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FAREWELL CITIZENS & STAFF BOYS' STATE 1997

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

I would like to thank each staff member and each citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State for the excellent cooperation you have given me this week. I hope you have had an enjoyable week and that your stay was worthwhile. Have a good and safe trip home. May this week remain in your memory for the rest of your lives.

We would also like to thank Melinda Sines and Bridget Ferguson of the Legion Headquarters in Charleston for having things ready for us again this year!

Robert Stine

Administrator

FROM THE EDITORS COMPUTER

If you found a "typo" in your noozepaper, please overlooke the mistakes. We have tried to brang you the nooze in the bestest way we kin. Thanks to all you'uns who helped with the nooze. A spechal thanks to those who helped to stapell the noozepaper every evenin'. Thanks to O. C. Jones, Miguel Munoz, Stewart Sleims, Pat McCulloch, and Betty Ann Williams for their stick-to-it with getting the packets ready for Saturday morning.

I would like to thank the counselors for not complaining when the schedule wasn't exactly write.

We thank you, the Citizens, for just being here this week. Without you, there would be no Boys' State. Feel free to come bak for a vizit enytyme ewe want.

Betsy Potterfield

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE, INC.

SATURDAY JUNE 14, 1997 6:30 REVEILLE AND CLEAN QUARTERS
7:50 FLAG RAISING

8:00 BREAKFAST

9:30 FINAL ASSEMBLY
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND TROPHIES

DEPARTURE NOTES: LEAVE PACKED LUGGAGE ON THE PORCHES OF ANY OF
THE FOLLOWING COTTAGES - MARION, KANAWHA,
UPSHUR, OR LEWIS HAVE YOUR RIDE HOME MEET YOU
IN AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE
ADJOURNMENT.

ADJOURNMENT

ADDRESS CORRECTION!!!

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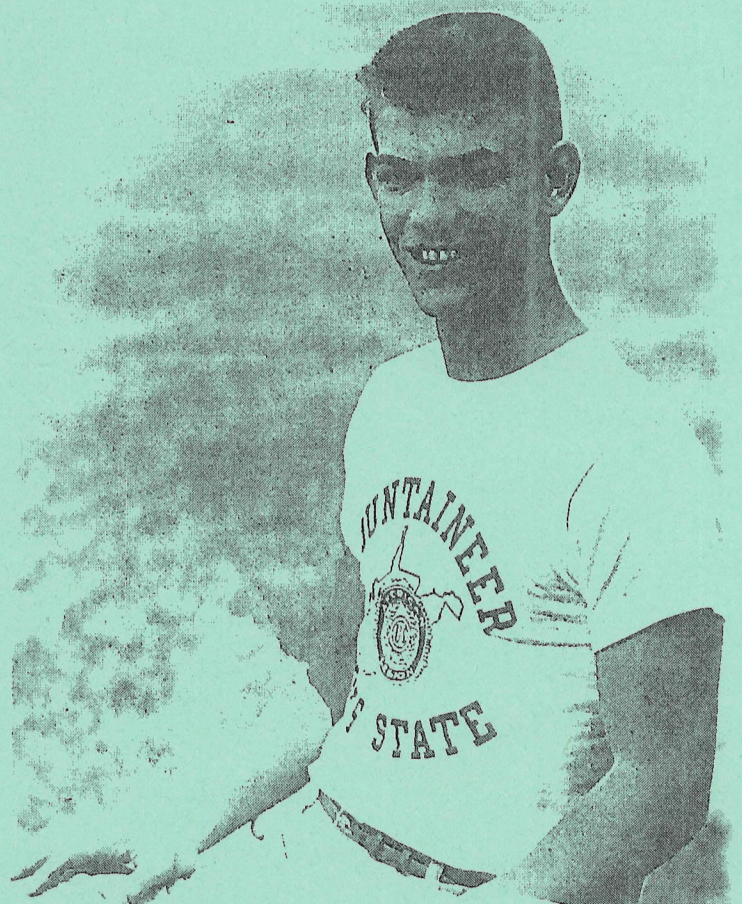
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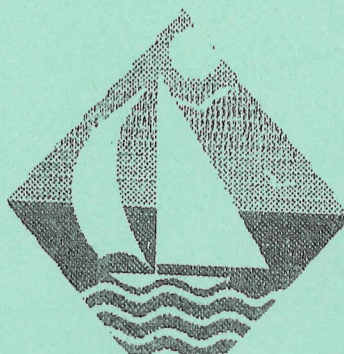
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PACKET RESULTS ARE IN

