

## Secretary-General Welcomes Representatives



Over 1,000 Representatives attended the Opening Plenary session of AMUN 2002. This year's conference expects the attendance of nearly 1,200.

**RYAN DONOVAN**  
AMUN Secretary-General

On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to American Model United Nations International (AMUN).

Our goal over the next four days is to provide you with a learning experience unavailable anywhere else -- an experience no classroom can provide. As the distinguished representatives of the nations you are representing, your goal over the next four days is to promote the interests of your government while striving to uphold the principles of the United Nations Charter. You will find yourself confronting people, concepts and principles that pose direct challenges to your pursuit of that goal. Diplomacy will provide the tools to address these

challenges.

The issues and challenges facing the delegations at the AMUN Conference are as crucial as they have ever been. Our agenda at AMUN this year spans nearly the full breadth of topics that the organs of the United Nations are considering today -- from fundamental issues of human rights to economic development and social equality.

The General Assembly will attempt to address issues affecting every UN Member State, ranging from practical disarmament measures to the implementation of social development initiatives and the plight of the world's indigenous people. The Economic and Social Council will pursue its mandate of dealing with economic development and social well-being. The World Health Assembly will address pressing health issues

including the protection of medical missions in armed conflicts and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The International Court of Justice will attempt to bring legal order to a sometimes chaotic world, and the Security Council will strive to end wars and piece together broken nations.

After months of preparations, you have arrived to tackle the issues facing the world today. Crafting policies and solutions that will have a positive effect on the global community and will be acceptable by a consensus of the Member States, is a daunting task. The challenge of diplomacy is one of the greatest placed before each Member State of the United Nations. I know that each of you is up to the task that lies before you, and I hope you find the process, not just the end result, rewarding.

## Attention Permanent Representatives, Faculty Advisors

AMUN strongly believes that the best way to improve the Conference is to listen to the people who matter the most: the Representatives. We are always open to new ideas on ways to improve the Conference and are interested in your opinion at every opportunity.

This is the driving philosophy behind our two Permanent Representative meetings. All Permanent Representatives and Faculty Advisors are welcome to attend these meetings. AMUN always welcomes suggestions and comments, and this is the best opportunity for schools to interact with senior AMUN Staff in a relaxed setting conducive to sharing and brainstorming new concepts.

We look forward to seeing all Permanent Representatives and Faculty Advisors at the meetings, to be held in the Toronto Room:

- The first meeting, held on Sunday from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.,

is intended to discuss any matters relating to AMUN rules and procedures throughout the simulations. Please bring any questions and comments regarding rules to this meeting.

- The second meeting, held on Monday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., will address any other logistical or preparatory issues.

As always, feel free to see a member of the AMUN Executive Committee at any time to share your feedback.

### 2004 Country Lottery

The lottery for AMUN 2004 will be held on Monday, 24 November 2003, at 11:00 a.m. Take the first step toward getting the country of your choice, and sign up now. There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit per country re-

quired at the time of application, which will be applied toward your school's 2004 fees.

As an added incentive to all lottery participants, any school that registers through the lottery will receive a \$5 per delegate discount on all delegate fees for the 2004 AMUN Conference. The 2004 AMUN Conference dates are 20-23 November 2004. At the conclusion of the lottery, all future delegation assignments will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please direct any questions about this lottery process to the Secretary-General, who can be reached through the Conference Services Desk in the ballroom lobby.

Lottery applications and country lists are available from the Conference Services Desk and are due to the Registration/Finance Office (Atlanta Room) by Monday at 11:00 a.m.

## Home Government: Your Source for Information, Role Players

**CHANDRA LINTON**

Director-General, Home Government

- ❖ Need to find that last integral piece of research that will drive home your argument?
- ❖ Never heard of the document everyone in your committee is talking about?
- ❖ Just a little bit confused about your country's position?

Home Government, located in the San Francisco room on the Re-

gency Ballroom level, can help. As the Conference's substantive information center, Home Government can assist in providing answers to questions that arise during conference. By submitting an information request, representatives can ask one of our experienced researchers to locate documents to help guide policy discussions.

Another option is to request a briefing, which consists of a one-on-one discussion with a Home Government staff member to

more fully explore complicated topics. Home Government can also provide briefings for your entire committee or provide role players for unrepresented countries, non-governmental organizations, and parties to the dispute.

For more information on role players, please ask your dais staff or simulation director. Home Government will be open during all sessions, as well as meal breaks, so please stop by to explore what we have to offer.

## Join AMUN Secretariat: Stay Involved Throughout the Year

**KAREN HEYMANN**

Under-Secretary-General, Administration

It is never too early to think about next year. Believe it or not, planning for next year's Conference begins shortly after opening plenary ends. One of the first steps AMUN takes in preparation for the 2003 Conference is selecting the all-volunteer Secretariat.

Whether you are a graduating senior or a first-time participant at AMUN, if you enjoy your experience here we would like to encourage you to consider applying for the Secretariat. The AMUN Secretariat is comprised of over 70 people from a variety of backgrounds. Undergraduate, graduate, law students, lawyers, and other professionals all serve on Staff, and most trace their history with AMUN back to their days as representatives. In many respects, serving on the AMUN Secretariat is a valuable way to experience Model UN - it can also be a lot of fun!

