



# Cardinal Connection

“Here’s what a little birdie told me”

## **An Interview with Delegate Richard L. Anderson**

By Braden Herman, Bradley City

Speaking with Delegate Anderson revealed much about his fascinating education and his career as a United States Air Force Colonel. Delegate Anderson graduated from Northside High School in Roanoke and went on to graduate with his Bachelor’s degree in Political Science. In 1979 he went into the Air Force Academy. While serving in the Air Force, Delegate Anderson served in the Titan 2 and Minutemen 2 intercontinental missile units for thirty years before finally retiring as a Colonel in 2009. Because he retired early in the year of 2009, he was able to immediately begin his campaign in the 51<sup>st</sup> district of Virginia in Prince William County. After his first election in 2009 he was reelected in 2011 and is in the process of campaigning for another reelection.

When asked why he chose to run for the House of Delegates, he commented, “The House of Delegates is a government unchanged for four centuries, and it continues to work more efficiently than ‘most all western governments.”

Delegate Anderson remarked that he loved the

program here at Boys State because of the potential and inevitable success that he sees in the faces of its citizens. He says that he expects much to come out of this particular class of the American Legion Virginia Boys State; after all, they will undoubtedly be the greatest generation that the country- and maybe even the world- has ever seen.

## **Suspicious Stealthy Striped Skunk Spotted**

By Zack Toothman, Lee City

Something smells funny around here, and it is not the underhanded political deals that are already taking place. That smell actually belongs to a skunk that managed to infiltrate the central campus of RU at some point during yesterday’s activities. Though no one can determine when exactly the skunk slunk into the Radford grounds -mainly because almost no one knew about it- a handful of eyewitnesses, including myself, were first made aware of the stealthy mammal’s presence at approximately 11:30 two nights ago. The first eyewitness to notice the skunk, a counselor from Lee, recalls how terrified he was upon seeing the critter up close. Out of concern for the safety of everyone at

Boys State, we at the Cardinal Connection have compiled a list of DOs and DON'Ts that could mean the difference between life and death if an unlucky citizen comes into contact with this creature:

- DO try to avoid the skunk at all costs. Skunks are volatile and territorial animals that perceive even the slightest movement as a threat.
  - DON'T make eye contact with the skunk if you happen upon it.
  - DO go on the defensive. If confrontation is inevitable, assuming the fetal position and acting like a rock is the best way to counteract its power. If the skunk continues to approach you, loudly sing the Boys State Song.
  - And probably the most important thing: DON'T ever feed it after midnight.
- Remember to always take care when walking the grounds, and to report any suspicious sightings to the Cardinal Connection.



## **(Not so) Partisan Politics**

By: Cody Davis, Marshall City

With elections approaching quickly, many would believe that the Federalists and Nationalists would be at each other's throat by now. However, some Boys States citizens such as Matthew DiMarcantonio and Christopher Feigh refuse to allow political parties to get in the way of their progress. DiMarcantonio, a Federalist from Marshall City, has launched his campaign for Governor, with the Nimitz Nationalist Chris Feigh aiming for Lieutenant Governor. In spite of their differing parties, Feigh and DiMarcantonio have teamed up to bring change to Boys State.

"We are rising above political parties," said DiMarcantonio. "The fact that I am a Federalist shouldn't keep me from working with a Nationalist."

These two politicians may have opposing party affiliations, but their viewpoints are still similar. Whether it is focusing on corporations, education reform, or taxes, DiMarcantonio and Feigh have a plan laid out.

"We are moving towards a pro-business economy," said Feigh. "If we focus on these businesses, the economy will directly benefit."

DiMarcantonio has described himself as a conservative who is a huge fan of laissez-faire economics, referencing the state of Texas and its success as the basis of his

plan.

“If the government takes a step back and lets these businesses do what they please, the economy will boom,” said DiMarcantonio.

Feigh has expressed similar opinions and propositions, claiming that the government should not be involved in the social aspects of the public.

