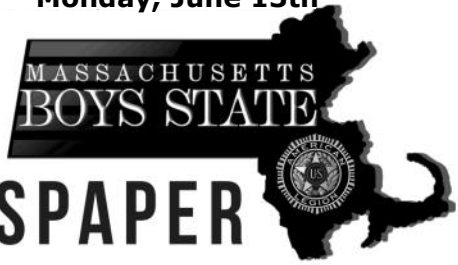


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Dorm Life at Boys State

While many of the citizens here at Boys State are college-savvy, very few have had true experience with dorm-life: the mystery of what your roommate will be like; the panic attack you have when you realize you might have forgotten something vital back home; the shower situation; the quality of the food. All of these factors contribute to the intricacies, the anxieties, and the joys of living in a college dorm.

Most of the citizens admitted to being nervous about their roommates. Some were fearful of getting the jerk, the nerd, the noisy roommate. However, all said that they ended up settling with whoever they got and making the best of it. After all, there are over four-hundred other guys here; there is no reason you cannot make a friend elsewhere.

Looking at the actual dorm features, most report the rooms as being adequate. The Boys State dorms are “efficient for our needs” at least, a member of T-6 Guadalcanal said. After all, very little of the program’s schedule is carried out in the dorm rooms. Next can be one of the more frustrating aspects of dorm life: showers and bathrooms. With over one hundred boys per residence hall, it’s understandable that there would some lines for

the facilities. With reveille at 6:30 am and departure for breakfast at 7:00 am, there is a very small window of time to get in to the bathroom, shower, and get out. The more difficult event though, is when your platoon is responsible for morning colors. What this means is that your platoon must wake up at 6:15, be out of the door by 6:45, and raise the flag outside the Shields Science Center. What is even more enjoyable, is doing all of the above, in the rain. First Platoon were the lucky ones on Sunday morning; most rising to the occasion at 6:00 am or even earlier. However, there is some refuge for the grouchy ones who may not describe themselves as “morning people.”

The food here at Stonehill College has been unanimously rated as more than acceptable. Though Saturday did not have the most pleasant start, offering a box lunch and bottled water, that night’s dinner more than made up for it. With a meal of beef, corn, potatoes and much, much, more, citizens were more than satisfied with the campus’s meals. Sunday’s breakfast also received great ratings, with cheesy-eggs being the most popular dish. Even better was the lunch offered Sunday afternoon including hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken nuggets. This experience with the food here on Stonehill seems to have given renewed hope for dorm life, and many are excited to live life on campus full time in the Fall of 2012.

Weather

Stonehill College, MA



Cloudy

Today
High **67**
Low **49**



30% Chance of Showers

Tuesday
High **66**
Low **51**



Partly Sunny

Wednesday
High **66**
Low **51**



Partly Cloudy

Thursday
High **66**
Low **51**



30% Chance of Showers

Friday
High **66**

By Casey Croteau

The Ultimate High Schooler's Guide to Getting into College

As students of class of 2011 walk through the doors of their high school for the last time, a new senior class will take its place and begin its final year of secondary education, full of procrastination, senioritis, and last minute college planning. The whole college admission process may seem a little daunting at first. However, there is hope. This simple guide will give you the answers to all of your questions about what colleges are looking for when considering prospective students.

- **Cubefield Scores** – Cubefield, a game in which the player must maneuver a space ship among clusters of cubes and avoid colliding with them, is a game close to many of our hearts. Even colleges have recognized how much of a profound impact it has on our daily lives and now require Cubefield scores to be listed on your application. However, colleges only want students who are good at playing it. Applying to Harvard? What's your high score? 449999? No, just stop. Throw that Harvard application away right now. Don't bother; it's not going to happen. Harvard's MINIMUM is 450000. Nice try though. If you're that one person who hasn't played Cubefield before, then you might just want to get on that.
- **Texts of Recommendation** – Why have your teachers write letters of recommendation when they can text a recommendation instead? They are much more simple, personal, and to the point. Colleges will also commend your attempt at promoting environmental sustainability by sending that text recommendation, saving one endangered tree.
- **Stream of Consciousness Reflections** – Most colleges have recognized that a stream of consciousness reflection is the best and easiest way to determine a student's character and identity. It describes nearly everything that is on a student's mind at an exact moment. If you're unfortunate enough to find a school that still requires essays, then make the right choice: don't go there.
- **Arctic-Pacific Adventures** - If you've ever been on an AP adventure, you know how much of an adventure it really is. Being able to survive the grueling tasks of an AP expedition is the true test of a student's prowess, and colleges will love to see how much of an explorer you really are.
- **Participation in School Activities** - Colleges are always looking to see how involved you were in your high school career, so why not show them? A piece of trash from your first Stuco Beach Cleanup would be a great start. A video of one of your band or chorus performances would be good too! Skip over your first middle school concert though. Trust me, it's nothing they'd want to hear.

How Many Times You've Walked Around in the Hallways During Class - It's a common myth that colleges value a high schooler's grades, despite the claims of some educators. In reality, colleges are interested in how often you skip out on class. We've all "gone to the bathroom" at some point or another, some of us much more than others. Colleges acknowledge the fact that some students are more capable than others of determining when (or when not) it is required for them to be in class, a true demonstration of one's understanding of what he or she is being taught.

By Chris Powloka

Bruins Beg for a Win in Game 6

The Bruins are up against the wall going into the sixth game of the Stanley Cup finals. Having lost the game on Friday, the score is now 2-3 Canucks. The match was another virtually scoreless one, the final score being 0-1 after Lapierre got in the only goal of the game. The game, however, took place in Rogers Arena which has indicated that the Bruins prefer to play on home turf, the location of the next match (Tim Thomas has let through a grand total of 1 shot there, and the Bruins have made a total of 12). Both teams tend to be significantly rowdier in the Boston Garden, meaning it should, if nothing else, be a highly entertaining show. Hopes are high that the Bruins can come out even in Game Six, and I'm sure the fans will be on the edge of their seats in anticipation of a Game Seven final.

By Dan Vachon

First Impressions of Stonehill

As Boys Staters arrived to campus on Saturday morning, they were struck by the beauty of the of the Stonehill College campus. With the large brick buildings, green grass, and wildlife, boys found the campus very welcoming. Stonehill College is home to 2,300 students and is spread out on an enormous 375-acre campus. Boys are not used to the enormity of a college campus because most of us have only experienced the single buildings of high school. Walking from building to building has become a daily work-out due to how far spread apart the buildings are. As for how Stonehill stacks up, current students give this campus a solid 10. "The general aesthetics of the campus are popularly regarded as beautiful and scenic," says one student from College Prowler, a popular website that has college facts. A fellow Boys Stater, Marshall Cohen, town Moderator of T-6, describes the campus as "decent sized and with a lot of green space with a lot of new and old buildings." As for the food goes, most guys are fairly impressed and aren't walking away from meals hungry.

By Anonymous



Day in Photos



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