

The Statesman

WACKY WINNERS



Fellow delegates, the moment you've all been waiting for is finally here. The results of the coveted Wacky Olympics are IN! Although I am admittedly bitter about the results because my team didn't come out on top as expected, I will now reveal the results to the rest of you. The ultimate winners, are the outrageously brightly shirted Jaytown delegates! Congratulations boys. No one really cares about second place or the rest of them, but hey I'll tell you anyways. Following after them in order is Howard, Osgood, Anderson, Martie, and Las Craigas was the last place team.

Now personally I feel as though this was a perfect activity for our first day. Firstly, I'm sure I am not the only one who was exhausted from the trip over and the multiple hours of lectures that were thrown in our face almost immediately, but this was

just what I feel was needed to get the group not only more physically aware and active, but mentally as well. The preparation and planning that went into every game was just as important as the raw athletic ability, so it really got everyone popping off on all cylinders. So thank you to the counselors and everyone who made these Wacky Olympics possible, I believe I speak for us all when I say it was a fantastic experience.

The games forced the natural born leaders to come out and lead like they know how to. This was a great thing for all groups because the leaders need to take charge and combine the great minds and bodies that have come to Nevada Boys State (NBS), and use them effectively and efficiently to succeed as a city. All of the boys here are obviously gifted and talented, they are the elite of Nevada, and some know that they are and

present themselves in this fashion, but some are stuck in their shells and the voice in their head tells them to stay reserved, but it's the leader's responsibility to bring them out of those shells and into the light where their talents can shine.

But most importantly, I saw mostly in my team but just from observing in on other teams as well, that this took our teamwork and chemistry to level it needed to be risen to and even beyond. Because to do well at all communication was vital, and encouragement was just as important. Even when the team or individuals struggled, we didn't get down on ourselves and stayed positive and focused on the task at hand, which was winning. Now although there was only one winner, we are all winners in the long run from the chemistry and comfortability we gained with our fellow city (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

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members. You get out what you put in, so even if you didn't win, as long as you gave your all, you will gain experience and knowledge from this experience. If you didn't, your loss.

So all in all, this experience was amazing, and I'm sure it's just the first of many life enriching experiences we will have the pleasure of tucking under our belts at NBS. It gave us a great opportunity to become closer to our fellow city citizens, and also was a great chance to get our competitive juices flowing. I don't think we would've made it through all the lectures and introductions of the day without this activity, so I am highly appreciative as well as I'm sure all the delegates are. Everyone's talents and abilities were put on full display and we got to see the leaders shine the brightest. This is the first fun and active activity of many for all of us, so I hope you all had as great of a time as I did. Thank you staff, and most of all congratulations to the winners, JAYTOWN!

FLIGHT DELAYS

Although NBS is a time of growth and a time to gain new experiences some of our fellow delegates woke up early yesterday morning to a tragedy—a cancelled flight. The "flying" delegates gathered to the airport to wait in vain. Their original 6:20 departure flight from the Las Vegas McCarran Airport was cancelled due to the lack of crew. this is basically a nice way of saying that the pilots didn't bother showing up to work (because apparently it was too cold in their Baltimore home to get out of bed...) Although waiting around for 5 & 1/2 hours in an airport isn't what any sane person would enjoy, the "stuck" delegates were actually able to help each other pass the time by playing games. The games varied from Heads-Up to Speed, yet the time still lagged on.

Many of the "stuck" delegates wondered "Why did I not take the bus?", but, by far, the most common thought was definitely "Will I make it on the next flight?" The stand-by list seemed infinitely long, and their names were so far down on the list some of the delegates began to worry if they would ever make it to NBS. However, by the skin of their teeth, all of the "stuck" delegates were able to make it onto a flight bound for Reno. These very patient delegates were even able to make it to NBS in time for Opening Ceremony (even though some of them had to run to catch up).



THE GREAT DEBATE

From a Federalist and a Nationalist Perspective

Federalists vs. Nationalists is, and for the foreseeable future will always be an interesting debate topic. Last night, the delegates witnessed a very heated example of said debate. Defending the correct party, Nationalists, was Jay Hansen, and defending the Federalist Party was Ryan Hamilton. Both sides brought up some great points, however Jay Hansen was more effective in proving his side. Don't get me wrong, Ryan Hamilton did a very admirable job, when he wasn't evading questions. Mr. Hansen answered every question more clearly and reflective upon his position's ideals. He undoubtedly proved the Nationalist Party's superiority by arguing not for what's right for just him, but what's right for his country. His stance on gun control was stellar. He was absolutely correct when he said that we as Americans have no need for assault weapons outside of military. Ryan Hamilton hardly even addressed the topic of high powered weapons. The only thing he should have in his "cold dead hands" is this big loss.

~The Nationalist

Debate raged and spirits flared on the floor of the evening session of Nevada Boys' State Sunday as Ryan Hamilton and Jay Hansen established the base party ideals for the Federalists and Nationalists (respectively). Political activist Hamilton and die hard liberal Hansen have been embroiled in their debate for many years now, and little progress has been made in all of those years to strengthen or legitimize the Nationalist platform on behalf of Hansen.

