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Stepping out of the Comfort Zone

by Mike Atkinson- Washington

Normally, I am the kind of guy who does not like to leave my comfort zone. I eat the same foods, go to the same places, and hang out with the same people. Upon entering Boys' State, I wanted to venture outside of my comfort-zone. To take my first step in this direction, I decided to attend the seminar on Careers in Law Enforcement. Beyond my being an avid fan of COPS, I essentially took a shot in the dark. Neither my fellow city members nor fellow classmates were attending! Not knowing what to expect, I shuffled my way into a small, cramped room with approximately 100 other delegates.

Current and retired officers discussed steps necessary to join the police force, different types of service, and character traits/ credentials required to be involved in law enforcement. Following the presentation, a lengthy question and answer session took place, where delegates pegged the officers with insightful questions.

Overall, I found this presentation extremely beneficial. Not only did it provide valuable insight to those who wish to follow careers in law enforcement, but to all of the delegates present in general. I can say with honesty that this seminar gave me a newfound appreciation and respect for those who enforce the laws. To my surprise, my shot in the dark paid off substantially. After much hesitation and self deliberation, I left my comfort zone and learned the true meaning of service to society. I left the seminar comfortable with my decision, and eager to face whatever Boys' State will throw my way next.

Tuesday's Schedule Highlights

11:50-2:15 P.M. Legislative and County Elections - Alumni Gym

12:30-2:30 P.M. College and Career Fair - Student Rec. Center

7:10 P.M. Federal Party State Convention - BLC Cavalla Room

9:10 P.M. National Party State Convention - BLC Cavalla Room

11:30 P.M. Lights Out

Forecast

Today: High-86° F
Low-69° F
20% Chance of Rain
Chance of Thunderstorms

Tonight: 67° F
30% Chance of Rain
Chance of Thunderstorms

Tomorrow: High-88° F
Low-70° F
30% Chance of Rain

Boys' State News

Like Father Like Son

by Richard Chang- Jefferson and Nick Sun- Lincoln

Current governor Chris Christie has attracted a great deal attention in the media recently—showdowns with the teachers' union regarding collective bargaining, and the controversial helicopter flight to see his son's baseball game. Nevertheless, Christie has accomplished much in our state government and is even planning to visit Jersey Boys State this Thursday to provide inspirational and encouraging words. Interestingly enough, his oldest son, Andrew Christie, is a Nationalist delegate here at Boys' State. A citizen of Jefferson City, Andrew eloquently debated issues concerning the city, leading to his election as mayor, a sign of great potential in the future.

In addition to being an eloquent speaker, Andrew is also a congenial and interesting delegate. He welcomes any conversation, and is easily relatable. He enjoys basketball and baseball among other sports, and enjoys discussing sports such as hockey and basketball. His attitude on and off the stage reflect his optimistic and sincere attitude.

Overall, Andrew has shown a great deal of potential early in the Boys' State program, and many expect greater things to come. He has shown that he can not only publicly share his political views succinctly and rationally, but that he can also relate to people. Indeed, he fulfills this phrase very well-- "Like father, like son."

Seminar Summaries

by Tim Lynch- Tyler

Wall Street and the Stock Market

Delegates interested in finance heard from several investors and brokers about careers in the field and how investing compares with high school sports.

Emergency Medicine

Delegates in the Yvonne Theater listened as trauma center doctors, EMTs, and other pre-hospital emergency personnel spoke about the difficulties and hardships of their jobs and the emergency medical response process.

Law Enforcement

Over in Sweigart Hall, New Jersey State Troopers and local policemen shared experiences from their law enforcement careers.

Technology

Tech-savvy delegates to Boys' State gathered at the Bart Luedeke Center to learn from technology executives, consultants, and programmers about how to gain the proper experience to succeed in the industry.

Real Estate

A commercial realtor and a residential realtor lectured delegates about risks and rewards to be considered before pursuing a career in the field.

Flesh Freedom Causes Controversy

by William Dunbar- Madison

In a frightening turn of events Sunday night, a Madison city radical group by the name of "Natural Boobs" protested for the preservation of the city beaches. Upon being arrested for exposure, the women then went on to protest for their First Amendment-rights.

