



The Daily Delegate

FREAKY FRIDAY RETROSPECTIVE?

BY DALLIN MENDENHALL AND DANIEL REN

Was the strain of intense debate and resolution writing finally getting to the delegates? Were the dais staff starting to relax and become a little more lenient in their committees? Whatever the reason, it seems that nearly everyone was going a little stir-crazy Friday afternoon at HSMUN.

Crazy antics were to be found in just about every committee. In UNICEF, Justin Bieber was played to the delight of some delegates and displeasure of others. (Did they not hear about the resolution passed on Thursday night at opening ceremonies?) The whole Security Council got Rick Roll'd by their dais staff. DISEC was animated, with Lebanon threatening Saudi Arabia with war for not voting the way they'd wanted, Iran and Ecuador hurling insults back and forth, Cuba questioning the integrity of the chair, possession of nuclear arms being admitted, and songs being played over phones to make points during debate.

But perhaps no committee was as off-the wall yesterday as ECOFIN. The dais handed out candy as a lesson in the distribution of foreign aid. A 5-minute moderated caucus was held to discuss why Egypt is a terrorist organization. Egypt stormed out of the room professing hatred for Israel (the delegate later, thank goodness, apologized). There was beat boxing. Perhaps most shocking, however, was that North Korea declared war on South Korea for 16 minutes. In this short time period, nukes were apparently deployed, with most of the rest of the states in the committee lining up with South Korea to join the fray. (It seems possible, then, that one of the Koreas just may not exist anymore.)

I spoke with the delegates from both the DPRK and the Republic of Korea to investigate the causes of this World vs. North Korea conflict. What follows is just a few of their many and passionate words.

DM: So, North Korea, as you know, I'm from the press. To start off, do you perhaps have any words for the rest of the states here at the conference.

NK: DIE, INFIDELS, DIE.

Gee, why does nobody like North Korea?

DM: So, where do you get your hate for the world from?

NK: North Korea works perfectly under the leadership of Kim Jong-II.

This was followed by a short rant about how capitalist nations wish to infiltrate the minds of youth in the DPRK and turn them to failed capitalism.

DM: You think *all* the world wants to take over the minds of your youth, and change your system of government? What are you going to do?

NK: During this seminar I have intercepted all of their messages, which made the m all extremely mad. At least 10 countries have declared war on me. Many have threatened to nuke me.

DM: But, concretely, what are you going to *do*?

NK: I want to disband the United Nations. I almost took out South Korea. I just said that the UN is for nations only; the southern province of our country should not be considered here.

DM: Hm. So, tell me about the glories of your country.

NK: Under the supreme leader Kim Jong-II, we have no problems. We have no problems with malnutrition as everyone is fed with the milk of Kim Jong-II. There are no energy problems, for we have wind power from the breath of Kim Jong-II. The tears of angels weeping for capitalist countries supply us with water. We also have a pretty good nuke system.

DM: All right, let do a little test of your knowledge. First, what is the capital city of your country?

NK: Pyongyang.

DM: Good. And what does your flag look like?

NK: It's got two blue stripes here *—he motions in the air—* with a red stripe in between, and then a star.

DM: Right. Can you tell me what the currency unit of your country is?

NK: We provide for the people of our country; there is no currency.

DM: Would it surprise you to know that the official currency unit is the North Korean *won*?

NK: *(A pause.)* That's no longer used. We dissolved that.

DM: You're sure?

NK: I just made that up right now.

I followed this chat up with a talk to the delegate from South Korea, who explained to me exactly where the problems had come from and why the delegate from North Korea was crazy:

“It started with my notes that I sent to other countries regarding my draft resolution. The notes were returned to me without any response, with only ‘Intercepted by Kim Jong-II’ written on them. I stood up in caucus and demanded privacy. My demands were ignored. I later said that if this continued, we’ll have war. Ignored again. And so I sent him a note: THIS MEANS WAR. From there, he sent back and said, ‘Little brothers, you will surrender to me and kneel down to Kim Jong-II.’ I told them our borders are ready.”

With this tense atmosphere, the delegate from South Korea sent notes to other delegates (among them, the UK, Sri Lanka, China, the USA, and Russia), recruiting help in the stand-off with North Korea. Reportedly, 90% of the delegates in the committee eventually sent notes to North Korea threatening nuclear war. The delegate from North Korea gloried in this, asking the committee if they were sending nukes “because [they] are mad or because [they] cannot deal with the superiority of the Great North.”

So, with all this excitement in ECOFIN, was anything getting done? The delegate from the Republic of Korea indicated that nothing was. He reported that, “North Korea has not signed any resolutions, saying they are all too capitalist for them. If they [the resolutions] don’t agree with there being nuclear powers, they won’t sign.” North Korea’s insistence on voting no to every motion raised in committee and opposing every proposal has also hindered progress in the committee. Only time will tell if ECOFIN will be able to produce anything all at with this roadblock in the way.

