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GOVERNOR INCAPACITATED, SENATE PRES. STEPS IN

Disaster struck Friday morning at Mountaineer Boys State when senator “B-rad” Bradley Allen and accomplice Samuel Ashby held Governor Ibrahim hostage in his office at the Jackson’s Mill Lodge. “B-rad” had a list of demands which included a golf cart filled with gas, two thousand dollars, and a cheeseburger. Allen was taken into custody and tried in the court of law for the breach of various statues and laws, including entering a federal building with a weapon and attempt on life; The Governor was debilitated until later in the day due to personal trauma and also fear of another attempt on his life. During this time the President of the Senate stepped in and acted as governor. Allan was found innocent after pleading insanity. An attack was also made on the newspaper staff leaving them distressed.

By: Sam Yates

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Schedule - Wednesday June 14, 2006

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- 6:00 a.m. Reveille and Clean Quarters
7:15 In Formation at Dining Hall. **Inspection points to be deducted at this and subsequent meals for late arrivals.**
7:20 FLAG RAISING
7:25 BREAKFAST
8:25 - Noon Senate and House in session in Jackson Lodge basement
Governor and Board of Public Works meet in Jackson Lodge basement meeting rooms.
Supreme Court and Attorney General meet with advisor(s) in Flameway Hall.
State Police and Conservation Officers meet in EEC #5
Legal—All Circuit Court Judges, Family Law Judges, Magistrates, Circuit Clerks, Sheriffs, Prosecuting Attorneys, and Defense Attorneys associated with scheduled court trials (both Wed. and Thurs.) meet in assembly hall to receive specialized instruction.
Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working
County Boards of Education meet in Southeastern Learning Center for specialized instruction.
City and County Officials and unassigned Citizens meet in West Virginia Building for the following instruction:
8:25—8:50 County Clerk
8:55 - 9:20 Assessor
BREAK
9:30—10:00 City Government
10:05—10:35 County Commission/County Government
BREAK
10:45—12:00 Break out for specialized instruction
County Commission—West Virginia Building
City Government—Pavilion
Assessor—EEC #7 (Bottom Left)
County Clerk—EEC #^ (Bottom Right)
Public Service Announcements by Educational Broadcasting Director and/or staff through remainder of week.
- 12:15 LUNCH
1:00- Circuit Courts in session with legal advisors present. ALL DELEGATES IN ATTENDENCE
2:45- Band Practice in Assembly Hall
3:00— INAUGURATION in Assembly Hall. Boys State
Governor's Address.
3:30 - 5:00 Athletics, Swimming, Band Practice, Law Enforcement
5:15 IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL
5:30 DINNER
6:30- FORMAL REVIEW (Parents, Guardians, American Legion Personnel, Dignitaries, Distinguished Guests present)
ASSEMBLY immediately following Formal Review in Assembly Hall.
AFTER ASSEMBLY Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working
Musicians and Performers gather on Marion front porch.
- 11:00 Devotions at Kanawha and Panhandle cottages
11:30 All evening activities end.
11:40 All citizens will be in respective cottages. Individual cottage activities (meetings, devotions, etc.) left to discretion of individual cottage counselors.
- 12 Midnight ALL CITIZENS IN BED AND LIGHTS OUT.

ATHLETIC SCORES Friday, JUNE 17, 2006

Friday Scores

Basketball

Barbour— No show
Panhandle

Monroe – 20
Upshur – 12

Softball

Barbour—2
Randolph - 2

Monroe— 2
Webster—2

Frisbee

Marion –6
Randolph –7

Lewis—5
Panhandle –4

Marion— 4
Monroe—3

Volleyball

Calhoun
Randolph

Monon.-
Webster

Marion
Lewis

Volleyball

Panhandle
Upshur

Lewis
Randolph

Monon.
Webster

Battle of the fittest

During the annual tug-of-war, Monroe Cottage dominated and won over all the other cottages in the camp. When they were forced to face the counselors, they finally tasted bitter defeat.

A record was set yesterday in Ultimate Frisbee. The Frisbee was thrown end-zone to end-zone, a cumulative distance of 150 feet.



