

The Citizen Builder

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ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Citizen Builder Staff Report



U.S. Senate Place 1
Abel Morris (F)

U.S. Senate Place 2
James Godwin (F)

Governor
Luke Lawson (F)

Lt. Governor
Nick Frazier (F)

Attorney General
Asher Allen (N)

State Auditor
Tanner Griggs (F)

State Treasurer
James "Travis Scott" Batchelor (N)

Secretary of State
Tanner Couch (F)

Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries
Roy Watson (N)

President, Public Service Commission
Austin Couch (F)

PSC Place 1
Jim Vick (F)

PSC Place 2
Jaiden Webster (F)

Supreme Court Chief Justice
Will Crocker (N)

Associate Justice Place 1
Ben Cobb (F)

Associate Justice Place 2
Davis MacIsaac (F)

Associate Justice Place 3
Jonathan Brown (F)

Associate Justice Place 4
Silas Reynolds (F)

Associate Justice Place 5
Ian Hughes (N)

Associate Justice Place 6
Thomas Fleming (F)

Associate Justice Place 7
William Cayden McCormack (N)

Associate Justice Place 8
Devin Hendricks (F)

Civil Appeals, Place 1
Jaxon Upshaw (F)

Civil Appeals, Place 2
Spencer Fleming (F)

Civil Appeals, Place 3
Braden Kachelman (F)

Civil Appeals, Place 4
Thomas Armstrong (F)

Civil Appeals, Place 5
John Wallace Simpson (F)

Criminal Appeals, Place 1
Gavin Young (F)

Criminal Appeals, Place 2
Fernando Nunez (F)

Criminal Appeals, Place 3
Cooper Wingate (N)

Criminal Appeals, Place 4
William Lovett (N)

Criminal Appeals, Place 5
Padric Peavy (F)

Preparing For an Unknown Future

Sullivan Cole

Tuesday night, Air Force Colonel Mark Valentine spoke in a general session. His speech was absolutely incredible. He started us off with three dates in history for us to think about until later in the speech where he revealed what they meant. He then went on to talk about his life and how he lived in a mobile home until he went off into the Air Force. The dates talked about earlier in the speech turned out to be the days before key events in history, and how nothing significant happened on those days. He made that point to say that the future is unknown. He wants us to prepare for an unknown future, and here's how he says we should do it: First, Listen more than

you talk and do more than you say. Secondly, serve. Everyone says they're a servant leader, but do their actions agree with that? How comfortable are you being wrong? If that is your biggest fear, you are fighting for you to be right, and not to get something done. Third, don't learn something you already know. Listen to someone you might not agree with and approach it as an opportunity to learn. Lastly, Lead in these ways and you will find success. Be more than just be special, do special things. This is the way Colonel Mark Valentine believes we should prepare for a future that is unknown.
Sent from my iPhone



5-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK



The History Behind the Halls

Evan Heartsill

Every day, we walk around different buildings on the beautiful campus of the University of Alabama. Three buildings in particular that we see every day—Denny Chimes, Lloyd Hall, and the Dance Theater—stand as proud symbols of the University of Alabama's legacy. But, what is the significance behind each one of them? While walking around the quad, one thing stands out. Denny Chimes, built in 1929 and named after

President George H. Denny, is more than just a bell tower in the middle of campus. Beneath the tower are the handprints of past Alabama football captains, allowing us to understand the true meaning that surrounds them. Across the way, where we attend city meetings is Lloyd Hall. Built in 1927 and named after professor Richard T. Lloyd, it now houses multiple classrooms, but its true power lies in the discussions and leadership that happen inside,

just like what we have been doing at Boys State. Finally, the Dance Theater, where each general session is held, is full of history. Whether it's between speeches or speakers, the energy inside the theater is electric for every delegate. Each one of these buildings holds a fascinating story behind it. At Boys State, we're becoming part of it.

