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INAUGURATION AND FORMAL REVIEW



Finally, we have all taken part in the honorary Formal Review. This event was executed with frightening precision and housed an overall sentiment of pride and devotion to the program. The true colors of the principles behind the program shone brightly under yesterday evening's sun. All members of the staff, especially the cottage counselors, should be congratulated on this remarkable accomplishment. Boys' State citizens also deserve a round of applause for their flawless participation in the event.

For many, one of the greatest honors on Wednesday was the appearance of Governor Bob Wise at the

Inauguration ceremony. He understands the true importance behind Mountaineer Boys' State. On another level, he is the first to realize that this program aids in the development of the essential qualities of leadership and allegiance to one's country and government. Participating in Mountaineer Boys' State was a very rewarding experience for Governor Wise. The experience he had at Mountaineer Boys' State has proven to be invaluable to him; it has carried with him all throughout his political career.

Citizens of Boys' State should

take it from the word of our governor that the time they spend at the camp will last with them a lifetime. Whether or not you decide to pursue a political career in the future, the experience you have here will undoubtedly be beneficial to you in some way. According to Governor Wise, the opportunity to learn about government is one of the best investments you can make. The Boys' State program offers every young man the opportunity to expand his knowledge on governmental procedures. In relation to government, knowledge is power.

SCHEDULE

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE, INC.

THURS DAY - JUNE 13, 2002

6:30 REVEILLE AND CLEAN QUARTERS
 7:15 INFORMATION at Dining Hall.
 7:20 FLAG RAISING
 7:25 BREAKFAST

8:25 - 9:30 All County officials meet in West Virginia Building for specialized instruction.
 All City officials meet in Assembly Hall for specialized instruction.

8:25 - 12:00 Governor & Board of Public Works meet in Jackson Lodge meeting rooms.
 Senate & House in session at South Eastern Learning Center
 Supreme Court in session at Flameway
 County School Superintendents and Boards of Education meet in Kanawha Center
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
 State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working

9:30 - 12:00 City and County Governments organized and working in cottages
 Magistrates and Circuit Courts organized and working in cottages

12:05 INFORMATION AT DINING HALL
 12:15 LUNCH - State Auditor Glen Gainer

1:00 Circuit Courts in session with legal advisors present. **ALL CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE**
 AFTER CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS - State, County, and City governments organized and working (see morning schedule for locations)
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
 State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working

3:00 - 5:00 West Virginia Building will be closed.

5:15 INFORMATION at Dining Hall

5:30 DINNER - Major Michael Hummel

6:30 - 7:30 Athletics and Band Practice
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
 State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working

7:30 TUG OF WAR Semi Final and Championship (Marion vs. Randolph, Braxton vs. winner of Kanawha vs. Webster)

8:00 ASSEMBLY - Federal District Judge Earl Maxwell

AFTER ASSEMBLY - Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.
 State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working.

11:00 Devotions in Kanawha and Panhandle Cottages

11:00 - 12:00 As on all previous evenings.

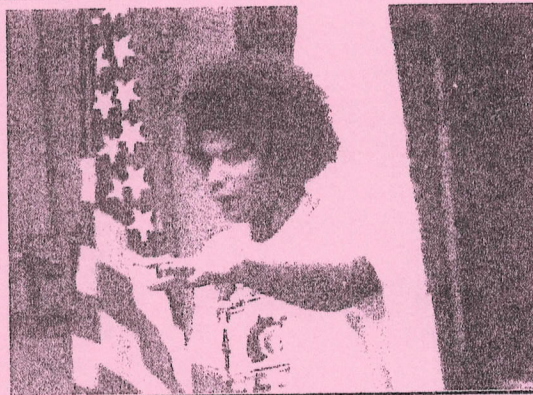
The General Elections

By Jason Crighton

Governors debate. Hilarity ensues.



Kyle Reese



Jake "AfroMan" Lockett

In the great history of this country, there are many speeches that shall always be remembered in history. Examples of such oratorical masterpieces include Dr. Martin Luther King's "I had a dream", and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. One speech that will not find its way into the chronicles of history, however, is Governor candidate Kyle Reese's "Shut up before I smack you in the poof" speech.

