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“Here’s what a little birdie told me”

An Interview with Bill Bolling

Braden Herman

William T. “Bill” Bolling was born on June 15, 1957 in Sistersville, West Virginia and currently lives in Mechanicsville, Virginia, where he works for a Virginia insurance company. He graduated from the University of Charleston in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree in political science. In 1995, he won the election for the 4th District Senate seat, which he held until running for Lieutenant Governor in 2005 under Governor Tim Kaine. After running for reelection in 2009 and winning, he came under the leadership of Governor Robert “Bob” McDonnell.

As Mr. Bolling stated during his talk yesterday, the office of Lieutenant Governor is *not* a full time job, requiring him to hold a separate job. He said that he likes this because it allows him to fully experience life in both the public and private sector. As for his views on government, he believes that it has become “hyper-partisan” and is hurting government because coordination between the parties becomes virtually impossible. He does not feel



that the war between the parties will ever help our government to resolve any of the problems, commenting, “Not everything has to be a fight... we can stand strong for what we believe in... while still listening to each other’s opinions.”

On the subject of term limits, he said that he could “debate either side equally.” On the topic of abortion, he commented that the Republican Party should focus more on being “anti-teen pregnancy” instead of promoting radical legislations such as the fetal ultrasound.

In the 2009 election, Bolling planned to run for the office of governor but instead cut a deal with McDonnell; if he pulled out of the election, McDonnell promised that he would give Bolling full support in his 2013 election for governor. However, in late in 2011 current attorney general Ken Cuccinelli decided to announce that he himself

would run in 2013 for the office of Governor. This coupled with the Republican Party of Virginia's decision to hold a convention rather than a primary gave Bolling no choice but to withdraw from the election. A primary would have given Bolling a wider pool of moderate supporters (with whom he polls very well), while conventions usually attract more radical delegates. Understandably, he stated that he would not endorse Cuccinelli, stating, "I have serious reservations about his ability to effectively and responsibly lead our state." When asked during his speech if tensions exist between Cuccinelli and himself, Bolling immediately confirmed this.

Bolling summarized his policy with the following statement: "Sometimes you have to tell people what they need to hear; not what they want to hear." Perhaps it is this that made him so popular with Boys State citizens- or maybe just the fact that he actually *put on* his honorary counselor's shirt.



Proactive Prospective Politician Promoted Precipitately

By Zack Toothman, of Lee City

Lee City's former Nationalist gubernatorial hopeful David Lee, commonly known as "Lee of Lee," has been a busy man from nearly the moment he arrived at Boys State, forgoing sleep and virtually any free time to set his campaign apart from the competition. He did not do this himself; in fact, every citizen of Lee, looking past petty party rivalries to ensure the welfare of the city, unanimously supported Lee from the very beginning. Deals were struck, alliances were forged, and posters were made, all before the mayoral primaries had even begun. While some other cities displayed their indecision and partisan politics during last night's party conventions, the Lee citizens are proud of their unwavering solidarity. Lee City's Nationalist Party Chairman and the *other* Lee's campaign manager Nicolas Bertini maintains that, "It's a collective bipartisan effort and it's made us much stronger as a city."

Unfortunately, the continuous rain experienced Tuesday was more than just a nuisance for Mr. Lee, as it rendered his posters virtuously illegible. When asked about the damage this could have had on his campaign, an unfazed Lee replied, "Sometimes you work hard and then something gets in the way. We just have to start over and work harder." Although Lee ended up not being nominated as the Nationalist gubernatorial candidate, it certainly was not from lack of trying- and nothing, not even a poster-destroying rainfall, dampened his determination.

Declare Your
Independence
Vote David Cottrell
For a Bipartisan Governor

SPORTS

The SCOREBOARD

Basketball, Football, Soccer, and Tennis

The semi-finals take place in Peters Hall this afternoon.

Bowling

The tournament is still ongoing. The competition will carry out for the next two days.

Volleyball

With more games to play in the volleyball competition, It isn't clear yet as to which team will come out on top.



Who's HOT?

James city is full steam ahead in the athletic department. The basketball, bowling, football, and volleyball teams of James city are all very alive and well. The basketball team enters the semi-finals today. The bowling team has broken 1,400 total points, approximately 200 more than any other team. The football team is another relentless team who got the "W" over Pershing yesterday 28-21. Lastly, the volleyball team made their debut yesterday defeating Pershing 2-0. See what James has to offer in the upcoming competitions.