NEWSPAPER STAFF: (L to R)

Back Row: Michael Gemongo, Patrick Gines, Marc Basham, Andrew O'Hearn, and Betty Ann Williams

Front Row: Sam Yates, Josh Linton, and Joseph Bolton

Reflections of Vietnam DVD

Administrator Sluss presented a DVD called Reflections of Vietnam at the Assembly Monday night. The tribute was from a poem written by Fort Ashby, W.Va. native Chip Sours and sung by his wife, Laura. Sours, a Vietnam Veteran, wrote the poem shortly after returning home from serving in Vietnam with the United States Marine Corp. The poem was a tribute to his friends and comrades who didn't return. Years later, his wife had it put to music and recorded. Right now the DVD and CD are offered for sale at www.vietnamreflections.com. Said Sours, "My wife and I make nothing from the sales of this song. Every penny is donated to Veterans through the Cumberland, Maryland Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America."

Note: The editorial on the previous page is written by Sam Yates.

Financial Aid Websites

www.fastweb.com
www.finaid.org

Mountaineer Boys State Online
www.mountaineerboysstate.org

A Dream is a Wish... House and Senate

Portraying an image of responsibility and experience, Dr. John Frye addressed the citizens concerning his past and their futures. Frye was a citizen at Boys State in 1956 and went on to become governor. After his time here at Jackson's Mill, Frye attended Boys Nation where he became the only representative from West Virginia to become President of Boys Nation. He later went on to earn his psychology degree at Duke University.

Using his knowledge, Frye instructed the citizens on how to follow their dreams and let nothing stop them. "A dream is a vision with passion," Frye stated. He said that if one visualizes their dreams and strives to make a difference then that dream can become a reality.

Utilizing his uncanny ability to relate to the young men, Frye was able to send his message effectively. The future is important but what we do today is the stepping stone of tomorrow.

Following Frye was Honorable Judge Robert Maxwell, a five-year member of the bench, who addressed the students concerning patriotism. Maxwell brought with him five other men who really inspired the citizens to better themselves and act as role models in their communities.

Throughout the assembly, the citizens learned much has the potential to act as a precedent in their futures. The speakers' inspirational topics moved the students and help give perspective on life in general.

House

Passed:

15% increase on tax on smokeless tobacco.

House and Senate

Passed:

Harsher punishments on businesses that dump toxic waste.

(This was first vetoed by Gov. Uzi but passed anyway due to a vote that got more than a 2/3 vote in both House and Senate)

Once again there was much heated debate within the Legislature today. Not much information was gained from the press though, due to complications from all the terrorist attacks on the community today. But some knowledge was gained.

The courts today ran more smoothly than ever and had very little confusion. With the help of James Dague, anytime the House would have something that complicated it, he would get things running quickly.

From the looks of things, if the courts were to stay running like this for more than the time we have left, we would be one of the best societies that have ever existed.

Final Farewells

By: Josh Linton

As the 2006 session of Mountaineer Boys State teeters on the edge of completion, many citizens look forward with anticipation and look back with remorse. Knowledge has been gained throughout the week, however, time much of that will be lost, but the memories which have been founded here will live on in the citizens' hearts and minds forever.

With anxious thoughts, many of the citizens stepped on to the hollowed ground of Jackson's Mill Sunday, June 12, 2006. Worries, big and small, plagued their minds and questions such as, "Will I succeed?" or "How will this affect my life?" and probably most prevalent, "How will I be able to survive a whole week without girls?" These feelings were quickly affirmed as the citizens stepped from the lax demands of society into the structured Boys State culture. Many had not experienced the marching and/or rigid inspections which would scrutinize every moment at the convention. Although complaints were ubiquitous and lack of sleep inundated the young men, much was gained from the experience. Friends, knowledge, and memories are just a few parts of Boys State which will remain in the minds of the citizens.

As the citizens prepare to attend their final Boys State assembly, denial is longer an option. In just a few hours, the experience will be finished, and the young men will no longer march around their "state," but the memories will march on forever in their hearts.

