



State of the Boys

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First Impressions of Boys State

by Joseph Mariani - Minneapolis

The 74th Minnesota Boys State has commenced! Eight city governments within four counties have started to form their inner workings and begin to campaign for elected positions within their individual cities. The boys came Sunday afternoon and dropped off their gear before meeting and chatting with fellow Boys State participants. Later, the cities had a meeting, went on a campus tour, attended an opening assembly, had lunch, and had a few more nightly meetings before concluding their first day at Boys State.

“It’s been pretty cool so far and I have been learning a lot about local government procedures already. While it can be frustrating at first to get a hand on meeting procedures and etiquette, it has been very beneficial,” said Maximus Engebretson of Minneapolis.

“It’s been so fun! I’ve been very glad to meet all these people. I am quite excited for the rest of the week,” said Minneapolis city member Nathaniel McElwain.

On their second day, Boys State participants will start electing city positions, as well as begin competing in sports competitions and practicing Boys State Chorus.

This year’s Boys State is in the hands of its participants, so nothing is certain, except for two things. Fun and learning will occur in abundance!

Smelly Situation Brewing in Rochester

By Vincent Muraski

There are 9 showers on the 3rd floor of the dormitories and 3 cities. This means that there are 3 showers for 26 kids. This greatly worried the city of Rochester. There was a general consensus in the city that something needed to be done.

This culminated in the Sunday evening meeting where delegate Vincent Muraski moved to enforce a shower limit. The topic was hotly debated throughout the evening with questions over the punishment for breaking the rule and the amount of time in the limit itself.

A crucial compromise was to only have limits applied in the morning which gave the motion enough support to finally get a majority. Showers to 5 minutes in the morning with laps as the punishment for disobedience.

The motion limits this is to be enforced by the chief of police who will take the responsibility seriously and stand outside the showers with a stopwatch. Current mayoral candidate Matthew Trzynka commented on the situation: “I believe the limit should be longer but I approve of the outcome.” Overall an interesting move taken by the city with the big question being if other cities will also take this crucial step toward the public welfare. We will have to see.

St. Pauls Election Candidates

By Charles Boyum - St. Paul

Today on June 11, 2023, the St. Paul city elections were very competitive, as there were nearly 8 people running for the electoral spot for mayor, with convincing arguments from all parties involved. Main and first candidate Blake had this to say on his campaign goals “My goal is to make sure that everybody is welcome, with strict no-bullying policies with extreme punishments”. When asked about what those punishments would be, his answer was “When I appoint police chief Henry, I will be revoking positions of power from anybody who commits a crime, and for the normal citizenry, I will send them to counseling and try to understand them”. When it comes to treating people equally, is Blake really the best candidate for doing so when one of his solutions is completely unequal to others when it comes to crime?

However, when it comes to candidate Jules for mayorship, his main campaign goal was to “Bring people together”, trying to focus on talents and nature said talents. When I asked him what he would do to include people who didn't have talent, he said: “I will nurture their talent”. Not a clear answer to the question I proposed. Despite trying to run against Henry as chief of police, he said that he would keep Henry as his chief of police, thinking of him as “Better than I would be at the chief of police position”. When I asked him what his policy would be on crime, he said that “Possible revocable use of phones at all times and exile from the lunch table are both possibilities for punishments”. I believe that, as a city, we should stay united, and exile from the lunch table is taking that to the extreme.

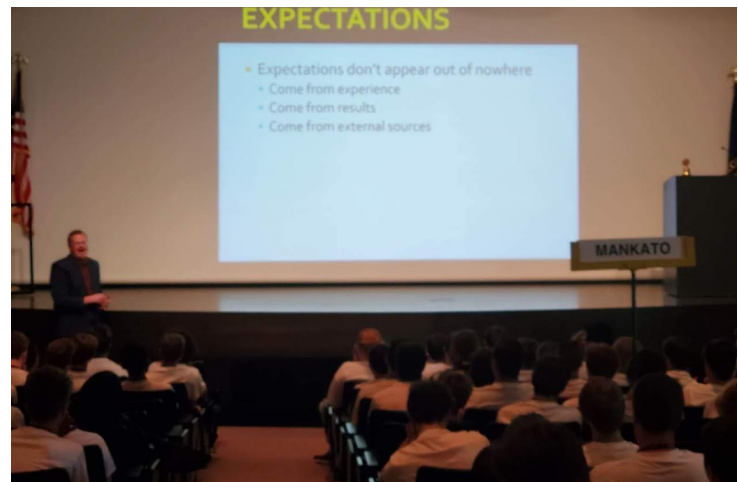
The current temporary police chief, a current runner for police chief, and a runner for mayor had a goal of listening to his constituents and running a tight ship. He wants people to be up early, on time, and have the proper people appointed to positions. When I asked him about who he would appoint as his chief of police if he becomes mayor, he stated “I will run a tight ship on crime”. Not really a clear answer. His answer to criminals was very clear unlike his position electing. He plans on revoking titles, holding meetings and impeachment votes, and holding elections to re-elect demoted officials. He expects everybody to uphold their duties, possess strong backbones, and take down criminals to help the chief of police. His response to crime is clear, but not much else.