Dark Nights and Rainy Days: Boys State Weather Report

Paine Gray

Many members of Boys State were caught unaware in the cold yesterday when a sudden downpour of rain struck during a mass migration to the general assembly hall. Due to this, many members were unprepared for the event of rain and had no umbrella or rain coat to protect them, soaking their

clothes and bags thoroughly. In addition to the delay in scheduling caused by the torrent, many outdoor sports and activities were also canceled for that day and the immediate future. Boys State members who volunteered for certain sports like soccer or kickball may find themselves delayed for the time being.

Boys State staff has promised to minimize the damage of weather events by providing every delegate with a plastic poncho and more planning. In addition, future weather forecasts predict rain storms for Thursday and Friday, so it is recommended that all delegates bring provided ponchos or raincoats in their bags.



BUSY BAMA!

Briggs Brown

This summer here in Tuscaloosa there is a lot of positive growth in the county with the abundance of students at the University of Alabama. Here at the University of Alabama they are hosting quite a few things this week including: Boys State, Bama Bound, UCA Cheer Camp, summer classes, and some construction throughout the campus. Next week, the university is hosting Alabama Girls State which is lead by the American Legion Auxiliary, where young women have a chance to show their leadership abilities and learn about government positions on all levels.

I am sure we all know about Boys State by now, as this is a wonderful opportunity for all delegates to become active citizens. Bama Bound orientation is an event for new students attending the University of Alabama to have a chance to see the campus and learn more for their upcoming semester. UCA Cheer Camp is a four day camp where cheerleaders learn cheers, dances, and stunts to compete against other cheer teams attending. UCA Cheer Camp is a great way for cheerleaders to bond with each other and form long lasting relationships. Students attending The University of Alabama

for the summer semester have arrived, ready to take their selected classes. New updates and renovations have concurred at UA, during this busy week with all of the delegates, students, and cars. The University of Alabama is always trying to better their campus for their students and community. I think we owe a big "thank you" to the University of Alabama, and all of its staff for hosting all of these events to improve leadership, provide opportunities, and share some love to their community. Thank you and Roll Tide!

From Them to You: Lunch For Today!

Harris Dunham

Here at Boys State, the dining experience sometimes isn't just about the food; it's about the people the made it. For today's story, I got to meet the people behind the extravagant meals we have had all week! Here was a quick conversation I had with them: [Me]: "Hello! So you guys have been making amazing meals, and we were all wondering what your mindset was towards this menu or if

there was any inspiration for the foods you've made this week?" [Chefs]: "We wanted to make a unique menu that had all sort of different foods and protein so that everyone here can have energy for the week." [Me]: "Okay! Thank you for providing some insight towards the amazing foods we've had this week! Thank you so much!"

Make sure to thank the chefs for all the food they have been making, it's truly Michelin star stuff!

In other news, today's meal has been revealed! For lunch, the brilliant chefs are serving flavorful herb-baked chicken, juicy beef burritos, buttery grilled cheese, a variety of pizza options, and an unforgettable dessert platter!

Short-Lived Movement

Clay Clemons

In a dramatic turn of events at Boys State, William Tabb — a well-informed and articulate candidate for governor who was eliminated in the primary election — became the face of an attempted third, independent party movement. While the initiative quickly gained attention and a strong backing, it ultimately was too late for this wild idea to gain official traction.

The idea to form an independent party did not originate with Tabb himself. Instead, several delegates, frustrated by what

they perceived as an election driven more by popularity than policy, approached Tabb, encouraging him to lead an alternative effort. Recognized for his strong grasp of policy and state government, Tabb was seen as an ideal figurehead for a new direction.

"People aren't only voting based off qualifications, popularity and city politics are both main factors people are considering over character and qualifications" Tabb said.

The movement gained brief but strong momentum, attracting support from

delegates from multiple cities and both parties who shared Tabb's concerns and admired his courage to challenge the status quo. For a moment, it appeared the initiative might reshape the political landscape of Boys State.

However, the effort was soon met with resistance from the Boys State Administration who cited the rules pertaining to third parties that stated it must have been done by 1:30 Monday and Tuesday afternoon was too late.