**SIXTY-NINTH WEST FORK RIVER REVIEW
JUNE 16, 2006**

1. INTRODUCTION-ADMINISTRATION
2. NEIL BOLYARD & TRUMAN SAYRE-"FIGHT MOUNTAINEERS"
3. BARBOUR-"THE AUCTIONEER SONG" BY AARON HARRIS
4. CALHOUN GANSTERS & VARIOUS ACTS OF UNTALENTED CAMPERS
HOOD DAWSON AND CREW
5. MONROE-FASHION SHOW
6. GILMER-BEAT BOXIN GILMER GAMECOCKS FEATURIN MC BLUE-
COLIN RAGER, ANDREW KOERBER, GRAHMAN ENDLER, & SETH LEVY
(MC BLUE)
7. LEWIS-LEWIS COUNTY HOEDOWN BY LEVI SANDERS AND THE NITTY
GRITTY MEATBALLS
8. KANAWHA-BENJAMIN BAILEY AND BEN KETTERING, MUSIC
9. UPSHUR-CADENCE BY TIGHE BULLOCK, MATT COYNE, RON MATNEY,
SHANKAR PADMANABAN, ERIK NEVILLE, DUSTIN HAISLIP, BEN KIDD,
MATT WRAY, ANDREW ICKES, & DANNY MORGAN
10. PANHANDLE-"GONE GOING" BY AUSTIN HEYWOOD AND CHUCK LEO-
NARD
11. MONONGALIA-"MORE COWBELL"
12. MARION-FREESTYLE DARRELL FEATURING DARRELL PADGETT
13. BRAXTON-ABRAM_____ & JEREMY HALSTEAD
-"GOOD RIDDANCE" BY GREEN DAY

-JOHN HADJIS ACROBATICS
14. RANDOLPH-FLAG FOLDING

**Happy Birthday
Betty Ann!**

- Thank you for your help and support throughout the week and we wish you the best.
- The Mountaineer Staff

SWAT Leader: Marie Burleigh

As the citizens of Mountaineer Boys States frolic around Jackson's Mill, hard at work in headquarters is Public Relations specialist for West Virginia University's Jackson's Mill Marie Burleigh. Throughout the day, Burleigh works hard to insure that everything runs smoothly.

Burleigh earned a Bachelors Degree of Science in Journalism from West Virginia University. When she wasn't participating in college, Buleigh worked for WBOY TV channel 12 in Clarksburg. She later moved to WDTV in Weston. Next, she went back to West Virginia University where she worked with the WVU video production. Following her job at the production studio, Burleigh she moved to West Virginia State as an instructional design at the satellite uplink. After 4 years, she went back to Morgantown where she became Senior Producer Director at Medical Television. Finally, she came to work at Jackson's Mill in October of 1987 where she has remained until the present date.

Because of her vivacious attitude and tremendous work ethic, Burleigh has gained much experience and been recognized several times for her exemplary work.

Burleigh is a valuable asset to the Jackson's Mill team and brings an irreplaceable humor to the office.

"The best part of my job is that it is different everyday. Today, I will be working with Boys State, and tomorrow a new group of students will be here," Burleigh said.

After 18 years with Jackson's Mill, Burleigh remains working her with the students for their youth.

"I like working with young people who are high school and college age because they offer a lot of energy and enthusiasm," Burleigh stated.

Burleigh also brings that enthusiasm to her work and touches every individual she encounters.

"Marie is easily one of the most vivacious people I have met here at Boys State," newspaper reporter Sam Yates commented. "The chance to work with her this past week has truly been an honor and quite a bit of fun."

After all her hard work, Burleigh finds time for personal life. She has a 10 year old son, and she enjoys nature photography, needle work and she is a voracious reader. She explains that one of her favorite books of all time is Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* which makes since because the books themes embody justice and free-spiritedness qualities Burleigh possesses.

Between work and her hobbies, Burleigh assumes a duty as District Governor fro Cappa Cappa Psi National Band Fraternity. When she instructs her youth she imparts on them her favorite quote, "Don't be stupid. We are all stupid on occasion in little ways, but don't be stupid in big ways which may lead to felonies."

