



Rider University & College Fair

RICHARD RABEAU, WASHINGTON CITY

With open arms, Rider University invites the American Legion to use their campus each year for Boys' State. For the statesmen, Rider serves as their sleeping quarters for merely a week, but for over 3,000 Rider University students, this campus is their intellectual home for four years of education. Past the dorms and dining hall that statesmen know, Rider University has a wide array of academic and athletic opportunities. From liberal arts and sciences to business, education, and music, Rider University offers undergraduates over 60 programs of studies in which

to pursue a degree. Almost any student can surely find the path to their dreams through a Rider education. On Tuesday at the college fair held in the Recreation Center, statesmen got exposed to a bountiful array of colleges and universities, including host Rider University. From big name Ivy League schools, to more local favorites, statesmen collected various pieces of college literature to look over as they begin to think about their own futures. For all the statesmen, who are about to become high school seniors, college is only a year away, and counselors advise that the time is now to begin

the college search. Thanks to Rider University, statesmen got a taste of college life and a week long tour. Thanks to the various colleges that attended

the fair, statesmen were able to survey their options for intellectual growth, which could possibly even be here at Rider University.



Elections yell Patriotism

GREG SALIMANDO, PIERCE CITY

With all the enthusiasm that can be mustered behind the imaginary issues of a fake government, the race for such illustrious and important positions as state senators, assemblymen and freeholders rocketed off to a mediocre start today all across Boys' State. Fierce debating and split speeches of candidates. Voting was conducted with an equal amount of zeal and

giddiness from all delegates, who eagerly packed into the Rider Alumni Gym as early as 11:45 to rush to the voting machines and cast their ballots. The feeling inside the room was electric, and the unquestionable support for democracy, staggering. To paint a more accurate picture, George Washington himself would have most likely suffocated from all the patriotism in that gym from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Voting was

conducted in an orderly and productive fashion. And though some people had trouble understanding how the little buttons on the voting machine worked at first, once the ball got rolling, it snowballed into an avalanche of participation and patriotism that would have crushed any communist foolish enough to get in its way.

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SEMINARS, SUMMED UP

LAW CASE STUDIES was led by E. Drew Britcher, Esq., who explained to delegates the moral perspective of civil court cases. He even caught some students in a lie, eloquently exhibiting his phenomenal "lawyer skills."

INSURANCE was led by speakers Joshua Batushansky and Micheal Zeldes, who exposed delegates to the intriguing side of the insurance industry. The speakers talked about the unsung rewards and responsibilities agents and brokers face everyday.

CAREERS IN MEDICINE was a very informative and interesting seminar. Though not as sanguinary or vulgar (in both humor and graphics) as the Emergency Medicine seminar the other day, it definitely left delegates inspired and enlightened.

CAREERS IN BUSINESS was moderated by Matt Vamvakis, former Senior Consultant of Deloitte Consulting LLP, Ken Nilson, Executive Vice President of Commerce Bank, and James Reitz, Vice President of Sales of Sungard Availability Services. Business education and experience was the largest topic of discussion. The seminar was concluded with an interactive Q&A session with the presenters.

CAREERS IN POLITICS was led by Hon. William "Bill" Baroni and Kay LiCausi. Bill enlightened delegates of how he won his campaign with only \$300,000, as opposed to his opponent's \$7 million. LiCausi told delegates of his experience as a lobbyist. He further went on to explain that lobbyists tell the truth because that is how they gain respect and maintain good relationships.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

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what they do after hours...
by farboad maleknia

After experiencing a vigorous and challenging first day at Boys' State, the delegates retreated to their dorms to call it a night. However, my eye caught many interesting things in the Olson C dorm that I found very exciting and memorable. The day was not concluded for some boys as I have taken a glimpse of the activities that some delegates do to keep themselves from suffering from boredom.

This past night, during quiet time, I was walking through the dorm hall just to get involved and become more familiar with the delegates on my floor. My roommate never showed up to Boys' State, so I had the room to myself. Shockingly, I had encountered a few people playing a friendly game of cards, using Sour Patch Kids as poker chips. I asked them why or how they came up with this idea, and they replied, "Well, what do you expect? There is nothing to do, and we're dying of boredom." I also had nothing to do, so I joined in and participated in their awkward, yet enjoyable game.

Across the hall, you could hear delegate Richard Martino playing his guitar and singing his songs that he had written, which were very entertaining to witness. I must have seen at least six people in that room just watching him play some strings. Martino has tremendous talent physically and vocally, and should be commended.

(Left) Tyler City delegates play their own version of poker, substituting chips for Sour Patch Kids.



OPINION/EDITORIAL

Smoking 101

MICHAEL KISCIDAY, HARRISON CITY

Being a member at Boys' State as a smoker has been rough so far. Of course, I've smoked a few cigarettes already, and I know a few other delegates that have as well. So why is it considered "illegal?" I've seen many staff members walking around smoking right on the Rider University campus. It is not illegal for a teenager to smoke, so why should it be illegal at a program that is supposed to be pleasurable? I don't understand why the staff members who are supposed to set an example are allowed to publicly violate a rule. People should not have to

change their entire way of life in order to spend a week here. I have heard from fellow delegates that their counselors have told them that they are able to smoke as long as they are in a smoking area and dispose of the cigarette properly. I believe this is very fair, taking into consideration that there was no information sent through the mail that smoking was prohibited. I'm sure there are both staff members and delegates that feel the same way as I do. I feel it is extremely fair to allow smoking. If I could receive a reply, either in writing or face, to face it would be greatly appreciated.

