



The Boys Statement

Moot court debates ask the hard questions

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Aspiring judges and eager lawyers-in-waiting attended Moot Court yesterday, located on the third floor of Kyle Hall, the regal new School of Business and Economics here at Radford University. Ever since the beginning of cases of law, apprentice attorneys have participated in mock trials, honing their skills and familiarizing themselves with the legal process through structured pastiches of actual trials. Through the Boys State program, ambitious citizens were afforded the opportunity to take part in such an exercise, aided by Counselor Larry Green.

Counselor Green, who introduced the citizens to the Moot Court program earlier during the descriptions of afternoon activities, welcomed the participants with a smile and a court case, a detailed description of the events to be studied. A copy was made available to every Moot Court attendant as well as a pamphlet outlining the strict rules and regulations of the activity. These attendants will operate along with others from their respective cities to analyze and argue their position, which will be derived from an actual criminal case. This case, with the names of those involved altered to preserve anonymity, was argued before the Virginia Court of Appeals, making it an ideal model for Boys State's future legal experts.

The altered case in question revolves around the illegal possession of and intent to distribute



marijuana in the Boys State of Virginia, with delegates assigned to individual roles within the case. The challenging subject matter is sure to spark thoughtful debate amongst the individuals present, as well as amongst any fortunate observers. Those who participated in Moot Court were also authorized to run for the State positions of Attorney General and Supreme Justice,

qualifying them alone for the essential roles in our collective government. Be sure to consider which citizen you'll support in the coming election; though perhaps forgotten when compared to the positions of Governor and Lt. Governor, the representatives of the Judicial branch are equally crucial to the success of our State.

How to run a campaign session starts off running

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YOUNG 402 - A classroom full of ambitious, intelligent citizens intently listened to Scott Maddrea yesterday. Maddrea, a long time campaign advisor, aided countless office hopefuls from Virginia to California. This previous campaign manager preached the gospel of elected office to the participants of the session. In addition, he shared his experiences and advice to be heeded for any form of public office. "You have to be realistic," stated Maddrea, "if you will not accept your opponents strengths then you can not hope to win." To express his ideas simply, Maddrea employed the metaphor of "a math equation with 4 factors" when running for office:

Know your own strengths and weaknesses; be true to yourself

- Know your opponent's character (be truthful)
- Know your district demographics
- Prepare for unpredictable events

After introducing the political math equation, Maddrea followed up with integral components necessary to achieve a public office:

- Money: don't be broke, manage your finances
- Manpower: identify and win over the people of influence
- Message: have an elevator speech and the right message for the people

"Manpower is the most important thing you have going for you," stated Mr. Maddrea "You cannot win with only one of these tools. You need at least two in order to win." However, Maddrea continued to drive home the need to remain genuine to yourself, while reflect-



ing and keeping your head high when things don't necessarily work out. He also suggests that every candidate should be able to express their motivation for pursuing public office.

In a parting piece of advice, Maddrea said every hopeful needs time to develop public skills and

gain experience campaigning. Even if they lose the campaign, the experience is still invaluable, another reason this week at Boys State is truly priceless for all of us here. Thank you Mr. Maddrea for imparting upon us invaluable advice that we hope to apply during our experience at Boys State

Boys State takes the court



JAY ALEX OF LEE CITY, BLOCKS THE SHOT OF A PERSHING CITY GUARD.

ROY CHINI OF JAMES CITY, GOES UP FOR A LAYUP AGAINST A BRADLEY CITY DEFENDER.



Reminder!

Tonight marks the night of the Copa America Centenario soccer match between the United States and Argentina, perhaps the first of its kind in our nation. The match features the famous footwork of the forward Lionel Messi of Argentina, a man considered by many to be the greatest soccer player on the planet. The game is significant, not only because Americans have advanced so far within this record-breaking season, but also because it will prove that the United States can challenge - and perhaps even defeat - the best in the world. Counselors permitting, tune in at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time to watch history in the making.

