



THE LEGION



The ethics of leadership.

Leadership of Biblical Proportions

David Donnan Before the Monday morning Religious Services started, the Boys State citizens took comfort in the fact that the band still knew how to play “Hands Clap.” Then suddenly, the boys choir burst into a moving religious hymn. Following a few eloquent prayers from the chaplains, Jerrin Norton



of MacArthur City delivered the homily. The focus of his message was twofold. The first subject was Daniel. Chaplain Norton described how Daniel demonstrated his leadership skills by “going against the grain” and was rewarded with an entire kingdom. Chaplain Norton noted, though, that “leadership is not having an exceptional skill set but qualities that set [the leader] apart.” He then moved on to his second passage: Ezekiel 1:10, 28. This passage focused on imagery for both God and leader-

Chaplain Norton’s interpretation, the lion represented power and boldness required of a leader. The human represented the authentic relationships leaders need to develop as servants, and team leaders. The eagle represented excellence and the ox represented the attitude necessary for leadership. Norton’s conclusion focused

on an “attitude of service,” likened to the my-pleasure attitude of Chick-fil-a employees, concluded Chaplain Norton’s sermon. The service concluded with a final prayer and a fresh, jazzy performance of “Just a Closer Walk to Thee” as the chaplains exited the stage. As the first Religious Services of the week concluded, the Boys State citizens were able to leave with a sense of purpose and a strong example of leadership to look toward throughout the rest of the week.

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The Wake Up

Eric Annet

Wake up! Yesterday was the first official full length day of Boys State. Getting up early hour may not be appealing to most rising seniors and right after getting out of school so soon to go right back pretty much seems like school. But hey! Look where you are at! Not many can say where you are!



At one of the most prestigious programs in the whole entire country! If you look on social media most of your friends are having a good time and you might be a little jealous. In all honesty they should be jealous of you, not the other way around. Some of Virginia best and brightest have come to talk to us: from governor, to members of the house of delegates, to even mayors. They came here because we are the future leaders of this country. No one can take this away from us! It is what we make it is what counts, there is plenty of opportunities for everyone to do something here at Boys State. So let’s make the most out of this grand and

NEWS AND UPDATES

How To Run For Governor

Henry Ge

The first two days of Boys State have been filled with fervent patriotism, back-breaking activities, and quiet anticipation of the leadership elections ahead. While we would like to enjoy our time without the ruckus of politics, elections for state governor will appear a mere two days from now. Candidates range from rough rookies to Model-UN veterans, but they all share one thing in common: they have never ran for such a prestigious Virginian position. As Fairfax legislature Mark Kean dictated, this elected individual will become the 1% of the 1%, the greatest out of the best 672 boys in the state. The elections will model the Virginia state: both parties will hold a Tuesday-night convention where they will formulate their party position and chose one governor candidate. Wednesday will see both candidates campaign with posters, managers, and social media posts. Spending is capped at \$40. On Thursday, the Nationalist candidate will face the Federalist candidate in the final elections for Governor. The same process is for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. However, strong resumes and leadership experi-

experience will not solely cover the bill for Boys State Governor. In fact, winning an election could be as simple as making a hilarious catch phrase. Let's go over the common mistakes for the Governor election.

Targeting the wrong audience. Your audience is a bunch of sleepless 17-year-olds. Speak to them through their interests. No one will care about what international politics or promises of grandeur you talk about. Stick to policies that will realistically affect Boys State and your Virginian community.

Being too general with your platform. In your promises, you have to formulate a specific plan of action that will carry out your goals. No one will believe a candidate who makes general promises and says "stuff" in every other sentence in their speech.

Being too iron-willed in your position. The party you are in is determined by the flip of a coin. As such, the platform your party decides upon will be drastically different from your initial plan. Being able to think on the spot and to adapt your plan to whatever direction the convention is headed will guarantee your candidateship for your party.

