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Barnes and Caracciolo Speak

John Bravo #0828

The Boys' State citizens were treated to two more speakers on Wednesday. The first, Mark Barnes, was an alumnus from 1978 who later attended Syracuse University and has been a practicing attorney for the last 30 years. Not only did he attend Boys' State, but his three sons did as well. They all credited their success in senior year to their Boys' State experience. Barnes finished his speech by explaining that the world has no shortage of followers but a disparaging lack of leaders and said everyone from Boys'

State should act as a leader in society.

The second speaker, James Caracciolo, was an alumnus of both 2017 Boys' State and Boys' Nation. Caracciolo was so eager to praise the effects of the program that he drove six hours from Long Island to speak with the current citizens. He said that after the program he became a completely different person who now understands the importance of conversations and human interaction. His experience at Boys' State taught him not to condemn alternate views, but instead embrace them. Also, he said choosing conversation over debate leaves participants to embrace each other after their ideas are shared rather than turn away. Finally, Caracciolo encouraged people to have a strong moral compass and when given the opportunity to do what is right.

James Caracciolo, 2017 Boys' State Alum speaks to Citizens on Wednesday.

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Top 5 Things Heard in the Dining Hall

5. Has Jordan been voted off the bachelorette yet?

4. Kids these days don't know how to crab walk anymore #90'sKidsOnly.

3. #Cock #Drive

2. I bet my country can crawl farther than yours #MudPuddles

1. Man these army guys are smart.

BOYS' STATE MENU

Thursday, June 28 LUNCH: BBQ Pulled Pork, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn, Tossed Salad, S'mores Bars, (Veg.) Soy Chicken Mac & Cheese
DINNER: Roast Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Mini Cheesecake Pies, (Veg.) Open Faced Soy Chicken Sandwich

Friday, June 29 BREAKFAST: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Sausage Links, Homefries, Fresh Fruit, Cold Cereal, Donut Holes

Boys' State Weather

Thursday, June 28

Cloudy

High 76°F/Low 60°F

80% Humidity

14 MPH Winds

90% Chance of Rain

The Importance of Being Informed



Connor Sheehy #386

“You can’t believe everything you read on the Internet”—Abraham Lincoln

Staying informed has become a difficult task today, especially for students who are still developing views. News

now mixes in editorials, can have an agenda, or support specific political ideologies. From the left to the right, news is commonly targeted with a political or social motive (at least with the larger networks).

This creates the clear issue that people receive biased news unknowingly, and hence, can have their views influenced. In order to receive a complete understanding of an issue, we must attempt to watch or read across a variety of networks to see all sides of it.

Through this, we can ideally develop a view based as much as possible on our own thoughts and without outside influence. Furthermore, it is essential to the democratic process that those with established political beliefs still attempt to view both sides of an issue. This becomes increasingly important as we

move into an age where civil discourse and debate, unfortunately, is becoming restricted and uncommon.

Schools rarely encourage or facilitate the discussion of news or current events out of fear of someone taking offense. Families rarely discuss politics because parents simply expect and encourage to their kids to share their views, without educating them on the other side or, sometimes, either side. These declines in receiving unbiased information and in discourse are connected and strengthening each other.

As Thomas Jefferson told us, “An informed citizenry is at the heart of a dynamic democracy.” If we are to preserve the integrity of ours, civil discourse must become socially acceptable again and we must educate ourselves of the complete issue to be properly informed.

Busy From the Beginning



Dominic Altamura #0229

Wednesday #0394 Patrick Saint Ange hailing from Fish County was nominated for governor. Saint Ange made some hefty promises to get elected, including getting a dodgeball tournament established and convincing Boys’ State

organizers to allow phones on campus.

Personally, these promises seem too out of reach and too many to be able to get them passed. I also didn’t find anything that Saint Ange had above his competition for governor after his speech. After interviewing the man himself, I realized he had a response to my criticism. Saint Ange said his promises were a promise to try to get what he wants enacted put in place.

When asked how he would get these proposals passed, he said he has been speaking with those who oppose what he wants in an attempt to establish a middle ground. He feels he needs to focus on listening and understanding the people here in Boys’ State to have any chance at getting his promises fulfilled.