In conclusion, I believe that, out of the candidates I interviewed, Blake is the best candidate. The main reason is that he has clear goals in mind, he knows what he wants, and he has the ability to sway and convince people. However, the election is far from over, as the other candidates are able to sweep in and take charge.

Mankato Boys Facing Reality

By Andy Yang - Mankato

As the 2nd day continues, the boys began looking around the church at Saint John's University, questioning what they will be doing in the future. Amidst all of the confusion, they walk into the auditorium, ready to listen to a speech given by Mr. Logeman. One iconic thing Mr. Logeman says is, “Do not let your expectations control you!” “Such words were embraced by the boys’ ears. After the speech, Kyle from the City of Mankato said that “The speech has really changed my mentality.” Many boys at this time question their place in the world and in that speech, their mentality was shifted by the simple speech called “Expectations.” Many boys come into Boys State clueless about their future, but as it continues, many will find their place in the world.



Campus Candida



There was an attempt....

Assembly Speech Wows Boys Staters With Strong Message.

By: Vincent muraski - Rochester

Adam Logeman, one of the counselors to the city of Austin, gave a moving presentation on Monday before lunch. The 28-year-old Logeman, who seems to be the 2nd tallest man in his family, spoke about the pressure that expectations put on people and how to deal with them. This is a message that strongly resonated with many people at Boys State. Rochester delegate Jacob Orloff said: "The speech had a real effect on me because of the way it was presented and the heart put into it." The quality of this speech cannot be understated as it dealt with issues the majority of the boys were facing, are facing, or will be facing. Many boys there appreciated it and would like to thank Adam for presenting this. Here are the 4 strategies he gave for how to deal with expectations

1. Focus- you can always choose to pay attention to something if you want to
2. Adaptation- change how you view yourselves or obstacles to better overcome them
3. Resilience- being able to stand up and face those expectations one more time even if you might fail
4. Thankfulness- if you are looking for things to be thankful for you will find them

Austin with the Comeback

By Johann Keinath - Austin

The beginning of basketball week began on Monday, June 12th, at 5:00 PM. The main spectacle during the hour was Saint Paul vs. Austin. The Austin Hogs came into the game full of confidence. That confidence seems to disintegrate within minutes of the first half. Austin trailed for 20 straight minutes failing to make any sort of progress. At the end of the half, Austin was losing 35 to 23. But the Hogs did not quit. Instead, they rallied, and midway through the second half, the Hogs closed the gap on Saint Paul with tall weapons and dynamic shooters. Austin pulled ahead of Saint Paul winning the game 59 to 53, an incredible comeback that will go down in Minnesota Boys State history. Star players of Austin include Sterling Madson, who dominated from mid-range and made countless rebounds. Ben Blomberg, who is a ten, had multiple put-backs and a streak of three-pointers to help Austin secure the win. Also, Henry Remick, who was a dominant presence on the court in the second half, made many lay-ups and rebounds. Short shooters, Isaac Sheard, and Johann Keinath had many plays that boosted morale such as skyhooks and deep three-pointers. Henri Peltier, Luke Anderson, Caden Springer, and AJ Nienow also contributed to the team's success by making meaningful shots and brilliant passes. This Austin team looks dangerous.

Sunday Monday Recap

By Andrew Englund - St Cloud

Let's start at the beginning when I had no clue what was going on so about 4 months ago in Grygla, MN way up north my teachers came up to me and asked me to come to boy state and I told them sure, not a yes or a no and it was a decision I thought I was going to regret giving up my summer for some boys. I was intrigued to just get a break from life, to be frank, something new and different.

When I got here at registration the sprinklers turned on all of my stuff so that was fun. After everyone had a good chuckle. We left for our dorms, some of us pack light some packed heavy. I was so nervous I was going to have a bad roommate and I told him that but he's a really amazing guy he's a bit tired at first till he wakes up but we definitely got to meet him within just a few days. We came from a room to go collect ourselves at our city and we discuss amongst ourselves and get to know each other. We may have some disagreements like everyone and a new place especially when u have terrible people skills when I go to a high school with 75 kids in it total.

After we discussed among ourselves we had dinner, amazing food by far, then followed our assembly. We learned a lot by getting here at 14:30. Then after that we formed our city once more and had a meeting for laws to come forward on the first day. It was really hard to agree and it took 20 to 40 mins to finish a topic. Then we got to bed at 22:30, way past my bedtime of 21:00. Everyone had time for lights out at 23:00.

