



On Both Sides of the Line

by Ryan Thomas

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Could anyone imagine arguing an issue for an entire weekend that the rest of the world expects you to oppose?

It is a reality at this year's American Model UN simulation. Suemayah Abu-Douleh and Cammie Jaber of the University of Illinois-

they would be able to maintain character. "People questioned our ability to fully support Israel without bias, but a big part of our lives with our backgrounds has been learning to compromise."

Both girls mentioned the importance of the global community seeing both sides of the argument. "It is important for people to rec-



Representatives Abu-Douleh and Jaber

Chicago are the culprits in this display of bravery and understanding.

Abu-Douleh and Jaber are both Palestinian, but chose this weekend to represent the nation of Israel on the Fourth Committee. The Fourth Committee just happened to be the Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

Jaber admits she "fell in love with the topic." "We knew it would be a challenge, but we did not mind. We felt we were up to the challenge."

Abu-Douleh said people wondered whether or not

recognize the differences between the two," explained Abu-Douleh.

Abu-Douleh and Jaber are constantly surrounded by 15 representatives during caucusing, all vying for Israel's support on their resolution.

Abu-Douleh and Jaber feel that this experience has been positive thus far. They mentioned the importance of the Israeli delegation in the eyes of other representatives. "They hold Israel's view in such high regard, they know that a resolution without Israel's signature will not have a lot of support," said Jaber.

When asked if they would do it again, both enthusiastically responded, "Yes."

Safety at AMUN

by Emily Donohoe

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Safety has always been a high priority at AMUN, but after the 2006 Conference awareness grew exponentially. On November 21, 2006 Jesse Warren Ross, a sophomore from the University of Missouri Kansas City, went missing from the Sheraton Hotel. Ross was in Chicago to participate in the Security Council at AMUN, and was last seen leaving the meeting during a 30-minute break from the late night emergency session of the Council. Two years later, there remains no concrete evidence of Ross's whereabouts, although his parents, Don and Donna Ross, continue to offer a \$10,000 reward for any information.

How has safety improved at AMUN since the events of 2006? When confronted with this question, Executive Director Brian Endless said, "We are pro-actively trying to keep everyone aware" of safety risks through the handbooks, programs and announcements in committee. Endless noted that safety is of particular concern in the evening hours, and he encourages participants to stay with friends when leaving the Sheraton. In regards to the events of 2006, Endless remarked, "Our thoughts still go out to Jesse's family, but unfortunately there's simply no way to know what could have happened."

If anything positive can be taken from this incident, it is that AMUN participants have learned an important lesson. "Everyone has seemed safer," said Endless, and there has been increased awareness of safety in general at the Conference.

"Have fun, but stay safe," was Endless's final message. This sound advice is especially pertinent to remember tonight, at the dance and the emergency Security Council sessions.

Stuck on the Thirtieth Floor

by Amanda Farley

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Next time you have dinner, you might want to take the stairs. Sunday night from 5-7p.m. eight Model UN Representatives and a family of four got stuck in an elevator on the thirtieth floor. Representative Bethany Horning of Egypt said "I was going to meet a friend for dinner...and there was this jolt after we went down

a few floors."

One of the Representatives had Hypoglycemia and started shaking. Other than that, the atmosphere was fairly relaxed.

"I knew we would get out," said Horning. She just wanted to know "who was coming and when."

Representative Ronke Adedokun of Malaysia said, "I felt like we were safe."

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Career Expo Offers Glimpse into your Future

by Yirssi Bergman
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For the third year the AMUN conference hosted a Career Expo in order to "meet with universities with strong International Relations programs," said Ryan Donovan, Director of Development.

Donovan coordinated

Historical Security Council: Steady Progress

by Allison Roy
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Common ground was found Monday morning in the Historical Security Council. Three resolutions outlining a five-month framework for the removal of Ian Smith from the government in Southern Rhodesia were successfully passed.

At press time, the Council was deadlocked in a debate on whether to set the working agenda to the situation in Palestine or the situation in Yemen. Intelligence reported a recent shelling in Yemen and several member states found this reason to prioritize Yemen as a subject of discussion.

"We condemn the use of chemical warfare and believe that the situation in Yemen has put the security in the region at risk," said the Representative from China.

The Council voted and approved the addition of the situation in Yemen to the working agenda.

the event, which he believes is a "win-win" situation. He explained that the conference has an opportunity to raise funds from the schools that rent a table, recruiters have an opportunity to "interact with high level students," and students have a chance to talk to the schools.

Twenty exhibitors reserved space for this years conference, each with a unique approach to International Relations, Law, and other career possibilities.

Lauren Kleve from Webster University, explained that Webster has both a Global International Re-

lations program, and a Global MBA program among the repertoire of their many graduate programs.

"It is an 11-month pro-

The United States State Department also presented the possibilities they offer in as a foreign service officer. Employees of the State Department get their

top choices "95 percent of the time," said recruiter Brian Flora. He also explained that every third time an officer would be asked to volunteer at a global hard-ship post.

Jie Ru, Representative of Cuba, is an Economics major but

is thinking about changing to law or business. She said she liked the fact that there was an education expo, but would have liked to have more options in terms of universities.



Representatives speak with recruiters for the US State Department

gram, and you never step foot in a classroom in the United States," Kleve said. Some of the countries that Webster has programs in are Geneva, Vienna, and Thailand.

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"We all bonded in that elevator," said Horning. They had a comfortable dialog and "took turns sitting down."

