



Boys State: A Counter for Communism

By Lee Cooper, City 8, Odom

When we think about the history of Boys State, some might see it as an organization that was established in order to grow and develop young leaders for the political and social endeavors they will face throughout their lives. While this is true, upon further inspection, this is only one part of the story.

Boys State was founded in 1935 by Hayes Kennedy, who was the American Chairman of the Illinois Department of the American Legion, and Harold Card, a middle school instructor and Department Boy Scout Chairman. The program was a response to a boys' summer camp known as Young Pioneer Camp, which was based in either communism or fascism. These camps were run all over the world and started to have a presence in the United States. Boys State aimed to counter these programs and develop a camp that was based on the foundations of democracy. After much consideration and hard work, Boys State made its first appearance in 1935 at the Illinois State Fair. It has been ongoing ever since and this will be the 81st year.

So why should we care about the history of Boys State? Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "We are not makers of history. We are made by history."

The origins and history of Boys State are what has made it the prominent organization that it is today. By the work of two brilliant men, an alternative camp was developed in order to fight communism and fascism, and establish the principles of democracy within the youth of America. So if you thought Boys State was just a good thing on your resume, remember the founders and the hard work they, along with many others, have put into this program in order for each and every delegate to be successful throughout their political endeavors and throughout their lives as leaders in America.

More Than a Football Team

By Seth Self, City 7, Limbaugh

When one thinks of The University of Alabama, one almost assuredly thinks of championship-level football. While it is true that Alabama has one of the best football programs in the country, there is much more to this school than just one sport!

From its origins and founding, UA has grown from a collection of just seven buildings at its inception to a bustling, modern research university offering many distinct programs and majors, becoming the state's flagship university.

The University of Alabama was founded in 1831 in Tuscaloosa, which was at that time the state capital. With 52 students enrolled, classes began in April of that same year. The University continued to grow until the Civil War began. As the war (see **More than, page 2**)

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as the war came to the south, it came also to UA. The campus was burned in 1865 by Union soldiers and only a handful of buildings were spared. Notable among them is the President's Mansion near Denny Chimes, where the University president still lives today. Recently, The University of Alabama has experienced a period of rapid growth. Current enrollment has increased over 52% since 2006, reaching a record high of 38,563 in 2016 with the size of the student body continuing to grow.

Offering over 72 undergraduate programs, The University of Alabama has become widely acknowledged as one of the nation's premier universities. With innovation and research activities continuing to increase, UA is quickly becoming a destination school. With new projects on the way and new ideas being developed, it is clear there is much more to this university than a winning football team.

The Daily AL Boys State Blog

By: Joshua May, City 1, Harper

The engines of Alabama Boys State are in gear and driving towards a highly anticipated week of superb scheduled events.

Although, it may not be fun waking up at 6 o'clock in the morning, the boys' spirits were not dampened when the flag ceremony was cancelled due to rain.

In fact, they were eager to cast their votes for the representatives of the Nationalists and Federalists for their state representatives in the general election on Wednesday. These candidates would go head-to-head in the coming days of Boys State.

After their state representative elections, the boys were next treated with a surprise that would benefit them greatly after their senior year. The University of Alabama Admissions brought a panel of college representatives to help answer some of the questions the Boy State attendees had. This was

an amazing learning success for students, as they were able to get first-hand knowledge on how college life is.

Later in the day delegates were treated with hearing from prominent speaker U. S. Army Lieutenant General Ed Daly. Listeners were able to gain more knowledge on how to succeed in the face of adversity from both an overall and military perspective. This presentation truly gave the young men a better understanding of what it is like to put your life on the line for your country and to learn from failure. The next session involved a speaker like no other, George W. Andrews, III who gave his personal experience in the times of John F. Kennedy's assassination. This truly illuminating account gave the students a new perspective on a very important and tragic part of history. If the rest of the week is like it was today, the speakers to come will surely blow Alabama Boys State away.

Pay attention and prepare yourself for an even more exciting rest of the week. By the time it's over you will have learned more about leadership and more about your state.

**Boys State
Weather Report**

Wednesday, May 29, 2018

By Patrick Vest, City 10 Cook

Chance of Thunderstorms for Tuesday:
80%

Humidity: 78%

Wind: South winds up to 7 mph

Local Heavy Rain Possible

Data via Weather.com



Alabama Boys State Sports Results

(From Monday, May 28, 2018)

By: Evan Rainey, City 6, Jeffrey

SPORT: CITY (Winner in Bold)

BASKETBALL- (4) Copland vs **(3) McCray**
(5) Cooper vs (6) Jeffrey
(7) Limbaugh vs (8) Odom
 (9) Barnett vs **(10) Cook**

SOFTBALL- (4) Copland vs **(3) McCray**
 (5) Cooper vs **(6) Jeffrey**
TIE (7) Limbaugh vs (8) Odom
(9) Barnett vs (10) Cook