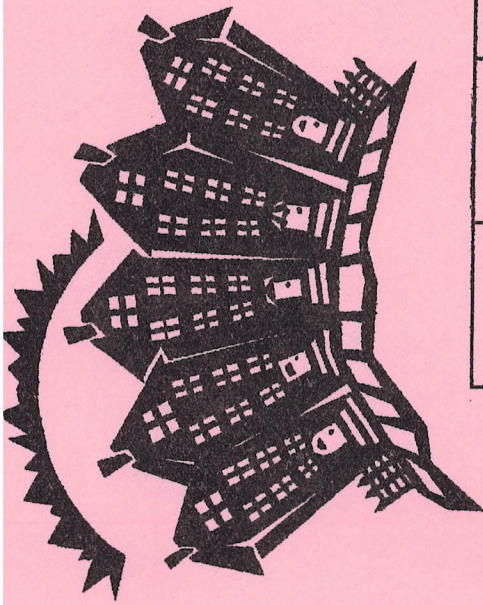
	CITY	COUNTY
BARBOUR	65	68
BRAXTON	68	68
CALHOUN	83	83
GILMER	87	82
KANAWHA	69	84
LEWIS	66	70
MARION	95	88
MONONGALIA	71	72
MONROE	68	70
PANHANDLE	91	85
RANDOLPH	68	72
UPSHUR	75	72
WEBSTER	71	72



Do you recognize this former Boys'
State citizen? If not, see Friday's
paper for a clue!



HAVE A SAFE
TRIP HOME
AND A
GREAT SUMMER!



COTTAGE INSPECTION RESULTS

	BARBOUR	BRAXTON	CALHOUN	GILMER	KANAWHA	LEWIS	MARION	MONON.	MONROE	PANHDL.	RANDOLPH	UPHUR	WEBSTER
MON.	95	89	100	91	100	97	99	99	87	92	88	90	86
TUES.	98	100	96	100	92	88	90	92	84	100	100	84	96
WED.	100	91	100	94	94	97	100	100	85	100	97	87	97
THURS.	100	92	100	100	100	96	96	96	72	100	100	84	100
FRI.	95	85	100	95	95	95	100	90	85	90	95	85	100
TOTAL	488	457	496	480	481	473	485	477	413	482	480	430	479
AVG.	97.6	91.4	99.2	96.0	96.2	94.6	97	95.4	82.6	96.4	96	86	95.8

SPORTS PAGE



ATHLETIC RESULTS

DAY	AREA I	AREA II	AREA III	AREA IV	AREA V
FRIDAY FIRST SESSION	BRAXTON-N GILMER KANAWHA-F MONONGALIA	KANAWHA-N MARION-N PANHANDLE-N RANDOLPH-F	BARBOUR BRAXTON-F CALHOUN LEWIS-N	MONROE-F MARION-F MONROE-N LEWIS-F	WEBSTER RANDOLPH-N UPSHUR PANHANDLE-F
FRIDAY SECOND SESSION	MARION-N UPSHUR MONROE-F WEBSTER	MONONGALIA MONROE-N RANDOLPH-N MARION	LEWIS-F PANHANDLE-N PANHANDLE-F RANDOLPH-F	BRAXTON-N LEWIS-N KANAWHA-F GILMER	KANAWHA-N BARBOUR BRAXTON-F CALHOUN

ANNUAL BELLY FLOP CONTEST HELD FRIDAY AT POOL

Michael Park was the emcee Friday as several brave souls entered the "belly flop" contest at the pool. Seven contestants had two flops each. The scores from these two flops were added together and three finalists were chosen.

The criteria for the best "flop" is to land flat on the water, have the reddest belly and disperse the greatest amount of water. Extra points are given for the sound of the flop, facial expression, and crowd reaction.

The first place winner was Marshall Mohler of Marion Cottage. Seth Summer of Panhandle Cottage finished second, while Jim Davis a Junior Counselor in Monroe took third place. Congratulations to all of the winners!

