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Campaign 'Draws-up' Controversy

A Nationalist governor hopeful, has stirred up controversy over his questionable campaign practices. He potentially broke the rules of the Basic Rules and Regulations Governing Participation In American Legion Boys State of Virginia. (Found on page five of the Boys State flag book) An anonymous source from the MacArthur city has confirmed suspicions that both the chalk the questioned campaigned used to promote their candidate, and the toilet paper were secured from off campus sources, possibly breaking rule eight in the flag book. The State Journals anonymous source confirmed that money from the campaign was given to a counselor, and the counselor purchased the items in questions off of the Radford campus. This candidate using the materials purchased provides him a clear and unfair advantage. This calls into question the specifics of the rules listed in the flag book. Rule eight states that "I will only use campaign literature or materials procured within the confines of the Radford University campus and obtained during Boys State." This is a tricky issue, because it is not my belief that he acted with malicious intent. I believe this was an act of ignorance, caused by an unclear rule. However, it does not change the fact that the supplies were used for campaigning, and were supplies that only this candidate had access to. It's a shame that he fell victim to this controversy, as he was originally a front runner for the Nationalist party. All of this begs the question, where is the line drawn? The case was brought forward to the electoral court, where it was dropped, as the candidate failed to secure the nomination from the Nationalists and the case itself became irrelevant. This controversy has sparked conversations that go as high up as the big man himself, Director Dixon. For the sake of future candidates, this law needs to be clearly stated and defined.

Written by Journal Staff member A

Senate Passes Round of Virginia-Related Legislation on Second Day

The Boys State Senate met yesterday to discuss upwards of 14 bills out of the 22 total proposed bills.

Notable bills included Bill 1, a Nimitz-led anti-violence bill; Bill 2, a law-enforcement training and accountability measure; Bill 3, a bill addressing the elimination of synthetic or chemical pesticides and insecticides; Bill 4, which would expand ranked choice voting to be the default voting method in federal, state, and local elections held in the Commonwealth; Bill 5, a cyber-crime bill; Bill 6, a clean energy transport bill; and Bill 9, a measure that would remove Confederate statues and memorials and move them to museums.

Senators expressed concern with Bill 1 because of certain firearm-related provisions. Despite attempts to amend the bill, the Senate decided to vote down the bill.

Bill 6 drew laughter from members due to an accidental provision that would direct the installation of bike lanes along “every major highway and roadway” in the Commonwealth. Notwithstanding Federalist efforts to amend the bill, the bill stands no chance now unless the Governor, when elected, introduces the bill because the House of Delegates did not pass the bill with the same text as the Senate version, as amended.

The Senate finished off its day of bill debates with discussion on Bill 9, a bill to remove Confederate statues from open public areas to public museums. The Nationalist proponent of the bill argued that this measure would carefully address the issue from both a pro-monument and anti-monument angle. Senators ultimately passed the bill.

The Senate is next expected to meet tomorrow in joint session for inauguration and on Friday for legislative business.

Written by Bernard



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THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM!**

Vote Independent!

Support Sam Mostow!

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**THE BAND SHOULD
PLAY “PRETTY FLY
(FOR A WHITE GUY)”
AT GRADUATION.**

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What are the odds?

Many of us come Boys State alone and unafraid. Others have one or two people from our one school in another city, occasionally making contact to check up on people from our home community. However, almost no one can claim the unique position of coming to Boys State with a lifelong friend and both becoming mayors of separate cities in the same year. This year at the Virginia Boys State, Gavin McGraw and Troy Spillman, two friends since Fourth Grade, were elected to the position of mayor independently. Both delegates currently attend King George High School near Fredericksburg, and they compete in track and field together. McGraw and Spillman have also both longed to attend Boys State for months. When asked why they wanted to attend, Spillman said “My dad went to Boys State and I wanted to follow in his footsteps. I also wanted to attend to follow my goal of being an attorney, and then moving into politics.” McGraw added, “Personally, I really wanted to attend Boys State to sharpen my leadership skills. I’m going to join the military and this environment as mayor goes hand-in-hand with training for a military unit of platoon size. My overarching goal is to serve my country.” Both delegates applied to the program together and filled the limited spaces available at their school. And both ran for mayor, winning the highest leadership position at the city level. The two friends posed for a photo. The two asked for a photo, saying “Can you send this to me? My mom is going to love it.”

Written by Calvin Schilling



Nationalist Election Excitement

Yesterday’s elections were filled with shirt-rippingly confident candidates. During the primaries, Caleb Gotthardt surprised the audience by ripping his shirt during his speech to rally the crowd in his support. This spawned a trend of candidates removing articles of clothing to gain support and rally the crowd. On the nationalist side, the Lieutenant Governor was Rami Ghaleb, his plank consisted of things like being a flexible leader and upgrading the 1-ply toilet paper in the dorm’s bathroom. Rami was able to win the first race very easily and won the whole race in the second ballot. The Nationalists’ Attorney General is Robert Meyers. Robert’s speech was moving and helped his campaign into a better position. He will almost certainly be ready to fight for State Attorney General. The Governor nominee for the Nationalists’ side was Aryan Hamdard. His story about getting to Boys State was truly inspirational and he worked very hard to get where he is now. Aryan’s speech created an uproar of the Nationalists’ delegates and it seemed as if everyone in the room knew who they were going to nominate after his introduction speech. He went into the election being an underdog behind Cohen Steele and Dimitrius Owens but proved at the end to be the best candidate for the Nationalist Party.

