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Model UN Madness: Back and Better-Than-Ever!

By Neekoo Collett, Editor-in-Chief

Welcome, delegates, to HSMUN 2011!

Despite the conference looming far off in distant months, volunteer preparation is already underway. Dais and Intervention staff are busy reading up on their committee's topics, the Crisis team is cooking up an international conundrum, and the News team is sleuthing diligently to continue the Daily Delegate's tradition of excellence! This year, the Daily Delegate's pre-conference issues will be posted on the conference blog, while conference issues will be distributed to you in print form.

The aims of this year's paper are twofold: to provide the relevant conference information in an

informative and amusing way, and to provide a more thoughtful perspective on why simulations such as ours are so important.

Pre-conference, we hope that the Daily Delegate will help to quell some of your anxieties about writing position papers, and speaking in committee, as well as introduce you to some of the men and women who spend countless hours ensuring that HSMUN runs. Outside of the conference, we hope to make you think about the reasons why you chose to be a delegate, how different international issues can be approached, and introduce you to some very special young people who aren't just simulating participation in international affairs -they're living it.

At the conference, the news team will silently survey committee proceedings, and report on the exciting goings-on. Be warned, delegate, there is nothing the news teams love more than a heavy helping of scandal (libel we stay away from, but only for legal reasons). Between current events, delegate-preparation, and our determined mission to feature dead revolutionaries in as many articles as possible, the Daily Delegate is well worth watching for!

As you headed into the library to research, or ate your breakfast, or drove to school, I hope that you were all following Canada's failed bid for a non-permanent seat on the Security Council. Some, who view this loss as a negative thing, sling blame back and forth between Ignatieff's comments about Canada being undeserving of the seat, and Canada's attempts to distance itself from committing to long-term peacekeeping missions beyond Afghanistan. Others, who view this loss as a positive thing, commend Canadian pragmatism and self-awareness in light of economic times and challenges faced in Afghanistan. I urge you, before donning whatever the cultural garb of the country you will represent in February, to think critically about your own views on Canada's presence both in the UN and international stage, beyond the scope of your committee's topics. While HSMUN is a fun and (mostly) accurate simulation as a delegate, it is important to recognize that international affairs happen all around us, everyday. Informing yourself on global issues is an awesome way to prepare for the conference, but an even better way to make sense of the world we live in and your place as a person within it.

Now back to the library, and get writing your position papers!

Meet Maggie: Making MUN Marvellous!

By Dallin Mendenhall

At the beginning of another great year of HSMUN, I'm sure you each have the same question burning inside of you: just who is it who stands at the head of the great organization known as High School Model United Nations? Well, delegates, meet Maggie Danko- student, shoe-aholic, and Secretary General of HSMUN for the 2010-2011 year. This intrepid reporter managed to secure an exclusive interview with Maggie for the Daily Delegate. Let's take a look into the life of this fascinating power broker:



Our Illustrious Leader, Maggie Danko!

DM: So, Maggie, for the benefit of our readers, tell us a little about yourself. What are you studying, and why?

MD: I'm studying nursing because I want to be a nurse! I guess, on a less sarcastic note, I am in nursing because I have this overwhelming need to nurture and help people. There's something about being there to support people when they are sick and vulnerable that really interests me, and I want to do this every day.

DM: In two sentences, what is your average day like?

MD: In one word...busy! On the average school day, I wake up early, head to campus for classes,

then head home to study and do assignments, and usually end the day with a long run. My spare time usually consists of meetings, answering emails, and of course, planning HSMUN! (Sadly, my life is not more interesting; I wish I could say I moonlight as a superhero or something.)

DM: Speaking of heroes, who is yours?

MD: This probably sounds like a super stereotypical answer, but I truly admire Florence Nightingale. She was an advocate for the people, and was the first person to engage as a nurse at a political level. For me as a nurse who also has a huge interest in international relations, politics, and human rights, I think this is pretty significant.

DM: You seem to be genuinely concerned about helping people. What helpful advice can you offer the delegates this year?