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I BELIEVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE; WHOSE JUST POWERS ARE DERIVED FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT; A DEMOCRACY IN A REPUBLIC; A SOVEREIGN NATION OF MANY SOVEREIGN STATES; A PERFECT UNION, ONE AND INSEPARABLE; ESTABLISHED UPON THESE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM, EQUALITY, JUSTICE AND HUMANITY FOR WHICH AMERICAN PATRIOTS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AND FORTUNES.

I THEREFORE BELIEVE IT IS MY DUTY TO MY COUNTRY TO LOVE IT, TO SUPPORT ITS CONSTITUTION, TO OBEY ITS LAWS, TO RESPECT ITS FLAG, AND TO DEFEND IT AGAINST ALL ENEMIES.

(Authorized Version)

FRIDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

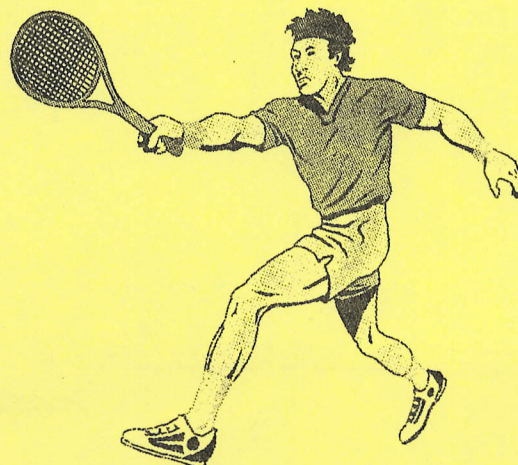
THREE'S COMPANY

1. Bride, Groom, Wedding; 2. Kirk, MacArthur, Michael; 3. Accelerate, Hurry, Quicken; 4. Cylindrical, Globular, Spherical; 5. Fairbanks, Gary, Houston; 6. Helicopter, Jet, Zeppelin; 7. Agreement, Concord, Unison; 8. Comma, Dash, Hyphen; 9. Bismarck, Merrimac, Monitor; 10. Knockout, Ring, Round; 11. Butte, Knoll, Mound; 12. Age, Era, Period; 13. Gloves, Mittens, Muff; 14. Chicago, Rush, Van Halen; 15. Chisel, Crowbar, Plane.

SUM TRIANGLES

A-3, B-7, C-9, D-2, E-4, F-6, G-5, H-8, I-1.

Due to a rainstorm the tennis tournament was abruptly ended. The four semifinalists have all been declared winners. The semifinalists were Curia, Weir, O'Brien, and Johnson. Congratulations gentlemen!



WEST FORK RIVER REVIEW

1. MONONGALIA - Charles Wilmoth - Instrumental (playing viola and guitar)
2. BARBOUR - Nine Barbers - skit
3. BRAXTON - Guitar Instrumental - Bill Kohler
4. PANHANDLE - The HOLE Cottage - skit
5. MARION - Bell Ringers - The Marion County Guitar Association
6. MONROE - Tickling the Ivories - piano instrumental by Rod Snyder
7. GILMER - Musical presentation by Adam Harki and Mike Brooks
8. CALHOUN - The "Yodeling Cowboy" - Chris Turner
9. RANDOLPH - YMCA - Phil's Village People
10. LEWIS - Singing by Matt Reger. Guitarists Ben Samples and Josh Loy. Rhythm by Mike Walker.
11. WEBSTER - Singing an undecided song - John Toney
12. KANAWHA - A song by Twenty-four Hits and No Misses
13. MONROE - Omkar Karthikeyan - plays the guitar.
14. BRAXTON - Piano recital by Nick Williams.
15. UPSHUR - Limericks by John Shannon.
16. UPSHUR - Boys' State concerto in "D" Flat on the piano - Jeremy Pomeroy



HEADQUARTERS STAFF

KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

GOVERNOR

Major Newsom lives in Mt. Hope with his mother, Shirley E. Woodson. He has four siblings: Nadia, Kita, Anwar, and Tori. He attends Mount Hope High School where he is a member of the Pep Club, Spanish Club, SADD, FCA, and the Knowledge Team. He also plays football and basketball. His girlfriend's name is Brandi Patterson.

In addition to being elected the Governor of Boys' State, he has been recognized as Wendy's High School Heisman winner and as an outstanding Black Student. After high school he plans to play college football and study psychology.

