

THE MOUNTAINEER

"Societal Issues Resolved"

By: Austin Daniels & Omar Zapata

Every citizen of Boys State has either been working as a staff member, running for office, or has been unemployed for the past few days. Today, we are all proud to say that the unemployment rate has decreased and everyone has a role in the Boys State society. Yesterday's unemployed citizens have randomly been assigned job positions somewhere in the community by elected officials as a way to make every citizen's experience at Boys State even more phenomenal. All citizens will be learning and developing skills as they work towards their goals through the last remaining days here at Boys State. The citizens will finally be able to unfold their potential as the community itself prospers.



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“American Legion Department of West Virginia State Commander”

Kenneth Smith, the current American Legion Department of West Virginia Commander, has the highest respect for Boys State, both for the lessons it teaches and the dedication shown by its citizens and counselors. Smith believes that the things taught here help shape the citizens into dedicated, more informed people that will be better prepared for adulthood. When asked his opinion of Boys state and its citizens the Commander had stated “If you got it, you got it, if you don’t, you don’t. I can tell everyone here has got it.”

Smith has been in some aspect of military nearly his whole adult life because college was not for him. He believed that college was for the elite, the rich, not him. He started his career by joining with the air force when he was eighteen. After years of service he then moved on to the U.S. Army engineers to help test pistol ballistics. Now he serves as the American Legion department Commander for the state of West Virginia.

*Written By:
Andrew Camp*



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**KENNETH SMITH, American
Legion Department of West
Virginia State Commander**

“State Police Out in Force”

Written By: Camden Cutlip

As many of you walk around campus, you may notice the Boy’s State Police taking action against the lawbreakers of Boys State. Boy’s State citizens are required to hold a valid driver’s license, registration, and their safety inspection cards on them at all times. Otherwise, police can and will pull you over and the consequences can be expensive, with punishments being fines and time in jail. Punishments can get worse for worse offenses and a serious offense can land a citizen in court, facing the prosecutor. State police are often called as witnesses in the cases, as they are often witnesses and make the arrests. The mission of the Boys State Police is simple; keep the state safe by enforcing the laws. So remember, if you get pulled over by a police officer, remain calm and listen to the instructions. The consequences could be severe if you don’t.

Unemployed Citizens

Attention all citizens of Boys State still seeking a job! Jobs are filling up quickly, but there are still enough for everyone in Boys State. To get assigned a position citizens need to speak to Jeff Ryman in Calhoun Cabin. For the citizens worried about picking up cicadas, do not worry: this is not actually a job. Instead, citizens will be doing jobs such as working in the DMV, being a Correctional Officer, and getting a job in the Department of Public Works. What is the Department of Public Works? This Department sets up events in the camp such as the Formal Review and assemblies. All of the jobs pay between \$20,000 and \$22,500. This is not as much as other jobs; it is much better than being unemployed. Remember.... If you took the bar exam and passed, you can still be an attorney. Make sure to take full advantage of this knowledge. Citizens make sure to seek employment with Jeff Ryman as soon as possible!

Written by: Alex Chandler, Staff Reporter

"The Iconic Campaigns of ALMBS 2016"

Written by: Brendan Wallace, Staff Writer

The campaigning, debating, and electing may be over, but the iconic tactics remain beyond the torn down signs. Amongst silly rhymes, peculiar name associations, and the shaking of hands, the rise to popularity has taken a fair amount of creativity in order to impact the near 400 campers.

Some of the most memorable and prominent "claims to fame" lie in the red and blue posters strewn throughout Jackson's Mill. Whether you simply promote your name or command people to "fear the beard," "think of me when you pee," or "remember the stache," the need to rack in votes continues to become a main priority. And you can't forget about the catchy rhymes, slogans, and jingles! "'If you need a leada, vote Tevita!'" 'Nero is our hero!' 'Dang Daniel! Back at it again with the Red-man!' 'I won't be a flop!'" Having someone remember your catchy slogan may be the way to gain more votes. (PS. remember to follow @turkish_nightmare on Instagram!)

Other ways to spread names lie in flamboyant titles, whether you're Ryan "Young" Money Dewey "Mountain Dew" Brown, "The Five Guys", or simply the guy with the last name Pancake (that's awesome). "Look at me! Look at me!" Further still, skills and promises have been used as a persuasion factor. We've heard candidates rap, "pipe it up" by taunting the crowds with traditional Scottish music. Others promised to eat cicadas upon making it through primaries.

To everyone who voted... thank you for your input and the acknowledgement of your privileges to vote! To all of the past candidates... thank you for your humor and entertainment! To all the elected officials... Congratulations!