Thank you, Delegates, for an amazing conference!

BANQUET EXPOSÉ

BY FANNY KUNG

Delegates and the HSMUN Executive members alike donned their extravagant attire and brushed up on their dancing moves for the HSMUN 2011 Banquet. This year the banquet was held at the Fantasyland Hotel in the Beverly Ballroom. By the time Executive members arrived, hotel staff had already set the place settings and the DJ was doing his sound checks.

Members of the press greeted delegates as they ascended the stairs, and soon, food was served. In order to determine the order of tables to grab their grub, delegates and teachers alike participated in a trivia quiz run by the illustrious Secretary-General Maggie Danko. Questions corresponded to the table number, and called for the students to rely on their historical knowledge. Numbers could be seen waving from every other table in the ballroom and random years could be heard, shouted from every table desperate for sustenance.

Much care was put into the presentation of the gourmet buffet. Garden salad greeted everyone who walked up to the buffet line, then a choice of dressing ranging from ranch and italian, followed by a cheese platter with marble, cheddar, white, brie, swiss, you name it. Pasta salads, coleslaw, fresh vegetables with

ranch dip, and what seemed like potato salad, were all also offered before you got to the real... “meat of it all.”

The real meal started with steamed vegetables, roasted potatoes sprinkled with plenty of pepper, a very, very cheesy casserole...or “lasagna” for a lack of proper terminology, as well as something resembling a chicken curry. Dais members, as well as members of the press were seen skipping the entire buffet line until the last dish. The hearty, savory roast beef that was waiting at the end of the slowly crawling line of hungry, hungry Executives.

Delegates feasted and enjoyed “pleasant” dinner conversations, rumors of who is attractive on what committee, who on what committee were the most immersed into their country’s culture. Conversation at the HSMUN member tables ranged from jokes and funny stories told by Nolan, the Director General, and the keynote speaker Gordon Houlden. Other comic reliefs featured were “How I Met Your Mother” Neil Patrick Harris quotes, humorously re-enacted by News Member, Andrew Douglas.

The night ended with dancing-a-plenty, with many countries putting aside their differing foreign policies and enjoying the live DJ in the spirit of the United Nations.

SHAKE YOUR BOOTY LIKE DJIBOUTI!

BY ANDREW DOUGLAS

Amidst the spastic writhing and “getting jiggy with it” that occurred on the dance floors, deep within the mosh pit a new dance was invented. More salacious than the salsa, filthier than the fandango, more liable than the lombata! Know only as “The Dirty Delegate”, it involves delegates from the five permanent members of the Security Council and the rest of the description is far too obscene to reproduce in print. Decency laws as well as the possibility of inciting violence mean that the press has been barred from a full description. Since its creation last night the “Dirty Delegate” has already spread to 35 countries including Kiribati, Romania, and has a 50% saturation rate in Papa New Guinea. The dance has already been declared a human rights atrocity by Amnesty International, has been outlawed in 15 countries, and even Kim Jong Il called it “pretty gross”. Protestors across the Arab world have also taken to the streets claiming that the “Dirty Delegate” is synonymous with repressive dictators due to some infamous photos of Hosni Mubarak “shaking his groove thang”. The U.N. has thus far remained actively seized of the matter, but there have been

whisperings of an official condemnation from the General Assembly.

When asked for statements about the growing popularity of the “Dirty Delegate” U.S. President Barack Obama stated that “we can only hope for change in the dance choices of our young people”. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said that “I have no idea what this is” and also added “as far as I’m concerned Disco is still alive. Saturday Night Fever remains the greatest piece of cinematic mastery ever produced and the Beegees should be given the Nobel Peace Prize for all that they have done for the world”. The rise in popularity of the “Dirty Delegate” raises the issue of whether the U.N. can legislate on the dance floor. If the D.J. Plays “Love is a Battlefield” will peace keepers be sent in? Will “raising the roof” require human development aid funds? Will the “YMCA” be declared an official U.N. body? Only time will tell if the U.N.’s commitment to decent dance moves can extend beyond the debates and be implemented before the “Dirty Delegate” corrupts our youth forever.

WINNING POKER WITH A WEAK HAND!

BY KAITLYN GRANT

After a long day of debate, scheming, and accusations, delegates dusted off their dancing shoes, and worked on their smooth dance moves. Before the evening festivities got under way, Gordon Houlden, director of the China Institute at the University of Alberta gave a key note address on his experiences as an international diplomat.