While here at Boys' State, he lived in Braxton Cottage. When asked to comment on the week, he said: "I really enjoyed this week. I had a chance to meet wonderful guys." Anyone who wishes to keep in contact with him, his address is:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Nate (Nathan) Smith resides in Belle, WV with his mother and father, Denise and Jon. He has two siblings: Lindsey and Thad. He attends DuPont High School where he plays golf, participates in track and field, is President of Teenage Republicans. He is a member of the following organizations: Academic Team, Boy Scouts of America, Latin Club, National Honor Society, and the Baptist Youth Fellowship.

In addition to being the Secretary of State here at Boys' State, Nate is the 1997 West Virginia Science Fair Grand Prize Winner, a three-year finalist in the International Science Fair, and an Eagle Scout candidate, and was named an outstanding scholar by former Governor Caperton. He has also served as a youth volunteer in Governor Underwood's campaign and has volunteered at the Charleston Area Medical Center and as the Youth for David McKinley chairperson in Kanawha County.

After high school Nate plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in chemistry, and then attend medical school. He would also like to serve as a public servant in West Virginia because he feels that as a physician, it would be exciting to bring new ideas to state government.

He was a member of Panhandle Cottage and in commenting about the week said, "This week has been one of my most memorable. Being politically active, I have enjoyed all of the governmental activities this week. Also, the sports and other activities have been of great interest. I have made many new friends this week as well. I am really glad that I attended this camp!"

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Preston DeFrancis lives with his parents, Robert and Patricia. He attends Wheeling Park High School, where he is President of the Key Club, a member of the Speech Team (WV State Champions for 18 consecutive years), the National Honor Society, the International Thesbian Society, and Chorus. He is also very active in both school and community theater.

While at Mountaineer Boys' State he was elected Attorney General (using his campaign slogan, "Presto is Besto"). In addition to this honor, he was named the individual Speech State Champion in Dramatic Duo and, in 1996, attended the Governor's School for the Arts in Theater. He plans to attend a well-respected college or university after graduation from high school.

He resided in Marion Cottage while here at Boys' State and in speaking about his experience here said, "I was genuinely surprised at how fun and educational the Boys' State program is. I really had a great time 'learning by doing' and hope that I can stay involved in some capacity with Mountaineer Boys' State."

TREASURER

“ Matthew Edward Drummond lives in Huntington with his parents, Tom and Anne, and his brother Zach. He attends Huntington High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, French Honorary, and the Quill and Scroll honorary. He achieved very high honors ('96-'97) while serving as the editor of the school newspaper and the Senior Class President ('95-96). He also plays ice hockey and runs cross country and track. His girlfriend is Heather Cox. After high school, he plans to attend college and major in Mechanical Engineering. Matt has aspirations to work for an automotive corporation, get married and live a prosperous life.

He would like to thank Alex Brown, “the real man behind ‘Peachy,’ Monongalia Cottage for great support, and Spanky, Cheeks, Wapner, Gilpin, Smith, Wheeler, Brent Walker, all of the Executive Committee, and Dave Moore - for a great race. Last but not least, he would like to thank his counselors Jeff “Mezz” Mezzatesta, Andy Grimm, David Elkins, and Matt Anderson.

Matthew used the nickname, “Peachy,” to help him become elected Treasurer of Boys’ State. When asked about the week, he said, My week at Boys’ State has been exciting, one I will never forget. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and had fun. I’ll look forward to seeing all of you at future events.”

AUDITOR

Thomas Elkins Lee IV lives in Clarksburg with his father, Tom, his mother, Marilyn, and his two siblings, Colton and Tiffany. He attends Robert C. Byrd High School where he participates in Hugged, was a prom helper his Freshman year. Next year he will be on the Yearbook Staff, Student Council, and the Bowling Club. He plays Soccer, Football, Basketball, Tennis, but does not have a girlfriend at the moment. After high school, he will attend either Marshall University or WV basing his decision partly on scholarships offered him.

Thomas hailed from Randolph Cottage and his slogan “Just Vote for me” helped him to become elected State Auditor here at Boys’ State. When asked about the program, he commented that, I have learned a lot about the way the government is run. This has been a wonderful experience. I will be keeping memories for the rest of my life. When I first arrived, I had no idea what was to come. Now that I am here, I don’t want to leave.”

