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2001 Primary Election RESULTS

NATIONALIST

Governor

Ty "Tito" Hairston

Secretary of State

Jason Trout

Auditor

Rocky "The Rock" Romano

Treasurer

Bryan Andrew Belesky

Commissioner of Agriculture

Jeffrey "Guff" Gustafson

Attorney General

Matt Miller

Supreme Court Justice

Daniel Wiley "Coyote"

Austin Powers Alvis

Cameron "The Enforcer" Keyes

Ryan "Dizzy" Wakim

Ryan Light

FEDERALIST

Governor

Matthew "Stonestreet"

Secretary of State

Peter "Peter Can Do It" Ran

Auditor

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Treasurer

Joeseeph Ielapi

Commissioner of Agriculture

John Wells

Attorney General

Richard "Dick" Geary

Supreme Court Justice

Alex "AC" Carter

Cody "Put 'em in Jail" Shell

"True" Drew Eddy

Philip Reale

Josh "The Real Deal" Robinson

MOUNTAINEER *Forum*

From the Editor's Desk:

The Constitution of the United States of America sets forth all of the essential rules and regulations regarding how the government of the country is run. One thing that the Constitution does not provide for is the two party system. In fact, George Washington warned against the party system, as he believed that it would divide the country and limit the ability of representatives to serve their constituents completely. It is unlikely, however not inconceivable, that in our lifetimes the two party system could be abolished. This should be the goal of all men and women who want the government to operate the way it was intended to.

This does not mean, however, that it is a bad thing for Boys' State to teach politics based on the two party system. This is a good thing because the world of politics is divided into two parties, and the idea behind Boys' State is to prepare young men for the real world of politics.

The point is that once we are inserted into this system, we have the ability to change it. In fact, the citizens of Boys' State are perhaps the best equipped to change the system. If the party system is done away with, candidates will be free to decide their opinions on an issue by issue basis and not forced to support or vote for an issue that neither they nor the people they represent believe in.

This year, it is the intention of the editor to operate The Mountaineer as a public forum for sharing information and expressing opinions. You are encouraged to write a letter to the editor or a guest column and submit it for consideration. These items may be submitted at GHQ.

The Popular Vote

By Scott Leighton

As you all are well aware, the Boys' State elections are reaching its high point. Many young men are giving it their all to win their office. Campaign posters are littered throughout Jackson's Mill. But do these candidates actually know what they are running for?

Sure it's great when someone goes to the podium, makes a joke, and everybody laughs about it. We love comedians on the stage, but now it's time to choose someone who has shown leadership, trust, and knowledge of the office for which they are running. They need to deal with real issues and know how to talk to the people of Mountaineer Boys' State. This is not a popularity contest. It's an election and we need to take these next few days seriously in order to get everything out of Boys' State that we can. To quote Shelley Moore Capito, "You need to elect someone that you can trust."

The jokes and cracks aside, we need to show everyone here that we can elect state officials who are capable of handling the situations that a normal state official would. Try to elect the political literate, not the most popular boy in your cabin. This is a serious election that people need to start taking more seriously. It's not about who can chug the most chocolate milk or who will do the most extreme thing possible if they win. It's about figuring out solutions to West Virginia's problems or helping others for the good of the state.

In closing, the competent, well knowledgeable individuals should be in the state office. Having a sense of humor is a valuable asset in our young adult lives, but knowing when to be serious is even more important. We are the future of West Virginia, so let's show them what we're made of.

Pro Wrestling

By Brandon Riley

What do you think about the WWF buying out WCW? I believe that wrestling is now a monopoly owned by the McMahons'.

Since 1998, Time Warner's WCW (World Championship Wrestling) has been on a downward spiral. In the past year, WCW went through three presidents, none of whom were able to stop the ratings slide. They lost approximately thirteen million dollars this year. As a result, the WWF was able to buy WCW from Time Warner.

We here at Boys' State would like to know who your favorite wrestlers are, so throughout the week, yell out common phrases of that wrestler. For instance, if you like the Rock, yell out "Finally, the Rock has come back to Boys' State." So support your professional wrestling, and prove to the others that "it is the best thing since sliced bread."

