

**Future for Youth
in LDCs**Nikoletta Gjoni

On November 18th, the Commission on Population and Development discussed the relevance of age structure and population crises within developing nations. The surge in the youth population over the past several years has created an imbalance for societies that has devastated the work force.

The Commission was

torn between different solutions for the same conflicts. Lebanon avidly rejected the idea of sending the youth of developing countries to other states in order to obtain an education and jobs, a working solution for many countries. "If we allow sending people out of the country to gain a good education and possibly jobs, they will not want to return home," said Representative Tina Skrepnik of Lebanon. "It will be more effective to construct community cen-

ters, make education within these centers available, and have this positive growth viewed within our countries rather than outside of them."

Skrepnik was also an enthusiast for keeping international collaboration, if only regional. Everyday occupations that are fundamental for sustaining a family are practices that can be shared among other, similar nations and cultures. This will ensure jobs and alliances between these countries, perhaps

strengthening the region for the future.

Representative Luis Ballesteros of Pakistan and Skrepnik shared similar views with the United Kingdom's and the United States' working resolutions. A boost in health care education, childcare, and family planning within the community centers would allow the nations to create a positive change as long as kept within the nations' ideologies, religions, and borders. "We would not want to trample over any

country's religious beliefs or culture," stated Representative Christina Hammond of the United States of America.

Funding of the centers would primarily come from the NGO's such as UNICEF, the Peace Corps, and the Development Assistance Fund from the Millennium Development Goals. Resources such as teachers would be provided by capable countries, primarily the United States.

Personal Ads

Fellow Representatives, I know I've said it before, and you're probably tired of hearing it, but I'm not terribly fond of redundancy.

- Indonesia

This one goes out to all the GA's mamas', mamas', mamas'.

GA's mamas' mamas'...

- SC

Benevolent Dictator:

Two years wasn't enough. You'll be missed.

- Susan in the Triangle Hat

W.S. & N.S.:

The tripod can't stand on two legs alone.

- T.A.

Biting Your TongueEmily Donohoe

Last year was my first year as an American Model United Nations (AMUN) participant. During preparations for the conference, I was warned by many AMUN veterans that some schools have trouble staying in character.

Often, a small country with, in reality, little power will take over committee procedures, dominating discussion, making frequent, long speeches and pushing resolutions with questionable relevancy to the country's ex-

pressed position. This was blamed on the desire to win awards, which takes priority over accurate role-playing. This certainly occurs during the conference.

It is important, however, to consider another possibility: this country's representatives have done their homework.

Not following a bloc or cooperating with a "known enemy" may not be out of place in the United Nations.

The 2005 keynote speaker, Ahmad Kamal, mentioned this subject in his speech. As former

ambassador to Pakistan, Kamal frequently cooperated with India on virtually every issue unrelated to security and Kashmir. If India and Pakistan cooperated on any issue during the AMUN conference, accusations of being out of character would undoubtedly be expressed by their colleagues.

Out of respect for your fellow representatives, and to avoid embarrassing yourself, make sure you are right. Politely ask the representatives where they found their research, and show them your own re-

search if there is a discrepancy.

Home Government, located in the Missouri room, exists to help you in situations like these. Use it whenever necessary to solve a dispute. AMUN staff members suggest that you assume a country's representatives will know their position better than anyone else here, so treat them with the appropriate respect.

We are here as diplomats, and therefore must swallow our pride, use our manners, and give our fellow representatives the benefit of the doubt.

Advice the AMUN Way

Danae Mercer

Things at American Model United Nations are not always clear. Here are some tips from seasoned AMUNers.

● **Do not be afraid to speak up:**

This was the most repeated piece of advice. Everyone has to start somewhere and other representatives are not going to make fun of you.

● **Remember your**

bed: Some representatives stressed the importance of going to sleep early. Others such as representative Hannah Gleeson of French Polynesia, mentioned over-flowing beds. "When you have a room with one bed and there's four of you, you'll get a lot closer than you ever thought," Gleeson said.

● **Forget the comfort zone:** Make an effort to meet

people. "Being diplomatic means making friends, and you can meet great people here," said representative Tri Le of Mauritania. From late-night caucus sessions to early-morning coffee runs, a large part of the AMUN experience is social. So go!

● **See the bigger picture:** Some delegates forget they are working towards large United Nation goals. "I know it's obvi-

ous," said representative Grace Christman of Slovakia, "but I feel like a lot of people go into this with their own solitary goals. The purpose here is to benefit the [world]." This means you need to listen, not just talk.

● **Laugh at the little stuff:**

Things are going to go wrong. Representative Erika Hause of Venezuela learned that lesson Sunday morning when

her two blow driers blew the room fuse. And true to Chicago, things are going to be expensive. From overpriced parking to twenty-five dollar breakfast meals, money will find a way of leaving your pocket. All you can do is laugh, learn, and enjoy yourself.

Remember, you are here to have an enjoyable conference you will be sure to return to next year.

So what exactly is this "CafePress" thing everybody keeps talking about?

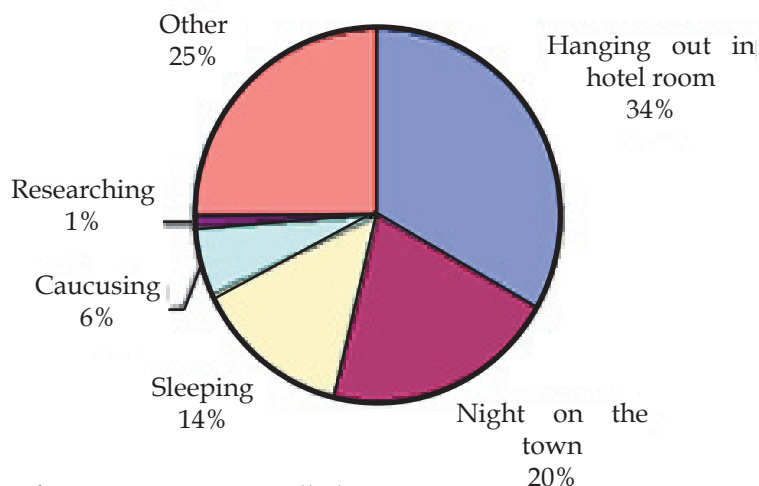
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POLL: What were you planning to do Sunday night after formal session?

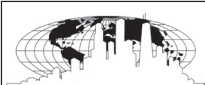
Sabrina Cargill-Greer

This is what our readers claimed they were going to do Sunday night after formal session. How many of you actually stuck with plan?



*Out of 85 representatives polled

Those who provided the answer "Other" gave the following responses: crashing a wedding, writing a resolution, all of the above except sleeping, walking around Chicago late at night, contemplating the universe, eating, team debriefing, having a toga party (in honor of the Greeks, according to Cyprus), and talking about tomorrow's game plan.



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