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SHERIFFS HAVE BEEN SWORN IN, AND ELECTIONS CONTINUE TODAY



MAYORS, DELEGATES, AND SENATORS TO BE ELECTED AND SWORN IN TODAY



This morning, candidates from each city will be elected to their city board positions. One mayor will be selected for each city to serve. Senators and Delegates will also be selected in the morning by the members of the city. After the ballots are sent in and officials are selected, they will be sworn under oath this afternoon. *Legislation in Session* is taking place for senators and delegates that are elected. Any and all elected officials should be prepared for the events taking place today.

SIGNATURE DEADLINE!!!

Any citizens of Boys State planning to run for statewide office must have their 70 signatures on their petition submitted by 3:30 this afternoon. These positions include Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General.

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AND
COUNTRY”***



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CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE

Name: Levi Hall
Party: Nationalist
City: MacArthur
Prospective Position: Governor

The Nationalist party primaries for Governor seem to be heating up with the addition of Levi Hall. Throughout his campaign, Hall has focused on good governance reforms like age and term limits and rural infrastructure projects including metro expansion, high capacity roads, and energy infrastructure. He also hopes to lower taxes by bringing these projects in-house in order to reduce price gouging from outside contractors. In Hall's words, "I hope that all of you will vote for me and ensure that we have a unified Boys State that is ready to grow and be in a more ethical democracy."



Name: Ryan Hembree
Party: Nationalist
City: Henry
Prospective Position: Lieutenant Governor

Nationalist Ryan Hembree hopes to win his party's nomination for Lieutenant Governor. Coming from a strong Model United Nations background, Hembree is focused on public transportation, referring to it as "the lifeblood of our state economy." He also places a heavy emphasis on environmental conservation and tax reform, aiming to switch the state income tax from a flat system to a progressive one in order to shift the burden off of working class families. As Hembree put it, "If you want a candidate with the experience and the skill to get the job done, then I'm not lying, vote for Ryan."



Name: Henry Marshall
Party: Nationalist
City: Jefferson
Prospective position: Governor

Richmond native from Jefferson City Henry Marshall has also been picking up speed in the governor's race. The nationalist candidate currently has over 90 signatures heading into Tuesday. Henry is an experienced leader, serving as the president of his high school class for all 4 years, while also earning a finalist placement in Virginia state DECA.

Henry wants to shift Virginia's education focus away from heavily weighted standardized testing, and towards an education system that prioritizes preparing students for adulthood. Specifically he wants the school to refocus on creating citizens of character and equipping the next generation with the critical thinking skills to actively participate and lead American democracy

Referring to himself as "The People's Governor," Henry also promises to have equal representation of federalists and nationalist in his cabinet, citing his belief in viewpoint diversity and holistic representation of his constituency.



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BEAR CUB SPOTTED ROAMING THE CAMPUS AT BOYS STATE!!

There have been reports of a bear cub spotted roaming the campus. If spotted, remain calm and back away slowly. Do not approach it, where a bear cub is spotted, the mother bear is often near. Do not attempt to feed the cub. Despite its size, it is still a dangerous creature.

The hosts at Hampden Sydney also want to warn us of a man who has come onto campus before. When he has been seen before wearing a trench coat. If you see him, do not approach him. He has a highly realistic water gun. Stay with your city or in pairs and if spotted report him to a counselor or State Trooper.



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CAMPAIGNING NOTICES - DAILY SCOOP

