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"ALL HAIL THE SOCKS!"

Jason Lyons

Socks: a phenomenon that swept the Boys State General Assembly. Imagine being able to raise an army of 1000 seventeen-year olds. Do you dare to harness this type of power, stronger than that of an infinity gauntlet? If you need to attain bipartisanship for county and state elections, this is how you unify your audience. Wish to buy a pair of bodacious Boys State socks? You can get them NOW for \$15 at the store located in the Lawrenceville Room - MR (check your map). (Open during meals and rec periods).



Weather

Today's low temperature is 65 degrees and the high temperature is 77 degrees. There is a chance of thunderstorms all day.

Schedule

- 6:45 AM - 8:10 AM: Breakfast
- 8:30 AM - 10:20 AM: County Meetings (Elections & Speeches)
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Seminars
- 11:45 AM - 1:10 PM: Lunch
- 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM: 2019 College and Career Fair
- 2:35 PM - 2:50 PM: County Meetings
- 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM: Sports
- 5:35 PM: Retreat
- 5:45 PM - 7:10 PM: Dinner
- 7:20 PM - 11:10 PM: State Party Conventions/D-Day Presentation

Note: Check your personal schedule for more specific logistics and events!



**Don't forget to
visit the ALJBS
Store during meal
time and
recreational
periods!**

LOCAL POLITICS

Trouble Turns to Tyler

Jamarc Simon

In the educated, highly advanced city of Tyler, delegates were faced with numerous problems and had to formulate solutions. Some of the most pressing problems Tyler had to address were Fillmore's tourism aggressively competing with Tyler's tourism in regards to the historic Statue of Freedom, a recent bill that forces people to use the bathroom that corresponds to their biological sex, and a terrorist group called Tyler's Torch that meddled with Fillmore's businesses. The biggest dilemma we realized when trying to form a solution was predicting and accommodating for everyone else's opinions and objections.

Originally, France gave the Statue of Freedom to Tyler as a gift. However, since Fillmore's coastline also bordered the statue, many touristic groups started sailing to the island to generate revenue for Fillmore. This feat angered Tyler touristic groups because they started to lose profits. One solution the Federalists proposed regarding this problem was to negotiate with Fillmore to see if they would recognize Tyler's legal ownership of the statue. If Fillmore still did not comply, the alternate route would be to sue them.

Next, Federalists decided to remove the bill that forces people to use the bathroom which corresponds with their biological sex. This way, transgender individuals would have the option to use either bathroom they feel the most comfortable in.

To deal with Tyler's Torch, Federalists want to ask Fillmore for full rights to the Statue of Freedom island and then use the revenue generated by tourism to pay for a joint police force. Tyler is financially challenged, but with Fillmore's help, a strong police force to stop Tyler's Torch is viable. For now, we wait to see which party will prevail in the city elections.



Feds Rig Van Buren Election

Zohair Najam

Today several Van Buren Federalists and Nationalists ran for city council and mayor positions for Van Buren City. There was a full Federalist sweep, with Timmy Lombardi winning mayor of Van Buren. The federalists ran on a campaign of taxes and a flea market to bring revenue into the town. The nationalists proposed a layered tax system, diversification, town fair, and more for infrastructure and revenue improvements. Despite great speeches by Tommy, the Nationalist mayoral candidate, and many other nationalist candidates such as Mark, Jack, Ali, Dennis, and Zohair, the nationalists did not win a single position.

Many nationalists are frustrated, as there is a heavy majority of federalists to nationalists in this city, making the voting process “unfair,” according to a Van Buren nationalist.

In addition, many ballots, especially on the federalist end were completed prior to the actual speeches, allowing many voters to not be influenced by speeches.

Many ballots were also botched as many statesmen did not understand how to vote properly, resulting in their votes not counted.

LOCAL POLITICS

Nationalists Promise to Pull Jackson from Jeopardy!

Matt Krase

It's simple: Jackson City is dying. What was once a booming textile capital has now become a crumbling, bleak, and abandoned shell of its former self. When the government offered Jackson City officials a grant of 80 million dollars in return for permission to build a nuclear waste deposit, things were looking up for the troubled city. That is, until the Native Americans showed up. Claiming that the land about to be used was actually an ancient burial ground, the Natives want Jackson City officials to respect their heritage. Instead of a waste deposit, they want to use the land for the construction of a casino and museum. Though hope seemed lost, the Nationalist Party had other plans.

Promising real results, the Nationalists will take the grant and claim the alleged Native American soil under the policy of eminent domain. The Nationalist Party promises to improve infrastructure, gain a renewable energy source through building a wind farm, and spur the economy for both Jackson City and Native American residents. New opportunities are on the horizon for Jackson, and the Nationalists are willing to do what it takes to achieve those goals.