Burleigh remains officer of the fraternity because she likes, "to watch these folks grow up and go of and become productive members of society."

In all that she accomplishes, Burleigh keeps one philosophy in mind, "I think it's really important to treat other people the way they want to be treated."

"Marie is an inspirational leader who keeps the work light and fun," newspaper editor Josh Linton said. "She makes everyone want to work hard and have fun. It amazes me that during all her hard work she remains smiling and I hope that I can maintain an attitude such as that in my professional career."

BY: ED

Ain't no mountain high
Ain't no valley low
Ain't no river wide enough, baby
If you need me, call me
No matter where you are
No matter how far
Ain't no valley low enough
Ain't no river wide enough
To keep me from getting to you
Remember the day
I set you free
I told you
You could always count on me
From that day on I made a vow

Ain't no mountain high enough

I'll be there when you want me
Some way, some how
'Cause baby,
There ain't no mountain high enough
Ain't no valley low enough
Ain't no river wide enough
To keep me from getting to you
No wind, no rain
My love is alive
Way down in my heart
Although we are miles apart

If you ever need a helping hand
I'll be there on the double

As fast as I can
Don't you know that
There ain't no mountain high enough
Ain't no valley low enough
Ain't no river wide enough
To keep me from getting to you
Don't you know that
There ain't no mountain high enough
Ain't no valley low enough
Ain't no river wide enough
Just call my name
I'll be there in a hurry
You don't have to worry

BOYS STATE OFFICIALS BREAK OWN LAWS

This past week the citizens have been elected to offices that mirror those held in our actual government, and just like actual officials, some took the law into their own hands and paid the consequence. Governor Uzi Ibrahim, Auditor Matt Carpenter, and DMV head Michael Bonhert; whilst performing their offices admirably, each of these public officials have been dealt justice.

Governor Uzi Ibrahim: The Governor, pressed for time, decided to take a drink on the road with him; but alas, was caught and charged with a DUI.

Auditor Matt Carpenter: Carpenter was charged with littering—some of his campaign literature was found in public, and he was fined.

DMV head Michael Bonhert: New head of the Mountaineer Boys State DMV, Bonhert was recently stopped and issued a speeding ticket.

Talent Show

Last evening the Boys State citizens preformed in the West Fork River Revue, the annual MBS talent show. There were numerous acts from each county cottage, ranging from a faux fashion show to flag folding. Emceed by our own Brandon Flower, the night was a truly memorable way to end our week here at MBS.

Assistant Treasurer

Blair Taylor, who works in the Department of Treasury for John Perdue, came to talk to the citizens of Boys State the other day about how we should watch our money more closely and about the importance of the State Treasury. He spoke to us about different education programs set up by the Treasury for kids as young as the 4th grade to prepare them for the future and some for adults who have trouble keeping track of their money.

The State Treasury doesn't just run those programs but it also keeps track of the states money to make sure it gets spent in the right way. Without our money being handled by this governmental office our state would not be able to function as well as it does. They make sure that roads are kept up, schools are well supplied, litter isn't everywhere, and other things of that nature. Taylor also said that, "The state Treasury is the bank of the state government and helps keep the money flow in and out of West Virginia."

Smith: Common name not a common man

One of Boys States most unsung heroes is Oce Smith, who has been affiliated with this program for the past 53 years (including his first year as a citizen). The year after he graduated he quickly became a counselor to make sure the kids have as much fun as he had.

Outside of camp Oce is known as Sergeant At Arms of the West Virginia House of Delegates and has been for 40 years. With this title he is in charge of the paging system of the police, decorum of chambers, and the he is also the escort of various important figures in special ceremonies, such as a governor, to make sure that the person makes it to the right place and the right time. He has also been involved with many newspapers such as *The New York Times*, for over 50 years. Last but not least he has also worked with the State Legislature.

Oce's main job here at Boy's State is to recruit men and women to present information at meals and assembly but does his best to help out in other ways as best he can. Without Oce, Boys State would not be as wonderful as it is.