SUPPORTING YOUR TEAM

The week is winding down, and the games being played are the ones that really count. Each city could use its' citizens support. Come on out and enjoy the activities.

"Identify your problems but give your power and energy to solutions."

-Marshall Mathers

AROUND THE HORN

CAN THE HEAT PULL IT OUT OR WILL THE SPURS STOMP OUT THE FIRE?

There is much dispute across the country and also across Boys State as to which team will pull out the victory in game seven of the NBA playoffs. Tune in this evening to watch the final battle. The game begins at **9:00 p.m. ET TONIGHT on ABC.**



NHL: STANLEY CUP RESULTS

Boston couldn't hold onto their 2-1 lead over Chicago in the series last night. Chicago pulled out a 6-5 victory over the Bruins in OT. Stay tuned in for game four of the series on Saturday.

Forget About Your Weather App!

By John Paul Ryan, of Stuart City

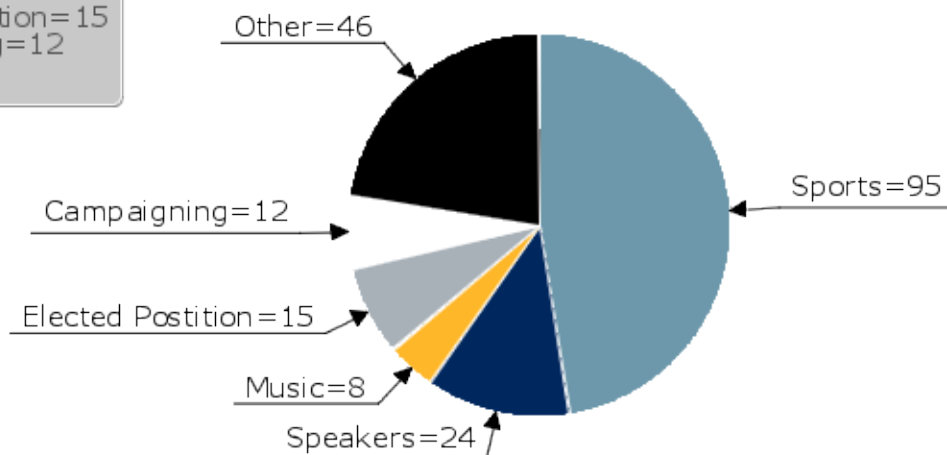
Yesterday morning, many aspiring Boys State politicians began to put up their campaign posters around the Radford campus. Although the frequent showers during the day may have reduced their political effectiveness, it has resulted in the creation of a curious method of predicting the weather. After examining these so-called “weather-signs,” leading researchers at Boys State have determined some of the environmental events that can be expected by these curious tools.

1. If the poster is dry and clearly legible, then a clear day is definitely in the future.
2. If the poster’s ink is streaming, expect to see rain in the forecast... or falling on your head while you are busy staring at someone’s poster.
3. If the poster is in several pieces and scattered around the campus, expect to see some minor flooding in some parts of the campus. Oh, and it is advised that Boys State citizens not try to taste this water- unless you like the taste of salty tears and regret, that is.

This last sign may be a particular problem on today and tomorrow afternoons- so remember to keep an eye out for the posters and to dress accordingly!

What is your favorite part of Boys State?

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■ Speakers=24
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■ Other=46

