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GOVERNOR GIVES SPEECH, AND FINAL RESULTS FOR ELECTIONS



OLAOLUWA ADEBAMBO IS SELECTED AS GOVERNOR FOR VIRGINIA BOYS STATE



GOVERNOR HAS BEEN DECIDED

Yesterday morning, the citizens of Boys State voted for their Governor for 2026. This esteemed honor went to Olaoluwa Adebambo. Ola ran his campaign on promoting community and involvement among all people at Boys State. He believes that one simple interaction with someone can make them feel like they belong. On behalf of everyone at Boys State, the Boys State Sentry would like to congratulate Olaoluwa Adebambo on his achievement

Jefferson City beats
Marshall in the
Virginia Boys State
Basketball
Championship



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NATIONALISTS SWEEP THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS

ATTORNEY GENERAL - NEEL KAMATH

Hailing from Vienna, VA, Kamath had an impressive list of qualifications that helped propel him first to the nomination and then to a victory in the general election. Not only is he a nationally successful debater, but he has several years of legal intern experience as well as student leadership in Fairfax County Public Schools.

Unlike other candidates who made specific campaign promises, Kamath won over the voters by directly addressing the limits of the office of the Attorney General and assuring them that he would hold the administration accountable for all legislation.

LT. GOVERNOR - BO SAMPSON

Bokre Samson's campaign was built around three fundamental priorities: safety, healthcare, and education. Drawing from his own experiences, as well as the experiences of his parents, whose lives as a refugee and a soldier shaped his perspective, he emphasized the importance of creating communities where everyone could feel safe and supported, backed by a strong police force. He also advocated for equal access to quality healthcare regardless of a person's background or income, and for increased investment in education by providing schools with more funding, better resources, and stronger community involvement to ensure every student had access to a quality education. Throughout his campaign, he chose authenticity over flashy tactics, believing that his character, personal story, and values would resonate with voters. Rather than focusing on criticizing his opponents, he remained true to himself and trusted that people would recognize his vision—a strategy that ultimately earned him the confidence of the electorate.



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The Boys State Chorus

By: Leo Sandoli

The voices that have become part of our morning routine at the Diaz center for religious services are the Boys State For the last 20 years counselor Demas Boudreaux has taken the role leading the Virginia Boys State chorus.

Demas took the position after a woman named Marrie Dobyns held it for the last 60 years prior. She was in her 80's when she broke her hip, so she called up one night and said that "If you don't do VA Boys' state choir this year, there will be no choir."

"The chorus is so unique in that it takes boys who have never sang before but want to learn how, and mixes them in with the few kids who are experienced singers. and you just try and have fun. So it's going fine" said Demas.

Demas says that every year is a little bit different, noting however that this year we've got really great baritones. This year's chorus is unique, in that around 15 of the members come from the single city of Jefferson. This extent of this large participation from one city is something that Demas says hasnt ever happened before.

"Making music is about bringing people in, so the more people who want to do it the better, so I think it's great" If you haven't already noticed, the band and the chorus have a little friendly rivalry. A rivalry that according to demas has been going on since the beginning of boys' state to add a little fun. To be clear however, the chorus is undoubtedly better than the band.



DETAILS FOR COLLEGE DAY TODAY

College Day

Today, from 3-5 pm, there will be College Day for the 2026 Virginia Boys State. Several universities, colleges, technology schools, and military academies will be in attendance at the Kirk Athletic Center. College Day is an opportunity for citizens of Boys State to talk with representatives from colleges and universities from across the country about the admissions process, college life, scholarships and financial aid. This is such an exciting opportunity for the people at Boys State to learn and be exposed to higher education opportunities.

