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“A SCREECH OF FREEDOM”

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## HOW DO YOU SOLVE THIS PROBLEM?

Silas Green - *Nimitz City*  
Taebeen Han - *Marshall City*

Behind any successful election campaign is a simple secret: Math. Maddrea described how the results of any election can be seen in numbers. In order to win any election a candidate must only win slightly over half of the vote. Maddrea further deduced that because most cities only have 38 citizens, it only takes 20 votes to win any city office (with the exception of Bradley, who would need 21 votes).

He then continued on to say that for Governor, Lt. Governor, or Attorney General, 234 votes are the minimum that one would need to win, considering that the candidate's city fully supports them (and counting their own vote for themselves).

Through this mathematical dissection of the election process, Maddrea simplified this complicated procedure into a couple of numbers, stating that the real problem was how to earn those 234 votes.

While Maddrea never offered a solution on how to attain these votes, we do. For just a couple of dollars, you can provide us with an ad for us to post on the next issue of The Boys State Chronicle (for additional detail, please check the last page).



Scott Maddrea

# Day 1 of Moot Court

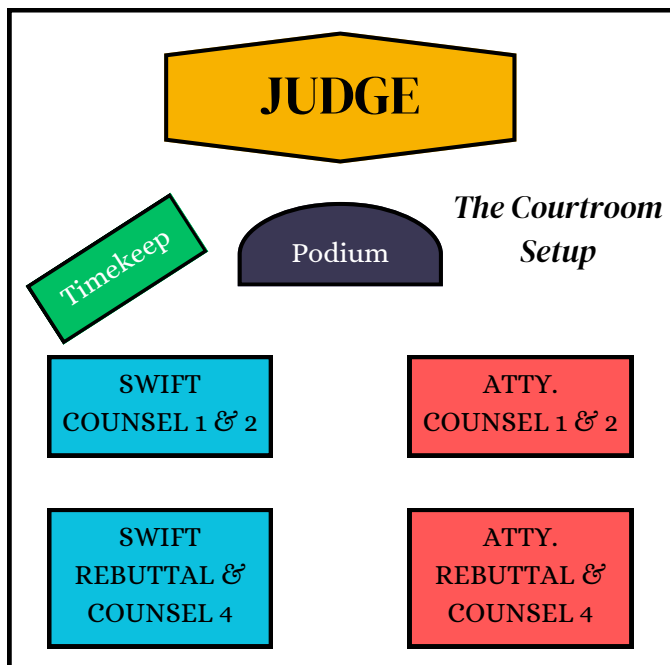
Nathan Benyame - *Gravely City*

Commencing today, 60 Participants across the 51st state are to compete and display their skills of advocacy and debate. In Moot Court, cities combat against cities in a 5v5 format in front of actual attorneys, battling in a tournament each day to the final two cities, which present their arguments to the Supreme Court.

A large motivator for so many participants to enter Moot Court is the lucrative chance of earning the position of Supreme Court Justice - or even the highly-coveted Attorney General. That said, it is only possible to attain these positions by serving on Moot Court.



*Photo: Nathan B*



Mr. Spencer introduces each participant to a file containing a case titled Joe Swift v. Commonwealth Attorney, involving a felony charge for drug possession. Mr. Spencer described the layout of the Moot Court trial setup, where there are up to five members on each team, in the form of two questioning counsel, one rebuttal, an additional counsel, and a timekeeper. The minimum number of councilmen on a team without disqualification is two; the first two questioning counsel.

Participants have had today and Tuesday to prepare their arguments, and, following scrimmages and practices, will officially begin tournaments on Wednesday, occurring at the same time which afterschool activities were held today. On Thursday, the participants continue to the semifinals, after which the final two remaining city teams present final arguments at 1:30 PM on Friday.



*Photo: Taebeen Han*

# Fluffy Biscuits - A Food Review

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Diego Quintanar-Pena - *Eisenhower City*

Food so far has received mixed reviews. Breakfast seems to be quite popular. “I rock with it,” said one citizen, while another gave an honest but positive review of the eggs of 7/10. He added, “[there’s] No such thing as eggs above an 8, but these are pretty good” (William Wier - Eisenhower City). Upon hearing this, someone interjected, “That’s wild,” expressing concern at the strange clumpy texture and bright yellow color. Some savvy citizens opted out of the lineup altogether, and had the fruit, yogurt, cottage cheese, and selections of cereal from the counters.

Lunch was “mid”, but things might be looking up for Boys State, as many were surprised by dinner. More than one person raved about the mac and cheese, and still more have been pleased by the consistent quality of the desserts. One counselor was not impressed. “That was war chicken! [...] That’s not something you serve, that’s something you throw at your enemies.” We can only hope the best is yet to come.

# Non-Sectarian Religious Services

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Eli Kopp - *Burke City*

“I strive to run a program that is non-sectarian,” said Demas Boudreaux, the Chaplain here at Boys State. When interviewed after yesterday morning’s religious service,



Demas Boudreaux,  
Chaplain and Choir  
Director

Boudreaux stated that he wants all citizens of any faith or no faith to get something out of the religious services this week.