MD: DON'T STRESS! (And be prepared.) HSMUN is a lot of fun, but it also is what you put into it. Make sure you do your research, write a position paper, and know your foreign policy! HSMUN can be super fun as well as a valuable learning opportunity if you put a bit of time in and are prepared. My hope is that delegates will leave HSMUN feeling like they can be an instrument of change. I also hope that they will have learned something, either about a country or an issue that they didn't know much about, [or] that multilateral cooperation is challenging!

DM: That it is. Let's talk International Affairs briefly. What's going on in the world that has you watching intently?

MD: The cholera outbreak in Haiti. Cholera is a horrible but preventable illness that can kill within 24 hours in severe, untreated cases. Haiti has experienced so many problems and so much despair in the past year, [and] this outbreak is just the 'icing on the cake'.

DM: What about politicians? Whom, among that group, do you follow closely?

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Meet Maggie, cont.

MD: I would have to say French president Nicolas Sarkozy. He has one of the most publicized personal lives for a political leader, and so many of the headlines [...] about him seem like something that should be in a tabloid. I have to admit, I am always interested in what the latest gossip about Sarkozy is.

DM: Random fun question! You've just won a staggering \$50 million. What is your first impulse purchase when you find out? Where's the rest of the money headed to?

MD: First impulse buy...Shoes! I have a bit of a shoe addiction...and with \$50 million I could buy some very nice shoes! Then, in true

HSMUN fashion, I think I would probably set up a children's hospital somewhere in the developing world that is in dire need of healthcare.

DM: One last question: What is the absolute best thing about being Secretary General?

MD: Being in power! No, I'm just kidding. I would have to say the best part is getting to work with a fantastic executive and team of volunteers to plan and create a conference from the earliest planning stages to the post-conference wind-down. I think that seeing high school students with so much passion for international affairs, willingness to learn, and desire to make the world a better place is really inspirational.

How to Speak-Up in Committee

A guide for the shy delegate

By Kaitlyn Grant

HSMUN is gearing up for another fantastic conference, and it is time for delegates to start thinking about their role in the conference and in their individual committees.

A committee can seem like a big, scary, and intimidating place. And for the unprepared delegate, it's probably true. However, if you do some research beforehand and write a position paper, your conference experience can be footloose and fancy free. With a few handy tip on speaking up during the conference and a secret or two on mischief behind closed doors, any delegate's experience is sure to be a memorable one.

Whatever committee you are a part of, it is best to remember that HSMUN is not a debate - it's a discussion. You are trying to work through issues that affect multiple countries, not win an argument. Furthermore, if you are nervous about talking, the best thing you can do is take one big leap and dive head first into the experience. Talk once and you are sure to find that you need to voice your opinion. And that is the point of HSMUN: talking and getting to know other delegates and experiencing international politics.