BY WILLIAMS GUTIERREZ, ALONG WITH THE INTERVIEWERS; CAMDEN
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THROUGHOUT 8 DIFFERENT CITIES THERE HAVE BEEN COMPLAINTS AND REPORTS ABOUT BRIBERY FROM “TRIPLE F” TO BE FEATURED ON THE BOYS STATE SENTRY (B.S.S.). THE B.S.S. SHALL NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THESE ACCUSATIONS, BUT YOU NEVER KNOW WHO A PERSON TURNS OUT TO BE. WHILE MANY DO SUPPORT THIS CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF BOYS STATE VIRGINIA, MANY PEOPLE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT HE CAN BE TRUSTED OR NOT. HE MAY ALSO NEED TO WORK ON HIS APPROACH FOR VOTES THROUGHOUT THE CITIES FOR GOVERNOR. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REPORTS ABOUT HIS OVERALL ATTITUDE/BODY LANGUAGE WHEN CAMPAIGNING, HE SEEMS TO ONLY WANT THE POSITION NAME, CAN HE LIVE UP TO HIS LEGACY, CAN HE KEEP HIS TITLE AS ONE OF THE TOP CANDIDATES? I GUESS WE’LL FIND OUT MORE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

ON THAT NOTE, NB FROM PATTON CITY HAS ACQUIRED ABOUT 200 HUNDRED SIGNATURES THROUGHOUT THE CITIES, HE SEEMS TO HAVE THE DEDICATION, LETS SEE IF HE HAS THE STRATEGIES TO SEE IT THROUGH. JOHN KAMIREDDY FROM PATTON, HE HAS ABOUT 100 SIGNATURES, AND RATHER THAN HOLD A POSTER AND TELL PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR HIM, HE IS GETTING TO KNOW EVERY ONE HE TALKS TO ON A PERSONAL LEVEL. HE AND NB ARE SETTING UP ROOM TOURS AFTER DINNER, SO WATCH OUT FOR THE MESSES YOU HAVE IN YOUR DORMS; IT MIGHT BE FEATURED ON CAMERA...

SPECIAL SPEAKERS FROM YESTERDAY



Delegate Tommy Wright - A delegate for the 50th house district of Virginia. Delegate Wright gave his speech about the importance of standing strong in your beliefs and values. He stands on his religious faith and his firm belief in the Second Amendment. Wright explained how his faith in Christ has guided him in his policy and point of view.



Delegate Wendell Walker - Delegate Walker's district covers the city of Lynchburg, and part of Carroll County. He gave his insight and experiences regarding the division in our political climate at the state level. Walker explained his perspective on issues going on in our state today, such as the tension regarding the budget negotiation going on in Virginia.



Mayor Joe Cobb - Joe Cobb serves as the mayor of the city of Roanoke, Va. He believes that the connections he has made with his constituents as mayor have helped him understand how people need to be served by their local government. He believes in promoting infrastructure in Roanoke, as well as continuing the expansion of hospitals and health sciences in the city.



THE CANDIDATE YOU'LL REMEMBER TOMORROW

BY: KOBY SHNEKENDORF

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY, VA. - BY THE TIME BOYS STATE HAS CONCLUDED, DELEGATES WILL HAVE LISTENED TO DOZENS OF CAMPAIGN SPEECHES. MANY CANDIDATES WILL SPEND THEIR TIME TRYING TO CRAFT THE PERFECT SPEECH TO WIN OVER THEIR CITY, PARTY, OR THE WHOLE STATE. SOME SPEECHES WILL BE SERIOUS, SOME WILL BE FUNNY, AND SOME ARE INSPIRING. SOME WILL BE NEARLY FORGOTTEN BEFORE THE NEXT CANDIDATE REACHES THE MICROPHONE. FOR THOSE LOOKING TO MAKE THEMSELVES STAND OUT, THE QUESTION IS SIMPLE: WHAT MAKES THE PERFECT SPEECH?

AT FIRST GLANCE, THE ANSWER MIGHT SEEM OBVIOUS. MANY ASSUME THE STRONGEST SPEECHES COME FROM CANDIDATES WITH THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS OR THE MOST DETAILED PLANS, YET AFTER EVEN A FEW ELECTIONS IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT VOTERS OFTEN REMEMBER SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY. PSYCHOLOGISTS HAVE LONG FOUND THAT PEOPLE RELY ON MENTAL SHORTCUTS WHEN MAKING DECISIONS BASED ON LIMITED INFORMATION. GIVEN THAT BOYS STATE IS SUCH A SHORT PROGRAM AND DELEGATES HEAR SO MANY SPEECHES, THERE IS LITTLE TO NO OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY GET TO KNOW CANDIDATES. THIS MEANS THAT RATHER THAN DECIDING BASED ON ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS OR POLICY PROPOSALS, EACH DELEGATE TENDS TO REMEMBER SPECIFIC MOMENTS.

ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO BE UNIQUE IS BY TELLING A COMPELLING STORY. STORIES GIVE VOTERS SOMETHING CONCRETE TO ASSOCIATE WITH A CANDIDATE'S NAME LONG AFTER THEIR SPEECH ENDS, AND STAND OUT MUCH MORE THAN A LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS. HUMOR AND CONFIDENCE CAN HAVE A SIMILAR EFFECT. A WELL TIMED JOKE CREATES A VERY POSITIVE IMPRESSION, WHILE A CONFIDENT SPEAKER WHO MAINTAINS EYE CONTACT AND APPEARS COMFORTABLE AT THE PODIUM WILL GET A MUCH BETTER REACTION THAN A CANDIDATE WITH STRONGER CREDENTIALS BUT WEAKER DELIVERY. PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY, SUCCESSFUL SPEECHES CREATE A CONNECTION WITH THE AUDIENCE. WHETHER IT IS THROUGH HUMOR, SHARED EXPERIENCES, OR A COMPELLING STORY, EFFECTIVE CANDIDATES MAKE THEIR VOTERS FEEL INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS. WHILE QUALIFICATIONS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, COMMUNICATION IS JUST AS, IF NOT MORE, IMPORTANT.

SO AS THE WEEK CONTINUES, PAY ATTENTION NOT ONLY TO WHAT CANDIDATES SAY, BUT HOW THEY SAY IT. CHANCES ARE THE BEST SPEECHES WILL BE THE ONES THAT MADE YOU LAUGH, OR THINK MORE DEEPLY. FOR CANDIDATES, THINK DEEPLY ABOUT YOUR MESSAGE, AND HOW BEST TO CONNECT WITH YOUR VOTERS. IT MAY BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VICTORY AND DEFEAT.

DAILY FOOD REVIEW



BREAKFAST

The breakfast that awaited us yesterday was nothing short of surprising, to say the least. The scrambled eggs weren't too creamy or firm, and the taste wasn't overwhelming in the way that some eggs can be. Combined with the fluffy french toast, the two simply melted in your mouth. Not to mention, the biscuits provided a comforting contrast with their buttery and slightly salty taste. While I didn't personally have the donut holes, muffins, sausage or gravy, I heard that for the most part, the donut holes and muffins were the perfect mix of savory and sweet, and the sausage paired with gravy was hearty and decadent. Solid 8.5/10.

LUNCH

Arriving at the dining hall after a trek in the hot and humid weather, I think I can speak for everyone when I say we were starving and ready for lunch. A glorious All-American sight greeted us; toasted hamburger buns, lean turkey and beef patties, American cheese, tomatoes, and lettuce creating a hearty cheeseburger for most. If you're not a bread person, you could have chosen to pair the meat with rice and pasta to craft another nutritional and filling meal. Sadly, the dessert was a bit subpar in comparison; the brownies were rather dry, but their sheer size compensated decently, and paired with ice cream or milk they were good. Solid 8/10.

DINNER

The dinner served last night can easily be described in two words: Chipotle Dupe. Serving stations offered the materials to assemble scrumptious Mexican food catered to individual liking. Citizens could forge together whatever they could imagine with flour tortillas, scrumptious chicken and carnitas, beans, veggies, salsa, cheese, and white rice. Dessert included the usual blue bell ice cream with brownies to accompany. Dinner was exceptional – 10/10.

Shoutout to the dining hall staff for supplementing our bodies with three amazing back to back meals!

Yesterday's meals can easily be compared to Kanye Omari West's three album run with his Homecoming trilogy.