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### Flag Stealing

*Phillip Brendel*

Within the first day of Boys State a very peculiar issue arose within the cities. As all delegates know, each city has an elected Guidon Bearer who carries their flag at the front of their City’s line. Upon receiving their pennants, each bearer was explicitly told to keep their flag manned at all times (by either their proper bearer or a substitution when necessary).



The very first flag theft occurred on Sunday during the lunch period. The flag was stolen by a faction within City 13 (Pierce) and was later returned. After the first “snatching” at least 2 more flags were stolen within the first two days of Boys State. The flags were all said to be left unattended.

The aforementioned flag snatchings have been a highly divisive issue between delegates; Delegates who have had their flags stolen are obviously distraught over the matter, however pro-snatching delegates argue that the thefts are validated because the flags were left unattended.

Will flag theft continue on and lead to even more competition between city governments, or will these recent events lead to the addition of a new law violation within the delegate handbook?

### Weather

Today's low temperature is 67 degrees and the high temperature is 76 degrees. Thunderstorms are likely throughout the day.

### Schedule

- 6:45 AM - 8:10 AM: Breakfast
- 8:20 AM - 9:30 AM: State Party Conventions
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Seminars
- 11:45 AM - 1:10 PM: Lunch
- 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Gubernatorial Primary Election
- 2:40 PM - 3:00 PM: General Assembly
- 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM: Sports
- 5:35 PM: Retreat
- 5:45 PM - 7:10 PM: Dinner
- 7:20 PM - 9:00 PM: General Assembly in the Alumni Gym



**Make sure to get out and vote! Voter turnout contributes to the determination of best city and county.**

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

# LOCAL POLITICS

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## Albert Joseph Sweeps Fed Convention

*Ravi D'Elia*

In yesterday's State Party Chair election, Albert Joseph was clear and away the winner. Out of nearly 10 candidates, Albert alone commanded the cheers of half the room. "ALBERT! ALBERT!" was heard after every speech and every question. There is no doubt about it, Albert is beloved by the Federalist party. But where did this mysterious person come from?

As the various cities of Boys State go about their business, one might hear various chants and cheers. Some cities chant their own name, others have something more complicated. However, the city of Polk, since early on Monday, has something quite peculiar. As they walk from place to place in two lines, they don't cheer for their city, or sing songs. Instead, they chant "Albert Joseph! Albert Joseph!" as the man himself smiles and waves.

In addition to his new found role as State Party Chair, Albert is the County Supervisor of Ridgeway County, and a native of Polk. His rise to political dominance in Polk is something of a mystery. It all started when he ran for Town Councilman. A fellow "Polk-a-dot," Christopher, began to encourage people to vote for him. Before long, people cheered when he entered the room. By the next time the city was out and about, his name became a cheer. Leveraging his newfound fame, Albert won his Councilman election, where he helped decide on town level appointments. Following this, he ran for County Supervisor, which he won in a landslide. Even though the town of Tyler was not originally a part of the Albert fan club, they quickly got on board. Many "Polk-a-dots" were joined in their chants by citizens of Tyler. How did Albert Joseph feel about all this? When asked, he said "I like it, even though it makes me blush."

From there, the love of Albert spread like wildfire. First Ridgeway began chanting, then voices from other cities could be heard chanting his name as they went from place to place. By the time the party convention was held, it seemed

everyone was riding the Albert train. One Federalist, Pat B. remarked, "Albert can do anything. ALBERT!". While other speakers got polite clapping, Albert received thunderous applause. Nearly every cheer was overwhelmed with shouts of "Albert!", and many speakers were booed. Through all this, Albert sat in contemplative quietness. When his victory was announced, the entire room erupted into cheers. He stepped up to the microphone, and thanked all those who had helped him get to where he was, from Polk to the entire party. Albert intends to run for Boy's Nation Senator, and it is likely that he will have the backing of Polk, Ridgeway, and the Federalist party.

## Buchanan City has full control of Eisenhower County Government

*Danny Flores*

In an election where only 3 statesmen from Pierce County ran for county positions, Buchanan City's 9 statesmen were all elected into all county positions, with no representation from Pierce City. In a major upset, Eisenhower County's government is going to be ran by statesmen exclusively from Buchanan City.

Buchanan City currently wants to take 100 acres of land from Pierce City and use it towards expanding their city development. Pierce is strongly opposed to the full amount of land and look for compromise, but with no say in county government, their future is full for Pierce City.

Now, Buchanan City has full control of the county's resources and will most likely use those resources towards their own city issues. Issues such as the crumbling housing market, poor education throughout the city, and the 100 million dollars of debt Buchanan has.