Barboursville's own Kyle Reese committed what can be best described as an act of political suicide upon threatening his running mate during the debate. (Reese later lost the election, gaining roughly over thirteen percent of the vote.)

I spoke with Nationalist Governor candidate Jake "Afro Man" Lockett shortly after the debate. Jake, known by many as "Afro", is a very tall, charismatic young man with a big Afro and an even larger smile.

When I found him for my interview, he was surrounded by a group of friends, and I soon see why. When I first talk to him, he is inviting, and treats me as if I've been his friend for quite some time. And there's a sincerity about this matter that's comforting.

"I missed out on swimming and different activities so I could study to become Governor." He said.

"I think [Reese] had a chance ... until he lost his cool."

Lockett was incredulous upon hearing Federalist Governor candidate Kyle Reese's verbal attacks to both himself and the Nationalist audience. "[I thought,] 'I swear he didn't say that.'" Afro Man told me. "Why would he be insulting the people you're trying to get votes from?"

Reese, who paralleled separation of smokers and nonsmokers in public places to racial segregation, yelled at members of the Nationalist party to be quiet while he was talking, and specifically pointed one citizen out.

"We're all trying to be one government." Lockett added. "I want to do the best I possibly can [if elected]."

I later caught up with Reese at the Assembly Hall, immediately after he had cast his ballot. Mr. Reese had no comment for this story, but other members of Mountaineer Boys' State did.

Kenneth Kerr III, a Federalist from Monroe Cabin, said this about the Debate: "I thought it was all right, but they should have given Reese the time to speak."

Supreme Court Judge Joe "Boxer" Conrad (N-Lewis), who received the third highest amount of votes for his position, believes that Reese could have won, assuming things went differently. "I think he had a chance to be in the running until he lost his cool." He said.

Hummel Addresses Citizens

By David McCullough

On Wednesday Evening the citizens of Mountaineer Boys State received the distinct honor of being addressed by Major Michael Hummel. Major Hummel served the United States in The Persian Gulf War in the early 1990's as well as in combat with the Army Air Corp Paratroopers during the Grenada conflict.



The Major began his speech by explaining to the citizens that America was founded on the basic, Godly, principles and patriotic ideals. He went further to explain that history's greatest Americans shared these ideals. He referred to such famous patriots as President George Washington, General George S. Patton, General Charles Yeager and the right Reverend Billy Graham, who also held these ideals above all else. The major explained that, in his eyes, the citizens of boys state were young patriots who had within them the potential to be a generation greater than even any of these.

He then spoke of courage, referring to Captain Nathan Hale, the famous espionage agent and martyr of the American Revolution who said, as Hummel quoted, "I regret that I have but one life to [give] for my country."

Major Hummel concluded his speech with a challenge to the young generation: to carry on the ideals and principles of our forefathers, those who framed and defended our great nation. But he added, that from the example he saw in the citizen's display during the review, he saw no possible obstacle for a group of young men so rooted in patriotism to take up such a worthy task.

A Visit from Governor Wise

By Jason Crighton

Boys State recently had a most special visitor yesterday afternoon. West Virginia Governor Bob Wise arrived from the sky and descended to the terrain of Boys' State by a helicopter to attend the Formal Review.

I was lucky enough to obtain a quick interview with Governor Wise in front of Boys State HQ.

Governor Wise told me that what he most wanted the citizens of Boys' State to learn at Weston's Mill was the basic tools of organizing. "It's not about winning the election." He said, "It's what you do when you win."

Wise also denied the existence of a bylaw in the Promise Scholarship that would make some students pay the scholarship back eventually in the event that monies for it ran out.

An alumnus of Mountaineers Boys' State, Wise also emphasized that he is one of the programs biggest fans.

"In both Boys State and Girls State, what I see is West Virginia's future, and what I see is very bright." Wise announced at the beginning of his speech to the crowd of citizens and suchlike who attended the Formal Review.

The Governor thanked the American legion, and stated that he sat where Boys State citizens now sit many years ago. It was here, Wise says, that he first ran for governor... and lost in the primaries. He said that no longer was Boys State divided into Nationalists and Federalists. There are now only citizens.