Many people think that wrestling is fake. Well...they're right. It is fake. But that is exactly what makes this sport so great. Where else are you going to find entertainment like Trish Stratus and Lita. Isn't it funny to see someone do a dropkick two feet away from the person's head and see that person fall down? What is even more hilarious is to see the spectators at these events. The two types of spectators that I believe are the dumbest are the ones who buy completely into it and the red-necks who show up plastered and try to pick fights with the wrestlers.

I have watched wrestling since I can remember. I used to watch the Junkyard Dog and Team Demolition. I idolized Hulk Hogan and the Ultimate Warrior. I just want everyone to realize that even though wrestling may be fake and sometimes stupid, it can be the most fun time of your week on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Mountaineer

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Athletics

Sports Review

By: Patrick Gruber

The Fugitt competi-
tion is in full swing, and
as an integral part of it,
the athletic portion, has
begun!

First day action
brought many close-games
as well as a few stand out
players. Volleyball,
frisbee, softball, and
basketball each showed
victorious winners and
sorrowful defeats.

During the first ses-
sion of hardcourt volley-
ball, the Marion county
Feds and the Braxton
County Nats both won over
Barbour and Monongalia
respectively. The second
session of the hardcourt
volleyball on Monday pro-
vided a 21-17 Braxton Fed-
eralist win over the Mon-
roe Nationalists as well
as a 16-9 Calhoun win over
the Monroe Federalists.

In addition to
hardcourt the athletic
competition sponsors sand
court volleyball games.
The sand court was the
site of the Lewis County
Nationalists defeat as the
hands of the Webster
County team. Upshur
county also handed the
Kanawha county team their
first loss of the games.

The ultimate frisbee
field also hosted a
plethora of close competi-
tions. Most notably was
the game between the
Randolph Nationalists and
the Braxton Federalists.
In this nail-bitter, the
federalists tied it up
with two minutes remain-
ing, but in overtime, the
Nationalists pulled out
the win.

The Softball field
was also littered with
victory today as the Lewis
county Feds humbled the
Panhandle Nationalists.
Then in second session
games, the Randolph Na-
tionalists defeated the
Barbour County Squad.

Finally, in basket-
ball, the Monroe National-
ists brought their game,
namely in the leading
scorer, Miser. Miser, who
contributed 16 points to
the Nationalist team, was
the driving force in their
30-20 victory over
Gilmore.

Additionally, Pan-
handle Feds handed the
Lewis Nationalists their
second defeat of the day.
Some controversy has
arisen as to the legiti-
macy of this victory. The
Nationalists down 18-12 at
the half were only allowed
a 3 minute second half, as
opposed to the regulation
10, in which to mount a
comeback.

Results At a Glance

1st Session:

Volleyball (Hard court)

Barbour v. **Marion F**
Braxton N v. **Monongalia**

Volleyball (Sand)

Kanawaha F v. **Upshur**
Lewis N v. **Webster**

Ultimate Frisbee

Braxton F v. **Randolph N**
Calhoun v. **Randolph F**

Softball

Lewis F v. **Panhandle N**
Marion N v. **Panhandle F**

Basketball

Gilmer v. **Monroe N**
Kanawaha N v. **Monroe F**

2nd Session:

Volleyball (Hard court)

Braxton F v. **Monroe N**
Calhoun v. **Monroe F**

Volleyball (Sand)