While eleven out of the twelve Boys State chaplains are Christian, Boudreaux plans on having readings from texts of various faiths each morning. “Each service has a leader, and the leader picks a theme such as leadership or fellowship.”

As a program that upholds and promotes the values of the United States Constitution, Boys State has a responsibility to provide religious freedom and services to all citizens, regardless of practice. Let The Chronicle know your thoughts by writing a letter to the editor which will then be published in the paper. Send our letters to editor-in-chief Eli Kopp at [ekopp.ray@gmail.com](mailto:ekopp.ray@gmail.com).

# To Campaign or Not to Campaign?

## Opinion

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Anthony Xu - *Patton City*

After Mr. Maddrea's rousing speech, citizens are chomping to get their campaign out there. The subtler points of his message and, ultimately, the deeper meaning of Virginia Boys State seem to have been lost in talk of campaign strategy and computer-generated NFL downlines. To those who aspire to be Boys State senator, U.S. senator (Tim Kaine is up for reelection), or any other titled or untitled persons of civic responsibility, I have one thing to say: fair and free elections are not about winning. They are a means to both choose and prepare those fit for service.

The only possible losers in an election are the constituents. Before you endeavor for election, think through—don't worry, it's not Hume or Montesquieu—this: we had the opportunity to meet many exemplary elected officials today. They did everything from modernizing the Virginian corporate environment to more than doubling the number of quality roads in Richmond. But their achievements, delivered eloquently, belie the efforts to get there. Some had CPAs. Some were former NFL players. Some grew up privileged and others anything but.

As Mayor of Richmond Levar Stoney put it, "I will not let my location change my destination." But that's the superficial soundbite. To move beyond that, I paraphrase Mr. Maddrea and ask you this: how will your unique background lead to our shared success? The case studies for democracy that we met today drew their successes from their diverse backgrounds.

Forget about your future connections and idealistic plans. A successful elected official needs to task their background to no end. If yours—your past character and deeds—is not ready to be tasked, then your time would better be spent reflecting until it is.

After all of this, if you yet yearn to press onwards I leave you with this: what is the point of a competition? Would it not be better if the opposing delegates didn't exist? It is here that the most important part of democracy comes to light. We all strive to have a balanced mind, but such is not always reached. Supermajorities are more common in minds than in congresses, and a supermajority is not a sign of any side or idea's superiority but rather the other's deficiency, and such is the slow killer of democracy and minds. Take solace in the onerous muck of a competitive election or divided congress.



# Sports Tournament In Shambles!

**Nicholas Hourihan - Washington City**

Students were brimming with enthusiasm on the first day of the Sports Tournament. Boys State Delegates eagerly left the Preston Bondurant to change into sports clothing for the activities they signed up for.

After changing, students were shocked by the lack of participation in multiple sports. James, one of the cities awarded with a bye week, stepped in after one of the schools in the bracket was a no-show for soccer. Burke City's Athletic Director confirmed that the tournament will be reset on Tuesday.

# Error in Issue 1

**Taebeen Han - Marshall City**

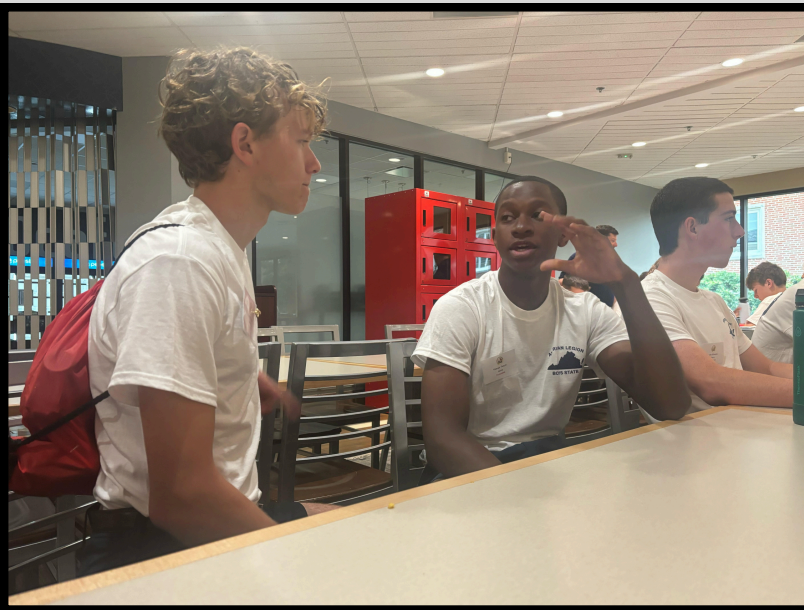
Yesterday's issue (Volume 81 Issue 1) had a problem in the "Reporter's Remarks," more specifically the quote for Marshall City by Taebeen Han. Originally, the quote was intended to be:

"Our chant, "WE ARE MARSHALL!" definitely is one of the louder and more recognizable chants; however, that's not all. When we all gathered and moved together as a group, we formed a new identity together that defines who we are. We are Marshall," but due to formatting and other errors, the original quote was replaced with another quote.