Wasting time convincing the wrong people. There are 672 people in the Boys State program. You need 336 of them to vote for you. However, only 112 of the 672 boys will decide the governorship: 1/3 of people will be unwavering Nationalists, 1/3 of people will be unwavering Federalists, and 1/3 of people will be open-minded moderates. It is your job to convince half of these moderates. Do not be a radical: identify and appeal. Being too "honorable" for back-hand politics. While money-bribery is a crime in Boys State, favor exchanging is not. There will be twelve cabinet positions determined by the governor. These can be "sold out" to managers willing to attract followers to your side. Just be careful of back-stabbing.

Keep in mind that the person who wins Boys State Governor will not be the smartest kid. He will not be the most qualified. However, he will be the most persuasive. You can stage a coup d'état.

Divisive Political Issues are Tearing this Country Apart

Jarrett Pearson

On Monday morning Boys State had the pleasure of hosting Mark Keam who serves as a Delegate in the Virginia House representing the region of Vienna. As a first-generation American hailing from Korea, Mr. Keam repeatedly emphasized the importance of democracy saying "As imperfect as our countries democracy is still worth fighting for." With his defense of democracy, he also gave a warning to future voters. He urged us to defend our democracy at a state level and avoid falling victim to hot topic issues that divide the parties. He mentions that issues like abortion, gun rights, and mental health all are very important questions that should be answered. Each party has its own stance and answer to these. The problem is that the two parties, Democrats and Republicans, will draw battle lines right down the middle on these divisive issues. They will let their allegiance to their party blind them and collaboration becomes impossible at times. Many candidates will even politicize these hot button topics purely to gain publicity. When these few major issues take over the party politics it makes getting things done

that need to get done much more difficult. For example, recently on the federal level, President Trump was set to meet with Democrats to finalize a bill that would provide funding for infrastructure. But with the current hot button subject of impeachment, the President and Democrats would not even meet. That is not to say that just agreeing to disagree is the correct way to decide on these issues. By doing this the most divisive issues will never have reached an agreement. What I am advocating for is an absence of emotion in politics. Emotion is the driving force behind most of these divisive issues. When politicians use emotion to fuel their beliefs and arguments it can blind them and their constituents. By keeping an objective view on the most divisive issues hopefully, our government can finally get along and move forward as a nation.

Delegates to Deputies

Tyler Schwartz

As most of you know, yesterday at 2:30pm, our city deputies were sworn into office. This is a momentous occasion not only because they are the first major elected officials in each of our cities, but also because they will represent our respective cities until the mayors are elected and sworn in today. Subconsciously, we all asked ourselves a big question during the elections: "what makes a good leader and what qualities does he possess?" With this in mind, I approached the newly elected with a simple question, "what does leadership mean to you?"

The Nimitz city sheriff, Jacan Fowlkes, said "Leadership is taking responsibility and charge of your team to show them the right way". Zachary Stroud of Bradley said, "Leader-

Brandon Kim of Eisenhower said, "A leader is someone who guides and is willing to take charge, even when it seems like the circumstances are scary... someone who can face animosity". Mar'Quon Frederick of Pershing said, "To me, a leader is someone who steps up... and is not afraid to make the big decisions. Harrison of Cambell of Patton, stated, "Leadership is having the respect of everyone around you". Finally, Matthew Ulishney of Maury simply said "A dude who... pushes forward- no matter what".

During this time it became apparent that we had elected the right men for the position. If you are given the opportunity, check out the pictures of the Sheriffs on the Boys State social media pages!

OPINION

Hot Button Topics: Corporate Financing and Primary Challenges

The important but under-addressed issues at Tuesday's Instruction Sessions.

Patrick Scolese . . . It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time," is a cynical interpretation of democracy from one of the world's famous democratic leaders, Winston Churchill. Churchill understood that democracy is in no way a perfect system, however it provides the best way for free and fair self-government.