Lewis F v. **Marion F**
Marion N v. **Monongalia**

Ultimate Frisbee

Gilmer v. **Upshur**
Kanawaha N v. **Webster**

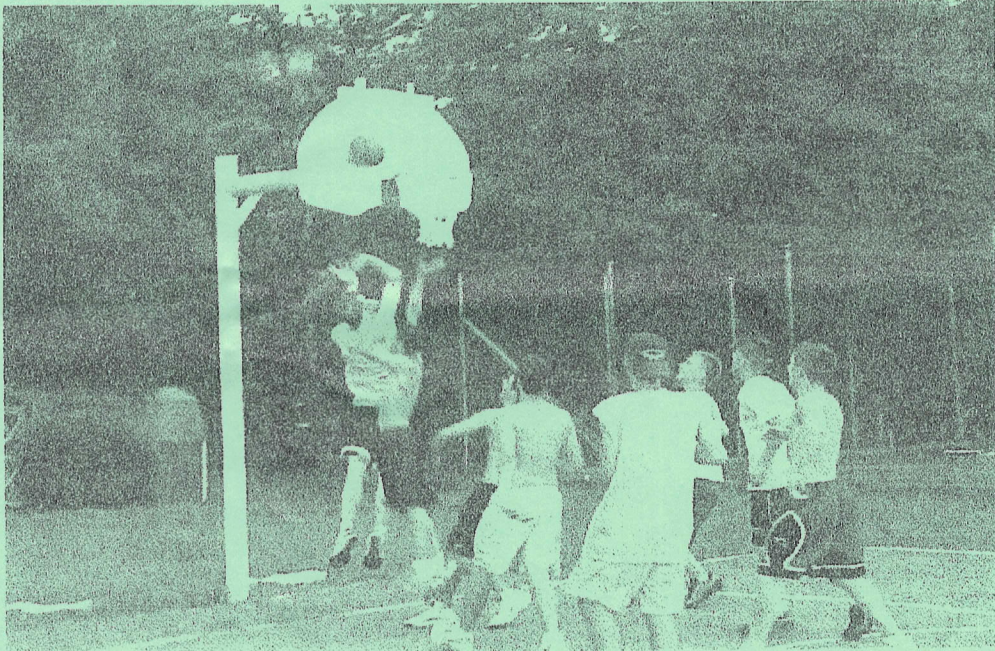
Softball

Barbour v. **Randolph N**
Braxton N v. **Randolph F**

Basketball

Kanawaha F v. **Panhandle N**
Lewis N v. **Panhandle F**

****Winners indicated by bold****
****Ties indicated by italics****



The Lewis Nationalists and the Panhandle
Federalists vie for b-ball supremacy

Mountaineer *Panorama*

Step Up to the Bar

Submitted by: Melvin Williams, MBS Legal Advisor

Sunday evening citizens of Mountaineer Boys State (MBS) were initiated into the MBS legal system with the administering of the MBS Bar Examination. Preceding the Bar, by constitutional mandate, counselors prepared their citizens for the examination. John Bailey and Melvin Williams, MBS legal advisers, delivered the Law Lecture immediately prior to the examination.

The 19th Amendment to the MBS Constitution requires that a passing score on the Bar Examination be the "percentage of correct answers that allows 30%, but no more than 51%, of the Boys' State citizens to pass." This year, the passing score was 78%. 128 citizens passed the Bar Examination.

Special congratulations are extended to James Casdorff of Randolph Cottage, who achieved the highest score, a 96%. A four-way tie for second place closely followed Casdorff. John Blevins and Drew Eddy, both of Lewis; Martin Payne of Monroe and Jeffrey Richmond of Panhandle held second place, scoring 94%.

The camp's average score on the Bar Examination was 71.15%. Listed below are the individual cottages' average scores.

Barbour	72.43%
Braxton	72.97%
Calhoun	68.80%
Gilmer	70.61%
Kanawha	70.62%
Lewis	73.62%
Marion	67.14%
Monongalia	71.18%
Monroe	70.36%
Panhandle	72.68%
Randolph	73.89%
Upshur	72.85%
Webster	67.28%

Later this week attorneys will have the opportunity to be sworn in before the MBS Supreme Court of Appeals. Attorneys must be sworn in before practicing before any MBS tribunal. MBS attorneys will have their first taste of practice on Wednesday afternoon at the Circuit Court trials.

Find out about the real bar examination! Speak to Assistant Administrator Steve Sluss, Instructor Danny Staggers, or Legal Advisor Melvin Williams. For information on law school feel free to speak to those staff members and to Randolph Senior Counselor Brandon Flowers or Assistant Administrator Randy Kocsis.

Guest Speakers

By Chris Hall

It was a true honor to have two important guest speakers at our Boys' State lunch and dinner Monday. One speaker was John Perdue, West Virginia State Treasurer, and the other was Shelley Moore Capito, Congresswoman. Both speakers have a rich background in political and family history. They exhibit many of the necessary elements that contribute to the success of politicians. To understand the constituents behind their character, we must first examine their past and the ambitions of their future.