Stormy Weather at Grant Devastates Boardwalk!

Tyler Ways

Three years ago, Grant City was hit by a hurricane. The town was, and still is, in shambles. People no longer had houses; the town's boardwalk and rollercoaster were ruined. The people have been suffering for long enough, and the government is finally ready to do something about it.

After a recent change in administration, the Federalists have begun to discuss ways to better the city, as well as support the citizens that lost everything. They have drawn up plans to allow a wind farm to be set up off the coast, so long as the company pays for the city land and agrees to no tax write-offs. They believe this will create a sufficient revenue increase to help with the rebuilding of the board-walk, and that it will help create jobs for Grants impoverished.

Netflix recently approached the city about filming their new TV show "Sandy Hookers." The Federalists believe that letting them film will be a good idea--despite the controversial name--and that it will bring in revenue and tourism that will help support the relief. As one citizen said, "It's not a question of morals, it's a question of how much can we gain for our citizens."

City Affairs: Rained Out

Phalgun Garimella

The new and upcoming statesmen for the 74th session of the American Legion Jersey Boys State were met with a pleasant surprise halfway through their first day in their respective cities: inclement weather. According to one of the veteran volunteers from New Egypt, New Jersey, the pouring rain is a facet of Boys State that each and every class has experienced. Despite the rain being an inconvenience when it comes to walking to various areas on campus, many of the statesmen were not prepared for the effects the rain would have on city affairs.

In the case of Madison (city #4), many were shaken up by the rain. Brandon Palumbo, one of the members and original mayoral candidates for the city stated, "The rain and the water cycle are a part of life." Yet, candidates for mayor and other city council positions were shaken up by the downpour on the city. Due to the inclement conditions, many of the candidates had a difficult time trying to campaign during the asking periods or free time. Furthermore, the rain was such an inconvenience that many of the statesmen's clothes were soaked after the fact — forcing them to be resourceful and utilize the dryers (which they unfortunately had a difficult time locating). Despite all of this, the citizens of Madison could agree that the rain and the hardships that consequently ensued brought them closer together as friends rather than colleagues; hopefully this was the case for every city that dealt with the storm.

EVENTS

Reflections on Congressman Leonard Lance's Speech

Jared Zornitzer

Welcome life's challenges. That was the main message that Congressman Leonard Lance delivered to us during his speech on Sunday evening. Lance is a national representative for New Jersey's 7th congressional district and previously served in the New Jersey Senate and in the New Jersey General Assembly. Throughout his speech, he primarily evoked our common patriotism in order to enlist us, the delegates at American Legion Jersey Boys State, as agents of change as well as keepers of essential American values.

Lance utilized various anecdotes to convey this message to his audience. For instance, he recalled our controversial but ultimately fortunate entry into the Great War, or World War I. Despite our questionable military power and widespread public reluctance to enter European affairs, Lance noted that former President Woodrow Wilson felt that participation in the war could make the world "safe for democracy." This desire to instill democratic ideals throughout the world also inspired Operation Overlord, a great triumph for the Allied powers, since they invaded Normandy Beach in France, ultimately turned the tides of the war by liberating France from Axis control.

Besides for highlighting our global interventions, congressman Lance also discussed our domestic unity. Lance related a story reminiscent of Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Fireside Chats," a series of public broadcasts via the radio. Lance recalled the instance when Roosevelt prayed with Americans for good fortune for the soldiers of D-Day on June 6, 1944. In this speech, Roosevelt ensures American citizens that the invasion was justified, since it was meant to "set free a suffering humanity." Once again, Lance employed an anecdote exposing heroic events in American history in order to motivate us to lead our country in a similar direction in our futures.

The common theme of these anecdotes is that our Founding Fathers and political figures throughout American history adopted the idea that the United States should be a beacon of liberty in an unruly world; one of tyranny and totalitarianism, one of fascism and infringements of human rights. He related these stories of when Americans thrived in the face of tremendous adversity in order to urge us to continue this tradition of standing up for what is right, even if what is right is unpopular; so that the United States continues to be not only the dominant world power, but the power with the most humanitarian policies. Lance went further to acknowledge various pressing issues which we will have to address in our era. Some of these aspects of society that warrant our attention in the future are, as Congressman Lance described, a world rife with terrorism, a need for cyber security in our increasingly information-technology centered society, and an immense federal debt.

Luckily, we can learn from our history in order to resolve these problems, as Lance encouraged us to do. Our actions abroad during World War I demonstrate that advocating for universal improvement around the globe and combating abusive, dictatorial regimes often yields a more moral society. But at the broader scale, if we continue this tradition of leading changes around the world, history tells us that we will succeed. Moreover, FDR's inspirational speeches which imbued the public with a sense of confidence in a period of international turmoil further prove to us the true character of Americans: resilient, motivated and valiant in the face of danger.