Though Saint Ange is a Federalist,

he says he is a moderate when it comes to discussion and is open to whatever anyone brings to him. When asked what other types of things he wanted done within Boys’ State, he says he definitely wants tours of Morrisville campus on the first day of Boys’ State in order to minimize confusion when going through the campus.

Walking away, I’m still not sure if Saint Ange can get these promises fulfilled or if he really had anything above the opposing candidate. I am, however, sure that he is working towards his goals. Saint Ange is doing what he can to get what he wants enacted and is keeping an open mind to truly reach something that can be established in Boys’ State. After the interview, I realized the position was in good hands.

Caucuses of Tuesday and Voting of Yesterday

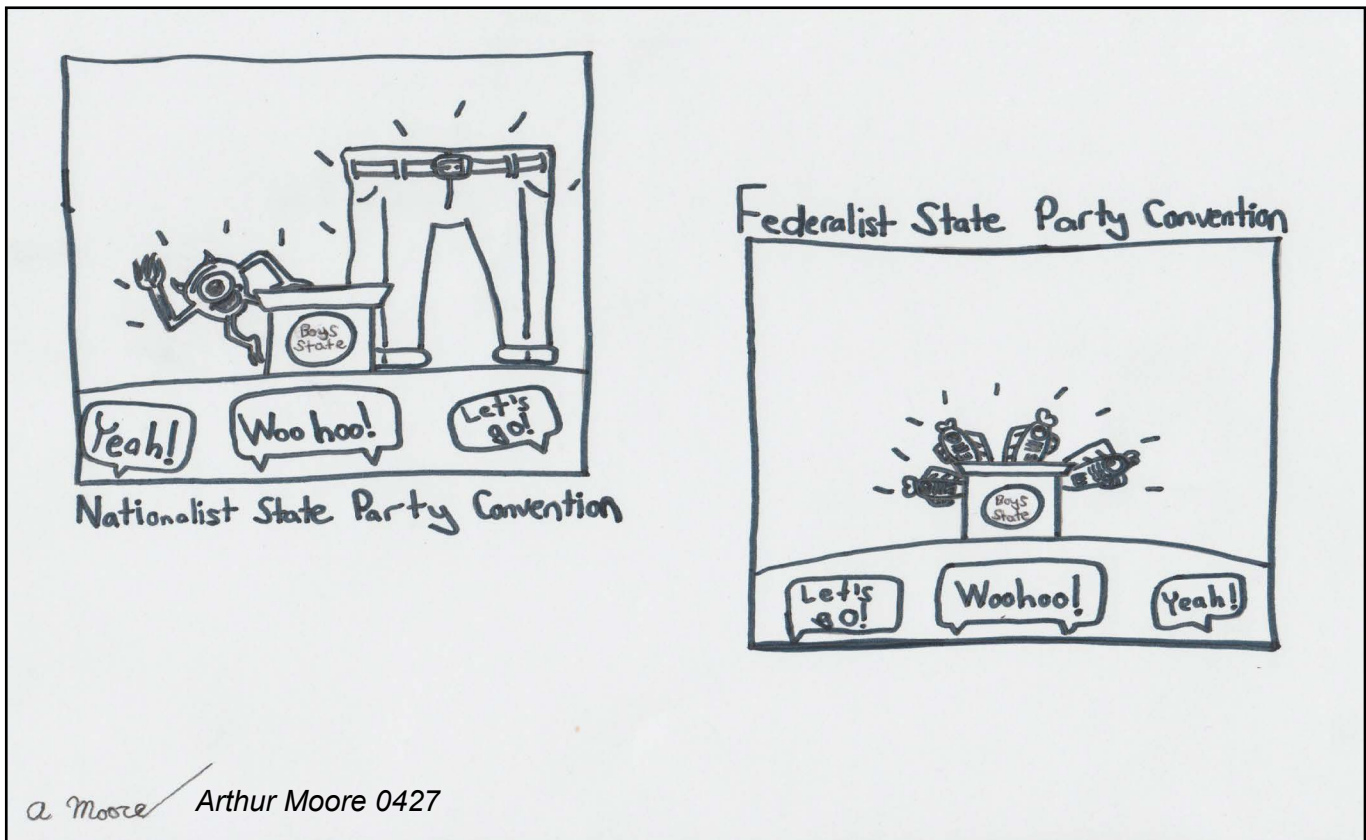
John Hagan #1014

The Second Federalist Caucus decided a great deal of important Federalist Candidates. The actual voting dragged on though. Braille Diaz #652, called for a recount which made the caucus last for much longer than it should have, but ultimately two nominees, Kevin Auguste #870, and Patrick Saint Ange #394, faced off with Patrick from Fish County taking the victory. Many boys' state members may have felt extremely tired, but the election was influential in deciding the Federalist Candidates that would take on the Nationalist Candidates only a day after. The Federalist Platform can be paraphrased as: Protect Police, Vote no for tax cuts, and that we must respect the flag at all times. The Nationalist Platform was: Tax cuts for small businesses will increase the amount of jobs in struggling businesses, respect the flag at all times, and repealing the SAFE Act. Lastly, as for the Governors Election, Patrick Saint Ange #394, was victorious, and is our new Boys' State 2018 Governor.



Boys' State Governor Patrick Saint Ange 394 address Boys' State citizens on Wednesday after election.

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a moose / Arthur Moore 0427



Is LeBron James on the Move Again?

John Poplawski #0682

NBA superstar LeBron James said he will decide whether to go into the final year of his contract by July 4th. With a rough end of the season losing 4-0 to “Splash Brothers” and Kevin Durant of the Golden State Warriors in the NBA finals, James may look to form another super squad of his own. But what options does the best player in the league have? As of now LeBron could potentially move West joining the Warriors and achieve his NBA finals Championship ring with ease. Another possible move for James would be joining James Harden and Chris Paul in Houston, and accord-