In the morning I started my day bright and early at 6:00 which is 7 hrs I should have got if I actually fell asleep at 23:00. Took me a while for someplace new to fall asleep. We went out to do calisthenics and it wasn't bad for a guy who as Asma we stretched, and ran a bit not my favorite by the way, our punishment for not making our bed more running but very unique we ran as a team nobody left behind. We found out what happened when u do go out of the group we restart I think it was fun and a great bonding. After that, we did a roommate knowledge test to know them for 18 hrs. We got through 3 questions and we got them all right. Then we showered and got to eat another amazing meal.

We went to another city council meeting of the great St. Cloud County of Cook. We discussed our values of a city, voted for our local government, and our honor and determination to win and be the best in a small school. It seems like we are a family in our 26-member city. We grow together but we also fall together. I like how people become better, always get back up, and never stop fighting. Then the hard part started to come. We were going to get quizzed on and be in sports volleyball, basketball, and kickball. We all got to pick a wish that was fun. We had to study for quizzes just 2 weeks out of school. With 4 presentations with pictures and lunch in between taking notes and listening to everyone, everyone did a fantastic job. At the end of the lack of sleep everyone was tired I guarantee. We had our sports and after a win for kickball dinner then city meetings and we got to see our local government. Then we ended the day with our elected government and we took over our city with guidance. We added a mascot of a Cougar now known as the St. Cloud Cougars.

Kickball Kickoff Shows Promise for Both Teams!

By Joseph Rychlicki - Winona

Despite valiant efforts from both teams, Duluth won 5-4 in the first kickball matchup between the two teams. The game started with a quick 3-0 lead for Duluth, but the resilient Winona Winners answered back shortly after and tied it up at 3-3. Both teams scored another point, but eventually, it was Duluth who scored the final run to seal the deal. Stay tuned as the Winona Winners take on Minneapolis at 5:00 pm tomorrow!

Shirtgate 2023: Redux

By: Jake Bigalk -Mankato

Conversation over the 2022 Governor's shirt swept the cities House floors. In the shadows, the shirt is as shady as Batman, but in the light is a glimmering reflection of the Milky Way's blue abyss. Which is the correct answer: blue or black? Reports from the Mankato House floor are conflicting. Discussion endured for hours. After a conflicting verbal vote, and multiple breaches of Parliamentary Procedure, then a division proved blue to prevail. "It was a brutal mess, but I believe we got what we needed to accomplish" a Mankato delegate reported.

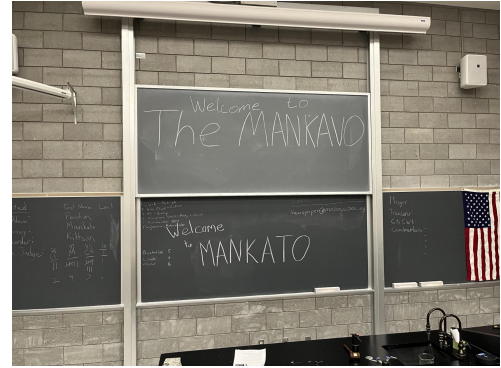
Rocky Start, But Hopeful Beginnings

By: Jake Bigalk - Mankato

Hope: our greatest ally. Mankato basketball had a bumper-to-bumper game with Minneapolis at 29-31 with Kasey as the top scorer. Volleyball grew as a team and is prepared for the match tomorrow, 0-2. The Kickball team blew Minneapolis away from the Mississippi with a final score of 13-3, runs held back by the mercy rule per inning capped at five. Kollin was the star player with two home runs and more points scored. "Kickball teams on top, what can one say?" fellow Mankato kickball player reprints. Mankato will rise from the ashes in the other sports and score above the other Minnesota cities.

Whats in a Names?

By Andy Yang - Mankato



As the Mankato Boys continue ravaging through this week, they made a simple change to the name of their room, calling it "THE MANKAVO." The people of Mankato truly embrace their masculinity and the city they reside in. True men.

Athletics Results

	Winners		Losers	
Kickball	Duluth	5	Winona	4
	Mankato	13	Minneapolis	3
	St. Cloud	5	Rochester	4
	St. Paul	3	Austin	2
Volleyball	Duluth	2	Winona	1
	Rochester	2	St. Cloud	1
	Minneapolis	2	Mankato	0
	St. Paul	2	Austin	0
Basketball	Duluth	21	Winona	19
	St. Cloud		Rochester	
	Minneapolis	31	Mankato	29
	Austin	59	St. Paul	53

Sing Sing Sing!



The Boys State Chorus began has being its practices under the direction Murray Birght with Julie Bight.

Athletics Schedule

Date	Early Games (4:20PM)	Late Games (5:10PM)
Monday	Minneapolis vs Mankato St. Paul vs Austin	St. Cloud vs Rochester Winona vs Duluth
Tuesday	Rochester vs Mankato Duluth vs Austin	St. Cloud vs St. Paul Winona vs Minneapolis
Wednesday	St. Cloud vs Mankato Winona vs Austin	Rochester vs Minneapolis Duluth vs St. Paul
Thursday	Winona vs St. Cloud Minneapolis vs St. Paul	Duluth vs Rochester Austin vs Mankato
Friday	Consolations	Championships