Yosiah Twum and Nicolas Colleti are running as a pair for Governor and Lt. Governor. Their ideals and goals stem from the idea of servant leadership.

They want to inspire others, lead by example, and make Boys State great again. If there is any interest in being apart of their cabinet, text Yosiah at:

540-940-5460.

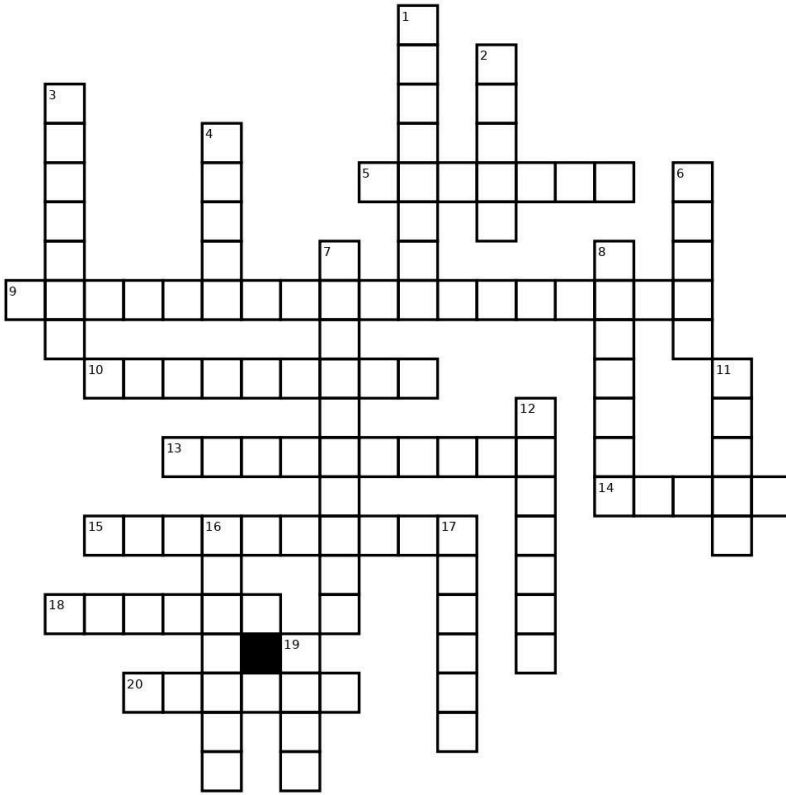


# Crossword Puzzle

Cole McConnell - *Puller City*

## Down:

1. Graduate of VMI, he served as an Army Officer in both World Wars I and II
2. Born in Hanover County, Virginia, was a symbol of America's struggle for liberty
3. Born in Richmond, he was the first African-American to serve as a Naval Officer aboard a fighting ship
4. Advanced through the ranks in the Navy from Ensign to Admiral
6. In 1975 he was the first African American to become a Four-Star General in U.S. Military history
7. Born at Wakefield in Westmoreland County, was the first President of the United States
8. All citizens must be in required \_\_\_\_\_, consisting of a Boys State t-shirt and navy blue shorts
11. Linden \_\_\_\_\_, director of Boys State
12. Commanded World War II American forces in North Africa and Sicily
16. The building the auditorium is housed in
17. Was appointed Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet after the attack on Pearl Harbor
19. The name of the mock court system at Boys State



## Across:

5. Position elected on Sunday
9. Well-known saying recited to honor the flag
10. Was a brilliant military leader, commanded 42nd "Rainbow" division
13. Born in Hanover County, Virginia, \_\_\_\_\_ was a symbol of America's struggle for liberty
14. Position elected on Tuesday
15. Common name for morning checks
18. Born in West Point, Virginia, he was the most decorated Marine in U.S. Military history
20. Was a colorful Army General who was nicknamed "Old Blood and Guts"

\*Whoever brings in a completed crossword puzzle to Hemphill Hall (between the time 3:35 to 5:00) can get 3 dollars off on any advertisement

# Parliamentary Procedure Starts With...Fight Club?

MacPhearson Strassberg - *Bradley City*

Today, Doug Osborn kicked off the Parliamentary Procedure Class with the catchy title of “Parliamentary Procedure for ~~Dummies~~ **Everyone**,” which lived up to its promise. He broke down complex wording (e.g., Bylaws and Deliberate Assembly) through everyday examples, which made it easy for everyone to quickly learn the basics of Robert’s Rules of Order. Mr. Osborn also made sure the class was engaged and having fun by including video clips from movies and memes in tandem with more typical slides. All in all, the first day was just as informative as it was enjoyable, and every member taking the class is excited for Day 2!

## PHOTO CONTEST

Diego Quintanar-Peña - *Eisenhower City*

Today we announce the creation of a new recurring column: every day, we’ll announce a different competition. Citizens will have until 10:30 pm to submit entries. Winners will be chosen by a vote of our staff and editors and will be announced and featured in the next issue.

Today’s competition is photography, and our theme is ... “America the Beautiful.” Citizens should be creative in their interpretations.

Submit your pictures to our editor or bring them over to Hemphill Hall (between 3:30-5:00)

Winners will get a discount for an ad of their choice.

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