Wise also discussed the Promise Scholarship, and how it exceeded all expectations. It was believed that approximately 2,700 would qualify this year, when in fact the amount was 3,862, an over one hundred and forty percent increase.

Governor Wise spoke of the different paths available to West Virginia's youth, and ended his speech with this statement: "Whatever you do, whichever path you follow, be proud of your state."

COTTAGE INSPECTION

JUNE 12, 2002

BARBOUR	100
BRAXTON	97
CALHOUN	97
GILMER	91
KANAWHA	97
LEWIS	91
MARION	100
MONONGALIA	97
MONROE	100
PANHANDLE	94
RANDOLPH	100
UPSHUR	94
WEBSTER	100

State vs. Green and Hinkle

by

John T. Taylor (F)-Randolph
Nitro HS

On Wednesday afternoon, the case of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State vs. Ford Green and Travis Hinkle was heard in the 1st Circuit Court of Randolph County with Honorable Judge John T. Taylor presiding.

The prosecuting attorney, Justin Hough (N) formally charged the defendants with possession of crack cocaine and possession of crack cocaine with intent to sell, respectively.

After a stirring presentation by the prosecution and defense, the jury returned with a verdict of guilty despite the defense's attempt to dismiss the case on grounds of improper search procedure.

The case will be appealed today in the Supreme Court of Appeals at 8:30 AM.

The Bottom Line

by Dan 6

Excitement was in the air the band played and A. James Manchin entered the room. From what I knew of him, he was quite a guy and we were all looking forward hearing from him. Larry, the counselor from Monroe, danced as thunderous cheer erupted and people stood on chairs. It was very funny if you didn't see it. He seemed exhausted but it was entertaining. I even believe I heard a Larry for Governor. Too bad, "Afro Man" already won.

Our new governor took the podium with his "Glory be the funk's on me, keep the funk alive." We then had prayer and said the pledge, followed by the "Star-Spangled Banner." A. James Manchin was introduced and received a standing ovation. Mr. Manchin turned the mood to a very serious tone. He spoke of hunger, fear of murder, and many other fears that young people face around the Earth. He asked all to rise and say, "Thank God I live in America." WE did and chanted "USA." It was a great time of unity by a group that only 25 hours ago was split into two parties. He told a story that was touching and got us to think. He urged us to share our feelings. He told us to be kind to one another. He preached the importance of the American Flag. It moved us to jump up and cheer. He said people have the right to whine about our flag and mottos like, "In God we trust." He told us that we have the right to say, "You have the right to get the hell out of town." He continued with speaking and brought us to our feet with a chant of "Mountaineers are free." What a way to start things off.

Bill Johnson was introduced and what an introduction. A table was set to remember POW's and MIA's. We joined in a ceremony to remember these great Americans. Our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and all others were honored. It was a great experience.

We sat eager to hear the introduction as a true American hero. It took no time for us to jump up and cheer for Woody Williams. He was a great man and honor to hear. He mentioned a line from the American Creed and even had a flashback story. He had charisma, humor, and even a small quiz. He said, "Americans are survivors," and that was awesome to hear. He said we are role models and have role models. He mentioned we have choice to be a good or bad role model. He said, "There is no greater reward, short of Heaven, than being an American." He closed with a tribute to veterans of America and was sa-

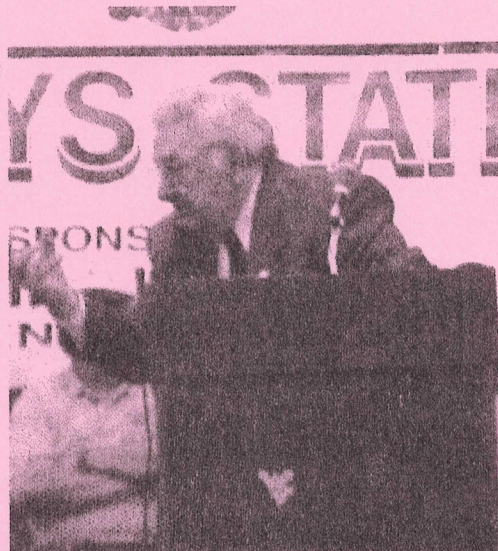


Woody Williams

luted by all citizens. He got a long applause from the boys and me.

