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Another One Bites the Dust Boys State Citizens are Getting Used to the System During Their Second Day

By: Jack Kellen

The second day of Boys States kicked up with an early morning for some as they started the day with some morning runs around the splendid campus of Radford University. They then went to breakfast for a meal of eggs, potatoes, and other breakfast delicacies. After the flag ceremony, the boys had a religious service led by the chaplain of each city. While it was nondenominational the service talked about how to be servant leaders and included scripture from books of the Bible including Romans and Acts. The sermon showed us how during this week we should do our best to challenge ourselves to be leaders for the people we are leading, and not ourselves, this theme is something that everyone in the programs will be striving to achieve during this week of competition. Today the theme of guests consisted of delegates and senators from all regions of Virginia from Virginia Beach to Northern Virginia. They talked about the techniques they use when running for office and the challenges they had to deal with when communicating with representatives from all across the state, most importantly, they echoed the message that when serving their state having servant leadership is the key to success.

After the farewell ceremony to the representatives, we had a presentation about the most effective ways for people to campaign for their public positions, including communicating with members of other cities during meals. They then went to lunch where these techniques were instantly implicated. Nominees ran around like a flightless bird trying to plant their seed in any opening conversation that they saw as an opportunity to grow their campaign. Most notably was Kevin Li, whose city of Burke would holler out in support after every sentence that he spoke, sparking the rivalry between cities and candidates alike. The next presentation was a drawn-out conversation between a Democrat and a Republican. They droned on about political procedure and answered a variety of questions before the ten sharifs of the ten cities came to be inducted for service to boys' states. The next presentation was by the Chairmen of the State Board of Elections, Robert Brink, who encouraged everyone to register to vote and answered questions about the recent voting controversy and where the state plans to go in the future. Then kicked off with a brief description of the Boys State Afternoon Activities. For anyone who missed the memo, the options are Athletics (Various Locations); Better Speaking (Davis Hall); Newspaper (Hemphill Hall); Parliamentary Procedures (Heth Hall); Talent Show (Davis Hall); and Moot Court (Hemphill Hall). There are plenty of opportunities here for all citizens, and all folks are invited to participate. Note though that the final day for Talent Show tryouts is today, the 21st. Following the Afternoon Activities came a scrumptious dinner for all. Macaroni and cheese, and pulled pork sandwiches were great choices. Thank you Radford University Kitchen Staff. The Band and Chorus teams blew everyone away with their skill once again during the Flag Lowering Ceremony. At the same time as this, there was a brief meeting for the newly appointed Officers of Election in Heth Hall. The closing instructional session of day two was presented by a few select mayors from around the state. Finally, to end the day a big moment came for many. Nominations for Mayor were made for all cities, along with Senators and Delegates. The Newspaper team is wishing the best of luck to all nominees.

Sheriff's In Town

City Sheriffs Have been Sworn in



The sheriffs underwent training and swearing-in today, at the Heth building. The sheriffs from each city are as follows: Jayden Cleveland from Marshall, Douglass Bloodsworth from Madison, Justin Patrick from Eisenhower, Nathan Keast from Macarthur, Alex Murray from Burke, Rob Clemow from Nimitz, Kennedy Oti from Washington, Cayden Felder from Henry, Carrington Vines from Bradley, and Donegan Johnson from James.

The new sheriffs were taken to Heth for a basic introduction to their new jobs, there they learned about their responsibilities like room inspections and nighttime patrols, as well as their place on the command ladder as leaders of their cities until the mayor's election. Several new sheriffs expressed how they felt about being a sheriff and what they wanted to do as one before

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the class. Alex Murray from Burke stated that he wanted to lead confidently and to make Burke the best city possible, while Carrington Vines stated that he wanted to enforce equality and order in his city, Bradley.

After the basic introductions, sheriffs were given the key cards to the university campus and were taken to receive their tan shirts to wear for the rest of the week. The new sheriffs stated that the new shirts gave them confidence and strength and added to their authority as leaders. Justin Patrick, from Eisenhower, stated that he "likes the color," while another sheriff said that it "gives me 20 more testosterone." After the classes and t-shirts, the inductees went to take pictures in their new sheriff's uniforms in front of an American flag. The new sheriffs then headed off for another short class on the meaning and duties of being a sheriff, who will now be in charge of determining if their city-mates are in proper uniform, and will be accounting for all citizens at all times. Sergeant Stitt then gave a lesson about integrity and the role of state troopers on the Radford campus.

After the lessons, the new sheriffs seemed optimistic about the future of their leadership. Several said that they were going to be up to the challenge and responsibility of being a sheriff, including {find out name} who said that he is a master sergeant in the air cadets and that he isn't trying for the best, but if it happens then it happens. {find out name} also said that he is an eagle scout and an SBL president, so he believes he is the right man for the job. As the new sheriffs begin to do their jobs, we can only wait and see which sheriffs will be the best.



Why Hate Henry? *City Henry: Arguably the Most Hated Group on Campus* **By: Owen Hogge**

Only three days into the Boys State week and drama is already brewing. The word on the street is that cities have joined forces in a common rivalry against Henry City. What did Henry do wrong? What will come of this conflict? "Henry has a certain arrogance about them, more so than anyone." says Wilton Hudgins (**Bradley City**). "Their small minded chants are unoriginal," says Jaden Driver (**James City**). "They are too cocky," per an anonymous source.