*How do I know if joining the Secretariat is right for me?* If you enjoy Model UN and you think you might want to join Staff - either as dais personnel, as a member of Home Government or Delegate Services, you should talk to anyone wearing a blue badge. Ask them about their experience on Staff - you'll find us a very friendly bunch and always willing to talk about joining.

After you hear about what draws us to the AMUN Secretariat, think about whether it is right for you. As a member of the Secretariat, you cannot be a Representative at the AMUN Conference, but you can still help your school prepare for the Conference. For graduating seniors, this can be an excellent opportunity to extend a Model UN career.

*If I am selected for the Secretariat, what will be required of me?* Blood, sweat and tears. No, just kidding. Producing a well run, professional Model UN Conference takes a lot of work - there is no question about that, but, it can also be a lot

of fun too. If you are selected for the Secretariat, you will be given a pre-Conference assignment and an at-Conference assignment. Pre-Conference assignments primarily involve conducting research for use in the Issues at AMUN handbook; other pre-Conference assignments involve publicity and outreach to schools. At-Conference assignments are divided into the different Conference departments: Committee/Council, International Court of Justice, International Press Delegation, Home Government, Simulation Staff, Delegate Services, and Conference Services.

AMUN Secretariat members are required to attend a training session over Labor Day weekend held in the suburbs of Chicago. At the training session, new and returning Staffers go through the same training involving the philosophy of AMUN, the operation of the Conference and something we like to call "SimAMUN." SimAMUN provides us an opportunity to practice our at-Conference assignments. In fact, as the name suggests, it is a simulation of AMUN! As important as the work we do at Labor Day is, the Secretariat also takes plenty of time to get to know each other socially. Finally, you will be asked to arrive at least one day early for the Conference. Prior to the beginning of the Conference, the AMUN Secretariat does more training and more SimAMUN. We want to make sure that we know our jobs and that we know how to do them well.

*What do I do if I am interested in joining Staff?* If you think you might be ready to apply for the Secretariat, approach any member of the Secretariat. They can give you a Staff application - or tell you where you can find one. Staff applications can also be found at Conference Services - where you will find blue-badged Secretariat members happy to answer any questions you have. We hope you will consider applying, and I look forward to working with you next year!



AMUN Secretariat members train in Home Government at the 2003 Labor Day Training Meeting.

## AMUN Offices: Open for business

- Visit **Delegate Services** in the New Orleans Room:
- Type and print resolutions
  - Get copies of documents
  - Transfer files from your laptop

- AMUN collectibles
- AMUN Staff applications
- Copies of AMUN materials
- Information about Chicago

- Visit **Home Government** in the San Francisco Room:
- Topic information
  - Country information
  - Role playing assistance
  - Request a role player

- Visit the **Finance/Registration Desk** in the Atlanta Room:
- 2004 Country Lottery sign-up
  - Credential assistance

- Visit the **Conference Services Desk** in the Regency Foyer:

- Visit the **International Press Delegation** in the Atlanta Room:
- Submit press releases
  - Submit personal ads
  - Schedule a press conference

## Open Debate: Security Council to Allow Non-Members to Request Invitations to Address Body

**JENNIFER SCHISKE**

*Director, Security Council Procedures*

In an effort to more closely simulate the UN Security Council, AMUN 2003 will feature two procedural improvements that promote the interaction between the AMUN Security Council and General Assembly members not represented in the Council, and enhance the educational experience of AMUN Representatives. These new procedures will not apply to the AMUN Historical Security Council simulation.

In previous years, the motion to call a party to the dispute was solely initiated by AMUN Security Council Representatives to request the participation of non-Council Members and Observers, as well as NGOs and other groups deemed critical to a topic before the Council.

AMUN 2003 will seek to better

simulate actual United Nations practice, which allows non-represented Member States and Observers to request an invitation to the Council to discuss a specific topic important to their national interests or regarding a topic they have specific knowledge of or expertise that may be useful to the Council in its deliberations.

Non-Council Member States and Observers can request an invitation to the AMUN Security Council using a form that will be available in all General Assembly, ECOSOC and WHA rooms. The request must clearly state the name of the delegation making the request and the topic that the requesting nation wishes to address before the Council, and should be delivered to the President of the Security Council.

Upon receipt of a request(s) relating to the topic area under discussion, the President will in-

form the Security Council and entertain a motion to bring the nation(s) in as a party to the dispute.

If multiple nations seek to address the Council on the same issue, the President may entertain a motion for an "Open Debate Session" in order to allow any Member State to make a statement before the Council regarding the matter.

In practice, the UN Security Council commonly holds open meetings, by which Member States not represented on the Council can gain intelligence on important matters of international peace and security and can make an official statement of policy before the Council. Likewise, the AMUN Security Council may choose to hold an "Open Debate Session" if a topic is deemed so important that this is desired, or if several nations express interest in addressing the Council on a specific topic.