Tonight was a night to remember for us at Boys' State. A. James Manchin and Woody Williams are gifts from God to West Virginia and Boys' State. We thank God for them and that's the bottom line cause Six said so.

MARION STOCK TONIGHT AFTER ASSEMBLY UNTIL ELEVEN THIRTY.
PLEASE BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS AND PLAN ON HAVING SOME
FUN AT MARION COTTAGE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



A. James Manchin

ATHLETIC NEWS

WEDNESDAY'S ATHLETIC RESULTS

Barbour Monongalia Braxton - N Monroe - N	Kanawha - F Webster Lewis - N Marion - F	Braxton - F Randolph - F Calhoun Upsnur	Lewis - F Panhandle - F Marion - N Randolph - N	Gilmer Monroe - F Kanawha - N Panhandle - N
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THURSDAY'S ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Gilmer Panhandle - F Kanawha - N Randolph - N	Barbour Monroe - F Braxton - N Panhandle - N	Kanawha - F Monongalia Lewis - N Monroe - N	Braxton - F Webster Calhoun Marion - F	Lewis - F Randolph - F Marion - N Upshur
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Smoking Students, Stem Cell = Embryo, and Political Suicide

By David McCullough

In a turn of events that was surprising to all those who based their opinions on word of mouth, the Nationalist party with figurehead Jake "Afro Man" Lockett swept the general elections on Tuesday Evening. The Federalists are down but most certainly not out, as they too received elections to several key state positions. The downfall of the Feds seemed to lie within their political addresses and the program in which they presented them.

The Fed's presentation, which included a painful combination of misinformation, hackneyed cliches and a five-minute rock concert to fill time left by the severely under-spoken candidates, can only be attributed to a severe lack of organization. Candidate-for-Governor Kyle Reese's "speech" was filled by a full minute of intro music. Candidates presenting more competent, however long-winded, speeches were applauded off the stage by the masses of the party in the bleachers. The single shining moment of the Fed campaign that evening was the keynote speech presented by Ryan King, if for no other reason than the fact that he actually followed his scripted speech. The lack of organization began a negative wave of opinion in the crowd, which carried over into the ensuing debates.

The Nationalist assembly program, while traditional, was carried out more efficiently and made better use of the allotted time. Governor-elect Lockett's speech was standard; a presentation of political goals and a few rallying cries, but at least it followed form. At the end of the evening, not a single Nationalist, to my knowledge, removed their nametag.

The results of the election are clear evidence of the effect that a poor campaign assembly can have upon the election. An entertaining performance is no substitute for knowledge of the issues and obvious party support. The downfall of the Federalist Party was the fault of many people, and no one scapegoat could possibly bear all the blame. The events of Tuesday Evening should serve as an example to future Boys' State citizens as how good candidates with good ideas can be lost in a mass of poor execution. The campaign is over; these are the lessons we have learned. As we cannot go back, we must move forward.

A Letter from the Editor,

Dear Readers,

This particular newspaper has been the hardest to make so far. I say this because it is in this edition that I truly express the freedom of the press. Perhaps not everyone will agree with or enjoy some of the material contained. Nonetheless, it is all credible and worthy news, to the best of my knowledge.

I had to think long and hard about a few of these articles. One in particular. As a member of the press, I try my best to stay impartial in certain matters and keep my own political feelings out of my writing. I am not an editor strictly for the Federalists. In fact, I agree with four out of five platforms of each party. The members of my cabin, regardless of Political party, are some of the finest fellows I've had the privilege of knowing, and I'm certainly not shunning the friends I knew here beforehand based on whether their badge is red or blue. This newspaper is for all citizens of Boys' State, and I try to manage it as such.

I worried about offending some people with the things that I write. And then it occurred to me that feeling that was what caused Boys State in the first place. As you all know, this program was created to counter the Hitler youth camps of yore. One way that the Nazi regime controlled Europe was by the censoring of the press. It has even been said by the guest speakers that the most oppressed nations have their news controlled by the government. Thus, is it in honor of this constitutional right that I shall print the credible information I have and express my freedom of the press.

After all, isn't that Americanism in action?

Cordially,

Jason Crighton, Editor