

### GUEST SPEAKERS INSPIRE, EDUCATE STUDENTS

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With delegates having the privilege to receive presentations from Dr. Joanna Harrington and Dr. Mawuko-Yevugah on the United Nations and international relations, they have broadened their views beyond the confines of the committee topics.

Dr. Harrington, the keynote speaker at the banquet, presented on international law, in particular, the international criminal court. She addressed the role of the court, current cases, and dealing with fugitives from the international community. For students interested in law, she spoke about the role of the lawyer-diplomat, working as an international lawyer and, in that role, also attending sessions in the Security Council to exert pressure on them.



Dr. Mawuko-Yevugah spoke to SOCHUM on Saturday morning about foreign aid. He discussed its historical role, as well as the impact it has on nations attempting to develop and diversify their economies.

### ENTERTAINMENT RULES IN THE "SOCIAL" COMMITTEE

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Delegates promptly began to discuss access to education, training and employment for women after the resolution for the first topic had passed. Aside from Egypt's declaration of genocide towards women and Afghanistan's proclamation that women only know how to use guns, a serious atmosphere enveloped this committee. No one suspected of the musical production they were about to perceive.

The opening act began with the dias' suggestion to entertain the committee through singing while ruling a moderated caucus in order. This resulted in an onslaught of offbeat, yet highly entertaining, sing offs between the delegation from Iran and the United States. "Iran is better than the US. We have progressive policies in our country," Ira-

nian delegate sang, mimicking the tune of a famous musical.

This was quickly interrupted by the retaliation of the United States. "This has gone too far," the delegate sang back. "Men like you have never changed! What are your women's rights; what of that?"

The delegates on the secondary speakers' list immediately yielded their time so that the show would go on. The representative of Iran ingeniously used the tune of the US national anthem, singing that Iran was better. Oh the irony! This mockery resulted in the US imitating Avril Lavigne's song: "Hey, hey, you, you, I don't like your policies."

As the debate came to a close, even Chile contributed to this musical production by singing a reason for ending the session, "We have a banquet to attend tonight. I gotta feeling; tonight's gonna be a good night."

This morning, SOCHUM delegates were in for a treat. A guest speaker was invited to discuss the foreign aid and development in historical and contemporary context. After the lectures, the delegates eagerly asked their questions concerning foreign aid. Later, our photographer, Josh Baller, captured a pivotal moment in Iranian-American relations. The photo taken shows the Iranian delegate and the US delegate in a rather compromising position. Are Iran and the US opening international relations?

### HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL LACKS RESOLVE

KIM LEWIS

Friday the HRC debated the rights of journalists and foreign aid workers, which quickly turned to the rights of journalists in foreign countries. There was no resolution passed after rigorous debate between delegates. One draft resolution lacked the single vote it needed to pass and thus the problem of journalists' rights was closed. It was pointed out that numerous organizations have been established to ensure the rights of journalists in foreign countries, such as journalists without borders. It was often mentioned that no one asked the journalists

to enter the countries and, as such, they should be responsible for themselves. Many believed that the regulations in place in each country are proper and should be followed by journalists. When all the votes were tallied and all the insults retracted the vote stood and no resolution was passed. Journalists everywhere shed a tear for the lack of help by the HRC including some French journalists recently kidnapped and not yet returned. Alas, this journalist shall never travel to a foreign nation to report because the Human Rights Council did not come to an agreement the rights of her and her brethren.

**On the topic of Urbanization: "We are not animals, we don't s\*\*\* where we eat and we don't eat where we s\*\*\*!" - Kuwait, WHO**

### STATE SECRETS LOST!

DENISE WHITFORD

The actions of the delegate of Zimbabwe in SOCHUM have led to great concern in his nation, as the delegate "misplaced" documents potentially containing state secrets. There are questions currently as to whether the delegate will be recalled to face inquiries.



### CRISIS RESOLVES

SARAH FLOWERS

At the last minute, the Security Council managed to pass Resolution 2.3, solving the crisis in the Koreas. Delegations appeared to be ecstatic as the resolution passed almost unanimously, with only Turkey voting against it. Many nations expressed sentiments of goodwill upon the passing of the resolution, such as the United Kingdom who stated that "faith has been restored in the United Nations as an organization that can bring about change". Delegates are now working towards solving their initial issue of how to deal with piracy in international waters, which they hope to be finished with by the close of the conference today.

### WHO DEVELOPMENTS

REBECCA THOMAS

WHO dais took the liberty of checking on the wellbeing of their delegates. WHO dais are pleased to announce that Columbia became an "ally" of Pakistan and that Kuwait and Brazil have exchanged numbers. The banquet found Tunisia with "sick MJ moves during the banquet, Ghana in possession of break dancing skills, and Iran slow dancing during the Macarena. Vietnam made his rounds (if you know what I mean), and Kazakhstan and Ireland struck up friendships.

### UNITING THE KOREAS

SARAH FLOWERS

Despite being currently at war with one another, delegates from South and North Korea bonded today in the Security Council. An unusual object - a Kinder Surprise that was originally given as a gift to the dais staff, brought the unlikely pairing together. The delegates connected via playing with the toy that was inside the chocolate egg. Keep an eye on the Koreas to see if this alliance grows any sweeter as HSMUN 2010 comes to a close.

## HSMUN SHENANIGANS: DINING AND DANCING

ELZBIETA MYRLAK

For many delegates, the banquet is the highlight of HSMUN: for some, it is an opportunity to find out the real names of those delegates they've been gazing at while in committee; for others, it is simply an opportunity to let loose the stresses of debating foreign policy among formidable foes and allies.