**Make sure to work on  
your city and county  
manuals - they are due  
tomorrow at 7:15 PM!**

# LOCAL POLITICS

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## “Nationalists Roar in State Party Chair Election”

*Matt Krase*

At last night's election for Nationalist State Party Chairman, the Nationalists became familiar with their many fiery candidates as they attempted to sway the votes in their favor. There were nine charismatic leaders who had three minutes to express their many thoughts and opinions about which way the party should head in. From an impromptu rap verse from Kyle Murray to a comical speech slip up by Kyle Quinn, the party election headed in many different and surprising directions. The election ended with Kervins Racine, a energetic individual whose passion was obvious to the crowd, winning the State Party Chairman Position. Upon news of his election, the Nationalists in the Alumni Gym exploded into cheers of excitement. Racine received a pair of Boys State socks in celebration of his victory. If there is one takeaway from this convention, it is that the Nationalist Party is ready to meet every expectation and is hungry to win the gubernatorial election.

**Don't forget to contribute to the blood drive! It is on Thursday between 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM in the SRC Seminar Room.**



## EVENTS

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### In Remembrance: D-Day

*Joseph Talucci and Sean Pergola*

On June 6, 1944, the United States mobilized one of the largest amphibious invasions in military history, with the goal of establishing a beachhead at Normandy, France. Known as Operation Overlord, thousands of Americans died in the name of liberating France from Nazi rule. Seventy-five years afterwards, the brave men that lost their lives are still remembered for their noble sacrifices in the name of liberty. To honor these lives and those of countless other soldiers, Boys State assembled a group of veterans from the American Legion to speak on behalf of their lost peers. The American Legion also showed a presentation which laid out the insurmountable odds the Allies faced in the assault on Omaha Beach. Their bravery is sure to be honored for decades to come. We would like to express our gratitude to the legionaries and all other veterans.



# EVENTS

## Takeaways from the Engineering Seminar

*Jared Zornitzer*

Yesterday's engineering seminar aroused a comparatively positive reception amongst those who attended it compared to the majority of seminars which are often perceived as boring or uninformative. Speakers included Mr. Morgan Jolley and Mr. Charles Miskolcy, who have both been immersed in their respective fields within engineering for over a decade.

One highlight of this seminar - from our perspective - was gaining some insight into the two engineers' occupations. For instance, Mr. Jolley discussed his duties as an optical engineer employed by BAE Systems. His role relates to the design, development and implementation of reconnaissance drones and spy devices. Naturally, the question arose of if developing these devices constitutes an infringement of privacy, and Mr. Jolley refutes this conviction by noting that the military approves such operations. In addition, Mr. Miskolcy described a few aspects of his life as a civil engineer, such as his work in researching, designing and calculating the properties of various types of infrastructure. One major concern of his on a daily basis is the safety of buildings, both residential and commercial; a concern commonly held by civil engineers. Overall, the overviews Mr. Jolley and Mr. Miskolcy gave about their jobs aided in imbuing us with an in-depth understanding of the optical and civil engineering fields.

When it came time for the question and answer segment of their seminar, I personally asked both engineers, "What is some advice that you would give to aspiring engineers?" In his response, Mr. Jolley emphasized his belief that those who hope to become engineers in their futures, or for that matter, anybody in their teens or twenties seeking employment, ought to enter a field which they are passionate about. Following this piece of advice will surely enable one to optimize their working-years, both in the workplace and in one's personal life, since they will spend their time towards something that they enjoy. Mr. Jolley added that future workers should gain

experience in their desired field, such as through internships, in order for them to build an expertise in the field and also so that they can expand their previous knowledge of the field in the future. Similarly, Mr. Miskolcy stressed the importance of entering a field which you are passionate about, as well as improving your cooperation skills because most engineers operate in group settings.

In conclusion, Mr. Morgan Jolley and Mr. Charles Miskolcy provided their audience with a plethora of valuable knowledge, both concerning different types of engineering and lessons to be considered by all workers.



## A Retreat Worth Remembering

*Brandon Yoo*

The cities of the 2019 74th session of New Jersey Boys State quickly filled the field in their designated formations. Delegates entered quickly, paying meticulous attention to maintaining their lines and listening to their counselors. An overwhelming sense of seriousness permeated the air, as each boy made every attempt to put his best foot forward, trying to impress the intimidating sergeant. Moments before, the boys learned the commands associated with the ceremony. Now they were truly being put to the test.

The retreat ceremony serves a twofold purpose: first, it acts as a ceremony to pay respect to the flag. Second, it signals the end of an official duty day. When asked what he thought about the retreat, Pranav Udeshi, a Federalist from Johnson, recalled, "I thought it was inspiring and taught us a lot of discipline. It was a really transformative experience. The retreat has inspired me to pursue higher offices in the program, and possibly a career in the military."

