



Macy's : Getting Even

Recently city officials and respective mayors had elected within the city government a municipal judge, prosecutor, and public defender. These three offices make up the municipal court, who will be deciding the fate of all nerdownells come JUDGEMENT DAY (today, kiddos). In Boys' State the municipal court takes the place of an extensive judicial system. Yesterday, those appointed to said positions took a trip down to the Lawrence township municipal court house. After removing lanyards from their necks, wallets, phones, and other metal items or pocket contents, the appointed statesmen proceeded through metal detectors, followed by by a wand search if necessary. The statesmen then went into the courthouse, sitting on the audience benches. Not soon after did the honorable Paul Cantonese enter the court. After a brief introduction by the judge, the court's prosecutor, and former Boys' State delegate, told the statesmen what his job entailed. He was followed by the court's public defender, who, in the same manner, gave a description of his job. This was followed by a question and answer session. Statesmen asked questions such as: Do you enjoy your job? What do you like most? The least? Are you (public defender and prosecutor) friends with one another? Time soon was up for the Q&A and the first defendant was brought forth. A middle-aged polish women, she was being charged with shoplifting from a Macy's. She agreed that she was guilty, thus consenting to pay the fine and go on probation. The second defendant was a fairly young African American woman, charged with the same crime at the same place (Macy's). However, she was sent to the county court because she had stolen so much(from Macy's), the charges needed to be moved to a higher court. The next two defendants were a mother-daughter pair. At first it seemed as if the daughter was going to translate for her mother. But then, the statesmen found out that the daughter was being accused of the same crime. Once again the crime was shoplifting...from Macy's. Got to feel bad for Macy's.

A Grainy, Sticky Situation

The [poop] has hit the fan. Or in the the case of Jackson City, the [poop] has hit the floor: the floor of the third story floor bathroom showers. In what could be described as a hallmark memory of the Jacksonian delegates, this example of public defecation has incited rage and indignation among the dorm residents. Though the origins of this anonymous stool donation may never be uncovered, amidst all of the finger-pointing between Nationalists and Federalists, Monroeians and Jacksonians, one thing is for certain; the Jackson City showers smelled terrible.

It was a fateful Monday afternoon, a day filled with intramurals, assemblies and elections; when the boys of Jackson City returned from volleyball matches, soccer games and football challenges, it was Dan Scala who unfortunately decided to first hit the showers. "Something smelled bad," remarked Scala, "really bad." It was then the prerogative of next delegate who entered the bathrooms, Peter Hess, to discover the source of the noxious odor permeating the stalls. Upon lifting a discarded Boys State regulation t-shirt and discovering a pile of [poop], Hess ushered in chaos and discord across the entire floor. "Whoever dropped that must have been eating a lot of birthday ice cream", screamed Hess. "I saw some hairs," pointed out Alex Herbst, the next statesman to enter, "I think it moved".

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Wednesday Schedule Highlights

12:30-2:30
Gubernatorial
Primary Election
2:45-3:00
Announcement
of
Gubernatorial
Primary winners
3:15-5:00 Sports
3:30-4:30
Chorus
4:00-5:30 Band
6:45 Band
report to
Cavalla Room
7:30-8:30
General
Assembly
8:45-10:30
Municipal Court
in Session

SPORTS

Happy Trails Bafana Bafana; Argentina Continues Dominance

For all those who enjoy seeing the host nation make a deep run through the World Cup's knockout stage, this World Cup will provide no such enjoyment for these fans. Even though South Africa defeated the dysfunctional French team 2-1, they were unable to make up their negative goal differential with Mexico, who lost to the champion of Group A, Uruguay, 1-0. Mexico and Uruguay both advance out of Group A and will face Argentina and South Korea respectively. The Argentina squad continued their dominance with a 2-0 win over Greece and look poised to be serious contenders for the championship. South Korea tied Nigeria 2-2 and are able to advance to the round of 16 with 4 points in group B (the winner Argentina had 9 points). There is much anticipation building around Boys State for the United States game today against Algeria and hopefully as you read this the United States will have beaten the Algerian team in order to win Group C.

The Real Police

At Monday's assembly, the delegates were presented with the trooper challenge, which is a series of physical activities intended to produce immense pain and anguish while exercising. The sports director has informed me that today's challenge will be substantially more difficult for any delegate who wishes to see how in shape they really are. Trooper Adam Polhemus, who began doing the trooper challenge at Boys State, will be here to run it today. I have been informed that the challenge yesterday was not nearly as hard as what Officer Polhemus will put those who are daring through today. Officer Polhemus is so intense that he does the exercises with delegates while instructing them on proper form. Those who are always looking to go the extra mile with their training should certainly join Officer Polhemus for this challenge at 3PM on the quad. As for the team sports, Eisenhower, Marshall, and Macarthur counties came in a tie for first for today's games (note: when standings are reported it is just for that day's sports NOT the overall leaders). A greater turnout would like to be seen in softball where number of players is lacking. Good luck to all teams today in pursuit of the coveted first place.

Sports Scores

World Cup

FRA:1-RSA:2
MEX:0-URA:1
GRE:0-ARG:2
NGA:2-KOR:2

MLB

Boston:1-Colorado:2
Detroit:6-NY Mets:14
NY Yankees:9-Arizona:3
Cincinnati:4-Oakland:2
Chicago Cubs:0-Seattle:2
LA Dodgers:3-LA Angels:6
Florida:10-Baltimore:4
Kansas:3-Washington:4
Cleveland:1-Philadelphia:2
St. Louis:9-Toronto:4
Pittsburgh:3-Texas:6
Minnesota:5-Milwaukee:7
San Diego:2-Tampa:1
San Francisco:3-Houston:1
Atlanta:6-White Sox:9

TENNIS

2 Nadal defeats Nishikori
4 Murray defeats Hajek
10 Tsonga defeats Kendrick

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His comments were soon followed by those of Sam Haley, who believed that "the [poop] must have been working up for at least eighteen hours". Attempting to put the situation into perspective, statesmen Jimmy Jacobs argued that this foul piece of recycled corn dogs and ravioli "at least looked better than the cafeteria food".

