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MBS College/Career Fair



Many colleges from around West Virginia visited MBS yesterday to inform the Boys Staters of opportunities they have after high school. They provided many booklets and spoke to the citizens to help them decide about their future. The information was helpful and if any one did not go they certainly missed out. One piece of information was given to us, : "Apply to all the colleges you can, then when you get accepted you can have a wide range of choises."

How TAPS began...

It all began in 1862, during the Civil War, when a Union Army captain, Robert Eilicombe, was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of this narrow strip of land.

During the night, Capt. Eilicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring back the stricken man for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the captain reached the soldier and began pulling him back toward his encampment. When the captain finally reached his own lines he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The captain lit a lantern, suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light of the lantern, he saw the face of the soldier...it was his own son! The young man had been studying music in the South when the war broke out, and without telling his father, had enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, the heartbroken father asked permission of his supervisors to give his son a full military burial, despite the young man's enemy status. The captain's request was partially granted.

He asked if he could have a group of army band members play a dirge for his son at the funeral. His request was refused since the soldier was a Confederate. Out of respect for the captain, they said they could loan him one musician. He chose the bugler. The captain asked him to play a series of musical notes found in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. That music was the haunting bugle melody we now know as "TAPS".

TAPS

DAY IS DONE,
GONE THE SUN,
FROM THE LAKES,
FROM THE HILLS,
FROM THE SKY.
ALL IS WELL.
SAFELY REST
GOD IS NIGH.



the Schedule

- 6:30 - Reveille and Clean Quarters
7:45- INFORMATION at Dining Hall
7:50 - FLAG RAISING
8:00 - BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:30 Clean quarters and prepare luggage for FINAL INSPECTION and departure. Deposit your packed and secure luggage on the porches of any of the following cottages (Marion, Kanawha, Upshur, Lewis)
9:30 FINAL ASSEMBLY (Parents and Guardians welcome)
Presentation of awards, honors, and closing comments
10:30 ADJOURNMENT (When writing, phoning, and e-mailing home, advise the person picking you up to meet you outside the Assembly Hall after Adjournment of Boys State)

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME AND BEST WISHES IN YOU FUTURE ENDEAVORS!

Do You Yahoo?

Mountaineer Boys' State has a Yahoo! Group for citizens, staff, and friends of MBS. It was created a few years ago and citizens from the past couple of years have been using it to keep in touch and to share their experiences both here and back home. The moderators of this group

would like to invite each and every one of you to sign up (it's free!) and take part in the group. There is a link to it on the web site (www.mountaineerboysstate.org) or you can go to Yahoo! Groups and type in Mountaineer Boys state as the key word. We hope to see you there!

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Unspoken hardships
unwanted memories
that cannot be cured
you fought for your country
you fought for your friends
you gave up your freedom
and your life in the end
we'll honor your name
you bought our liberty
you paid with your life
because Freedom Isn't Free

A SOLDIER TOO BRAVE

You find yourself
alone in your grave
look at yourself
a soldier too brave
you with gallantry
fought to the end
defending your country
never again
without hesitation
you gave up your life
with your last breath
you couldn't kiss your wife
not ever knowing
shipped off in a crate
winds are now blowing
accepting this fate
you were the finest
the best ever made
no Americans oppressed
because of the Soldier Too Brave

By: Joel Shumaker

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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GET TO KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

GOVERNOR AFEEF “CHOCOLATE THUNDER” AHMED resides in Charleston, WV with his parents, Moin and Farisa Ahmed. Ahmed has 2 brothers, Imad and Ammar. He attends George Washington High School where he is active in the Student Council, Key Club, Debate Club, and Quiz Bowl team.



Afeef said, “It’s hard to imagine a week without girls could still be this memorable. The qualities of leadership have been great, but I think that’s been

the least of what I’ve learned. The best thing about Boys’ State is the intermingling of all different kinds of people: rural with urban, athletic with bookish.

As well, Afeef stated that his favorite sports were ping pong and popping bubble wrap; his girlfriend was Heidi Klum; and that someday he hoped to “move back to the Motherland and sell fake greencards to come to America.”