In 2019, there are more than a few issues facing our democratic government, but two that have made news recently from both sides of the political divide are corporate campaign donation and primary challenges.

Yesterday, State Senator David Suetterlein (R-Cave Spring) revealed that out of the 40 Virginia State Senators, he was the sole senator to refuse donations from large Virginia electric companies Dominion Power and Appalachian Power. Large corporations such as these have often used their influence and money to insert their own interests and concerns into the political debate. With the

corporations such as these have often used their influence and money to insert their own interests and concerns into the political debate. With the sheer amount of wealth held by corporations in the United States, legislation has been imposed which will limit the power of corporations and return more power to the people to have their own interests heard by politicians.

Despite the importance of regulation in corporate campaign finance, the Supreme Court has argued that because of the provisions of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the government from inhibiting a company or corporation from donating large sums of money to political campaigns.

Another idea touched upon today was the primary and the caucuses; communication techniques required to effectively reach voters and win the primary or caucus. Primary challenges, where an incumbent is challenged from a member of their own party, were the subject of a few student's questions, with both Senator Suetterlein and Dr. Mark Finney mentioning the political effects of primary challenges. Challengers often deal

with fierce internal party brokering to offer the candidate another position or treating disendorsement or defunding if they continue on with their challenge.

However primary challenges allow an opportunity for grassroots voters - the real constituents that the candidates serve to voice their opinion on who they wish to be their preferred candidate at a general election. Not the party politics or internal power brokers. During the 2018 Congressional midterm primaries and just a few days ago in the Virginia primaries, a number of local organizers, doctors, teachers, and other community activists challenged incumbents attacking their record on, among other issues, taking thousands if not millions of dollars from corporations such as Pfizer and Goldman Sachs. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez was noted among them for challenging high-profile Democratic incumbent and potential speaker Joe Crowley in a primary just one year ago.

The instructions given emphasized overall that citizens should be involved in choosing who they want to represent them through voting in the primaries.

Rasoul's Value Based Politics

Jacob Tisdale

Roanoke Delegate Sam Rasoul presented an interesting and pertinent political strategy for the cities he addressed on Monday: a rejection of party and identity-based politics. He proposes legislation and activism based on morality, constitutionality, and personal values. Though identifying as a Democrat, Rasoul says he votes with the best interests of his constituents in mind, without falling into the "tribalism" of our two party system. Additionally, he rejects any labeling based on religion, gender, or socioeconomic position. This is a complex, yet altogether admirable political strategy. Throughout his talk, Rasoul provided many examples of Republican and Democratic delegates crossing party lines to enact legislation for the greater good of the community. He recalled a Republican bureaucrat working to raise taxes so as to provide imperative educational

funding. Similarly, Rasoul's Democratic allies recently advocated for the creation of a pipeline for the financial betterment of their party. These actions are unexpected based on typical party values, but regardless of your opinion on the outcomes of these decisions, efforts to compromise should be respected. In this era of political divide, working in Rasoul's manner would bring about a level of authenticity and honesty that is longed for by many voters.

The role of delegates and politicians in regards to their party would be decidedly altered should this trend become widespread. Voters would probably be disappointed in representatives elected on party lines. This new system would require voters to heavily research candidates to find one that most closely aligns with each of their personal views. Unfortunately, this may be unreasonable to expect, especially at the federal level. However, for smaller scale positions like

like Rasoul's, we should do our civic duty to elect those that would "lead with their values, not their party or identity."