EVENTS

Senator Returns to Welcome Statesmen

Ravi D'Elia

On the very first day of ALJBS, the statesmen were lucky enough to be visited by alums from the 2018 session, whom welcomed them to a new year. After numerous speakers in two separate assemblies, they were called up to the stage. Along with the ALJBS Lieutenant Governor Gedupoori, Governor George, and Senator Bindra, Senator Joseph Stillwell made an appearance. In addition to leading a prayer at the beginning of the day, Stillwell gave a welcoming speech to all the incoming Statesmen. In it, he spoke on how he has met a myriad of great people, all of which he kept in touch with long after Boy's State was over. He went on to describe how he won his Senatorial position by standing up for what he believed in. As he finished his rousing speech, imploring the statesmen to "take a stand," the crowd erupted into cheers.

Stillwell had a distinguished career as a statesman in 2018. Starting at the lowest levels, he won a seat on the town council, but failed to win a county nomination. Not deterred by this setback, he kept pushing, running for Senate as soon as it was possible. Through determination and a great deal of politicking, he managed to secure the nomination of the Federalist party. Following this, his ascension was almost assured, as his dedication to serving the people of Boy's State and down to earth conversational style, along with a well known Nixon impression, pushed him to the forefront of the pack. At Boy's Nation he continued what he does best: talking to people and getting to know them. In fact, as he said in his speech, he still keeps

in touch with some of the people that he met at Boy's Nation.

In his personal life, Stillwell is no less magnanimous. At school he works well with his teachers and is beloved by his classmates. He participates in clubs, helps anyone he can, and is generally involved with the community. For the past year he served as School Board Representative for Steinert High School, acting as a liaison between the students and the board. Indeed, "Average Joe" Stillwell unsurprisingly has run for one office or another every year he could. Next year he will attend university with a full ride scholarship, and will likely run for office in the future. From there, the sky is the limit for Joseph Stillwell.

Sports Results as of 6/17:

100 Halsey - 4 wins and 2 losses
200 Marshall - 2 wins and 4 losses
300 Nimitz - 6 wins and 1 loss
400 MacArthur - 2 wins and 5 losses
500 Ridgeway - 1 win and 5 losses
600 Vandenburg - 5 wins and 2 losses
700 Eisenhower - 5 wins and 2 losses
800 Bradley - 2 wins and 5 losses
900 Schwarzkopf - 3 wins and 4 losses



OPINION PIECES

My Backyard is Trash

Andrew Yuen

Annie Selzman, a twenty-year resident of East Brunswick Township, was driving back from her weekly grocery shopping trip when she suddenly found it difficult to breathe. Hyperventilating, she pulled over to the shoulder of the road where she composed herself before driving back home. The next weekend, Annie scheduled an appointment with her doctor, who then ordered her to have an x-ray taken. A few days later, it was revealed she had stage four lung cancer. None of her ancestors were avid smokers, nor did they have a history of cancer. So how did Annie, a seemingly healthy middle-aged woman, find herself dying from one of the most severe forms of cancer? Less than a mile from her backyard, from my own as a matter of fact, lies the largest landfill in the entirety of New Jersey. Spanning more than 200 acres, the Edgeboro Landfill is one of the most utilized landfills in the Northeast. Despite desperate pleas by concerned citizens to seal off the ever-growing mound, most of these cries have gone ignored. Back in 1990, the Middlesex County Utilities Authority believed the landfill had “enough capacity to handle county trash for at least 20 years.” Next year will mark the 30th anniversary of this not-so-historic landmark's opening and the beginning of what would become a major health crisis. On a daily basis, a pungent odor consisting of rotten eggs and fungus radiates throughout the town. Oftentimes, this would be overwhelmed by a distinct smell that can only be described as lemony. A national study of landfills nationwide found that this smell can be attributed to a cancer-causing chemical that is not only peculiar to the nose, but to the health of everyone in its radius. Not only are landfills dumping toxic trash into these exponentially growing piles, but they are spraying even more chemicals to hide the egregious fact. At a town meeting, residents banded together to come up with a new proposition. It calls for a significant 100,000 ton waste disposal reduction, from the current allowance of 400,000 to around 300,000. This would be in suit with a ban of driver tips which encourage private trash haulers to utilize our landfill facilities. Most importantly, citizens suggested that a committee be installed that would routinely check gas and chemical emissions, along with strict emergency protocols in the case of a chemical leak. With the board continually renewing the lease on the Northeast's most prominent landfill, it is evident that it will not cease to continue its rapid growth, as concerned citizens are only starting to voice their feelings against the landfill; it seems like when, not if, is the real question for the fate of the Edgeboro Landfill.

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