# EVENTS

## Careers in Emergency Medicine Seminar

*Jamarc Simon*

On the second day of the seventy-fourth annual session of American Legion Jersey Boys State, about one hundred individuals packed the Bart Luedeke Center to hear from two individuals in the medical field: Mrs. Nancy Distelcamp and Dr. Joel Kravitz. Mrs. Distelcamp kicked off the seminar and shared her experience working in the trauma center.

After twenty-four years of working as a paramedic, Mrs. Distelcamp described her job as the “eyes and ears of the physician.” She described it as such because it was her job to relay exactly what she sees to the doctor so he could best treat the patient. In addition, the main way to prevent trauma injuries was to establish rapport with community partners for safety programs. This could be as simple as going to an elementary school and speaking about helmet safety or visiting a nursing home to talk about the proper use of walkers and canes. Interestingly enough, Mrs. Distelcamp recalled most of the trauma injuries she dealt with were from people who had fallen. When one student asked Mrs. Distelcamp what her most important piece of advice was for delegates, she responded with “communication.” Learning how to communicate is crucial in the medical field for numerous reasons. Eye contact and body language are unspoken words that communicate respect to whoever one talks to. Communication and listening go hand in hand. Knowing how to work with different people and hear their opinions is extremely important for any career in medicine.

## ALJBS College Fair

*Patrick Byrnes*

A college fair was held in the Student Recreation Center on



Tuesday, June 18th. While half of the floor space was designated for county voting, the other half was lined with colleges and military branches providing information and merchandise to statesmen. Amongst the colleges, which included (but were not limited to) Scranton, Rutgers, Drew, and William Patterson, several service branches and their respective schools were represented. Booths for the National Guard, State Police, and West Point lined the far wall, with servicewomen and men dressed in uniform or decorated with their respective honors.

The attendance-optional event provided statesmen with valuable opportunities to interact with their prospective choices and interests, with representatives available a wide range of careers and educational backgrounds. The fair marked another eventful moment in the 74th session.

## Sports Results as of 6/18:

100 Halsey - 5 wins and 4 losses  
200 Marshall - 3 wins and 8 losses  
300 Nimitz - 9 wins and 3 loss  
400 MacArthur - 3 wins and 9 losses  
500 Ridgeway - 4 wins and 8 losses  
600 Vandenburg - 8 wins and 4 losses  
700 Eisenhower - 12 wins and 3 losses  
800 Bradley - 4 wins and 9 losses  
900 Schwarzkopf - 6 wins and 6 losses



# OPINION PIECES

## Primary Colors

*Andrew Yuen*

Within any nation comes different ideas and opinions. Conservative, constitutionalist, liberal, libertarian - labels thrown onto varying ideologies. More and more, party politics are becoming a real threat to the very democracy that our Founding Fathers purposed as the supreme law of the land. In the 2016 presidential election, candidates invested in smear campaigns founded on the core principle of who the worse candidate was. Rather than authentic policy that bettered America as a whole, candidates put forth attacks on the character of their opponents.

Over a thousand years ago, rulers the likes of Cyrus the Great and Julius Caesar passed bipartisan policy that benefited people of every group and socioeconomic class. Economics that provided welfare for the poor and social policy that promoted a nationalist attitude stabilized their communities and appeased the general population. Less than a century ago, the infamous Otto Von Bismarck revitalized the German state by passing notoriously liberal policy despite his staunch conservatism. Although he did not agree with many of the policies personally, he understood the struggle of his citizens and responded with appropriate policy. Today more than ever, we must follow in their steps and move past treacherous party politics that only harm our great nation.

## A Call to Action

*Tyler Ways*

Electricity: it's what surrounds us, it's something we use on a day to day basis, and it's slowly starting to kill us. The use of fossil fuels to create our power, has begun to destroy the planet we live on and love, and the effects of them will soon be irreversible. We, as the next generation, must do something to fix it or else our future is starting to look bleak.

We must begin to look to renewable energy, such as wind, solar, and water. Moving to renewable energy saves not only the planet, but money as renewable energy costs less in the long run. Switching over keeps the air clean from the pollution caused by burning fossil fuels.

There is only a small window of time left, before devastation. It is essential that the gubernatorial candidates address the problem of fossil fuels and pollution. They are the ones who need to make laws that will secure the safety of our future. If these problems are not addressed, the world that we love will be gone.

**Take a visit to the ALJBS  
store during meals and  
recreational periods!**

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