

TWENTY YEARS OF AMUN: A VIEW FROM THE BEGINNING

by Elizabeth Van Dulman and Martha Walter

A 20 year history has provided quite a few stories for Carrie Endless to tell. Brian and Carrie Endless were on staff at another Model UN conference when they felt that they had exhausted all of the opportunities that the particular conference could provide them. They decided to develop a new conference that was technologically advanced and would be a change of pace for them. Brian and Carrie achieved this by creating one of the first conferences to have a website, their own domain, and online registration.

Planning the first AMUN overlapped with the planning of their wedding. Carrie recalled, "We spent more time on the conference

than we did on our wedding." They also planned the births of both of their children around the conferences.

The first AMUN conference consisted of seventeen staff members and two hundred and fifty representatives. Currently, the Secretariat alone has a staff of 100.

As the conference has grown, they have been forced to change venues. Five hotels have been the site of the AMUN conference; the first was the McCormick Hotel, which was promptly torn down a year later. Distinguished guests have been gracious enough to speak to eager college students, beginning with the Hon. Sen. Har-

old Stassen. Sen. Stassen was the youngest signatory of the United Nations Charter, and was the only living signatory in 1989. Other speakers

Carrie explained that the vision for the conference is to provide people with the opportunity to be a part of the staff, to develop a professional,

to organize and manage in a different way than other professional environments. The conference directors are always looking to improve the conference; they are open to suggestions, and are seeking the expertise of others to constantly make this an enriching experience for the students that attend. For example, in the past states were

level, Carrie fondly recalls all of the marriages that have occurred as a result of AMUN. She immediately thought of at least six couples who had married after meeting on staff, along with various others who had met as Representatives. Over the years, the staff has noticed increases in the diversity of students attending, the technological knowledge of the students, the gravity of the issues brought to the table, and the willingness of Representatives to put forth serious effort to find solutions to these problems. She recalls a time when research was done from books, and not from our laptops. This conference is clearly a passion for Brian and Carrie. As Carrie states, "At the end of the day, it's not about the entity, it's all about the people."



An Early AMUN staff photo.

have included the presiding President of the General Assembly in 1999, Theo Ben Gurirab, who was also the Foreign minister of Namibia and the Permanent Representative to the UN for Namibia.

real life experience, and to allow for the growth of leadership skills that may be applied to other professions. She believes that the AMUN experience instills confidence, motivates volunteers, and allows staff

submitting resolutions before the conference, but the staff noticed that this reduced productive interaction between Representatives cooperating and working together at the conference. On a more personal

OPTIMISM IN FIRST COMMITTEE

by Wes Riley

The First Committee exploded in a flurry of activity Monday morning as four draft resolutions made it to the floor for official debate. Last night there was a palpable sense of frustration with the lack of perceived progress. Representative Greg LaRocca of Liberia summed up the feelings of many people as he returned to the room with his computer just in time to hear yet another motion to break for caucusing pass. "Only about a quarter of the time we've been here has been in floor session," he said. "The rest has been all caucus."

However, the new day brought a more optimistic mood to the committee.

According to Representative Ashton Gelat of Portugal, "Today has been a lot more productive, although I doubt we're going to get to the second topic. But we've finally had some really good substantive debate, there was a difficult division of the question we voted on, and delegates have been using a lot more motions. I feel like this is a great way for people to learn now."

The resolutions on the floor include measures to reaffirm previous UN actions, redefine "small arms and light weapons," encourage great regional cooperation, increase the amount of funding dedicated to arms stockpile management, and full implementation of the Programme of Action.

RESOLUTIONS PASS THIRD COMMITTEE

by Brianna Ehley

Representatives of the Third Committee have been hard at work producing a total of 11 draft resolutions between the two issues of People's Rights to Self Determination and the Situation of Women in Rural Areas.

"I want to recognize the hard work this body and the Dais have been doing," said Rima Gungor, Rapporteur of the Third Committee. "We've gotten a lot of work done."

Two resolutions have been passed regarding women's situations in rural areas. Resolution

GA 3rd/II/2 authored by Chad and the Czech Republic passed with a vote of 50/26/25. Resolution GA 3rd/II/4 authored by Italy, Canada, China, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, France, Germany and Brazil passed with a vote of 64/33/24.

"We are proud that the delegation came together and passed our resolution," said Representative Jeffrey Maeder of Canada.

The committee has recently voted to move forward and is currently discussing the Issue of People's Rights to Self-Determination.

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME HUNGRY FOR PROGRESS

by Darnell Gardner

In the World Food Programme, the first draft of a report on food procurement in developing countries became hotly contested. Thirty minutes before the report was due to the General Assembly Plenary, a representative of Saudi Arabia moved to close debate on WFP/I/3, replacing WFP/I/1 in the report. The Representative of Saudi Arabia said that because the resolution had been in informal discussion for two days while it was being written, further discussion was unnecessary. Expressing support for the resolution on other grounds, the Representative of Brazil said that the resolution's relevancy to the report is inarguable. "The World Trade Organization and the trade policy review mechanism have a definite correlation with food procurement in developing countries," said Representative Elizabeth Martinez of Brazil.