Whitley Fullen of St. Albans, WV was elected Auditor of MBS. He was a citizen of Kanawha Cottage. Whitley lives with his parents, John and Linda Fullen and three siblings. He attends St. Albans High School where is a member of the Student Council, band, jazz band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Quiz Bowl, Health Science and Technology Academy (HSTA), National Honor Society, and KNowledge Master. He has received special honors such as Student Body President, Best of Best Award, and 3rd place in WV Tech Science Fair. “Big Whit” plans to go to WVU or Marshall and pursue a career in the health sciences field or something higher. Whitley says that MBS was an awesome experience. He also states that this is the one time that his fellow citizens will ever spend something like this together. He enjoyed the politics and sports. “There is nothing else like Mountaineer Boys’ State,” says Whitley. He would like to give a shout to all his buddies in Kanawha Cottage. He says he hates you — NOT!!! He says they are awesome and to never change.

Nathan Terry of Webster Cottage was elected Supreme Court Justice of MBS. He resides at Fairmont, WV with his parents Dennis and Sharon and one sister. He has two nieces, Journey and Reign. He attends Fairmont Senior High School where he is a Peer Mediator, Chamber Singer, and a member of the Black Culture Society. He has been awarded the Marshall University Outstanding Black Student, National Society of High School Scholars, and 10th place in the Voice of Democracy. Nathan plays football, basketball, and runs track. He plans to major in law and/or education at a West Virginia or Pennsylvania school. Nathan has gained a better understanding and a greater respect for his state and country and what they both stand for; hard work, freedom, dedication, focus, energy, and passion.

Michael Bush of Wheeling, WV was elected Supreme Court Justice of MBS. He was a citizen of Panhandle Cottage. He resides in Wheeling with his parents, Brent and Debbie, and two siblings. He attends Wheeling Park High School where he was a member of the orchestra, SADD, Hi-Y, Student Council President, Class President, and Principal’s School Improvement Council. He participated in the Golden Horseshoe, National Honor Society, and recognized for his outstanding volunteerism. He plays ice hockey and golf. “Bush” plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy or University of Mobile to be a contemporary worship leader with a double major in music. Michael says that the week at MBS started out a little slow, but by Monday night, Panhandle cottage pulled together. Panhandle ‘05 has given me so many life long friends. A shout out goes to his guys on the: Hill!!!!

H oppy unleashes B oys’ State to the Air waves

By: Matthew Dennis

Hoppy Kercheval, Jeff Jenkins, and their MetroNews crew came back to Boys State for a second time to show the world, well anyone in reach of the signal from 20 radio stations the show was broadcast on, Mountaineer Boys State and its boys. This time around though, the show was



His two-hour statewide talk show, Talk-Line, and turned it into the 1st annual American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Challenge, live from the West Virginia Building.

“We want participation from the crowd, cheers, boos, oohs and ahhs, as long as it does not get in the way of the show,” explained Mr. Kercheval, who really wanted us to go crazy and show our knowledge to the people of West Virginia.

The program consisted of two teams: the Federalists and the Nationalists. Each team was assigned one cheerleader to keep the crowd involved but controlled. The teams were also given lifelines to help with the questions, but there was a catch. Questions were worth ten points, and no penalty was assessed if the answer was incorrect. If you used the lifeline, the correct answer was worth the same, but an incorrect answer would cost you 20 points.

In the first showdown, Braxton, Kanawha, Marion, Northern Panhandle, and Randolph cottages participated. The Nationalists were in control early, but the Federalists started to chip away at the lead, coming within one question of taking the lead. The rally halted, and the Nationalists took the game 100-75. In the second showdown, Barbour, Calhoun, Gilmer, Lewis, Monogalia, Monroe, Upshur, and Webster competed. The final score of that game: Nationalists 85; Federalists 60.

At the end of the second game, the guys interviewed quite a few citizens to find their backgrounds and experiences, views, and anything else about Boys State. Hoppy also had to take care of business, allowing callers to participate in his “Steam Release” segment. Callers from all over the state got to call in and vent their anger on any subject, from Guantanamo Bay to Governor Manchin. The experience brought publicity to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys’ State and the state of West Virginia while providing a learning and fun time for the delegates.

FIRE CHIEFS	
James Williams	Barbour
Donald Kinder	Braxton
Michael Williams	Calhoun
William Poe	Gilmer
Aaron Twitty	Kanawha
David Riggle	Lewis
George Hoke, III	Marion
Dustin Scott	Monongalia & Upshur
Jeremy Harmer	Monroe
Andrew Harbert	Panhandle
Ethan Allan	Randolph

KEY CLUB

There are sixty-two schools in West Virginia that have Key Club’s, and here at Boy’s State, we have three members of the West Virginia District State Board:

- Trey Scalise – Governor
- Frank Angotti – Governor’s Administrative Assistant
- Chris Kryaninko – Special Activities Director

Key Club is a great opportunity to build leadership, serve your community, meet new friends, and see your MBS friends. So, if any of you attend either Fall Rally or Spring Convention, look for us there. Dues are just \$13-\$15, depending on your school, and conventions are held in Charleston, WV (prices vary for conventions). We hope to see you there.