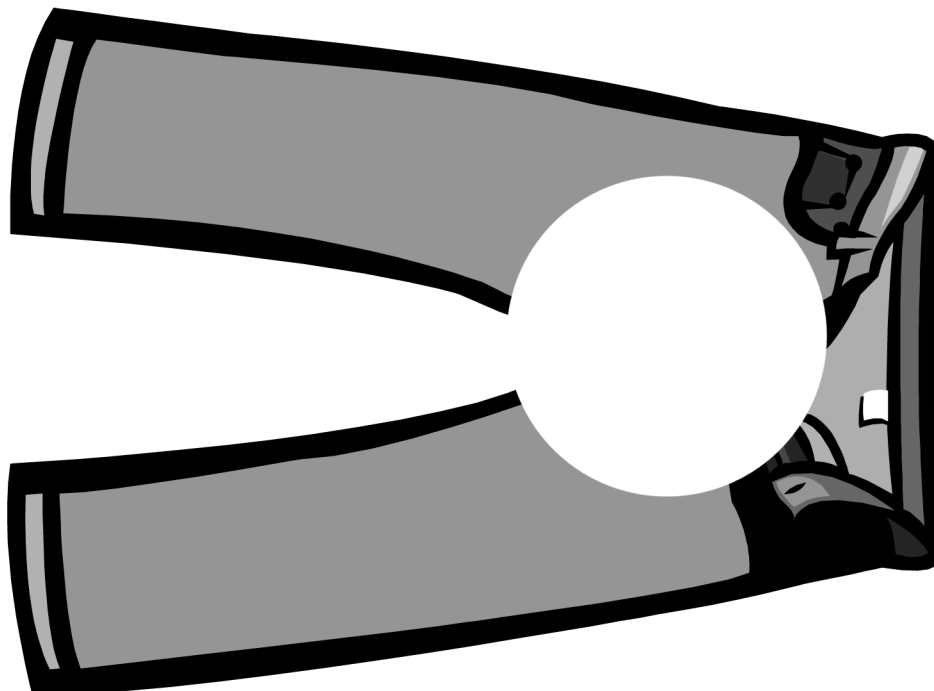


A Tale of Sixteen Cities

By Cody Davis, of Marshall City

Of course, the political conventions from yesterday completely transformed the alliance/rival scheme that had been in place for the first two days of the conference. So, here is a look at the good old days- before *politics* got in the way!

City	Rivalry	Alliance
Bradley	Nimitz	Henry
Burke	Marshall	Lee / James
Henry	None	Bradley
Eisenhower	Jackson	Washington
Jackson	Eisenhower	James
James	None	Jackson / Burke
Lee	<i>Almost</i> everyone else.	Burke
MacArthur	Maury	Stuart
Marshall	Burke	Nimitz
Maury	MacArthur	Patton
Nimitz	Bradley	Marshall
Patton	None	Maury / Pershing
Pershing	None	Patton
Puller	Everyone else.	Burke
Stuart	Lee	Burke / Washington
Washington	Lee	Eisenhower



Pointless Politics

By Daniel Vickers

With only a week's time to make an impact on the State, political candidates have little time to display what they, as well as their parties, stand for. Although there are several serious candidates with serious intentions, some citizens are stuck begging the question: "Does it all matter?"

One citizen says, "They're just labels [that] won't affect us."

Standing on platforms such as females, free time, food, and seat-less chaps, the planks themselves are extremely hard to take seriously. Additionally, many citizens are still clueless as to how influential each office will actually be.

"I don't even think they do anything," said another questioning student, referring to the whole thing as "just a joke."

Along with careless platforms, the fact that the officials themselves only have a couple days to complete their goals causes a serious problem.

Many believe that the actions of said officials will have little to no effect on the current citizens of Boys State. This thought is derived from the idea that, by the time things get passed, the citizens would have already dispersed to their personal places of residence.

A mindset like this makes it difficult for students to engage in any form of respect for a "make-

believe system," as said by one citizen.

It is a common rumor throughout the State that these officials "don't have the final say in things."

Even politicians of the most highly regarded positions are still confined by adults above them, refusing to allow them to practice complete mobility within the positions of their choice.

As depressing as the situation sounds, no citizen should feel discouraged from taking the initiative to test their political skills in any one of the still available positions within the State. In the case that the ideas discussed in this article are true, colleges would still love to see one's position at Boys State, whether it was legitimate or not.

Keep running boys, even if just for the fun of things.

The 'Cheeky' Debate

By Conor Roberson, of Nimitz City

A controversial topic came up in the Nationalist platform yesterday in their convention. One of the three topics approved was changing the uniform at Boys State to seat-less chaps. Essentially, this would remove the butt part from the uniform pants. This sparked heated debates between those in favor and those wondering why the heck this was passed.

A majority of the poll I took voted this issue down, either saying it was a waste of time or

questioning the “personality” of the plank’s supporters.

Alex Zulauf, a nominee on in the Nationalist Party, gave the vote, “A hard no.”

