those in the program that couldn't care less about politics; these delegates refuse to participate and only attend the program because "it looks good on my resumè for college," this is a complete smack in the face to the veterans and the American Legion Post that support them and put up nearly \$186 per delegate. Then there are the delegates who jokingly run for office with no true platform altogether. Most importantly however, voters do not vote for their candidates based on merit at all, choosing instead to vote for those who make them laugh the hardest. Boys' State has done more than just disappoint me. The long-awaited program has wholly driven me away from politics, something I used to hold dear to my heart. Democracy, as we know it, an ideal that pillars the very foundation of the United States, is dead. I believe that Boys' State itself is in need of serious reform. The standards of the delegates must be risen at once, concentrating more on academic capability over physical prowess. Delegates must possess an intense interest and come across in a suggested interview process as mature with good morals. I hope that this problem can be rectified before the program falls to shambles.

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## **Nostrum Nixor (Our Stuggle)**

Democracy is a heard, multiplied by ten times." delegates, are here? We are politicians of fair stance and whore. She has tarted up her Lady Liberty has here to learn about true integrity. face, walked the streets, and suffered. Her body has been government, the democratic This is our struggle. sold herself to the highest reaped and pillaged of all process, and, above all, fair This is our fight. This is our bidders: men who worry more former integrity. She has been politics. It is our struggle to purpose. We are not a group about their bank accounts deformed beyond recognition, eradicate politics of the will of of individuals who will continue than the welfare of their fellow yet those with the power to corrupted men. It is our the cycle of corruption and man. These men, in return, change it, the people, sit struggle to create a nation built greed. We are not men who have ravaged our dear silent. "Its really the fault of from fair politicians with the steal from our brothers. We democracy. the people," says one staff ideals and values our nation are not men who lie, cheat,

"You wouldn't believe member. "You can't keep claims to stand for. It is our and steal to reach the top of the amount of corruption in the electing these same corrupted struggle to drive out the the political mountain. government," claims one officials and expect positive oppressive will of those who Ladies and former Boys' State delegate results." abuse the power delegated to Gentlemen...we are Boys' and former staff member. "It's But is that not the them by their own people, and State. CHRIS CASTRO like all the worst things you've reason we, the Boys' State replace these individuals with ADAMS CITY

# Adams Board of Education Hits the Target

ADAMS CITY

The Board of Education experienced a time of great change in the past week. With the addition of Miss Nude America, the board was severely distracted and could not get anything accomplished. The voluptuous vixen was noted for her ability to send conversations on extreme tangents by instigating conversation about her "sexual personae."

When the board was not being detracted by the sizzling sex goddess, the issues mainly surrounded the shooting in nearby Washington City. Board member Josh Carter expressed his concern about possible copycat actions in our own town. "Some people don't understand that kids just want to fit in and will do whatever they see on TV," noted the grizzled board member. "This kind of gun violence is what they eat up - they love this. We need to put ourselves on high alert." In accordance with this anti-gun opinion, the council has put forward a motion to install metal detectors in Adams schools.

The issue of the shooting turned quickly to an issue of gun

control. "Guns kill people...period," said Carter. Most of the citizenry did not care about the pro-gun control spake of the council. Billy Sunday, a stereotypical biotechnological upstart, did not take offense to the council's stance. "Whatever," he said with the aloof nonchalance that can only be the result of affluence. "Guns are dangerous. We've got a clean, white collar town. Let's keep it that way."

The few who did disagree were fiercely obstinate. A visible military presence in the town, Jeff "the colonel" Bernal, disagreed with Carter's take. "To suggest that the idiocy of some messed-up Washington kid should take away our constitutional rights is just bull," said the gun-toting jarhead. "The actions of one should not curtail the rights of the many."

Jeff was supported by a handful of hunters and sportsmen that live on the edge of town. When confronted by the pro-2nd Amendment forces, Carter and the council were not intimidated. "We've got most of the town on our side," says Carter. "Plus, we've only

suggested to put metal detectors in our schools. We're a school board - we can't do anything about gun control. This is a little ridiculous."

Jeff retorted with a reference to slippery-slope effect. "First, they're paranoid about guns in schools. Next, it'll be the town. Then they'll just ban all guns together. We've got a government that doesn't care about our right to bear arms, and we've got to step up to the machine."

Beyond the small anti-gun control faction, the move for metal detectors and increased security in the school is opposed by fiscal tightwads. "The price of the equipment for the detectors and the salary of the security workers will be a tremendous increase," said Benny Baggachips. "Just because some oaky trash from Washington decided to shoot up his redneck school doesn't mean that we have to panic. We're civilized; we don't have guns. My taxes are not going up because of a hypothetical threat that is balanced on a weak theory."

The vote on the budget is scheduled for next week.

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## Signature Hunting

MADISON CITY

RYAN FITZPATRICK

The hunt for signatures began early in the morning for gubernatorial candidate Ross Fox. Up at the crack of dawn, Fox had the tedious task of collecting 45 signatures from fellow Nationalists in different cities in a mere hour and forty-five minutes before the 8:10 am deadline.

Fox, a Madison City delegate, made his rounds knocking on other

delegates' doors as they awoke, in a desperate pillage for his signatures. "It was a very interesting experience," said Fox, "going door to door and pleading with my tired and grumpy peers to sign my petition, but it was quite an adrenaline rush to do so."

Fox ended up working rapidly and efficiently, collecting 51 signatures

from four different cities, all in just forty minutes.

Although he did not end up receiving the National Party nomination, he said, "It was a great experience to have and to accomplish something so difficult. Even though I lost, I really appreciate all who have helped me."

# Seminar on Law Careers is a Big Success

Statesmen packed into the Yvonne Theater to attend an informative seminar on the legal profession. As many Boys' State delegates have a passion for the law and foresee themselves as future lawyers or politicians, this seminar provided helpful insight that could potentially guide their future career paths. Presenting at the seminar was former ALJBS Governor, William Baroni, Former Assistant U.S. Attorney General and attorneys Joseph Valone and Lyton Turner.

The presenters gave several helpful tips regarding the process of becoming a lawyer and ultimately practicing the profession. One of the "motifs" of this program was the old axiom "follow your heart." The presenters all embodied this idea because they admitted to choosing specialties and law firms on the basis of their passions instead of simply following the money. They also expounded on the plethora of fields that a lawyer can enter into: trials, civil settlements, business, and even science. While people typically perceive lawyers to be at the opposite end of the career spectrum from engineers and physicist, the speakers today assured us that the demand for work is especially high in the aforementioned sectors.

Another valuable piece of advice that the speakers emphasized was the need to establish a "network" after

college. The network they are referring to is simply friendships and acquaintances from law school that can come in handy when looking for work or partners.

Finally, the speakers advised hopeful lawyers to clerk for a judge instead of immediately going to trial. Doing so will educate you on the nuances of the legal system and local practices which may not have been part of the law school curriculum.

This seminar was a great opportunity for statesmen who would like to pursue a career in law because it provided the personal insight from experienced lawyers on the process of becoming a successful (and satisfied) lawyer.

DANIEL SALVATO, FILLMORE CITY



Former ALJBS Governor William Baroni (center), along with attorneys Joseph Valone and Lyton Turner, present a seminar to the statesmen Wednesday at the Yvonne Theater.

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## Gaus

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Mike Gaus comes from Hampton township in Sussex County. He attends Pope John Catholic School in Sparta. Mike was heavily influenced by his mother, who is a member of the School Board. He is dedicated, hard-working, and, above all, approachable. Mike has no problem with delegates confronting him about issues concerning the state of New Jersey, and he solemnly promises to work for the people.

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