SPORTS AND SUPERLATIVES

Kickoff to Boys State Athletics

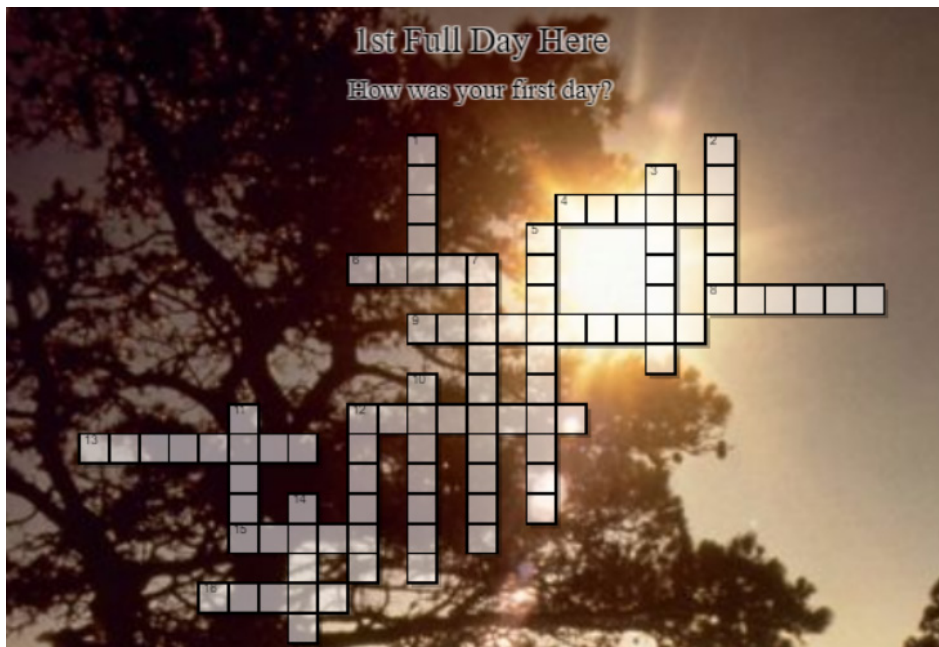
Monday afternoon marked the beginning of the sporting events at Boys State. Teams were previously decided the night before, as each city was ready to show off their best athletes in an intense competition.

In the welcoming area, bowling, billiards, and table tennis were set to take place. As I walked into the room for the first time, the area was full of action. Boys state delegates were hard at work practicing for the upcoming events. On Mof-fett Field, football and soccer were underway. Teams were seen practicing their plays and going over strategy for the first game of the tournament. Throughout the week each city will continue to play their hardest to earn points for their teams.



Day 1 Volleyball Standings

- Burke: 1-0
- Jackson: 1-0
- Patton: 1-0
- Marshall: 1-0
- MacArthur: 1-0
- Eisenhower: 1-0
- Puller: 0-1
- Maury: 0-1
- Nimitz: 0-1
- Henry: 0-1
- Stuart: 0-1
- Washington: 0-1
- Bradley: 0-0
- James: 0-0



ACROSS

- 4 a cavalry commander known for his mastery of reconnaissance and the use of cavalry in support of offensive operations
- 6 a Major General in the United States Marine Corps and the commanding officer of United States Marine Corps Reserve
- 8 fleet admiral that went island hopping
- 9 first U.S. president
- 12 he served as the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces on the Western Front in World War I
- 13 known as the "organizer of victory" for his leadership of the Allied victory in World War II
- 15 a nation or territory considered as an organized political community under one government
- 16 director of Air Force requirements and acting deputy chief of staff for plans operations and requirements

DOWN

- 1 high respect or great esteem
- 2 a General of the United States Army who commanded the U.S. Seventh Army in the Mediterranean theater of World War II
- 3 became one of the best-known Confederate commanders after General Robert E. Lee
- 5 a piece of legislation enacted by an authority
- 7 34th U.S. president
- 10 was the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and oversaw the U.S. military's policy-making in the Korean War
- 11 an American fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force, who in 1975 became the first African American to reach the rank of four-star General in the armed forces
- 12 a United States Marine Corps lieutenant general who fought guerrillas in Haiti and Nicaragua
- 14 an officer in the United States Army, instructor at West Point, author of military training books, and a major general in the Confederate States Army