Another nationalist, Dane Anderson said, “If Mr. Seavy was there this would not have happened.”

A few of the councilors I interviewed were quoted saying, “I just hope I am in front of everyone” and “I have and an old man butt so I’m not wearing ‘em.”

My favorite quote was from Henry Rihn: “We are going to lose.”

The argument on the other side of the fence was basically how funny the topic is. A lot of the guys cracked up laughing when questioned.

Steve Dvornick, a Nationalist from Marshall City stated, “I couldn’t agree more.”

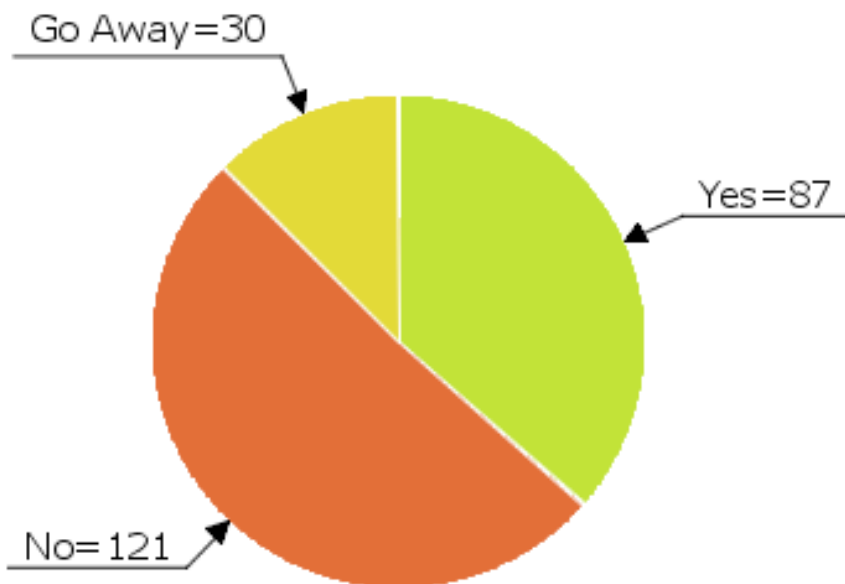
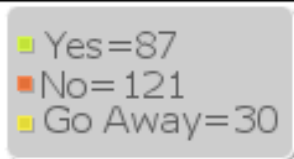
The plank received a unanimous vote from Nimitz City. Their response to the poll was, “Can we apply this to Girls State?”

Another supporter, Dan Rhoades said “No pants for me!”

This topic is going to present a challenge to the Nationalist Party in the upcoming elections. The very charismatic candidates will have to work extra hard to compensate for the over 100 people opposed to their platform.

The third most popular opinion in the poll was telling me to go away. In my opinion, I find the platform very funny, but some things just need to

Seat-less Chaps?



An Interview with the Independent

Candidate for Governor

By Caleb Rose, of Washington City

By Caleb Rose of Washington City and Nathan
Salle of Jackson City

Many people know that the two major parties have chosen their candidates for governor, but one additional candidate has managed to fly in under the radar: Independent candidate Daniel Cottrell. Recently our editor, Caleb Rose, caught up with Cotrell on his campaign.

Caleb Rose: Is it true that you are running as a third party for this election?

Daniel Cottrell: No, because I am not affiliating myself with any party.

CR: What prompted you to run as an Independent?

DC: I saw problems with both parties, where the Federalists were bent on crushing the Nationalists and the Nationalists seemed to be making jokes of all of it.

CR: Do you feel like you actually have support in this race and that people will actually vote for you?

DC: I have faith in the people, I have faith that they are ready to vote and independent and that they will find unity in independence. If they are seeking unity in government they will vote independent.

CR: Out of the two major candidates for governor which one is a bigger threat to you?

DC: Both candidates can be seen for their strengths and weaknesses but my instincts tell me that Miller will be the more difficult of the two opponents but I have never

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seen him speak before, so all I know is hearsay.

CR: Last question, the Nationalists recently added a plank to their platform for an addition of seat-less chaps to the Boy's State uniform. Will you stand beside this plank?

DC: To answer this question I will have to quote Voltaire, "I may disagree with your opinion but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

CR: Well thank you for your time and best of luck in your election tomorrow.
Historically, third party candidates and independents have a lot harder of a time with running for office. We wish best of luck to Cotrell and all other candidates in the Boys State Gubernatorial elections.