He would like to thank American Legion Post 13. “They have given me a chance to prove myself and it is an honor to me that they have done all of this work for me.” He would also like to thank all of the citizens for all the support and trust they have given him.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Chad Graham lives in Huntington with his mother, Tracie, and his brother, Todd. He attends Cabell Midland High School where he is the Treasurer of the National Honor Society and Vice President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a member of the Key Club, Student Council, as well as the football and the basketball teams. He was the Sophomore Homecoming King and claims to have too many girlfriends to list!?!

He hopes to go to college (at Shepherd or Clemson) and earn a degree in Biology or Pharmacy. After college Chad plans to “achieve greatness.” According to Chad, the most important thing in his life is his salvation. “Without God’s love and guidance my life would be a disaster. I believe that we as young Americans can change our state, nation, and the world. He would like to thank Mike Olson for help with his campaign, as well as Lewis Cottage and his counselors.

Chad lived in Lewis Cottage while here at Boys’ State and used the name ‘The Graham Cracker’ to become elected to the position of Commissioner of Agriculture. He had the following to say about his Boys’ State experience: “At the beginning of the week I was somewhat skeptical as to whether this would be fun. As the days have passed, it has become a great experience. This camp is very worthwhile and I am enjoying it. I feel privileged to have had this opportunity.”

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Garrett H. Stover lives with his father, Jerry, his mother, Nancy, his sister, Jessie, and his brother, Jason, in Hinton. He attends Summers County High School where he is a member of Hi-Y, the Bible Club and the National Honors Academy. He plays football, roller hockey, and runs track. After high school he plans to attend college and involve himself in missionary work.

In addition to becoming the Chief Justice (using the nickname ‘Blur’), he has been selected for attendance at the Governors Honors Academy. He hails from Monroe Cottage and has following to say about the Boys’ State program: “The chance to act out the procedures of State Government has been fun and challenging. You definitely know more coming out than going in. I would like to thank my lord and savior, Jesus Christ, and all those who have sponsored and supported me in attending Boys’ State.”

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Steven Butcher lives in Parkersburg with his parents Patti and Jerry Butcher. He has one sister, Britni. He attends Parkersburg South High School, where is in a member of the Key Club, Hi-Y, JETS, Chess Club, Academic Team, Science Bowl, and National Honor Society. He also enjoys playing soccer.

Steven was elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals at Boys' State. His nickname during his campaign was Steve "The" Butcher. In addition to this honor, he has attended the Governor's Honors Academy. He has also received the Prager Award, Principal's List Honor for 4.0 average, and was vice-president of the Key Club.

He resided at Braxton Cottage while at Boys' State and in commenting about the week said, "I had a good time this week. At first, I wasn't having much fun but as the week progressed, it turned into a great experience. Campaigning was a blast and making new friends was great. I have loved serving as a Justice of the Supreme Court. I have learned much and had a good time."

Steven's future plans include attending college while majoring in Political Science. He wishes to enroll in a pre-law program, go to law school at Harvard, start his own law firm, run for United States Senate, and then eventually become President of the United States.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

John Lockwood resides in Charleston, West Virginia with his parents, Ron and Ramona Lockwood. He attends Poca High School where he is involved in peer mediation, the ski club, and Campus Christian Fellowship. He participates in baseball and basketball.

While at Mountaineer Boys' State, John was elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals using the nickname "The Wood." He resided in Monroe Cottage. When asked to comment on the week, he said, "It has been a deliciously enriching experience for mind and body. It was also very educational."

John's plans after high school are to attend college and go to aeronautical engineering school.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

James Owrey resides in Bluefield, WV with his parents, Jim and Rosalie Owrey. He has one sister, Sara. He attends Bluefield High School where he is involved in the Pep Club, Key Club, Interact Spanish Club, Student Council, and National Honor Society. He also participates in baseball and soccer.

While at Boys' State, James was elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals. His nickname during the campaign was Jimbo "Show Me the Money" Owrey. He resided in Lewis Cottage. His comments concerning Boys' State were, "Boys' State is an excellent opportunity to develop a higher level of maturity and citizenship. This week I highly enjoyed running for office, serving our state as Supreme Court Justice, and listening to great speakers like A. J. Manchin. Getting to know other Boys' Staters, especially those in my cottage, was a top-notch experience."