Written by Shazam



General Assembly Seats

Full Supreme Court

The Boys State General Assembly met in joint session yesterday in the Heth building for the purpose of electing Supreme Court justices.

City delegation-nominated candidates gave their pitches to the joint meeting presided over by the Speaker of the Boys State House of Delegates.

Candidates spoke on the wide range of qualifications and skills they have that makes them exceptional candidates for the Boys State Supreme Court. Each candidate was a Moot Court member. The Speaker afforded each candidate one minute to speak.

The election and swearing-in of newly elected Boys State Supreme Court justices was held later in the day. Justices received a special uniform that signifies their prestigious position.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has not yet been announced.

Written by Bernard

Food Review—Wednesday

Bacon was served correctly today in its correct form. A delightful spinach frittata came alongside the bacon, firmly putting Wednesday's breakfast as the best breakfast that had been served so far.

The bacon was crispy and not too salty to make it a chore to eat it. The spinach frittata had a crisp outer coating, which gave way to the soft egg filling that included potatoes and spinach. Although the eggs continued their mediocly bland trend, the meal had enough variety to make the meal interesting, yet tasteful.

Rating: 77/82

The Radford kitchen staff decided to liven things up by putting tacos on the lunch menu. (CONT.)

Delegates Enjoy Time Spent at

Federalist Party Convention

Wednesday's Federalist party convention was filled with wild accusations, bold claims, and undressing.

While the Federalist party convention did not contain any energetic young men yelling without their shirts on this convention provided for an entertaining time. This meeting contained a perfect blend of humor and professionalism, various planks were proposed, Federalist nominees were set, and many laughs were shared.

Building off of Tuesday's party convention the Federalists further cemented their agenda. Dorm reform and expanding activities during afternoon activity time were the main points pushed forward by Federalist party leaders. Of course, the playful remarks of combining Boys State and Girls State were brought up. These remarks provided humorous snippets of an otherwise bland party convention.

When you throw over 100 young men into a small room packed like sardines' things are bound to get interesting. After winning the nomination, Mathew Preston pulled down his pants to reveal American-flag patterned shorts, and then proceeded to do "The Worm", spawning chants of "USA!" These party conventions, especially the Federalist convention, all provided great amounts of joy and humor. The main purpose of Boys State is to inform America's youth about the political landscape of America, however, this reason can become monotonous and bland. These party conventions allowed for a break from the monotonous daily routine here at Boys State. Ultimately these party conventions allow for one of the most enjoyable moments here at Boys State while learning about political processes relevant to many delegates future lives.

Written by Goldie

Food Review—Wednesday **(Continued)**

Within the tortillas of the tacos, delegates had a choosing of ground beef with taco sauce, black beans, rice, and an assortment of toppings like sour cream, salsa, lettuce, and cheese. It is difficult to mess up tacos, and I am glad to say that the Radford kitchen staff did their job. However, the liquid from the taco sauce would eventually make the tortilla become too soft to properly grip. The contents of the taco (especially the black beans) tasted good, so I don't think that the consistency of the tortilla should be a considerable factor in determining the quality of the dish.

Rating: 5.932/7.000

Dinner was an enjoyable affair as delegates discussed across party lines on the topic of the nominations of "Big 3" candidates. The pork was the main dish and was lined with gravy and seasoning. The insides of the pork was rather dry and tough, but the taste of the pork was adequate enough.

An anonymous vegetarian source also told me that the vegetables (cooked or otherwise) served at the cafeteria has been "top-notch". The Radford kitchen staff certainly seems to know how to appease the plant-loving demographic of Boys State.

Rating: 997,771.068/999,912

Overall Rating: 997,854/1,000,001

Written by Jedi Yoda

The Irrelevance of Controversy.

The controversy relating to the campaign of one of the former Nationalist governor candidate has been, in my opinion, blown completely out of proportion. The main complaint that critics have of this campaign is that it used *chalk* instead of printed materials and obtained toilet paper to throw at his constituents. The chalk was found in the basement of the candidate's Hall and was not obtained off-campus, which has been supported by counselors. The candidate also obtained toilet paper from an unnamed counselor as materials to assist his campaign, which is a practice that has existed for the decades of VA Boys State and is not explicitly forbidden in the Flag Book.

The controversy is mainly based around the fact that this campaign used chalk on Radford University property, thus violating Rule 2 of the Flag Book. This issue is an honest mistake at the very worst and a gubernatorial candidate's attempt to appeal to the "childish" side of delegates from an objective point of view. Chalk does not damage the item it is used upon, nor is it particularly hard to remove. Again, at the very worst, this is an honest mistake made by this campaign.

I think it is reasonable to point out the campaign that the critics backed as well as the named campaign above failed to win the gubernatorial nomination of the Nationalist Party and lost by such a significant amount that it can be reasonably assumed that campaign materials had no tangible effect on the results of this election, especially because both campaigns made up the majority of posters and advertisements littering the campus. In conclusion, I believe that the controversy is nowhere near as important as the upcoming elections of the Big 3 positions (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General).

Written by Journal Staff Member B.