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Citizens perplexed by slight variation in shirt designs; reports indicate some eagles are “more well-defined...”

Citizen hits the road after less than a day of Boys State

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Since its founding in 1935, Boys State has been lauded as an excellent program that offers unique opportunities to rising senior boys within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Boys State, however, is not for everybody. This was proven to be true when a citizen left the program shortly after arriving at Radford University. The young man, who asked to remain anonymous, walked off campus around six p.m. on Sunday afternoon. “Boys state sucked,” said the student in an interview conducted Monday evening. “I would like it, but not a week of it. I don’t regret it [leaving] at all.”

Recap on the Lt. Governor’s visit

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The second day of Boys State started enthusiastically with members of all cities chanting their slogans. All shouting ceased and a respectful silence took its place at the approach of Virginia’s Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Ralph Northam. A graduate of VMI, Northam served as an Army neurological physician and during Operation Desert Storm treated the wounded at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Retiring with the rank of Major in 1992, he continues to practice medicine in Norfolk, Virginia and served with distinction on the state senate before assuming his current role as Lieutenant Governor. His pleasant features seized the attention of all citizens, making him one of the most riveting speakers of the day.

These features, such as



Northam’s fatherly demeanor and tone, were responsible for his success at keeping his audience engaged. His speech was met with a standing ovation, and very soon the aisles of the Preston Bondurant Auditorium filled with boys eager to ask questions. Northam left no inquirer unsatisfied, and all responses received equally vigorous cheers and

praises. Northam faced citizens curious about the political life and reporters attempting to challenge the Lieutenant Governor on touchy subjects, and with the charisma required of his position he replied to all with confidence and clarity. In response to the question, “What was challenging about going from the army to politics,” Northam

said that someone who can treat wounded soldiers on a battlefield will be fine treating patients at a hospital. Furthermore, a politician’s duties are similar to those of an army physician, as failing to properly serve the nation would result in that country’s demise. Another citizen asked about how he works with people who disagree with him. To this, Northam told everyone that they would eventually encounter such a situation and would need to “agree to disagree,” or compromise to move forward, as one will not always be able to attain his goals.

The Lieutenant Governor’s words have certainly fixed themselves in citizens’ minds, and those future senators and congressmen among the boys who heard him speak will undoubtedly guide them on their journey to become leaders of this country.

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Highlights and Review: Seminar for Better Speaking

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Now that many of you have been elected into important positions within your respective cities, application of tried and proven speaking techniques stands to bring you the respect and admiration of your constituents. The first 'Better Speaking Seminar' class of the week was conducted yesterday afternoon. Dale Jenkins, Professor of Communication at Virginia Tech, commenced the class by asking his students to explain the importance of public speaking.

It was highlighted that employers of all sectors, from civil government to I.T., value the skill of communication above all other skills. The tone of the class was changed as Jenkins challenged the students to describe their fears in regards to public speaking. The most cited fear was the fear of humiliation in the event of a mistake. Data

has revealed that the fear of death is second to the fear of public speaking. The comedian Seinfeld commented on this peculiarity by claiming that people would rather be the dead person in the coffin rather than the person delivering the eulogy at the funeral.

After kicking off the class in an interesting manner, Professor Jenkins advised the boys to eliminate lapses of silence from their speech, conduct their body movements with purpose, and to make eye contact to establish connection with the audience. Contrary to common belief, the Professor advised against memorizing one's speech but rather recommended that speakers refer to index cards for brief notes.

Professor Jenkins highlighted that using index cards would provide insurance for the likely event in which a person forgets their lines, and it would also make the tone of their speech more colloquial. The class' latter

part ended in a jubilant manner as the Professor shared his benevolent anecdotes of actual students in his Public Speaking class in Virginia Tech. All in all,

Professor Jenkins energetically taught eager students on the masterful use of public speaking.

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