James has plans to attend college, possibly at WVU, and study business law and/or civics. He sends an utmost thanks to members of the American Legion, Jackson's Mill staff and his counselors. He has been blessed to have this experience.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Matthew Glenn White lives in Huntington, WV with his parents, Glenn and Lisa White. He has one sister, Allison. Matthew attends Huntington High School where is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honors Club. He also participates in golf and baseball. His girlfriend's name is Katie Christian.

While at Boys' State, Matthew was elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals. His nickname was Matt "Wapner" White. He resided in Randolph Cottage. His comments about Boys' State were, "As I arrived and the first couple of days went by, I had no idea what I was getting into. As campaign manager of the Nationalist Party, and Justice of the Supreme Court, I have had the time of my life. The staff here is absolutely amazing at building confidence and leadership. I would like to thank my new friends in Randolph Cottage, fellow judges of the Supreme Court, and all fellow citizens and staff for their support throughout the week."

Matthew's plans after high school are to pursue a career in Accounting or Law.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Joel Parker resides in Weston, West Virginia with his parents, J.B. & Mary Jane Parker. He attends Lewis County High School where he is a member of the Student Council. He is also a member of the NCAC All-Academic Team in Track and Soccer. He has two siblings: Jordan and Jaime.

While at Boys' State, he was appointed to State Superintendent of Schools. His nickname during the campaign was "Bruce Lee". He resided at Braxton Cottage.

When asked to comment about Boys' State, he said, "It was nothing as I imagined, but I found it to be a great experience and I learned knowledge I won't forget. I made new friends in which I hope to keep in touch with also. This will be something I'll never forget. This week felt like it lasted forever, but it was fun. Special thanks to the Braxton counselors also.

Joel's plans after high school are to attend college, run track, and major in Computer Science.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Corley F. Dennison resides in Ona, WV with his parents, Corley and Betty Dennison. He has two brothers, Brandon and Kevin. He attends Cabell Midland High School where he is a member of the J.R.O.T.C., Kitty Hawk Air Society, Boy Scouts, and Key Club. His girlfriend's name is Jennifer Scarberry.

While at Boys' State, he was elected to President of the Senate. His nickname during the campaign was "Cory". He resided at Randolph Cottage.

After high school, Corley plans to attend college where he hopes to play football. He would like to do R.O.T.C. in college. Then after serving in the military, he would like to go into law and politics.

When asked to comment about Boys' State, he said, "This has been one of the best experiences of my life, both educationally and socially. I would recommend this to anyone. Though it is all hard work, it pays off in the end. This camp truly represents the political process. I would first like to thank the Milton American Legion for sending me. I want to thank my cottage (Randolph) for supporting me, and all the people in the Senate who voted for me and cooperated with me."

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Phil Hancock lives in Bluefield, West Virginia with his parents, Al and Sonia Hancock. He has one sister, Laarni. He attends high school at Bluefield High School (Home of the Mighty Beavers!). He is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club, Interact Club, Spanish Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Bible Club, School Newspaper, Pep Club, and the Health Sciences and Technology Academy of WVU (HSTA).

His honors include Student Body President, National Honor Society Vice-President, Key Club Vice-President, Who's Who, Captain of the Junior Varsity Soccer Team, and State Senate Page. He plays on the varsity soccer team.

While at Boys' State, Phil was elected to the Speaker of the House. His nickname during the campaign was Phil "My" Hancock. He resided in Randolph Cottage.

His comments about Boys' State were, "I love Boys' State! Even though I didn't get elected to serve as Governor, I loved every minute. Governor Newsom fought a good fight and I really enjoyed his competition. I also enjoyed making many new friends this week. I am really looking forward to accidentally running into you guys on the field or at various school activities someday. Write me! I would like to thank Mike Park (my adopted father) for guiding this week. Hey, Mike, I am looking forward to seeing you for many years to come. Thanks to Mark Zackwieja (Go Beavers!) for his time, and to the Boys' Nation Committee for honoring me with their time as well. I can go on and on, but most of all, I would like to thank God. For it was by His hands that I have learned so many things here. He has been so good to me. I love Him with all of my heart."

Phil's plans after high school are to attend UNC - Chapel Hill (If I get in?) And then to attend graduate school and study medicine.