Pictured to the left is the location of each college's booth to guide you throughout the experience

SCHOOL	FACING D			
HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE	table 1	Front Entrance	SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY	Row 5
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY	1	B wall	SOUTH DAKOTA MINES	2
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY	2		TEMPLE UNIVERSITY	3
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY	3		THE CITADEL	4
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY	4		UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG	5
VIRGINIA STATE POLICE	5			
VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD	6			
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	7			
FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY	Facing A	Entrance		
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	2			
GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY	3			
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY	4			
HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY	5			
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY	Facing B		UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	ROW 4
JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	2		UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI	2
LEES-McRAE COLLEGE	3		UNIVERSITY OF UTAH	3
LIBERTY UNIVERSITY	4		VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE	4
LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY	5		VIRGINIA TECH	5
MARIETTA COLLEGE	6		VIRGINIA TECH ROTC	Row 3 5
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY	7		WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY	4
OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY	8		WEST VIRGINIA	3
RADFORD UNIVERSITY	Row 6	Facing Restroom	WEST VIRGINIA TECH	2
RANDOLPH - MACON COLLEGE	2		BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE	1
RANDOLPH COLLEGE	3		CHOWAN UNIVERSITY	ROW 2 1
REGENT UNIVERSITY	4		CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY	2
ROANOKE COLLEGE	5		CLARKSON UNIVERSITY	3
			CONCORD UNIVERSITY	4
			EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY	5

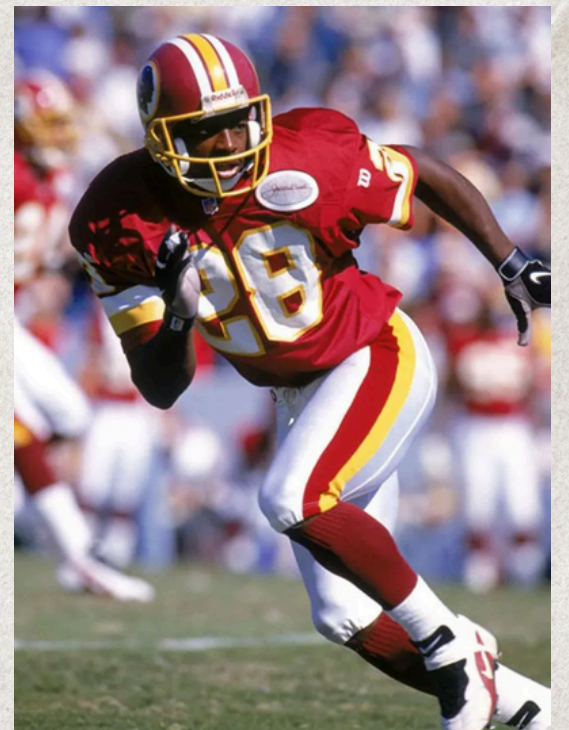


WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE?

BY: RYAN JOHNSON

Darrell Green is a former NFL cornerback who played his entire 20-year career with the Washington Redskins. Born in Houston, Texas, he attended Texas A&M University–Kingsville, where he excelled in both football and track. Drafted in 1983, Green became known for his incredible speed, earning seven Pro Bowl selections, two Super Bowl championships, and a reputation as one of the greatest defensive players in NFL history. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2008 and is also recognized for his leadership, community service, and work with youth programs after retirement.

Mr Green paid the Virginia Boys State conference a visit on Wednesday, June 24th. He shared with us a glimpse into his life, his philosophy, and most importantly, a question. Who do you want to be? Green took his first steps into football much later than most. He joined the junior varsity football team as a junior in high school, where he excelled. Despite being considered fairly short, Green was especially speedy. During his life as a young adult, Green experienced the loss of two close childhood friends before his NFL career began. One friend, Carnell Green, died in a car accident while Green was in college, and another friend, Clem Greenwood, fell victim to suicide shortly before Green left for his first NFL training camp. These tragedies deeply affected him and helped shape his values, inspiring him to focus on faith, family, and making a positive impact on others throughout his life. The question that Mr. Green asked was an eye opening change of perspective. It taught us a new lesson about how we are the key to defining our lives. It is important to remember that your occupation or career in the future is not who you are. Green, sharing his philosophy of knowing that what you want to do and who you want to be are two entirely different concepts taught the young men of Virginia Boys State that we are more than the limits of our careers. The shaping of his stance on life stemmed from a key event during adolescence when he learned that his parents planned to divorce. This event combined with the loss of his two best friends instilled in him the idea of always being there for the people in his life and to be known for it. That was who Darrell wanted to be, a figure of compassion, commitment, and dependability. Although Darrell is most notably recognized for his outstanding NFL career, that is not who he was, that was what he did. By Mr. Green sharing his time with us, he gave us the chance to take a new perspective on life. We are in control of who we want to be, and it is up to us to keep it that way.