Hardly twenty four hours into the 65th Jersey Boys State, crisis has already struck the Jackson City statesmen. These young men will hopefully address this situation with unwavering courage and an adamant resolution to succeed.

Our Fearless Leader

The sixth director of New Jersey Boys' State, Mr. David Bagatelle is fortunate enough to be our Director this year here at ALJBS.

I first questioned the director on the beginnings of his involvement in Boys State. He noted that he first became aware of the program in 1981, when he was a junior in high school. Mr. Bagatelle was chosen to be a delegate for that year at Boys State, and was able to progress his way up to Minority Leader of the General Assembly during his time there.

With a pleasant smile, he recalled how he enjoyed the experiences he had at Boys' State. He explained how the political aspects of the program gave him the opportunity to break out of his shell. Then he got involved and for the first time in his life, he learned how to speak publicly. Like a baby thrown into a pool of water, he was forced to adapt to the fast-paced days and acquire important skills involved with public speaking.

I then asked him how and when he actually came to appreciate his time that was spent here. As he thought back, he said it was when he was being driven home by his father from Boys' State. During that car ride, his father asked him about how it went. His dad was an existentially hard man to impress and the stories which young Bagatelle gave actually changed his father's perspective on his father. This was the first time he ever truly made his father proud; this caused young Bagatelle to realize how significant and life changing his time at Boys State was.

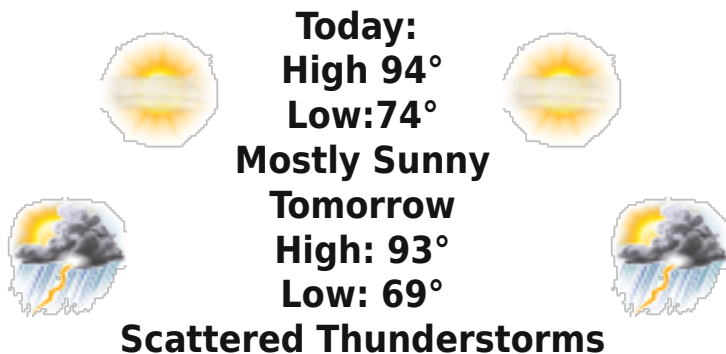
With this major change in Bagatelle's life, one can anticipate the changes that Boys State will make in his own life. Mr. Bagatelle noted that he hopes that this year's statesmen will attain an appreciation for United States Veterans, learn the inner workings of our government, and most of all, learn how to work as a team. Too many times our own state and national governments come to gridlocks when they cannot compromise on important issues. Bagatelle wishes the delegates to learn how to work with their peers in order to come to agreements on significant problems. Moreover, he hopes that the delegates will come to understand that it is more important to work as a team than to arrogantly pursue your own ideals.

One complex query given to Bagatelle asked him to comment about Governor Chris Christie's budget cuts for all of the New Jersey. He responded by saying that he has children close to the age of the current statesmen. Bagatelle finds it remorseful that New Jersey students must limit their education because of finances, however he noted that these financial problems are the effect of bad decisions made by NJ's previous Governors McGreevey and Corzine and that this bubble had to burst in someday or another.

On a humorous note, Mr. Bagatelle stated that his wife and family actually enjoy having him away from home. Unfortunately for him, he has been missing father's day for the past 29 years, but for the sake of his family, they have a fun on vacation while he is at ALJBS.

Mr. Bagatelle is a very friendly, compassionate and determined individual who wants the best of times for all. He has faith that statesmen will make the best of their stay here, and he hopes you will follow through and have fun.

Weather



I Love College

The Boys' State College Fair, one of the highlights of these six days at Rider, was a success among the statesmen. As soon as it began at 12:30 on Tuesday, there were statesmen eagerly attending. Although part of its attractiveness could possibly be attributed to its location, the air conditioned Student Recreation Center, its 74 colleges were certainly no hindrance. Universities as obscure as Embry-Riddle and as reputable as Columbia were present. Although most of the colleges present are relatively local (driving distance), Northwood University, located in Florida, and University of Michigan also sent representatives.

The types of colleges at the fair were also variant in terms of their majors and levels of prestige. Columbia and Yale were the only two Ivy League schools present, despite Boys' State's reputation as a program to which only the best of the best are invited. Not even Princeton, a local landmark, sent a representative to the fair. On the other hand, more colleges with prestige comparable to William Paterson and Temple Universities, both of which accept many more students than a typical Ivy League college, were stationed at the fair.

Since Boys' State is a civics program, it is unsurprising that most of the schools which came to Rider today offered more liberal arts than technology majors. Perhaps no more than ten of the schools at the fair offered any opportunities in engineering, though many advertised majors in the sciences. New York Institute of Technology, Rutgers, and Penn State were some notable schools with engineering departments, while colleges such as Skidmore, Ramapo, and LaSalle did not provide such opportunities. The latter type of college was by far more common.

Despite the omnipresence of liberal arts colleges, it was not these which attracted the most attention. Although there were only a few military academies at the fair, by the halfway point of the fair their stations had the longest lines in front of them. West Point had two tables, but from the look of it, they could have afforded a third. At a program sponsored by the American Legion, this military popularity comes as no shock. Since Boys' State invites some of New Jersey's most prominent, academically successful students, it is not surprising either that the college fair was such a smashing success.



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