*Security Council staff prepare for the AMUN conference at the Secretariat "Sim AMUN" session.*

## Sessions for AMUN Faculty Advisors

Based on requests from Faculty Advisors (FAs) at previous AMUN Conferences, this year we will feature two sessions intended for and coordinated by FAs at the Conference. The sessions are:

**Faculty Session I**, Sunday, 10:00 - 11:00 am: Faculty Research. This session will focus on some of the areas of research of interest to our faculty.

**Faculty Session II**, Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm: Sharing Best Practices for Model UN Classes.

Both sessions will be held in the Gold Coast room on the Concourse Level.

These discussions will be led by panelists drawn from our faculty ranks and we hope that all FAs at the Conference will participate. There are no "right" answers to the questions present-

ed in these workshops, but rather, a wide range of ways to accomplish our mutual goals and many great ideas that can be shared with others. These sessions are intended to provide a forum for that exchange.


AMUN is pleased to provide this opportunity for informative sessions which are specific to faculty interests. We always welcome suggestions for future faculty session topics.

**JOIN US MONDAY NIGHT:**  
**AMUN INTERNATIONAL BECOMES BLACK AND WHITE**


**AMUN REPRESENTATIVE DANCE:**  
**COME DRESSED IN BLACK AND WHITE**

**MONDAY, 24 NOVEMBER**  
**10:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.**  
**CRYSTAL BALLROOM B-C**

**ALL AMUN PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED**  
**USE CONTRAST! BE CREATIVE!**



Ultra-Casual?



More Dressy?

## IDEAS WANTED! HELP THE SECRETARIAT DECIDE WHICH ISSUES TO DISCUSS AT AMUN IN 2004

The United Nations agenda covers hundreds of issues each year. Ever wonder how AMUN decides which issues to put on the agenda? Do you have a burning issue that you want to recommend for next year's agenda? Then come to the Committee on the Agenda meeting and contribute your suggestions!

The Committee on the Agenda will meet on Tuesday, 25 November at 11:00 am in Stetson Room F (down the stairs across from the Home Government office). If possible, AMUN recommends that each school send a representative to this important meeting.

This year's Committee on the Agenda has the inaugural task of recommending topics for our two new simulations to debut in 2004. The two new simulations are GA Plenary and The Commission on Sustainable Development. This is your chance to voice your recommendations and be a part of this historical expansion! The AMUN Secretariat looks forward to your participation.

## Delegate Services Copy Policy

- 10 cents per copy
- 25 copies of the same page for \$1 if there is a duplicator available
- Conference documents take precedence over personal copies

Once a resolution is ready to bring to the floor of a committee/council staff, copies for all delegations will be made available free of charge.

If you type a resolution on your laptop and wish to import it into the AMUN resolution system, a prerequisite for bringing a resolution to the floor, please save your resolution as a **plain text document**. This can be done by selecting the "Save as" option under most word processors and selecting "plain text" as the file type.

Unfortunately, the Delegate Services Office does not have Internet connections available.

## AMUN COLLECTIBLES

On sale at the Conference Services Desk

*We accept MasterCard and Visa for purchases of \$10 or more.*

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Short Sleeve T-Shirts	\$13
Long Sleeve T-Shirts	\$15
Pajama Pants	\$16
Shorts	\$12

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Logo Cups	\$1
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Series V: <i>Zones of Conflict: The Situation in Central Africa &amp; The Situation in West Africa</i>	\$44.95

\* Discounts are available on multiple series purchases.  
 \* Save on shipping costs by buying at the Conference!

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Badge Holders	\$4
Mouse Pads	\$4

### FROM THE UNITED NATIONS:

Flags With Bases	\$3
Postcards	\$0.25 or 5/\$1

### AMUN HANDBOOKS:

<i>Issues at AMUN</i>	\$1
<i>AMUN Rules and Procedures</i>	\$1
<i>Model UN "in a Box" Kit</i>	\$24.95

**\*\* Come check out our themed discount packages! \*\***

## INTERNATIONAL PRESS DELEGATION

**Editor:** Blake Johnson  
**Publisher:** Adam D. Wolfe

### Publication Policy:

Editorials, Press Releases and Personals to the *AMUN Daily Chronicle* should be submitted, in writing, to the IPD Office in the Atlanta Room. Any topic concerning the Conference or world issues is acceptable.

All submissions must be legible to be accepted. The Secretariat reserves the right to accept, edit, or reject all submissions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **The Hyatt Regency Chicago is a non-smoking facility.** Smoking is only permitted outside the hotel. Please respect our host facility by observing these instructions.
- For your enjoyment, and in the spirit of diplomatic courtesy to other guests of the hotel, the Toronto Room is available for you to caucus and socialize after hours. The Toronto Room is open for informal caucusing and socializing after 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Toronto Room is on the Regency Ballroom Level. **Note that no glass containers are allowed on the conference levels of the hotel at any time.**
- **Please observe diplomatic courtesy during conference hours; turn all pagers and wireless phones to the silent setting, and mute your laptop computer volume.**
- For information on what there is to do in Chicago, please visit Conference Services.