CONGRATULATIONS



to
Marion
Cottage
for winning
the
Tug of War

Challenge.

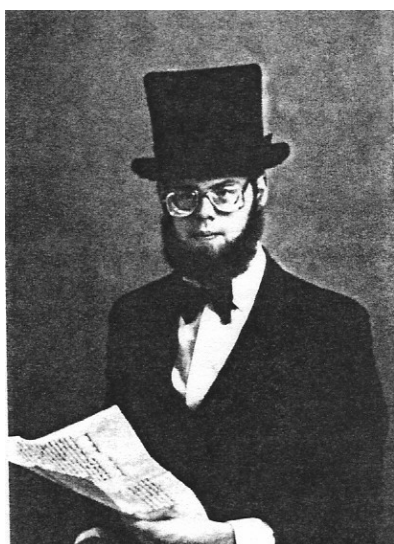
and
Aaron Twitty
for winning closest to
the pin.

Governor’s Honors Academy

These Boy’s Staters are going to West Virginia Governor’s Honors Academy:

- Stephen Busick – Wheeling - Braxton
- Colin Wood – Charleston - Phanhandle
- Marc Arvanitis-Arvon II – Martinsburg – Randolph
- Aaron Latos – Linn – Upshur
- Afeef Ahmed – Charleston – Braxton
- Kevin Straight – New Martinsville – Randolph
- Matthew Dennis – St. Marys – Randolph
- Michael Hartman – Clarksburg - Upshur

The 16th President Visits Boys' State



A portrayal of the sixteenth President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, was presented to the citizens and staff of Mountaineer Boys' State by Mr. James Edward Dague on Friday evening. James, as Mr. Lincoln, recited the Gettysburg Address and Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln also discussed West Virginia's Statehood and the importance of devotion to God, country, this state, as well as friendship.

James is the son of Edward and Patty Dague of Wheeling, WV. He graduated from Wheeling Park High School in 1988. He is a 1993 graduate of West Virginia Northern Community College, and received a BS in American Studies from West Liberty State College in 1995.

James is a part time staff member with the WV House of Delegates working for the Honorable Thomas W. Campbell of Greenbrier County. He is Past District Governor, West Virginia District Civitan and Special Deputy Sheriff, Ohio County Sheriff Office. He is a member of Roney's Point United Presbyterian

Church of Triadelphia.

James is most impressed with the Legislation being debated and considered in the Boys' State Legislature, where he serves as Legislative Coordinator.

"The reason I am impressed by this program is that Boys' State permits citizens to meet the elected officials of WV, and participate in a simulation of state government."

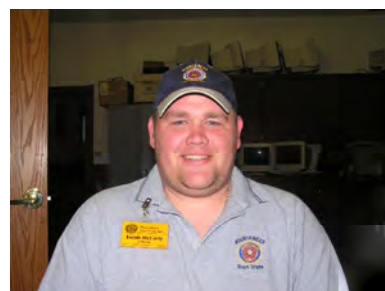
Upon the conclusion of his interview, James made the following statement: "I was born with

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1. Neil Bolyard & Truman Sayre - WV Fight Song
2. Gilmer - song "Sweet Home Alabama"
3. Marion - Justin Famoso - piano solo
4. Randolph - Impersonations of counselors
5. Panhandle & Braxton - Bobby Mines & Carlton Ferrell - mandolin & fiddle
6. Panhandle - Matt Otto - music
7. Panhandle - Joey Waldon - Impersonations of Arnold Swartzenegger vs. The Invisible Man
8. Kanawha - Zachary Roberts - piano
9. Kanawha - George Carpenter, Tyler Tiano, Chris Audia -music
10. Upshur - Nick Morgan - 5 different voices & Love Potion #9
11. Upshur - Ross Long - guitar
12. Lewis - Josh Jenkins, Nathan Carroll, Alex Shrewsberry, Jarrod Bell, Ryan Clagg, Kevin "The Irish" Stokes - "Lewis Cottage...Cheese on Rye" demonstrating "Mind Blowing Sexiness and pure genius" (song)
13. Lewis -Joel Shumaker - poem
14. Calhoun - restaurant skit
15. Calhoun - Alan Chen - piano
16. Calhoun - meaning of each fold of the flag
17. Panhandle - Chris Kryaninko - karate (kata)
18. Counselor skits
19. Joe Hartwell & Marcus Shaffer - 3 songs
20. Kanawha Fashion Show
21. Ernie (counselor) - Dance off competition
22. Counselors - I Believe
23. Boys' State Choir - 2 musical selections
24. Kanawha - Alex Wriston "Effects of Weed" skit
25. Monroe - Andrew Walker & Kenny Johnson - music selection
26. Lewis - Andrew Zickafoose - Greek & Me
27. Monongalia? Webster?