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UPDATE: FROG INFILTRATION MISSION LEAVES ONE CASUALTY

BY WATKINS IRBY AND LUCAS SOHN

The Morning After

Late Tuesday night, a Pershing strike team infiltrated a Puller City dormitory and deployed a live frog with surgical precision. After several minutes of chaos, including a daring secondary deployment into a separate Puller dormitory, the amphibian was recovered and released back into the wild. All parties involved declared the matter closed.

They were mistaken.

On Thursday morning, the Puller City delegate who had personally extracted the frog from Franklin "Triple F" Fling's quarters awoke to find his left eye, wrist, and chest swollen and itchy. Word spread quickly through Puller City, and the delegate reported to Sick Call. The amphibious conflict, previously dismissed as a harmless inter-city skirmish, had claimed its first casualty.



Medical Investigation and Effects

Nurses evaluated the delegate and identified the culprit: a previously undetected frog allergy, unknown to the delegate until that morning. The severity of the reaction raised immediate concern, and officials briefly considered sending the delegate home. The delegate himself was less alarmed. "It doesn't hurt," he reportedly said. "Just a little annoying." He returned to Puller City later that day and attended all remaining activities without incident.

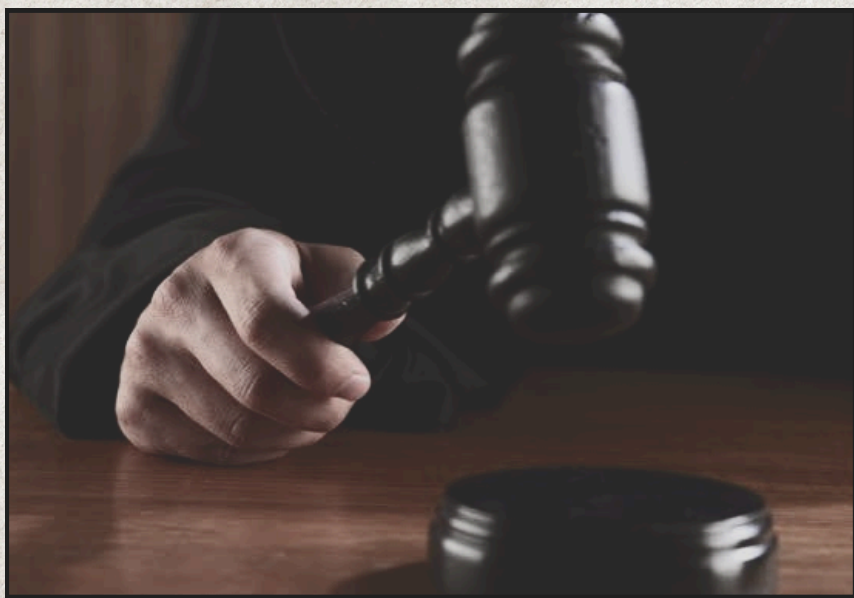
The broader consequences of Tuesday night's operation, however, remain unresolved. Tensions between Puller and Pershing have continued to escalate in the wake of the medical fallout. Pershing City has issued no formal apology, and Puller City remains on alert. No further amphibious incursions have been reported at the time of publication.

The frog has refused all requests for comment.

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MOOT COURT ADVANCES TO CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND AFTER THREE COMPETITIVE ROUNDS

BY ADAM PAUL



Delegates competed in three rounds of Moot Court today, narrowing the field to the final two teams through a series of closely contested arguments. Throughout the afternoon, advocates argued both sides of the case, demonstrating their knowledge of legal precedent, courtroom procedure, and persuasive advocacy before panels of many distinguished state attorneys.

After advancing through the bracket, Henry earned a spot in the championship round representing the side of Joseph Swift (S) in both rounds, while Nimitz secured its place representing the Commonwealth of Virginia (C) in round 3 and Swift in round 2. The two teams will face off in the final round today at 1:30 p.m. in the Diaz Arena at the Kirby Sports Center. The final verdict will be announced at 8 p.m. by the Boys State Supreme Court.