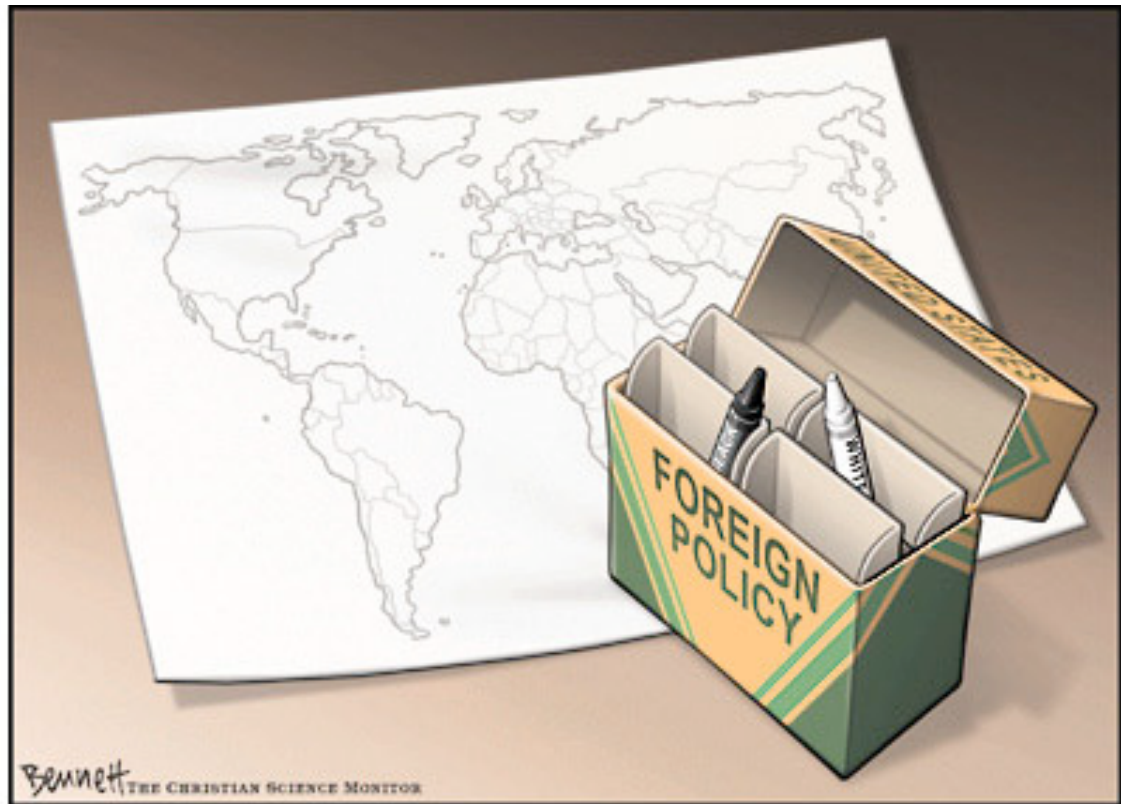
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The primary and secondary speakers list must have names on them at all times, otherwise the discussion is over and voting on the topic will commence. So put your country on the list and speak up! Remember, even in your excitement to talk, you need to thank the chair (the person running the committee), address the committee, then begin your point. Watch out for the time limit! Keep things short and sweet, and always refer to yourself as the country you are representing.

Now, it's time for the secrets of committee. There is nothing the HSMUN newspaper loves more than drama! And the secret to our drama filled conference issues is fun! Yes, it is that easy. If you come prepared to represent your country then you are prepared to have fun and be the best delegate you can.

Trouble Shooting: “But I Don’t Have a Foreign Policy!”

By Eemaan Khan



Is it your first time at HSMUN? Don't worry, it isn't as hard as it seems. Many first time delegates often feel pressured to have an absolute knowledge of current world governments and events in order to have an understanding but this is rarely true. Generally, all you must be certain of is who you're allies are and have a familiarity with the attitude and persona of your bureaucrats towards broad issues. In the case you're a representative from a smaller or less provocative, less known nation, you can always look towards your historical or economic allies and choose to agree with their views, ideas and propositions as your nation would most likely do in reality.

Also, look to support your allies in their debates and or other conflicts with more powerful nations to demonstrate solidarity and act as a group rather than being silent. You don't necessarily have to be the

outspoken delegate who keeps getting dragged out of the assembly for using threats (though that would be amusing) but you could participate by engaging yourself in all votes, aiding nations in devising solutions to issues and generally proposing ideas, in line with what your sovereign state would possibly advocate in real life.

If at anytime you feel unsure of a course of action or that your knowledge of your country is a tad shallow and/or insufficient, rest assured that you can email the dais or the general HSMUN email for additional help. Also don't be afraid to stand up and attempt to take part in activities; it is an open and welcome environment with a light hearted attitude, and no one is going to declare war on you for any improper moves you make. So, you're safe...