Talent Show Auditions!

Tonight at 6:30.

Talent show held
Friday night at 8:00.

Come out a display
your talent!

Sale!

At Headquarters Store

50% OFF!!

- ❖ Pens.....0.50\$
- ❖ Pencils.....0.25\$
- ❖ License Plate Frame.....1.00\$
- ❖ Lanyard.....1.00\$
- ❖ Postcards.....4 for 1.00\$

The Purpose of the Formal Review

The Formal Review is an annual program put on by the citizens of Boys State to showcase the marching practiced by the cabins all week. However, many citizens here don't understand the purpose of this display. The formal Review is a ceremony to honor the newly elected governor and state officers, as well as any distinguished guests who are in attendance. The Formal Review also serves as a midweek display for parents, to show off the techniques and skills learned so far at Boys State. Assistant Director Robbie Robinson said, "The Formal Review is a chance for the teams to be a team. This is a military tradition. When the eyes right command is given, this is intended to show respect for the veterans and American Legion members in attendance, as well as your new officials." Boys State citizens should do their best in order to show the respect due to our veterans. By doing this ceremony, we at Boys State show respect to not only the flag, but also the country. *Written by: Staff Writers*

Economics & the Environment

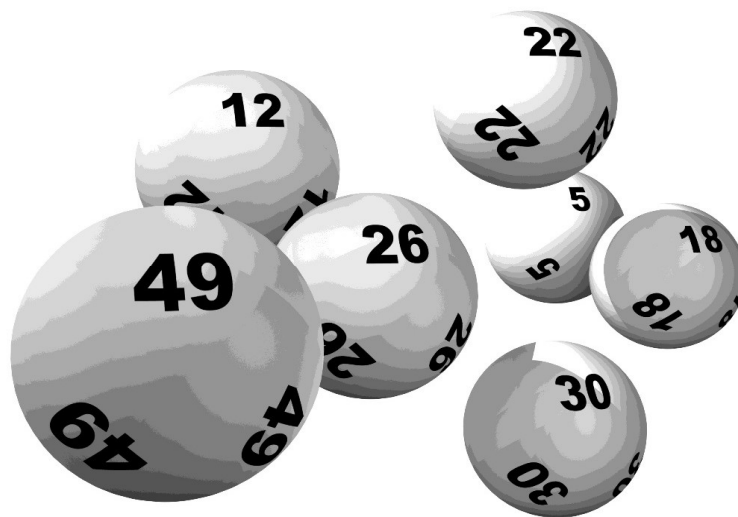
The social science of economics has been used to describe the factors determining the production and consumption of goods beginning sometime before the Renaissance. The progression of this social science has been driven by big businesses since 1860 with the increase of railroad construction and the realization of its uses; however, within economic advancement, greed can begin to manifest. This greed can be seen most prominently with the rise of global warming and a thinning ozone layer, raising a question of which is more important: environmental protection or economic advancement.

Some ALMBS Citizens opted for environmental protection, stating that environmental protection has more long-term effects. Future generations will not have to partake in wearing surgical masks due to smog - provided that our nation takes control of its rampant contribution to pollution.

Despite how opposing these two topics may seem, it's possible for economics and the environment to go hand-in-hand when economical greed is replaced with consumer care. "I believe that truth can be found between two extremes," says Michael Stuckert. "Without economic progression, we cannot innovate to make us a more environmentally friendly society." *Written by: Jarred Carter, Operations*

**Thanks to all
Veterans, Parents, and
Family for attending
today's activities!**

Boys State
Lotto
**DAILY 4
DRAWING**



First come, first serve!
If you got the winning tickets
then come on down!
-Cash & Prizes!-

Buy tickets at your nearest lottery station!

"Letters from the Co-Editors (Thursday)"

Today is the day which we fellow Boys State citizens officially run the camp. The laws of Boys State are now being enforced and put into effect. Along with these laws, we will also be congratulating our newly appointed government members as they assume their roles within our camp. Things are starting to change and the camp is shaping to what we citizens mold it into. It is important to speak up if you want your voice to be heard and your ideas taken in consideration.

After today, we will have one and a half days left here at Boys State. However, there are still many events which we can still participate in. Yesterday we had the opportunity to take part in the Inauguration of our new officials as well as the Formal Review. It's becoming quite an exciting week as more presentations, ceremonies, and scenarios are taking place. Boys State has been quite the adventure so far and appears to have more in store for us as the week continues. Best of luck to all citizens as our week continues on and remember to hydrate.