Representative Shehzad Merchant of Spain disagreed. "They asked for review to come twice a year as opposed to once every

two years. We have the right to protect our farmers even though we have to take care of the world," said Representative Merchant. "This is not something we need to talk about in this committee. This is something that should be talked about in a different committee at another time."

Representative Whitney Ehresman of El Salvador said the report still needed input from other nations, and that it was irresponsible to include the resolution without more discussion. She said that not completing the first draft of the report would mean the committee failed to complete its work.

PERSONAL ADS

EC, EO, CLT, returning staff, and first year staff -- by your powers combined, I am AMUN 20! - DJW

Between the point system, tiger eyes, and also a little debating on the side, it has been a great year. Thailand out!

I'm an attorney; I can't work like this!

Dear ECOSOC Vice Chair, For some reason, you remind me of an Albanian grill.

Very truly yours, Montavious

FACT: MPH said the word "ish" when referring to time.

Sim Staff: Remember the time the Chiefs beat the Super Bowl champs? Awesome.
- RCA

Go Aquinas! Nutmeg. Congrats to Will and Tom.

RIP Vanilla Bear and Chocolate Bear. You will be missed.
- The last true bear

You were never a "fake DUSGR" -- but definitely a life saver! May I time travel with you tonight?

Wanted: Two male escorts for dance -- 1 for each arm.

Madame PGA, Your PhD is showing -- no lost keys or jackets! Happy seventh AMUN anniversary!

- Your favorite JD

WTHBVF? Serial comma FTW!



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PRESS RELEASES

From: France
Subject: Resolution on the Iranian Nuclear Program

The Security Council has passed a resolution by consensus on the topic of the Iranian Nuclear Program. This resolution had the full support of the P-5 Nations as well as the nation of Iran. We would like to thank the delegations of France, the United Kingdom, China, Vietnam, Turkey, Austria, the United States, the Russian Federation, and all other nations involved in taking the extra time to draft this resolution. We would like to give special thanks to the delegation from Iran for joining us and working to make this solution possible.

The resolution creates a Work-Share Cooperative where Iran can work with chosen P-5 nuclear powers through a scientist exchange that allows P-5 scientists to work in Iranian nuclear facilities and Iranian scientists to work in the facilities of those a part of the Cooperative. This will foster community and education for Iran and participating nations within the international community.

This Cooperative will begin when certain sanctions related to the Nuclear Program dealing with finance and travel are lifted after Iran accepts the 3.1 Modified Code of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. If Iran chooses not to comply, the Cooperative would not commence and further sanctions would be added.

We hope this great compromise will lead toward solidarity for Iran and the international community and promote peaceful relations and prosperity for all involved.

From: Italy
Subject: The Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects

After much debate, the First Committee has passed resolution GA1st/I/5 by a strong majority which calls upon member states to utilize International Tracing Instruments in order to deal with the substantial problems of SALWs, to prevent the accumulation of SALWs within member states, and to promote cooperation with Interpol and other organizations by monitoring all shipments across borders. This resolution also recommends the UNODA to provide monetary and technological aid to states as deemed necessary for seeking SALWs. It also enables to UNODA to oversee the legislation implemented by member states on a voluntary basis to ensure progress within each state in their reduction in the illicit trade of SALWs, to create a panel of experts which will address key challenges, and to create a list of goals to achieve through multilateral cooperation with the UN. The representatives from Italy, one of the contributors of the resolution, feel this is a great stride in progress towards combating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects. They believe this resolution will not only work towards combating the illicit trade in SALWs, but will also hold member states more accountable in their arm shipments.

From: Malaysia
Subject: Preventing and Combating Corrupt Practices and Transfer of Assets of Illicit Origin, Consistent with the United Nations Convention Against Corruption

Malaysia applauds the efforts in the Second Committee, which has put so many wonderful draft resolutions forward in such a short time, all with the hopes of slowly curing nations from the ailment of corruption. Much debate has gone on in regards to sovereignty, as many resolutions currently address a system of global monitoring. Malaysia and our friends from Malawi, Niger, Nigeria and Jamaica, have drafted a resolution that we feel will address sovereignty issues through the creation of an open and continuous international forum, in which member states have the desire to, but lack ideas and resources for countering corrupt practices can request assistance from other member states that have a firm handle on such tasks. It is Malaysia's hope that the Second Committee will adopt this resolution, as an open forum will serve all member states in keeping their economies secure, stable and predictable. Any questions may be directed to the representative from Malaysia or the esteemed representatives from Malawi. Thank you and good luck.