Highlights of the Nationalist Convention

Part II & Exclusive Interviews with the Candidates

By: Stephen Amoruso, Puller City

Yesterday, Nationalist citizens walked into to Preston auditorium for the completion of the Convention. With only one day of experience, the process seemed to move fairly smoothly. We knew exactly what we needed to get done, how to do it, and yet we went beyond that.

First was the election for the Lt. Governor. The top scoring candidates were Nick D'Addio, Kevin Lam, and Will Ashe. Each had an appealing campaign speech, but Kevin Lam fought to the top, receiving 160 out of 299 votes.

Finally, the position we have all been waiting for had finally arrived. With many different rumors on different candidates, the election for Governor was an interesting one. Jacob Miller, Paul Bothwell, and Eli Michel were the popular candidates. After two ballots, Jacob Miller swept the victory with 178 out of 299 votes.

I was lucky enough to have gotten an interview with each of the candidates, and this is what they said:

Franklin Gergoudis felt honored and very appreciative to have been nominated by his peers in the

10 Nationalist party. On his views towards what

he will do in office, he said, "I am an open candidate and I am willing to help." He adds that, "the party is not the biggest issue. I will be equal and I will give proper advice to both parties. In the end, I will make the best decisions I can." In regards to his personal life, he said, "Maury city is doing well. I am missing my family, but all the boys here seem to be really great guys. It's been a good experience." Gergoudis is a relaxed guy and proved his intelligent. We wish him luck in the final election.

Kevin Lam says, "Do YOU, man!" He was humbled and honored that his Nationalist brothers supported him and his campaign to become Lt. Governor. The most notable thing about him was his fiery and charismatic speech that led to his victory. He would like to let everyone know that, "I want to inspire both parties to become the best that they can become and I see all of us as the future visionaries and world changers. So we must be united in order to achieve true democracy for the people, by the people." He wants to have a shout out to MacArthur city, who supported him since day one. Overall, Lam is an entertaining, fun candidate who is no doubt the right choice for the Nationalist party. We wish him luck in the final election.

Jacob Miller, aka Radio Voice Guy, has been a popular candidate since the beginning. In winning the nomination, he felt, and quote, "it's pretty exciting, and exhilarating. It is nice to know that the people

believe in me. It bolsters my want to truly be the voice of the people. We are the best, and to be chosen by them, it is the highest honor I have ever had bestowed on me.” He supports the planks that the party created, to a certain extent. He agrees with improving the dorm access issue, but is not entirely on board with the seat-less chaps plank. He mentioned that he is more interested in real world issues like improving the amount of electronic learning in schools. However, he says, “the Governor needs to have the willingness to work with both parties.” And he is more than willing to work with both parties. He would like to give a shout out to Bobby, Patton city’s counselor.

The Call of the Masses: We Need More Sleep

By Jackson Skeen, Patton City

A screeching siren shatters the silence, stealing the precious, fleeting tranquility you had only a few seconds ago.

This is the terrible feeling that every Boys State citizen must experience every morning at the ungodly hour of 6 AM. Although this is undoubtedly an early time to wake up in the summer, it is only exacerbated by the late hour at which we collapse on our beds.

All members of the newspaper complain about a lack of sleep on a daily basis, as we often stay up

even later in order to finish the paper. This taxes all of us, and as we are forced to stay up later, the quality of the paper becomes worse due to a lack of sleep.

However, the members of the newspaper staff are not the only ones who go to sleep late. Several citizens are adamant in their declaration for sleep.

One such person commented on a perceived lack of commitment of some of the counselors.

He says, “I’m really P- off that a lot of counselors are so ignorant that they say they can’t supervise us in our dorms, so we have to stay in the auditorium”, in response to the extended Nationalist convention, after a glorious promise of a nap.

Benjamin Whetzel remarked on the vicious and somewhat brutal transition between the start of summer and the Boys State schedule.

He says, “We just aren’t prepared for the 17 hour day in the beginning of summer; we need more time to decompress.”

Without this time to decompress, we are forced to find sleep elsewhere. As a result, snoring often resounds in the auditorium during lectures.