VOLLEYBALL- **(4) Copland** vs (3) McCray
(5) Cooper vs (6) Jeffrey
(7) Limbaugh vs (8) Odom
(9) Barnett vs (10) Cook

SOCCER- (4) Copland vs **(3) McCray**
(5) Copland vs (6) Jeffrey
TIE (7) Limbaugh vs (8) Odom
(9) Barnett vs (10) Cook

ULTIMATE FRISBEE-

(4) Copland vs (3) McCray
(5) Cooper vs (6) Jeffrey
 (7) Limbaugh vs **(8) Odom**
(9) Barnett vs (10) Cook

American Legion Boys' State General Election (sample) Ballot

Governor (vote for one)

- 2 – Thomas Ward (F)
- 3 – Mason Laney (N)

Lt. Governor (vote for one)

- 6 – David Keith Matthews (F)
- 7 – Arman Sheffield (N)

Attorney General (vote for one)

- 10 – Trace Thompson (F)
- 11 – Trey Stanley (N)

State Auditor (vote for one)

- 14 – Landon Clarke (F)
- 15 – Joseph Drake (N)

State Treasurer (vote for one)

- 18 – Christopher Tamburin (F)
- 19 – Christian Rivers (N)

Secretary of State (vote for one)

- 22 – David Schafer (F)
- 23 – John Melancon (N)

Comm. of Agriculture & Industries (vote for one)

- 26 – Trent Davis (F)
- 27 – Jacob Springer (N)

U.S. Senate Place 1 (vote for one)

- 32 – Wells Hutsler (F)
- 33 – Zachary Lewis (N)

U.S. Senate Place 2 (vote for one)

- 36 – Ziven Fowler (F)
- 37 – Jones T. Webb (N)

President, Public Service Comm. (vote for one)

- 39 – Taylor Hay (F)
- 40 – Cade Williams (N)

Associate Comm, PSC Place 1 (vote for one)

- 43 – Dylan Hanson (F)
- 44 – Christian Austin (N)

Associate Comm, PSC Place 2 (vote for one)

- 47 – Mason O'Rourke (F)
- 48 – Tanner Warhurst (N)

Chief Justice (vote for one)

- 51 – Caleb Kirk (F)
- 52 – Alexander McMahon (N)

Associate Justice, Place 1 (vote for one)

- 55 – Gray McPherson (F)
- 56 – Wyatt Kent (N)

Associate Justice, Place 2 (vote for one)

- 59 – Patrick Vest (F)
- 60 – Teddy Dowd (N)

American Legion Boys' State General Election (sample) Ballot

Associate Justice, Place 3 (vote for one)

- 62 – Jayden Carlos (F)
- 63 – Parker Hallmark (N)

Associate Justice, Place 4 (vote for one)

- 66 – Drew Freeman (F)
- 67 – Blake Mitchell (N)

Associate Justice, Place 5 (vote for one)

- 70 – Cade Hatfield (F)
- 71 – Brayden Bendall (N)

Associate Justice, Place 6 (vote for one)

- 74– Collin Heisler (F)
- 75 – Sherman McCarthy (N)

Associate Justice, Place 7 (vote for one)

- 78– Keaton Shelton (F)
- 79 – Joshua Fields (N)

Associate Justice, Place 8 (vote for one)

- 82 – Daniel Rutz (F)
- 83 – Brandon Crum (N)

Civil Appeals, Associate, Place 1 (vote for one)

- 86 – Joshua Howell (F)

Civil Appeals, Associate, Place 2 (vote for one)

- 92 – Caleb Cornett (F)
- 93 – Logan Gordy (N)

Civil Appeals, Associate, Place 3 (vote for one)

- 96 – Andres Perales (F)
- 97 – Jake Statom (N)

Civil Appeals, Associate, Place 4 (vote for one)

- 99 – Jacob Whitlock (F)
- 100 – Joshua Green (N)

Civil Appeals, Associate, Place 5 (vote for one)

- 102 – Benjamin Shadden (F)
- 103 – Andrew Britton Turner (N)

Criminal Appeals, Associate, Place 1 (vote for one)

- 105 – Will Jacobs (F)
- 106 – Nathan MacDonald (N)

Criminal Appeals, Associate, Place 2 (vote for one)

- 108 – Walker Basden (F)
- 109 – Dustin Lowe (N)

Criminal Appeals, Associate, Place 3 (vote for one)

- 111 – Jayson Hernandez (F)
- 112 – Josh Ruth (N)

Criminal Appeals, Associate, Place 4 (vote for one)

- 114 – Landon Burrage (F)
- 115 – Tyler Brown (N)

Criminal Appeals, Associate, Place 5 (vote for one)

- 117 – Brett Edmiston (F)