Although it is still early in the program, as of the first “real” day of Boys State the two political parties do not appear to be butting heads quite yet.

### **Standing Ovations: Do They Still Matter?**

By Jackson Skeen, Patton City

Stand up. Sit down. Stand up. Sit down.

Stand up. Sit down. This is a process that, in merely one day of camp, all of Boys State has become only too familiar with.

A standing ovation is defined as “a form of applause where members of a seated audience stand up while applauding after extraordinary performances of particularly high acclaim.” Key word: extraordinary. In the short time the campers have been at Radford University, there have been over 20 recorded standing ovations, lasting up to a minute long.

I, along with several other campers, find it difficult to believe that more than 20 “performances of particularly high acclaim” have occurred in a single day. It would be virtually miraculous if this many awe-inspiring

performances transpired during an entire week, much less in one day.

I am not saying standing ovations are a bad thing. In fact, I am saying the opposite. A standing ovation, a recognition of great accomplishment, is something to be cherished. If they are overused, they become not only pedestrian, but tiresome.

Standing ovations are taxing campers both physically and ideologically. In our 17 hour-long days, we are forced to stand, walk, march, campaign, and participate in various activities. These all serve to enervate the campers, leaving them with little energy to leap to their feet and clap until their hands bleed every other minute in assembly.

Ideologically, constant standing ovations devalue the inherent significance they are supposed to represent. Ancient Rome was one of the first nations to utilize the standing ovation, lending it its original importance. Romans employed standing ovations for only the most worthy



# SPORTS

## THE SCOREBOARD

### BASKETBALL:

MATCHUP	FINAL SCORE
Maury vs. Puller	Puller (39-27)
Jackson vs. Patton	Jackson (35-31)
James vs. Bradley	James (35-29)
Washington vs. Lee	Washington (64-29)

### FOOTBALL:

MATCHUP	FINAL SCORE
James vs. Lee	James (28-21) wins in OT
MacArthur vs. Burke	Burke (21-14)

### SOCCER:

MATCHUP	FINAL SCORE
Nimitz vs. Eisenhower	Nimitz (4-3)
Washington vs. Bradley	Bradley (5-0)
James vs. Marshall	Marshall (4-2)
MacArthur vs. Henry	MacArthur (4-1)
Stuart vs. Burke	Stuart (4-0)

### TENNIS: (Scores are TBA)

### VOLLEYBALL:

MATCHUP	VICTOR
Maury vs. Patton	Maury
Puller vs. Jackson	Puller
MacArthur vs. Stuart	MacArthur

## Sportsmanship is Key

By: Adam Kelly, MacArthur City

Boys State is a prestigious program that brings together leaders from all over the state. The best of the best. The cream of the crop. Among our ranks are honor society presidents, club leaders, and class representatives. But leadership is not only celebrated in the classroom, it is also displayed on the field. "These kids really know what it means to be a leader", stated a soccer referee. "Its leadership through example."

Sportsmanship is how leadership is displayed on the field. Team members that not only know how to lose with grace but how to win with humility demonstrate sportsmanship. "Without sportsmanship, there is no point in seeing who's the better team", says Nathan Salle of Jackson City. "It's about courtesy and fairness." Any team member can step up and be a leader. A true sportsman is someone who lets his actions speak for him.

Whether it's on the court, on the field, or in the game room, sportsmanship is an essential component in any athletic competition.

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By Editor Caleb Rose of Washington City ,

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## Letter from the Editor

Hello fellow gentlemen of Boys State. My name is Trevor Motley and I will be your Editor-in-Chief of your newspaper, the Cardinal Connection. I welcome all of you, and invite you to browse the pages of our newspaper, that all of us at the Cardinal Connection laboriously work on very late at night. We will strive to report the news as accurately as we deem fit, and will maintain the high standards that reporters are held to throughout the nation. All citizens will have the chance to send questions into the newspaper, which will be promptly destroyed. I hope you all have a great time at Boys State, and look forward to leading the flock astray

Trevor Motley

Editor In Chief