ing to USA Today, “Houston is all-in on its pursuit of James.” Other possible moves for James include joining rookie-of-the-year and NBA superstar Ben Simmons and dominant big man Joel Embiid in Philadelphia, or moving to the Celtics, but multiple players such as Jayson Tatum, Kyrie Irving, Jalen Brown, and Al Horford must be traded to make room for the King. Hopefully LeBron plays this smart as ending up in Los Angeles with the Ball family and their antics will bring some more hype to the west coast in Los Angeles will most undoubtedly ruin his reputation as a respectable player. Where do you think he will end up?

Defending Champ Out of FIFA

John Poplawski 0682

The last game of Group F was a thriller that will not be forgotten. With the game tied three minutes into extra time Kim Young-Gwon from South Korea scored off a cornered in the ninety-second minute. Although Young-Gwon had appeared to be offside a replay review from VAR (Video Assistant Referee) helped confirm that a defensive player of Germany had hit the ball nullifying the offside rule. South Korea would later score another goal from Son Heung-Min later in extra time off a break away with the goalie out of the net.

This loss was devastating for the defending champions considering they had possession for 70% of the game, but in addition the curse of defending champions continues as the last 4 world cup winners were also eliminated from their Group pool play as well.

According to Mark Twain, “History doesn't repeat itself but it often rhymes,” and in Germany’s case they never seem to do well in Russia .

Elsewhere in Group F Sweden had pulled off a clutch win over Mexico (3-0) as both Mexico and Sweden will advance onto the round of sixteen.

In Group E Brazil continued its dominance as an international powerhouse by defeating Serbia (2-0) and finished first in Group E with 7 points. With Germany’s defeat Brazil may now be the favorite to take home the trophy this year. Switzerland and Costa Rica tied (2-2). With the conclusion of pool play in Group in E Brazil and Switzerland will move onto the round of sixteen.

Boys' State Scores

Softball Winners:

Brown
Van Patten
Sallese
Bertrand

Soccer Winners:

Triola
Sallese
Coleman
Sampson
Mitras
Carpenter

Basketball Winners:

Minei
Brown
Baker
Triola
Sallese
Miller
Clark
Neville
Coleman