John Perdue is our current West Virginia State Treasurer. He is from Boone County, a rural coal mining county in Southern West Virginia. He considers himself a "country boy" who has overcome the odds and risen to the ranks of state government. His incredible devotion and pride in his state has inevitably led to his success as a politician. His goals and values are unsurpassed and deserve much political acclaim. Most of his plans and goals are focused on the youth of West Virginia.

Perdue is mainly concerned with education. He believes that education is one of the most important issues to be addressed. In his opinion, tax cuts are needed for educational savings; he also claims that education is the key to open the "Doors of Opportunity." We are very lucky to have such a man in state office who cares about the education of future generations. Without an education, no one can aspire to success. Education was perhaps one of the most critical factors in the success of Purdue himself.

Capito is by far one of the most important women in the state of West Virginia. She is part of the very distinguished Capito family who has served our state wholeheartedly for a number of years. It was made obvious by her son's introduction that they are a very proud and close-knit family. Even though she admits that politics play a crucial role in her life, she also states that "family commitment" plays an even greater role. Her strong moral values and charming personality have undoubtedly led to her success in pursuit of a political career.

Capito was the first republican elected to Congress in our state in 20 years. She is among only two women to represent our state in Congress. Currently, Capito resides in Kanawha County. One of the most important issues behind her recent campaign is her strong feeling on democracy and freedom-the most important principles behind basic Americanism.

RUNNING CLUB

All citizens who are interested in participating in a running club, please see Ryan Reed after dinner on the front porch of the dining hall Wednesday evening. Any boys that are training for a fall sport or who would just like to enjoy the fellowship of running should try to attend and participate in this club. We will be looking forward to hitting the pavement with you!

COTTAGE INSPECTIONS

Monday, June 11, 2001

Barbour - 97

Braxton - 92

Calhoun - 94

Gilmer - 96

Kanawha - 99

Lewis - 98

Marion - 91

Monongalia - 100

Monroe - 95

Panhandle - 90

Randolph - 95

Upshur - 93

Webster - 99

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 SACRIFIED 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.

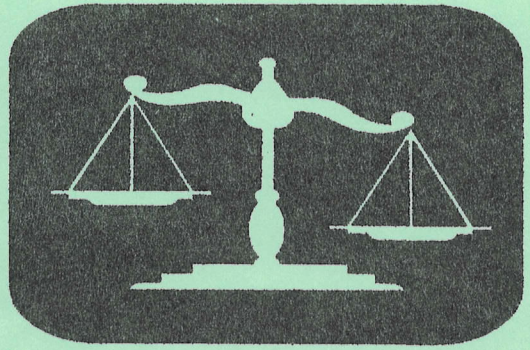
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Vote
Wiley

“Coyote”

For

Supreme Court
Justice



VOTE
GUFF

JEFFREY GUSTAFSON
FOR
COMMISSIONER
OF
AGRICULTURE



THE FEDERALIST PARTY THE PLATFORM OF THE FUTURE

Creating the new technology and economic wave across our state!

- invest in advanced technology companies
- develop comprehensive plan to attract growth

Molding the minds of our young people with fiscal responsibility that prioritizes education!

- reduce class sizes and raise teacher salaries
- introduce new programs, like state-wide tutoring

**I'D RATHER BE DEAD, THAN VOTE
FOR THE RED
SO DON'T TRY TO FIGHT THE BLUE
AND WHITE**

Keeping the beautiful and pristine mountains and forests of the state pure!

- Coal mining is a staple of our economy. Mountaintop removal is not a black and white issue. How can we control this practice to reclaim those mineral areas for future development?

Maintaining high standards for the safety of our mountaineers!

- create new programs to cut juvenile crime
- address the death penalty responsive to the will of the voters

**FEDERALISTS --- RUNNING FOR THE
FUTURE OF THIS STATE**

Nationalist Party Platform

1. Change legal drinking age from 21 to 18.
2. Stop the restrictions on new drivers.
3. Offer more computer literacy and computer education classes in High Schools.
4. Increase teacher pay.
5. Cut the tax on gasoline to lower prices.
6. Put an end to school to work programs such as career clusters and career major units.
7. Legalize marijuana at age 18 and impose heavy taxes on it.
8. Offer more student rewards programs like the exam exemption policy for attendance.

Nationalist Party Platform Committee
Chairman: Ryan Light