"If men are allowed to walk around topless, I'll be damned if I'm not," remarked the Madison City High School Junior Class President, Melissa Waterbury.

This issue, as well as the legality of minors going topless was hotly debated at Monday's Madison City meeting. "It's illegal. With that, it will be treated as such, and they will have to deal with the consequences," remarked Madison's Mayor Andrew Davis.

Standing firm amongst the Federalists, Davis sees the women as a minor obstacle in the advancement of Madison City. Moving forward, the Mayor agrees that he is ready and willing to take action should the "Boobs" invade Madison's main tourist attraction

While Mayor Andrew Davis stands firm on his platform, the "Natural Boobs" refuse to compromise. One thing is sure. The boisterous "Natural Beauties of Our Beaches" are not backing down.

Statesmen's Swag

Midnight Invasion

by Gibson Oakley - Taylor

When one thinks of summer camp one imagines lush green areas, a large body of water, and lots of bugs. Rider University most certainly fits all of the criteria, and while statesmen may enjoy the first two categories, the third certainly does not enhance the wonderful experience that we call Boys' State.

Upon check-in on Sunday, everything seemed fine. "Sure they were college dorms, but there was nothing offensive about them," says Joe Parrinello, Taylor city resident. The same sentiment was echoed by many city residents that first afternoon. However, as the sun set and the lights came on, the bugs reared their bizarrely-shaped heads.

"It was horrible!" Neil Patel said. "Outside of our room, there is a floodlight which is practically a magnet for billions of bugs. On top of it all, we have a hole in our window screen!" By the time the sun came up, Patel's room looked like a buggy-battleground. Strewn across the floor were little critters lying belly-up with all six legs in the air.

While the pesky insects aren't leaving anytime soon, there is one fact that no Statesman can deny. This can best be illustrated by Statesman Victor Olotu: "I was too tired to care about the bugs, and I doubt that's going to change."

" Participation is Domination "

by Adam Zielonka - Johnson

Van Buren City Athletic Director Justin Hockaday deemed Monday's sports schedule "hectic but successful". But the Statesmen were clearly not fully-oriented when searching for the various athletic fields. Partly to blame was a misprint on the Statesman Map—the soccer and football competitions were being held at the football field near the tennis courts, not at the Daly Intramural Fields. The biggest attendance problem was at softball, according to assistant city counselor Andrew Bast, where three of the four games were forfeited or nearly forfeited due to attendance issues. Are the Statesmen still truly lost? Or is there actually a severe lack of interest in softball? Only time will tell for sure.

Sports Update

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Opinion

Is It Really There?

by Alex Foxwell - Monroe

Everyone's heard the immortal words "County Freeholder" in New Jersey...maybe it's associated with good things or bad things for others. In Camden County, our Freeholders perform public service—activities, community college, public park administration, etc. But do they really serve any political role other than a ceremonial one? For those of you who don't know, county government has a much larger role. In simpler terms, County government is often seen as the nasty, dirty, ugly stepsister. But there's definitely a chain of command and a whole host of shared services!

In case you statesmen are ill-informed, all of that lovely waste you emit from your digestive system has to go somewhere...so does the city funnel your fecal matter into some little bowl or what? I beg to differ. According to Mercer County Freeholder Lucville Walker, the County Government is in charge of that—and so much more! Not only do they channel your crap out of your house but they maintain county-roads and oversee the county prison. If these activities were left to a city, what would become of us? What a job that would be on top of everything a city already does. I'd be ripping my hair out if I was the mayor of that kind of a city. And let me tell you, I'd be bald pretty quickly. The county is somehow always tasked with performing each municipality's dirty-work. That's not always a bad thing—except when feces comes into the equation.

In short, County Government is a smart go-between for the state government and local municipalities. While its duties are limited to certain activities, they are all crucial to the infrastructural health of each area. Those who believe County Government ought to experience a day without waste removal, road-service and community colleges. In keeping with traditional disasters--"oh the humanity!"

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