- Cooper Holmes



Wednesday is the first day of independence for the Citizens of Boys State. According to the counselors, we will practically be running camp operations ourselves- though, I hope this does not apply to toilet-plunging duty. The prospect of over four hundred teens committing themselves to various leadership roles is exciting. If we can excel in these careers after only one week, imagine what can be achieved after years of devotion towards a particular goal? Witnessing the talent at this camp, I am confident that West Virginia's current crisis will easily be mended by this rising generation, otherwise known as "The Men of Tomorrow".

Tuesday's college fair was a hit with us campers. We swarmed the booths, eager to learn about the educational opportunities that await in our futures. A rock climbing station, a high-tech DNR boat, and multiple other displays attracted a ton of attention from many others and myself. Whenever an academic experience can be melded with one which emits fun, the effect upon the minds of the participants is increased tenfold. I gained bunches from it!

For you readers, Formal Review would have already taken place. Since I'm writing this around ten hours before the event, I can do naught but speculate over its outcome. So: I personally cannot wait to share with my friends and family what I have accomplished at Boys State, as well as the skills that my fellow campers have. Let's have a great time, for this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Don't waste it by doing nothing, sulking and unemployed!

- Douglas Soule

"The Tomb of The Unknowns"

During Veterans Day in 1921, President Warren G. Harding presided over a ceremony for an unknown soldier who died during World War I. This action led to what is now known now as "The Tomb of The Unknowns Memorial". The monument is located at the Arlington National Cemetery standing atop a hill overlooking Washington D.C. The purpose of the idea of burying the remains of an identified war veteran is to honor all unidentified veterans for providing their service to the United States.

The Tomb is and has been under daily vigilance and protection since 1937 by what we call "Tomb Guards". In order to become a tomb guard you have to be awarded with a "tomb guard medal, which is incredibly rare and difficult to obtain due to the discipline needed to be given this and also the amount of tests that need to be passed. Once you've been given this medal, it is also extremely easy to get it taken away, in fact, even the inability to use proper behavior on or off duty will lead to the dismissal of your badge.

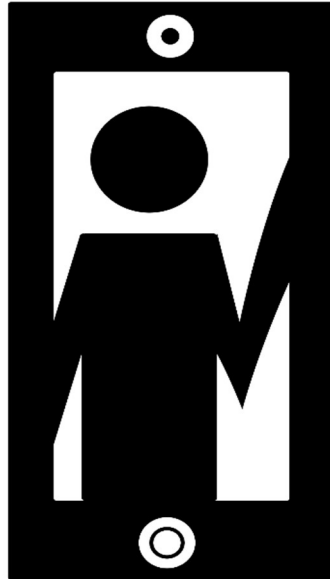
In order to honor these unidentified veterans The Mountaineer Boys State community has a replica of the monument, aside from the fact that the one located here is not guarded. The monument is simply beautiful due to its beautiful decorations. There are three wreaths on the North panel and another three wreaths located on the south panel, within each wreath there are 38 leaves and 12 berries on them, meanwhile on the Eastern panel there are three Greek figures carved, which stand for "Peace", "Victory" and "Valor". The citizens of Boys State are allowed to go pay their respects at the memorial during anytime of the day during their stay.



*Written By:
Omar Zapata*

Selfie of the Day!!!

SHOW US
YOUR PICS
TO BE
FEATURED



**Stop by the newspaper
office with your phone
and a cable!**



Men of Tomorrow

Written by Roy Lee Harmon – Music by Margaret Nicely Leidig

VERSE

Someday the State we love will call for leaders strong and bold
To solve the problems great or small and we'll be enrolled
For service to our fellowmen, and we won't be afraid,
We're training now for service, then we'll lead the big parade.

CHORUS

Oh, we're the . . .
Men of Tomorrow, we march along in happy ranks today.
We never borrow a bit of care or grief along the way.
Gladly we're learning the things a good American should know.
Gladly we're yearning to chart the way a patriot should go.
 With lessons done, objectives won
 Good citizens we'll be;
 We'll proudly stand in our home land
 When Mountaineers are free,
Men of tomorrow, good fellowship each one of us enjoys,
Men of tomorrow . . . a group of all American boys.

MENU

BREAKFAST

Eggs, Sausage Wrap Sticks/Syrup,
Hot & Cold Cereal, Fresh Fruit
Orange Juice

LUNCH

Tacos, Applesauce, Shredded
Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Sour
Cream, Salsa, Cheddar Cheese,
Fried Rice, Churros, Milk

DINNER

Rotini, Corn, Garlic Bread, Salad,
Chocolate Cake, Fresh Fruit, Milk