From: Brazil
Subject: Women in Palestine

The Federative Republic of Brazil congratulates the Economic and Social Council on the unanimous passage of Resolution I/1. We would particularly like to applaud the United States of America for its support of this document, which reaffirms the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and we look forward to their future ratification of the CRC.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

by Martha Walter

In the Sunday night session of the ECA, delegations passed four of the six resolutions that were in draft stages. In addition to the aid volatility and infrastructure draft resolutions that were passed, two more passed regarding microfinances and regional trade.

Most representatives in the ECA seemed relieved to have moved on to their second topic, the Millennium Development Goals (MDG); however, the delegation of Zimbabwe was very reluctant to move on from Resolution ECA/I/6 which was tabled last night. A motion to move back to the first topic in order to re-open this

issue was voted down.

During the morning session, the ECA passed Resolution ECA/II/1 by a vote of consensus with two abstentions. This resolution focused on the first MDG which aims to "eradicate extreme poverty and hunger."

The delegations of Ghana and Chad had problems with an operative clause regarding the International Monetary Fund's new Heavily Indebted Poor Countries initiative, or HIPC. Representative Ariel Sim of Ghana stated that "Ghana is wary of endorsing an organization that has had historical negative effects on developing countries." The resolution passed despite this issue.

SC PASSES RESOLUTION

by Elizabeth Van Dulman

Much cheering and applause erupted from Monday morning's Security Council session. Draft Resolution SC/4 submitted by the member states of Austria, China, France, the

to discuss the issues. Representative Sean McClay of the Russian Federation stated that he believes the inclusion of the Representatives of Iran to be the crucial factor in drafting and passing Resolution SC/4. "I think the most



Representatives of Member States of the Security Council in caucus drafting Resolution SC/4. Photo by Elizabeth Van Dulman

Russian Federation, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and Viet Nam was passed by consensus.

Prior to forming the draft resolution, the much anticipated question and answer session with the Representatives of Iran took place Sunday afternoon. The Representatives of Iran adamantly defended the position of developing nuclear energy stating, "We are not opposed to the development of alternative forms of energy but due to our current economic situation nuclear energy is the most feasible source of energy for our development."

The Representatives of Iran thanked the Security Council for allowing them a platform

important factor was that we made it a focus to make Iran an equal partner, to have full input in the process even down to editing."

The resolution calls for the creation of a Work-Share Cooperative for nuclear programs that create energy cooperatives between the Islamic Republic of Iran and any of the following member states: France, Russia, China, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Some of the goals of the Work-Share Cooperative include producing greater transparency of the Iranian Nuclear Program and fostering cooperation among nations seeking peaceful nuclear development.

ICJ GETS TERRITORIAL

by Veranja Liyanarachchi

The International Court of Justice gathered Sunday evening to discuss the case of *Nicaragua v. Colombia* at the Joliet room. The advocate of Nicaragua presented

cate for Colombia strongly refused the facts and states that in 1913, Nicaragua for the first time laid the claim to certain islands in the San Andres Archipelago, after lengthy negotiations, the Treaty of 1928 along with



Intense deliberations in the ICJ. Photo by Veranja Liyanarachchi

his speech first and claimed that the Barcenas-Esguerra Treaty, which the Republic of Colombia bases its territorial claims upon, is invalid under international law and customs. Thus, Colombia would have no legal justification for its claim.

Also, Nicaragua reclaims the territory consequences that Nicaragua was forced to give under coercive conditions.

The opposition party advo-

its ratification in 1940 was definitively settled the matter.

The advocate for Colombia pointed that the Colombia has had peaceful and continuous sovereignty over the San Andreas Archipelago and the Corn Islands until the Sandinista Movement in 1979. International Court of Justice will release the justification to the parties Monday night.

When questioned on the subject of the press conference, Representative Ben Verhulst of the United Arab Republic explained that it is a "prerequisite" peace agreement for peace talks and regrets the miscommunication that occurred with the United States delegation.

Representative Matt Ross of Cuba expressed surprise at the actions of the United States and stated that the United States was more concerned with reserving the potential for aggressive action. Representative Ross also desires the Security Council to provide more sovereignty to Cuba as an independent state.

A PUSH FOR PEACE IN THE HSC

by Tauseef Hemayet

The Monday morning session started with an early press conference called by the United Arab Republic delegation of the Historical Security Council on the issue of promoting a non-aggression treaty between United States and Cuba.

Controversy arose as the United States was absent from the meeting. Representative Janon Khaja of the United States explained that they were not officially invited for the press conference, and it was undiplomatic to presume that the United States would attend a press conference.

Representative Khaja said that she informally knew that the council members were plan-

ning on an unofficial discussion but was not approached with the agenda.

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IMPERSONAL ADS

Dear SC/HSC,
Party to the dispute or party all the time?
- Will's girlfriend ***
Love the leopard print
Deteriorization
Is still not a word

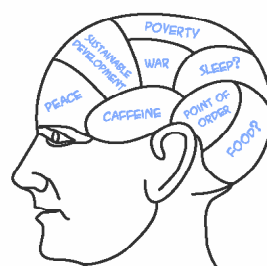
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