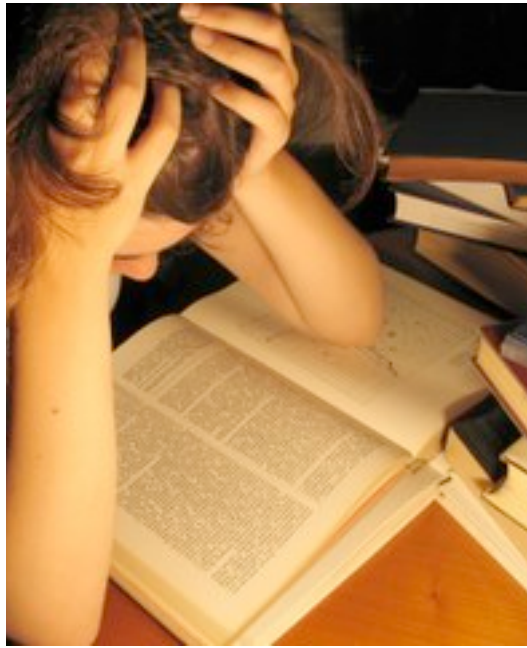
...or are you ?

Participants of HSMUN: Prepare Profusely for Position Papers!

By Fanny Kung

Delegates, research! Research, cite, reword, research, cite, reword. Just chant that in your heads when you're doing the research for your position papers for this year's HSMUN and you can't go wrong! Hopefully by now a lot of you have had experience with using search engines like Google, and citing resources like NoodleTools. For those of you that have been deprived of the most convenient and handy citing-resource, NoodleBibs Express will help you create footnotes and bibliographies in correct APA, Chicago, and MLA formats.

A lot of delegates forget that an important (if not most important part) of researching for position papers is the validity of the facts you obtain. There's nothing more fatal to your team than arguing based on false intel. That being said, the information you gather about your country needs be cited, and the appropriate individuals have to be



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given credit for their work (hence why scholars cite).

I guarantee you will be less stressed if you have thoroughly researched the basic facts about your country. Know what your country's stance on the important global issue is and why they maintain that stance. Know which other countries share the same position, and why, and use that to your full advantage to make allies. More importantly, know the facts about your country that will allow you to put forth a plausible, believable proposal to the committee.

When researching, start with search engines and find the government home page for your country. Another good place to start is the official United Nations homepage, with links to past resolutions passed that can help you understand the stance your country took on past issues and why. You can also visit the HSMUN blog where the Dais staff will regularly update links that will help narrow your research as well as background papers that can be used as an example of a proper research paper. Participants, research!

Links: Positions Paper Preparation

<http://www.un.org/en/members>

<http://www.politicalresources.net/>

<http://www.cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation/index.asp>

<http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation3/ie&nn4.html>



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Steamy Equatorial power seeks partner for illicit trafficking. Enjoys long walks in the moonlight, cheesecake, and subverting international law. If your border defenses are down reply immediately.

Attention Dickensian Street Urchins! If you are in search of employment, contact The Daily Delegate to start your career in literature distribution today! Assets include cockney accents, and calling everyone you meet "Guvna".

Prime Khyber Pass Real Estate For Sale! Affordable 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath cave for sale/rent. Close to battle scarred wastelands, schools that don't allow girls, and a neighborhood full of political and religious extremists. The perfect dwelling for terrorists in hiding!

Agony Aunt: Dead Political Figures Edition

By Andrew Douglas

Through the exorbitant entry fees for the conference (and the low price of DeLoreans and Plutonium), the HSMUN news staff has managed to bring back historical figures to answer your international relations questions. This issue's guest is none other than that brash bolshevik, Leon Trotsky.

Dear Trotsky,

What is the best way to get a seat on the security council?

From, Canada

Dear Canada,

In my opinion, the best way to seize a seat on the security council would be to inspire armed revolution in the permanent member countries. Non-diplomats of the world must unite to overthrow the bourgeois tyranny that makes us slaves to those with the control of the means of international production. Once our Comrades in Britain, France, America, China, and...wait a minute... why is Mother Russia on this list??!! I guess things didn't go so well after I died. Also, what is this place I keep hearing about, the "Walled-Mart". Apparently things there are very inexpensive and come in large sizes. But I digress. Perhaps the best advice for anyone (whether they are looking for a security council seat or not) is to beware of Mexican Stalinists bearing ice axes. Seriously, the back of my head is still sore. Come to think of it why would anyone in Mexico even need an ice axe? If I'm not mistaken its pretty warm there.

Your Comrade, Trotsky