Zachary Hughes comments on this, saying “We need more sleep so we can behave better and more intellectually. Without sleep, the mind can’t focus. So, we fall asleep during lectures, which isn’t our fault because we need more sleep.”

Another citizen, Chris Perreault, offers a possible solution. He seeks to maximize sleep while maintaining a high level of activity.

He says, “We need more sleep. We should have less time for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, so we can use it for sleep.”

The voice of the people has spoken. It is not an unreasonable request; we are not asking for 15 hours. All we ask is that it exceeds the meager six hours we are forced to run on right now. This is a proposition that Boys State must take seriously. With less sleep, we are more susceptible to sickness and are simply less effective on the whole.

More sleep means more human. Because right now, all I see are sleep-deprived zombies.

nate candidates for the three executive offices.

After electing a chairman, the party moved to the nomination for the position of Attorney General. After the ballots, Brett Dieringer of Pershing City was elected as the Federalist nominee in that position, securing 53% of the convention vote. The third office nomination to be filled was that of Lieutenant Governor. The members of the convention only needed one ballot to vote Hakeem Kamara of Stuart City to the office.

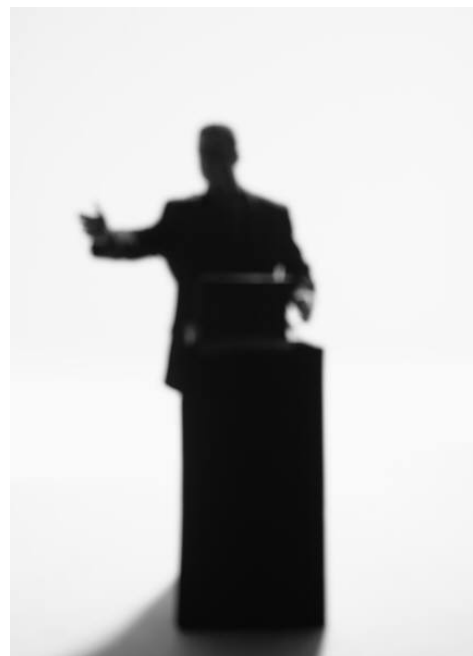
Finally, the members of the Federalist Convention voted the nomination for Governor. After the first ballot was cast, three nominees remained: Matthew Watts, Brad Smith of Washington City, and Luke Balus of Bradley City. Securing 62% of the vote, Mr. Brad Smith was elected as the Federalist nominee for governor. Today the public will see if the Federalist ticket can triumph over the Nationalists.

Highlights from the Federalist Convention

By: Adam Kelly, MacArthur City

After two days and three sessions of deliberation, the Federalist Convention has now decided on a platform, a Chairman, and a Federalist ticket. The first office voted on was that of permanent Party Chairman, responsible for leading the convention. The party voted was Mr. Joshua Waldron of James City to

12 lead the convention as it proceeded to nomi-



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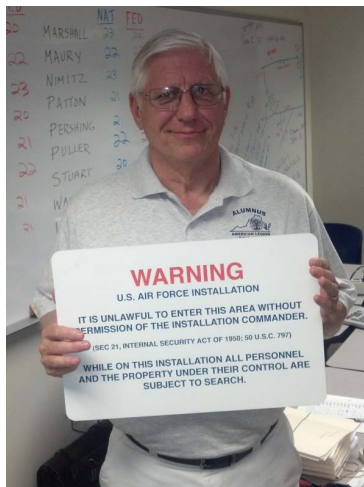
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Hello Fellow Citizens!

Can you believe that it's already Thursday? Admittedly, the first couple of days were fairly slow- the good news is that now is when the real fun begins! As the first political conventions showed last night, now that the major city officials have been established there is more authority to cut deals with other cities, giving us all a taste of real politics. Remember that now is the time to really step up to leadership roles. If you are running for office, make sure to really put yourself out there and understand that even if you do not win your particular election, the effort is truly what matters. If you are not seeking to hold a political position, then at least see what you can do to help out the campaigns of those who *are* running. Never forget that with Boys State, the more you put in, the more you get out of it. So, if you are one of those people thinking that it is "only" Thursday instead of "already" Thursday, you may not be doing all that you can to get the full benefit of the program.

Enjoy the rest of the week!

John Paul Ryan

Feature Editor



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