Horning and Adedokun both expressed concern that the security inspection posted was from 2004. Representative Brooke Felts said that the hotel staff assured them there was a new inspection that was "in an office that no one could get to." The Sheraton's Director of Security Dennis Cruz said the information is confidential since the hotel is private property; however, Cruz assures representatives that they "run a very smooth safety operation."

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It's Nice To Be Nice: The Importance Of Diplomatic Courtsey

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It is an annual expectation that representatives will do everything in their power to push the envelope of diplomatic courtesy. However, the envelope in the First Committee has been completely unfolded. Within the frame of two and a half days, rounds of inflammatory tirades have been launched before and beyond the periphery of the Dais.

"A lot of [representatives] are taking flimsy premises in order to stand in front of the committee to condemn other countries," said the delegate from Croatia.

When it comes to the dismantled diplomatic courtesy envelope of resolution passing, matters seem to have become extremely grave. Mutual accusations of plagiarism between the Syrian Arab

Republic and Israel have precipitated an ongoing conflict within the Arab block and the United States.

The Syrian Arab Republic took great offense and believes that Israel, originally a co-author of a resolution on the topic of Regional Disarmament, had recreated the resolution unilaterally and had removed Syria from the list. Israel holds the inverted viewpoint.

"Syria hijacked our idea," said the Representative from Israel.

Since the outbreak of the issue, changes to the altered resolution in question have been made and Syria's name re-added to the author list on Israel's provision that the delegation make a public apology before the committee and a statement of recognition of Israel as a legitimate political entity.

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From Chad:

The delegation from Chad wishes to inform the international community of the great step forward for the disarmament of Africa which the First Committee of the General Assembly boldly took yesterday. The committee passed a resolution sponsored by Chad and Kenya by a vote of 84 in favor, 0 opposed, and 18 abstentions which provided for greater support of regional disarmament centers and requested international support for African nations who desire assistance in achieving their disarmament goals. Chad applauds this respect for national sovereignty and recognition of the global importance of disarmament and peace in Africa. The committee then moved on to address globally based disarmament resolutions, but Chad also supports the creation and debate of similar regional resolutions so that the committee can best address the needs of all nations and regions.

From Sudan:

Sudan appreciates that countries are currently addressing the idea of FDI for its role in industrial development cooperation; however, we believe that the idea of green technology and alternative energy is unfeasible for a large majority of LDCs. Many LDCs such as Sudan rely entirely on oil, which has provided for a great amount of industrial development. Green technology has no immediate impact on education, poverty, pandemic or industrial development that would be affordable or feasible to implement. We urge countries to face the reality of the grave economic situation and to instead focus on feasible, realistic options for implementation.

From Monaco:

The Principality of Monaco is encouraged by the progress been made in the Third Committee to address issues of human rights and religious tolerance. Monaco especially applauds the work of Mexico and Albania for brilliant proposals to address religious freedoms.

The Principality of Monaco urges continued cooperation among member states to ensure the observance of human rights. We urge member states to honor pledges already made and we are open to consideration of resolutions specific to juvenile sensitivity, the rights of women and children, and health care. Monaco remains dedicated to the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and asks all members to do the same.

From Bangladesh:

Our committee [GA Plenary] has demonstrated phenomenal passion for the resolution pertaining to Rolling Back Malaria in developing countries. So far we have spent almost 13 hours repetitiously exacerbating and exhausting every inch of possible discourse allowed within the parameters of our topic area.

Though diligence and persistence has allowed a small partition of delegates to extend debate up to this 13 hour limit, we have only spun our wheels and drove our assembly in circles

for the greater second half of our floor time.

It has been the position of Bangladesh to promote first and foremost education of each individual countries patrons and practitioners as to aid in the reduction of the spread of malaria, as well as preventing its existence in general.

We would encourage nations prescribing to the General Assembly to consider all of the past U.N. actions that have still left countries struggling to combat and prevent malaria. Additionally, please consider the case of Gambia where the country was effectively able to reduce its rate of malaria from 90% to making it almost completely eradicated without the help of the U.N.

From Monaco:

This resolution has no solution,
Each proposition creates opposition.
All the members of this delegation,
Are only searching to help their nation.
Model UN is to help all the world,
Instead petty argument have unfurled.
I propose that we motion to caucus,
To work together, not work to stop us.
So with this rhyme I ask a time,
Of half an hour, it'd be sublime.
If we could stop arguing over the petty,
Maybe this speech wouldn't leave me so sweaty.
So let's work together, towards monetary peace,
And all this bickering can finally cease.

From Canada:

The Canadian Delegation acknowledges the Ukrainian Genocide of 1932-33. Ukraine's 75th commemorative anniversary recognizes that the genocide that took place was a direct result of Stalin's Soviet Regime. The Ukrainian National Museum, located amongst Chicago's own Ukrainian Village, memorializes this event through November 30th. The delegations of Canada and Greece took advantage of the exhibit and sent delegates to pay their respects and expresses a process of awareness for the event amongst the international community. On top of this, they wish to extend their heartfelt condolences, and encourage the international body to bring this event of famine and genocide to the world community and implores those countries who have been resistant to this realization to recognize this use of food as a weapon.

For those unaware a collectivization of life sustaining grain commodities and seed grains were systematically confiscated under the Soviet Policy. This process resulted in the deaths of over ten million Ukrainians in five-hundred days. As a result of the methods employed by Stalin's Soviet Union, various sectors of the population practiced cannibalism for survival.

Canada, having its own Ukrainian population and having received the memorial flame in April, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor of 1932-33, extends its sympathetic condolences to Ukraine and her people in regards of this outrageous event.