Tomorrow is the American Legion Awards and Recognitions ceremony. Many of you have worked hard this week whether it be for Boys Nation, Moot Court, or Better Speaking. Those interviewing for Boys Nation are fighting for their spot among 100 students to run our government on the federal level later this summer. Members of Moot Court are coming to a final showdown to prove their legal might. And Better Speakers are going to rally the crowd behind their speeches. Be ready to rumble as we see the greatest members of our state revive recognition for their achievements tomorrow!

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



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DAILY SCOOP

First off, we want to congratulate the Governor-Elect, Olaoluwa Adebambo; the Lieutenant Governor-Elect, Bokre "Bo" Samson; and the Attorney General-Elect! Your campaigns stood out, and for all the right reasons. You earned every vote, and we couldn't be happier. Congratulations!

We also want to congratulate every candidate who ran for office, whether at the city or state level. It takes a special kind of courage to put your name on a ballot and willingly let the entire community judge your campaign... and sometimes your font choices in your personality.

To those who didn't come away with the office you wanted: some of y'all campaigned with enough energy to power the entire state.

Unfortunately, enthusiasm doesn't count as an extra vote (we checked). But don't lose that spirit! Keep bringing that passion, keep showing up, and keep serving your community. We look forward to seeing what you accomplish, preferably with just a little less stress and a few more election victories next time around.

Congratulations again to everyone who stepped into the arena. Win or lose, you made this election memorable and for some of you, your campaign speeches will live rent-free in our memories for years to come, whether we want them to or not.

The Stolen Bike And The Big Confession

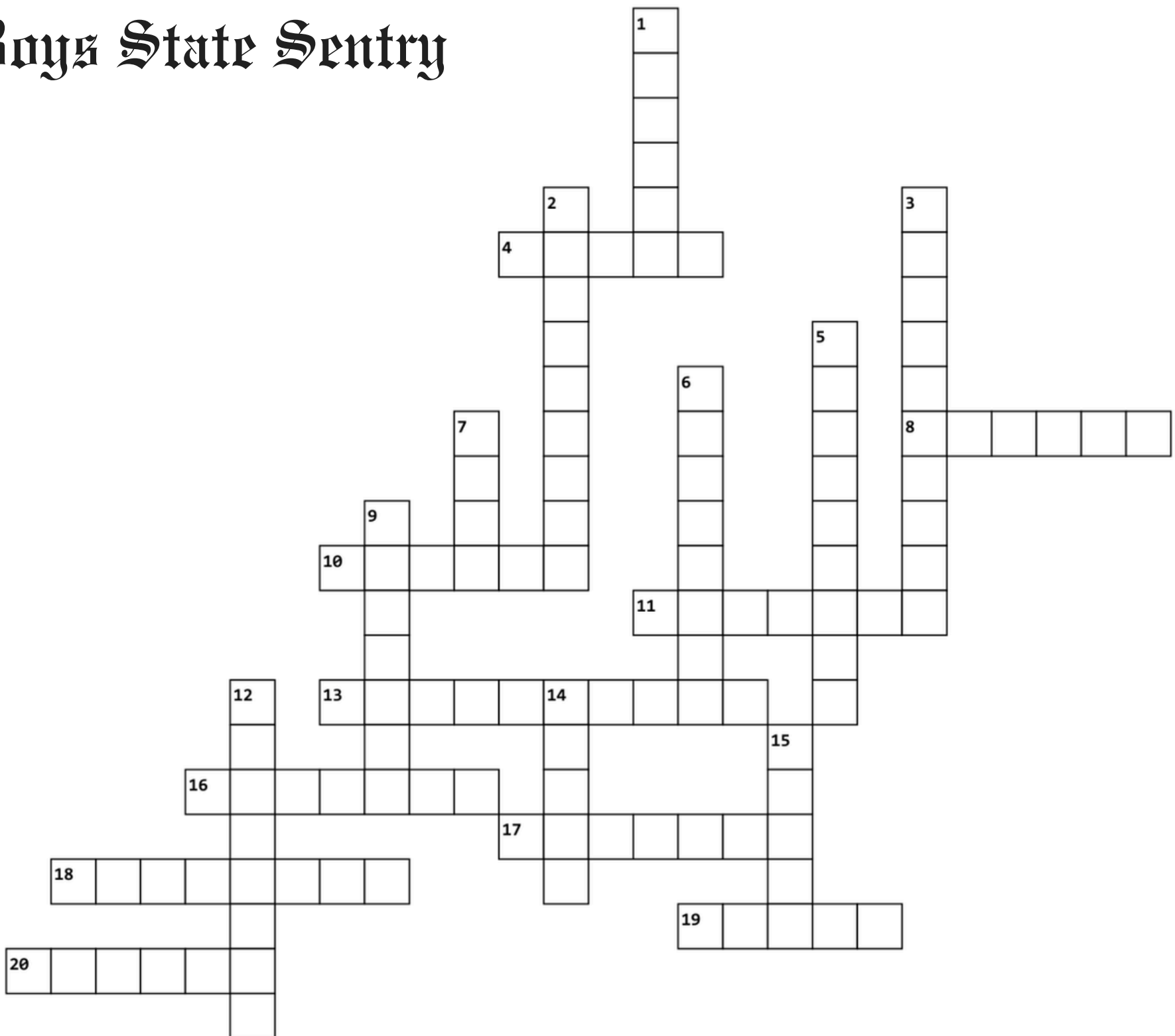
Every election season has its unforgettable moments, but this year's lesson came courtesy of a bicycle. Someone stole a bike on campus, rode it around, and then casually abandoned it in front of another dorm like they were returning a shopping cart.

