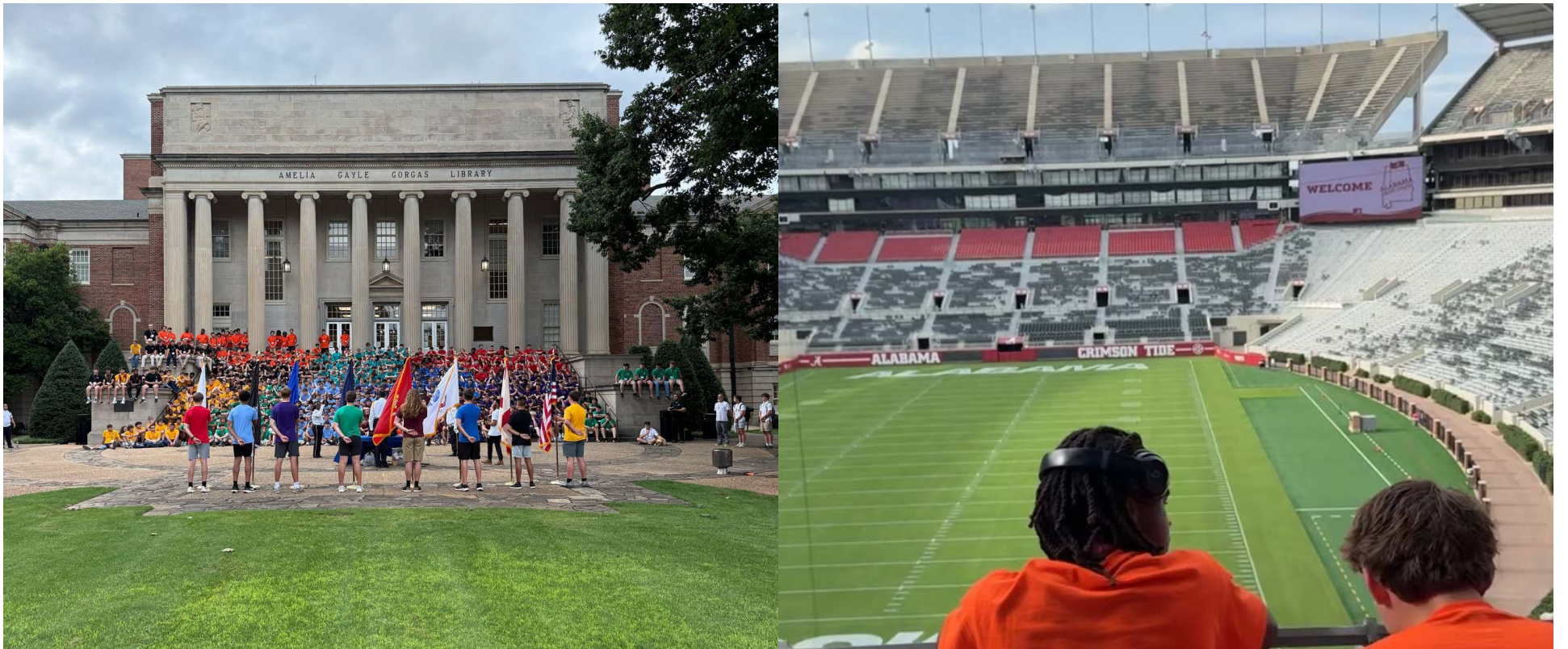


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Delegates Visit Bryant-Denny Stadium and Attend Flag Retirement Ceremony

Coleman Waldrop



On Thursday evening, delegates at Alabama Boys State traveled to Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium following the first opportunity of the week to participate in outdoor activities under clear skies. Delegates walked through the Walk of Champions and locker room before heading into the stadium for dinner overlooking the field. During the meal, excitement spread throughout the room as several delegates spotted former Alabama head

football coach Nick Saban walking around the field.

Later in the evening, delegates gathered on the Quad for a flag retirement ceremony led by the American Legion. During the ceremony, officials explained when a flag should be retired, the proper ways to retire it, and the importance of respecting the American flag. They also explained that the American Legion traditionally retires cotton flags through a

ceremonial burning process. Delegates were given the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about flag etiquette and traditions.

The evening combined both entertainment and education, giving delegates the chance to experience one of Alabama's most recognized landmarks while also learning about patriotic traditions. Events like these continue to make Boys State a memorable and meaningful experience for delegates across the state.

White House Historian Visits Boys State

Joseph Collante and Brandon Porter



On May 28th, 2026, the delegates of Boys State were visited by Stewart McLaurin. As the President of the White House Historical Association, McLaurin preserves American history by documenting all of the changes and additions made to the White House. The recently-elected 89th AL Boys State Governor spoke with McLaurin about his position, his journey to hold his position, and his various ventures to promote American history. Those ventures include educational programs, books,

podcasts, and public outreach.

Historian McLaurin is passionate about ensuring that White House history is preserved for future generations as First Lady Jackie Kennedy intended for the organization when she founded it in 1961. Historian McLaurin's leadership has been vital in the association's efforts to convey detailed content to a large audience. He has achieved many key milestones for this association, which has been led by his passionate belief in the importance of history.

5-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK



Politicians Gamble: A Boys State Cartoon

Campbell Crowe



Finally! Outdoor Sports Begin Thursday

Alexander Knapp and Baker Farnell

In the past five days of Boys State so far, delegates have not been able to play any outside sports due to inclement weather. Yesterday finally saw a break in the terrible

outdoor conditions. It was quite unfortunate that the weather did not break earlier, but at least athletes will have the memory of playing their sports of choice this week.

Board Of Education At Work

Logan Johnson

The position of State Board of Education is usually ignored by many, but it plays a critical role in the functionality of the entire state and her people. Education is essential for the enrichment of the youth and their ability to become the eventual leaders of the country, and so The Board of Education wants to invest into

their lives as much as they can to ensure they become the citizens they are meant to be.

The Board of Education has met and decided on many policies that it believes could improve student and teacher lives in the state of Alabama. This would give them many more opportunities and ensure that the staff is

contributing as many resources as possible in order to create brilliant young minds that will lead our country into a better future and a more hopeful tomorrow..

Denny Chimes - Loud & Clear

William Burgess

Standing 115 feet tall at the center of the University of Alabama campus, Denny Chimes is more than a clock tower — it is a living monument to tradition. Built in 1929 and named for former university president George Denny, the tower rings its carillon bells each quarter hour across the Quad.

At its base, concrete footprints and signatures of every Alabama Student Government Association president line the walk, creating a sidewalk of legacy stretching back



decades.

For any visitor to Tuscaloosa, Denny Chimes is an unmistakable reminder that at Alabama, history is not just remembered — it is heard.

Feds Sweep the Nats

Michael Pinelo

The Federalists had one game plan coming into the statewide elections, and it was to fully take over. With everyone in the party having the same goal in mind, they almost succeeded, apart from the position of state auditor. The state auditor position was won

by a Nationalist: the one and only CatDog, whom everyone seems to love. His sweet nature and presence made him an exception to this takeover mindset. As the saying goes, he is a once-in-a-generation type of person. During their party rally, the Federalists talked about the

takeover. This agenda was heavily pushed by the Federalist delegates and party leadership. The Federalist Party exceeded last year's takeover, where they only lost three statewide races. This was certainly the perfect follow-up to 2025 for the Feds.