After a few words from our Secretary-General, Amy, and a scrumptious dinner and dessert, the banquet enjoyed an enlightening presentation from Joanna Harrington, a professor of international law and diplomat, about the past and future of international law, and its aims of peace and justice.

This concluded the formal portion of the evening, and with the sound of the first song, most delegates ran onto the dance floor. The most gossiped about dancer was one of the China delegates from the Security Council, who's expressive and unique style had quite the following. "I have a passion for music and dancing is a very liberating way to express that passion; it's fun to just kind of make a fool of yourself," he explained today.

Among staff, Nathan, one of the Under-Secretary Generals, became famous for his dancing talent, exclaiming, "Every gentleman needs his talents: quoting Shakespeare, memorizing poetry... and being able to shake one's booty with the best."

While everyone joined in a rendition of the Russian Kalinka dance and swayed seductively to Macarena, the Director of the Security Council established a cult of personality around his personage, with all his delegates dancing in circles around him for a large portion of the evening. Calling it the "Aiden having fun tactic," he said his delegates were an awesome bunch, and that it was important that staff step away from their strict demeanour and humanize themselves at the dance.

Austria had a different perspective: "he loves being the center of attention by being in the center of the circle," and Bosnia & Herzegovina added, "He's full of energy!"

Perhaps the most interesting part of the evening were the various pairings that emerged... Guatemala from WTO joined with Israel from WHO for several dances, happily exclaiming today, "I got her number!" Likewise, China and North Korea from Security Council were frequently seen together, and although both denounced today that their socializing was a diplomatic tactic aimed to improve relations, China said today, "she's a really cool person; it's a good country - we have a great alliance," and North Korea added "I had a good time!"

It seems everyone had a great time last night, and as rumours swirl that a certain Iran and Israel also bonded on the dance floor, it seems that HSMUN may succeed in achieving world peace after all.

## WTO INTERRUPTIONS

ELZBIETA MYRLAK

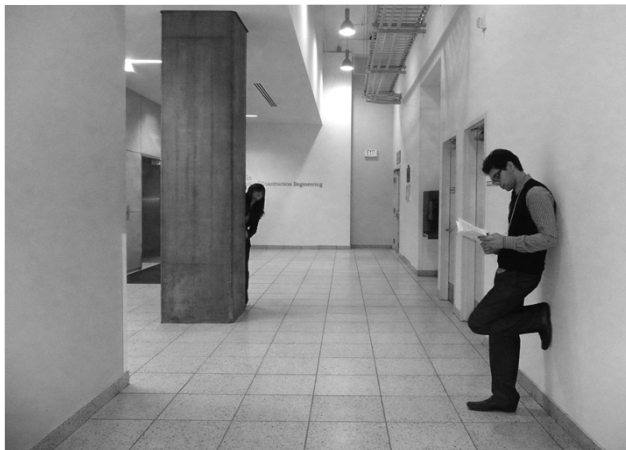
Hoping to establish allies, the delegates of WTO began their debate on the Hong Kong Ministerial Conference late Friday afternoon with a moderated caucus to establish each state's stance on the topic at hand.

The discussion's strongest and most applauded comments came from Iran, who criticized the USA for its suspension of technological imports into their state. The caucus quickly turned political as the USA replied, "the problems are much bigger ... the delegate of Iran probably knows what Iran has done wrong!" This comment was quickly followed by a statement from Israel, which was interrupted by Iran, and another from Venezuela, in Iran's support, which was again interrupted by New Zealand.

When asked about his comments, Iran reiterated that the US has "prevented Iran from developing to its full potential of economic stability and success... without US interference in Iran, Iran's GDP would increase by 32%."

A more orderly discussion continued on Saturday morning, but as conversations stalemate on the topic of tariffs, one wonders whether this committee will unite long enough to pass a resolution at all... the delegates have, however, united in laughing at the Yemen delegate, who entered today's session bedecked in a floor-length trench coat and full beard.

## UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL UNDER SURVEILLANCE?



REBECCA THOMAS

A few photos have surfaced at the Press Corps, which prompts the question: just what is the story behind these photos? The photos revolve around Haitham Kharrat, HSMUN 2010's Under-Secretary-General of the dais. Motivated by sheer curiosity and a nose for a good story, this columnist arranged for a sit-down interview with the man of the hour.

**Have you seen these photos before?**

No never. Do I have to elaborate?

**Yeah. I have to write a 300 word article.**

What do you want me to say?!

**Well, at any point, did you ever suspect you were being followed?**

Well not really however, at one point, during my busy Friday afternoon, taking a quick nap, I felt



a faint breath upon my cheek, which sent a shiver up my spine. **What do you think the photos are revealing?**

Hmm. It's hard for me to tell, since I cannot see the faces of the people in the photos. I think they are revealing this love chain that springs from me as usual. Clearly, being the most attractive man to ever grace HSMUN has had profound effects on both men and women alike.

**Upon closer examination of the photos, I see that the number of people increase. Any ideas why?**

Yes. There seems to be a natural hierarchy present here. Just as the angels can only see God, only the second best dare to extend their arms toward me. The third best cannot even try. I saw one girl attempt, but alas, she burst into a puff of smoke. Some would even say the story parallels



the myth of Icarus, who flew too close to the sun. So the third best have to reach for the second best, and so on. Think of it as natural osmosis. As more people see me, more people reach out for me, and just want a taste of my beauty and my elegance.

**What do you think these mysterious people want?**

Me.

**I see you follow the principles of lather, rinse and repeat. Do you think these people are after your secrets?**

They want to reap the benefits of my top-notch personal hygiene. And drop-dead good looks.

**If you could tell these people something, what would you tell them?**

If you're reading, whoever you are, my number is (780)555-LOVE. Ask for H. McLovin'. Sugar pumpkin.

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