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ONLY Boys' State...

NICK REDMAN, FILLMORE CITY

They say that you do not know from every other high school in my two cents in and wanted to had inspired awe in my whole how much something means New Jersey. We knew it would read my schedule to see what city. That experience is how I to you until you lose it, and be a week away from family, was next on the agenda. All of know that there is an effect on boy, were they right. friends, and for a lot of us, the sudden the room went dead all of the boys from the lack of You all should know what I am summer vacation. Mostly we quiet. I thought that someone half of our country's population. talking about. Females. You knew that it would be filled had offended someone else, or Thus, I have one suggestion for know, women, girls, ladies, with many challenges. something amazing had just the people who run Boys State. broads, dames, and, as Theo However, none of us could happened. In a way something I know you cannot have girls be from The Cosby Show have anticipated the biggest amazing did happen. A pretty here too, because then it would affectionately calls them, challenge of all: no foxy ladies. lady had walked by. When I not be an actual Boys' State. burgers. The effect of this is clearly looked up to see what everyone However you could maybe When going to Boys State visible. This reporter has was so quiet about, I saw encourage girls to visit Rider most of us knew that it would experienced it first hand. everyone's heads turned while we are here, just to keep be tough. We knew it would be Once, during a meeting, towards the window. There I our spirits happy and our heads a mock state where we would everybody was discussing one saw her, a pretty-looking red- held up high. campaign against the top kids issue or another. I had just put headed señorita. She was what

RECREATION

P.T. Session Very Rigorous

GEOFF HIPSCHMAN, VAN BUREN CITY

Looking for a more intense activity during rec time? Yesterday you may have seen roughly a dozen statesmen running through campus with some state troopers. The stateys offered a rigorous conditioning workout including a run, push-ups, sit-ups, squat thrusts and various other surprisingly tiring activities, such as the seemingly simple task of making arm circles. While strenuous, the P.T. session was entertaining at times. During sit-ups, one statesmen released a cacophonous string of flatulence, inciting hilarious banter from the troopers.

The officers themselves offered motivation and advice without sounding bogus. During the session. This can be easily ignored due to the demanding nature of the exercises. Regardless of the

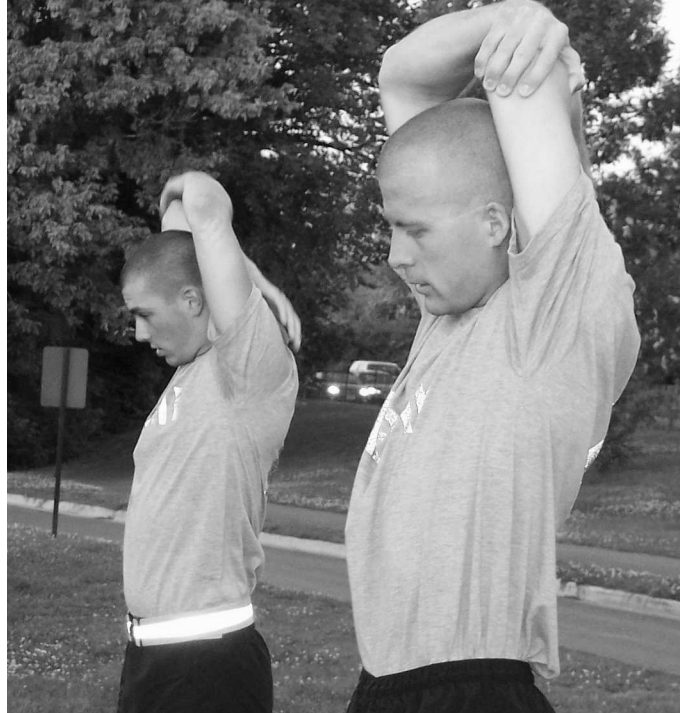


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possible motives of the state troopers, the physical and mental benefits of a good workout are undeniable. After Thursday for another P.T. session, every session. The statesman had two things in common: a T-shirt drenched

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ATHLETE OF THE DAY

Jonathan Jasinski
by Farboad Maleknia

Today our delegate athletes experienced yet another exciting and strenuous session of recreational sports. One talented individual expressed his astonishing athletic abilities as a soccer goalie for MacArthur County. Jonathan "Bubba" Jasinski, 6'2", of Van Buren City, impressed his teammates and his opponents as he dove and strove to save many key shots that kept his team from losing the soccer match in a 2-1 shootout victory over Ridgeway. "Bubba," a citizen of Lyndhurst, is considered a true athlete because of his dexterity and expertise in numerous sports. He plays a huge role as a third baseman in his Varsity baseball team, in which he helped lead his team to the State Sectionals this year. "Jazz" (another nickname bestowed by his peers) is also the team captain of the 16-and-under New Jersey Devils hockey team, in which his agility and aggression help him be an athletic leader. "I don't really ever play soccer, but what can I say, I'm godly," an exhausted Jonathan said after his soccer game. His wild capabilities enabled him to stop important goals from initiating and awarded his county the win. He has a marvelous personality and a keen sense of humor, and that is what made him yesterday's most valuable player.