While collecting these quotes and interviewing people for this story, it seemed as though these cities involved in the rivalry against Henry are all thinking the same thing: Henry believes that they are above everyone else and need to be taken down a notch. In a recent poll taken to see who is for and against Henry, 96% of people asked in favor of Henry. As these tensions brew further and further into a deep conflict, the only thing people can wonder is what Henry may do to stop this issue. Will they attempt to sway people's opinions of them? Or will they choose to make their assumptions about the other cities or states? Find out here in the next issue of The Boys' Daily.

First Day on the Court Boys State Candidates First Sports Games By: Quentin Mankin

The first day of athletics at the 79th session of Virginia Boys State revealed many powerhouse cities in the various intramural sports that were provided. Many athletes burst onto the scene as premier competitors within the state. On the hardwood of the Radford Recreation Center, Boys State citizens competed in five-on-five basketball. Washington City versus Bradley City was the prominent matchup in the gym today. Many bystanders gathered around the court to watch the two squads battle it out. Bradley City was able to defeat Washington City but only by a narrow margin.

This intense competition featured a marquee matchup between Bradley City ball handler, Ryan Hallor, and Washington City facilitator, Xavier Washington. When asked how he felt his team performed on the court, Hallor responded by saying, "The team performed well for it being



"The Boys' Daily MVP, Xavier Washington (Washington City)

our first game together." Hallor also said that the team can continue their success for the remainder of the week by staying consistent and energized. Individually, Hallor conveyed a veteran presence on the court by orchestrating his team's offense and being a leader on the other end of the court. On the contrary, Xavier Washington led a valiant effort from Washington City. The undersized guard showed terrific ball handling skills and an elite ability to create shots for his teammates. When asked what professional basketball player he models his game after Washington stated, "Kyrie Irving because we are both shifty and can handle the basketball well." Xavier Washington did however start the game in a shooting slump going zero for five to start the game however, he eventually started to find his groove and was able to reveal his true sharpshooter ability. Nonetheless the Boys' Daily Most Valuable Player goes to Washington City's Xavier Washington although his team suffered a loss Xavier Washington showed incredible skill and talent that was unmatched by anyone else in the gym.

<u>Colleges for</u> <u>College Day</u>

- <u>Albright College</u>
- Belmont Abbey College
- Bluefield College
- Bowling Green State University
- Bridgewater College
- Bryant University
- <u>Catawba College</u>
- <u>Chowan University</u>
- <u>Christopher Newport University</u>
- College of Charleston
- <u>Concord University</u>
- Cornerstone College of Virginia
- Davis & Elkins College
- East Carolina University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emory & Henry College
- Fairmont State University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- George Mason University
- <u>Glenville State College</u>
- <u>Hampden-Sydney College</u>
- Hood College
- James Madison University
- Liberty University
- Longwood University
- <u>Marshall University</u>
- North Carolina State University
- Old Dominion University
- <u>Radford University</u>

- <u>Randolph College</u>
- <u>Randolph Macon College</u>
- <u>Regent University</u>
- <u>Roanoke College</u>
- <u>Shenandoah University</u>
- <u>Stevenson University</u>
- <u>The Citadel, The Military College of</u> <u>South Carolina</u>
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- <u>U.S. Naval Academy</u>
- <u>University of Alabama</u>
- <u>University of Lynchburg</u>
- <u>University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)</u>
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- University of South Carolina
- <u>University of Tennessee</u>
- University of Virginia
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- <u>Virginia Military Institute</u>
- Virginia State Police
- <u>Virginia Tech</u>
- <u>Virginia Tech Army ROTC (VT</u> <u>Corps of Cadets)</u>
- <u>Virginia Wesleyan University</u>
- Washington & Jefferson College
- <u>West Virginia University</u>

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The Boys' Daily Spotlights A Motivated McMiller

By: Dorian Crawford

Fortune favors the bold delegates! Mr. Maddrea's lecture supercharged the minds of said bold, with various campaigns for governor sprouting forth and shouting into various ears. One such candidate, rushing about the lunchroom after the lecture, is Trent McMiller: the Nimitz Nationalist. His platform is focused on mental health; McMiller strives to be a symbolic bridge to execute this endeavor, transporting ideas from Nimitz and other cities into the mythical country known as 'Laws.' McMiller hit the ground running, pouring over the Flag Book as soon as he finished unpacking, hiring a campaign manager, and unveiling his slogan: One Nation, One Virginia, One Boys State, together. This idea of a union permeates his bipartisan stance on issues and his belief that Boys State should be unpolarized. His advice? Form yourself a team, and "understand that to really get anywhere in life, you have to build a following, you have to have a team by your side."

The Boys' Daily Spotlights

The Lights Are on Li- Dorian Crawford By: Dorian Crawford

And now a different song, but in the same key. Kevin Li, the Blue Burke, exploded into campaigning with an impromptu speech that butchered his voice. At least it was in the lunchroom where everyone could hear. Motivated by a desire to shoot for the moon, his platform is simple yet effective: "Liberty. Freedom. We're gonna serve, and defend life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." After the success of his speech, Li strives to innovate, coming up with a new method of advertising (with the help of his fellow Burke citizens) each day. Li also started assembling his advisors, recruiting a Lt. Governor from Madison. An admirable choice, the agreement serves as a subtle call for the many cities and delegates to work together. If Li misses the moon though, he'll still land amongst the stars; his contingency is to be elected as a Supreme Court Justice due to his participation in Moot Court. His advice? "Give your best, no one's here to lose. But there's only one winner, good luck."





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