GOOD JOB JACOB!!!

If you have checked your email this week, you should thank Jacob McCarty before you leave. Mr. McCarty is in charge of the computer lab and updating the M.B.S. web-page. The only blemish on his week was when the Internet was down for one morning. Not to bad for a man that works by himself. Thank you Jacob.



Final Thoughts

It's Been a Pleasure by Chris Kryaninko

It has been seven days since we first met each other, and it has been an amazing experience. With wild competitions between Federalists and Nationalists, athletics, a choir, and band that came together in an amazingly short amount of time, and every guy drooling over any teenaged girl, we've had some fun. Where else can you here the Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture, and people representing the House of Delegates, Secretary of State, and Senate speak?

I know most people, including myself, did not want to come. I have heard, "My mom made me do it," or "They *said* it would be fun," more times than ever before. Seriously, even though I do want to go home and get some sleep, play with my German Shepherd, and see some GIRLS, I actually wouldn't mind another day to just get to know everyone better. We have worked so hard together this week in things

none of us probably considered doing. I never thought I would ever swear people into a court, but everyone worked so well with each other.

Also, no matter what you say, everyone enjoyed something about this week. Whether your interests are sports, music, politics, religion, Boy's State probably had something that interested everyone. I personally thought I would be bored to death here, but with the choir (singing for the governor was great) and the newspaper (yet again, I never thought I could interview the governor), I realized I had a blast.

I'm sad to go, but I'm sure I'll see a lot of you down the road. I hope everyone enjoyed the talent show (I was the flipping karate guy) and had a good final night with their cabin. So, just remember the wise words of all our fantastic speakers this week and continue to grow into the Men of Tomorrow.

Steam Release (Title Inspired by Hoppy Kercheval) by Matthew Dennis

Now it's my turn. My turn to write what I want to, not what the paper wants me to, what I want to. First off, this week has been a blast. Every person I had talked prior to coming here had said this is not fun, one even went as far as saying it was the worst week of his life, no joke. I don't know how they didn't have a good time. I have one of the most time consuming jobs in the state and still had time to do what I wanted to do. Not too many people, other than maybe some State Officials, can say that have put in more time that me and my fellow newspaper staff members. We report to work while other people play, swim, or nap. We also show up to work after every assembly at night to put the finishing touches on the paper, and assemble the paper. The staff has stayed past eleven every night and midnight twice putting the paper together. If you can tell, I don't get how you can't have fun here. I'm

also tired of hearing people saying that they hate this camp, mainly because it is a "sausage fest". Sure, we haven't seen more than maybe twenty girls all week, if you're not willing to look past that, I don't know, well, I just don't know. I can't think of the words I want to use to explain.

Enough with the negative, time for the positive. I would like to thank everyone, and I mean everyone, that has made this camp much, much better than I thought it would be. The staff, Legionnaires, and the guys in cabin and Camp Africa, thank you for allowing everyone to have a good time. This camp has hopefully given everyone an opportunity that they will never have again. I say this because this camp needs to be remembered by everyone. Not everyday do get to here from heads of state governments, lawyers, veterans, and media heads speak to you. This camp has been awesome, and I will always remember it as being awesome.

Athletic Results
June 17, 2005

I'm sure you've seen the dreads moving around camp, but what are he, and the lady with him, doing. Allow me to tell you, if you will allow it. These two people, Kelly Heasley- Producer/Director, and Dan Hamilton- Production Specialist, have been preparing a promotional video for Mountaineer Boys State this week. They've been here five days gathering footage, interviewing staff and citizens, including reporter Chris Kryaninko and yours truly. The production of this tape, at least when I was around, seemed like a pain. While my interview was being taped, we had to tell a man to stop weed-eating and wait for three cars to pass. These two, who work for WVU's Television Productions department, have been recording the footage to be used for next year's orientations. The tape is scheduled to be done in October and should be from 5-10 minutes long. Again, thank you for helping Boys State receive more publication.

See Ya' Later!

