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## 38<sup>TH</sup> BOYS' STATE UNDERWAY

### Neely Calls for Technical Answers



Capitalizing upon his own youth, 33-year old State Supreme Court Justice Richard Neely kicked off the first gathering of citizens of the 38th Annual Mountaineer Boys' State (following the evening meal) with a call for technical answers to today's problems.

Neely's theme for his speech, which received two standing ovations, "How It All Comes Down." He told citizens they had been growing up

in an atmosphere of some of the worst defeats this country has had since its inception. Most notably, he referred to the outcome of the Viet Nam War and the Arab Oil embargo. Neely said as a result of these experiences, people are becoming increasingly cynical about their government thinking it is "evil." However, Neely said the problem with government is lack of technical knowledge of the problems and subsequent lack of technical solutions. Said Neely, "They simply don't know how it all comes down."

Neely said the U.S. did not lose the Viet Nam War, rather it simply decided that the war was no longer worthwhile. "Let's forget Southeast Asia," said Neely, "and go on to the next battle."

Turning to the problems of the Energy Crisis, Neely said the U.S. can become the biggest energy producer in the world with Nuclear energy, if we will just use our "organized collective intelligence" and the government's ability to mobilize that intelligence.

A very emphatic speaker, Neely said, "The government runs on knowledge of every field of endeavor, not on political bullcrap."

Neely closed by saying: "If anything is going to happen in West Virginia or the United States, it's because you and I are going to make it happen."

Three hundred sixty-three new citizens descended on Jackson's Mill yesterday to kick off the 38th Annual Mountaineer Boys' State, and they wasted no time in getting into the thick of what promises to be a very hot campaign.

Activity at GHQ was almost chaotic as potential candidates, trying to beat the rainstorm which arose shortly before the end of last night's assembly, stormed Headquarters to get materials to begin producing campaign literature.

Boys' State Administrator, Tommy E. Jones, has announced candidates will be given a wider latitude in the design of campaign literature this year, because of the increased availability of paper and the efficiency of the two Xerox 3100's. Jones explained that this would allow more creativity and individuality in the campaigns. Also, Jones said while no campaign literature will be allowed in the Mess Hall, a candidate may post campaign materials any place he can reach, as long as his feet touch the ground.

Actual campaigning in preparation for tonight's primary will get underway at 8 a.m. today when citizens begin filing for various offices with acting Secretary of State, Bob Stine. Filing will take place from 8-12 noon at GHQ. Ballots for the primary will be distributed prior to tonight's assembly, and voting will take place immediately afterward. The polls will be open as long as citizens need to vote.

Candidates for Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, Attorney General, Prosecuting Attorney, and Circuit Judge must pass the bar exam in order to remain eligible for office. All citizens must take the exam, which will be given throughout the day.

### NOTICES

—The 38th Annual Boy's State was less than a day old yesterday when Administrator Tommy E. Jones commended the citizens as being one of the most punctual and courteous groups he has worked with for some time. It looks as if the 38th is off to a good start.

—Anyone needing to contact Doc Kercheval after lights out, may find him at No. 8 Monongalia Cottage. During regular hours, Doc will be at GHQ.



## BOWDEN MAKES FIFTH ADDRESS TO CITIZENS

"I get more satisfaction out of talking to you young men than any other group I talk to," said Bobby Bowden, head football coach at West Virginia University. Bowden was the keynote speaker last night for the first general assembly of citizens to the 38th Annual Mountaineer Boys' State. Bowden has been speaking to Citizens of Boys' State since he became head football coach in 1970.

Bowden said people often do not know how great West Virginia is. He said he is sure more successful leaders have come from West Virginia than any other state. Bowden told citizens, "You must be proud you are West Virginians. We must be proud and stick together because of our lack of size." He noted the state's population is 1.8 million, not as large as some of the nation's larger cities.

Bowden, who is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, tried to impress upon the citizens that they are the most talented young men in the state ("You are the cream of the crop") and said it was their responsibility to God to use their talents to the fullest.

"Your responsibility to God is to take your talent and use it to the best of your ability to God, to others, and to yourself. The world is full of men who won't attempt because they are afraid to fail," said the WVU coach.

Bowden closed by saying, "As you go back, build your life physically, spiritually, and mentally."

## DOC KERCHEVAL HONORED WITH NEW TROPHY

Doctor P.E. Kercheval, the spry 77-year-old young Kingwood, W. Va. native who has given so unselfishly to and attended every Boys' State since its inception in 1936, was honored in last night's assembly with the presentation of the Dr. P.E. Kercheval Trophy.

Originally the trophy was to be dedicated Wednesday, but Boys' State Administrator, Tommy E. Jones, said the Sunday night presentation was decided upon for fear the good Doctor would discover the secret.

Criteria, on which the awarding of the trophy is to be based, will be outlined today.

The new Kercheval Trophy becomes the third trophy to be awarded at Boys' State each year, along with the Frank L. Taylor Jr. Memorial Trophy and the William R. Fugitt Memorial Trophy. Athletic Director John Giles explained last night that the award of the Taylor Trophy is based on the top 10 boys' scores on the bar exam, which means there will be a minimum of 10 boys considered for the award, but because of ties, the total number considered for the trophy could be higher. The winner will be chosen after an interview with the Trophy Committee.

The Fugitt Trophy is awarded to the cottage receiving the best all-around scores in the areas of: Bar Exam; City Government; County Government; Board of Education; Circuit Courts; Inspection, Athletics; and General Conduct.

All trophies will be awarded Saturday morning, according to Trophy Committee member, Jim Riffle.





PROGRAM SCHEDULEDAILY THROUGH THE WEEK

6:30 Reveille and Clean Quarters  
 7:20 Flag Raising  
 7:25 Breakfast

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1975

MORNING

8:00 File for State Offices at GHQ - Harrison County. File for County Offices with County Counselor

GROUP ARRANGEMENT BY COUNTIES TO MEET ASSIGNMENTS FOR LECTURES

Group 1 - Marion, Kanawha  
 Group 2 - Braxton, Webster  
 Group 3 - Panhandle, Gilmer, Monroe  
 Group 4 - Lewis, Upshur, Barbour  
 Group 5 - Randolph, Calhoun, Monongalia

Courts - West Virginia Building  
 State Police - Assembly  
 Law Lecture - Rural Electric  
 Safety - Flame Way  
 Press Relations - Kanawha

	8:10-8:45	8:55-9:30	9:40-10:15	10:25-11:00	11:00-11:45
Group 1	Courts	St. Police	Law Lecture	Safety	P.R.
Group 2	St. Police	Law Lecture	Safety	P.R.	Courts
Group 3	Law Lecture	Safety	P.R.	Courts	St. Police
Group 4	Safety	P.R.	Courts	St. Police	Law Lecture
Group 5	Press Relations	Courts	St. Police	Law Lecture	Safety

AFTERNOON

12:15 LUNCH

1:15-1:50 Bar Exam:  
 Federalists- West Virginia Building  
 Nationalists - Assembly Hall

2:00-3:40 Party Caucuses:  
 Federalists - West Virginia Building  
 Nationalists - Assembly Hall

3:45-5:00 Athletics - Band

5:15-5:25 RETREAT

5:30 DINNER

6:15-7:15 Athletics - Band

7:30 Assembly  
 Dr. Daniel B. Taylor, State Superintendent of Schools

10:45 Taps - All citizens in Bed. Lights out at 11:00 P.M.