The debate opened with remarks from both speakers, and Hansen immediately seized the opportunity to attempt to negate the comments from Mr. Hamilton by speaking of "verbal evasions" that he supposed would be made in his remarks. Mr. Hamilton responded by addressing the issues which face the state of Nevada, as opposed to attacking his opponent. The debate continued covering the issue of national defense – specifically the borders and illegal immigration – at which point Mr. Hamilton stated his opinion that citizenship belongs to those who earn it, while Hansen attacked his beliefs.

As the debate raged on, Mr. Hamilton repeatedly fielded and objectively answered the questions posed to him, while Hansen employed the age old Nationalist practice of dodging the questions posed to him, and elected instead to carry out a series of personal attacks both on Mr. Hamilton and on the Federalist Party. Mr. Hamilton responded by emphasizing the tenants of personal liberty recognized by the Federalists and the contrast they possess to the dehumanizing and demeaning platform of the Nationalists.

The debate closed with a summation of the topics discussed on behalf of both men, and Hansen took his last shot at Mr. Hamilton and the Federalist Party by implying they possess thick skulls and are less mentally capable. Mr. Hamilton took his statement in stride and continued on to the first state meeting of the Federalist Party, which ended with the caucus storming the Nationalist meeting crying "from my cold dead hands!" in reference to a speech about the 2nd Amendment made to the National Rifle Association by Charlton Heston.

~The Federalist

A First Impression of Boys' State

Upon entering the dorm rooms of Nevada Boys' State, I felt utterly lost, having no idea what to expect. I could feel the excitement from the other delegates reeling in the atmosphere, however it was unknown whether or not things here would be satisfactory. If the food would be bearable, if the rooms would be comfortable, if the people would be genuine – the list goes on. Although it would be pleasant to allow longer periods for sleep, I'm incredibly excited to see what challenges lie ahead this week at Nevada Boys' State.

From what has been seen, this is not the classic leadership camp. It appears much more rigorous, requiring a considerably larger amount of both mental and physical power. Within minutes of making new friends and uncovering the future possibilities that lie, delegates have already been given a colossal amount of responsibility to attain to. From memorizing the lengthy infamous creed to composing an extensive essay all due by 8:30 the next morning, sleep is no longer a priority for us teenagers. Yet Boys' State is astoundingly worthwhile, and I'm eager to learn skills and share ideas with others that will change my life.

In the back of my mind, I'm looking forward to the future sleep deprivation and fatigue. Aside from the fact that this won't be enjoyable at the time, us delegates will end up smarter, keener, and brighter in all aspects of life.

With hunger a beatable foe, all satisfied with food

A long 8 hour drive hits you with hunger fast. This, as experienced by many delegates from the Southern part of Nevada was public enemy number one. With soon to be seniors arriving to Reno for the marvelous and honorary session of Nevada Boys State (NBS) tackling the tendency of one's own cravings is a relief.

After various mind boggling activities delegates, were awarded in the sense of "the key to fulfilling a huge desperate desire". With UNR having such a beautiful and one of a kind campus, the buffet obviously would fit exactly into the picture. As in the case , some individuals were unexplainably pleased with the food.

Through the cafeteria environment, no one exactly would find one with a pessimistic face or tone. "It's like kids roaming into a candy store with no limits." says fellow delegate Brandon A. Some can even say the food in some general aspects, "tastes better than mom's cooking."

With an article offending one's own mom's cooking let's just hope she doesn't see this or a fellow delegate would come home to a disappointed mom.

"I am just very happy with the ability to get me a bowl of coco puffs without no limitations in any time of the day ." says delegate Daniel C. What exactly more can one ask for a coco puff cereal lover, especially with the one in a million experience of being part of boys state.

With the exhilarating part of life of boys state barely starting , all delegates should be blessed to have the opportunity to eat at such a delicious location. In the words I'm representing for all of my fellow delegates, all caps are tipped for all of the workers in this cafe.

HANDS ACROSS THE AISLE

In a fascinating trend, three of the six cities in our state elected mayors who were of the minority party within their city. Federalists Caleb Cavanagh, Liam Duffy, and Tristan Martel were elected to the position of mayor in their respective towns of Jaytown, Howard, and Anderson despite a majority of Nationalists in all three cities. Now think for a second: why would the men of these cities choose to elect a man whose political beliefs do not match theirs? The answer can be boiled down to a simple fact of human nature: that personal freedom is a highly valued item. This is not a tenant of the core Nationalist beliefs, and the result is that when an opportunity is seen to attain more of this personal freedom, those who have the opportunity to will take it.

Could this surprise be a prediction of what is to come in the upcoming state elections? Only time will tell. However, one thing has become apparent – many among the Nationalists have some level of desire to join the Federalist Party. We encourage them to TAKE ACTION, and do so now, while it's still early in the race. There is a definite place for them here. ~Publius

On the agenda:

- Monday, June 22
 - Speaker: Caleb Cage
 - Secretary of State Elections
- Tuesday, June 23
 - Lobbyist Presentation
 - Chad's Patriotism Presentation
- Wednesday, June 24
 - Speaker: Dale Erquiaga
 - College Fair
- Thursday, June 25
 - Public Service Announcements
 - General Elections
- Friday, June 26
 - Speaker: Adam Laxalt
 - Carson City Trip