Unfortunately, another student saw what looked like a free bike, decided to take it for a spin, and was later spotted riding the stolen bicycle. When he confessed to possessing the bike, he stood before the entire assembly of the Virginia Boys State to make a formal public apology.

The moral of the story? If something seems too good to be true, especially if it's a random bike with no owner in sight, it probably deserves a few questions before you hop on. Sometimes the fastest way to get somewhere is also the fastest way into a meeting with campus officials. As tempting as "finders, keepers" may sound, it's usually better to let campus security handle mystery bikes than to accidentally become the main character in someone else's crime. But hey don't feel bad one day you'll laugh at this story, at least we hope!



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Across

- 4. NBA 2003 #1 pick
- 8. WWII Fleet Admiral
- 10. One who drags
- 11. Famous Dolly
- 13. Military-industrial complex opponent
- 16. With great solemnness
- 17. Actor Cooper
- 18. Truman-era plan
- 19. Sneakily suppress
- 20. 12 day Acting Governor of Virginia

Down

- 1. Highland resident
- 2. He shall return
- 3. Seattle's home
- 5. Washington Secretary of State
- 6. Put off to another
- 7. Buffalo man
- 9. DC league
- 12. Lead doughboy
- 14. Running back Derrick
- 15. Possibly; ___ ___ may not

DAILY FOOD REVIEW



BREAKFAST

Breakfast today was pretty much the same as on Monday, except this time the French toast was in the form of an entire slice of bread (it was still goated). Personally, I preferred how it tasted on Monday, but I loved being able to put my eggs on top. Paired with the biscuits and hashbrowns, breakfast was as usual, excellent. Solid **8/10**.

LUNCH

Lunch was awesome. I walked into the cafeteria, hungry and motivated to fill my stomach with whatever I could find. The aroma in the cafeteria threw me off, I was expecting fish day 2.0. However, upon nearing the entrees, my heart exploded with excitement. Chicken tenders! Wow! Genuinely wow. Nothing else must be said about yesterday's lunch, **10/10**.

DINNER

Despite contrary belief, I found today's dinner pretty good. The pasta chicken alfredo and the baked rotini were really filling and comforting. The sauces on both were great, and both meals were tender and creamy. Ice cream as usual was great, and I've heard that the chocolate pie, key lime pie, and chocolate pudding were rich and savory. Overall, **7/10**.

25/30 was the aggregate score of the meals yesterday, coming out to a solid **83%**.

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**THE BOYS STATE SENTRY
CONGRATULATES
EVERYONE WHO RAN
FOR OFFICE THIS WEEK.
YOUR HARD WORK AND
CAMPAINIG DOES NOT
GO UNRECOGNIZED**