Houlden began as a student at the University of Calgary with a passion for politics and a desire to learn more about the international world. He joined the Canadian Foreign Service after graduate studies in Ottawa. With Canadian Foreign Service he travelled around the world. He learned Spanish, Chinese, and Polish. He found himself in countless odd, awkward, terrifying, and excellent situations. From being forcibly held by the personal security of Fidel Castro to clinging to the side of a trolley car in Hong Kong, as Houlden described his adventures with personal excitement, many delegates, I’m sure, pictured themselves in his shoes.

During the question and answer period delegates voiced their interest in Houlden’s career, as they asked for more stories

about his life and goof questions about foreign policy. One question asked Houlden his opinion on Canada’s position in the international world. He stated that Canada was not as strong in the international community, but he also believes that the high school students participating in HSMUN represent an educated community that will do big, important things for Canada.

Houlden’s message to high school students was learn to win poker with a bad hand. While he did not necessarily want students to learn to play poker, he wanted students to understand that you can learn to succeed at something even if you are the underdog. Laughter could be heard from the audience and many delegates were genuinely interested in Houlden’s speech.

Throughout the key note address Gordon Houlden encouraged international travel and learning new languages. He introduced university semesters abroad and hopefully he has opened the minds of all high school students to the exciting prospects of studying the international world further.

FURTHER REPORTING ON THE LAST KING OF FRANCE

BY FANNY KUNG

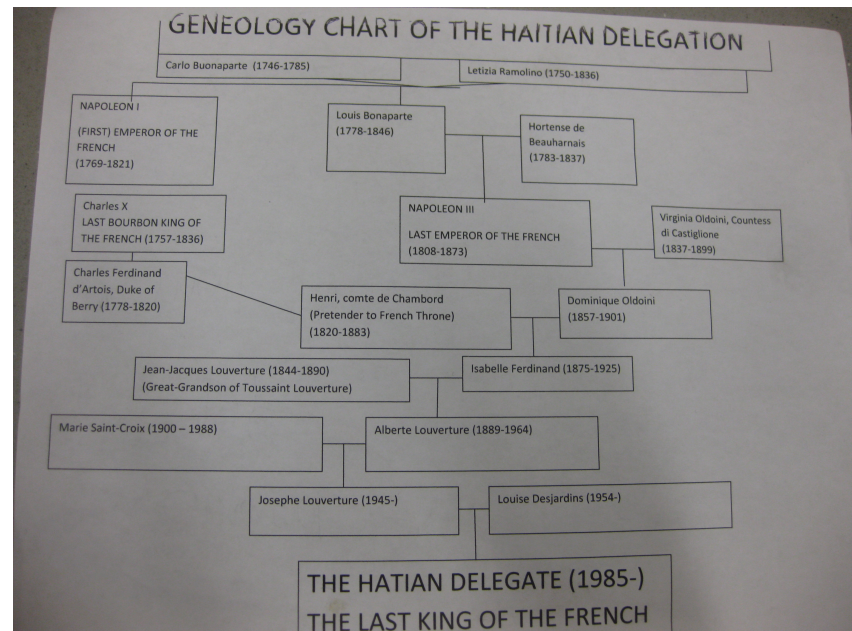
The HSMUN Newspaper has received an email from the self-proclaimed “Last King of France” himself. Enclosed below is his Declaration of Annexation:

DISEC SPECIFIC – The Republic of Franco-Haiti

In light of recent events, I, the delegate from Haiti representing our glorious nation in DISEC, have proclaimed myself the King of the French peoples, and assume control over their territories. I have (with the blessings of the French people (or so I hope)) proclaimed myself President, Prime Minister, Supreme Leader and King of France and Haiti, while the Archbishop of my contingency will be the UNADOC Holy See Delegate. Being of strong will and now strong might, I declare the following countries to be ruled under a Haitian rule, with capital at Paris (or, until I can get the government out, Port-au-Prince):

France, St. Lucia, Dominica, Barbados, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago
Bahamas, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Monaco, Andorra, Luxembourg

Unfortunately, the attached hand-drawn map was too light for the Press to attach to this edition. Regardless, one must acknowledge the dedication and amount of time he has spent researching the French monarch’s lineage. The image attached is a genealogy chart of the Haitian Delegation proving his bloodline and acts as



evidence for his legitimacy that was handed to me in the DISEC committee yesterday afternoon. The announcement has wrought much confusion among the DAIS and HSMUN members, and following research, it has been declared most of the bloodline is accurately depicted. A fantastic effort by the Haitian delegation. He ended his self-proclamation with a farewell trombone performance before he left the conference for his Speech Provincials. Good luck, O Last King of France.

WHO IN CHAOS

BY FANNY KUNG AND MEAGAN MILLER

The right for patients to choose their own treatments (conventional or traditional methodologies) was discussed in the WHO committee today. Western countries were accused to ostracize traditional medicine in a move to subjugate the poor, claiming that conventional methods were more expensive, and thus less accessible to those less wealthy. North Korea got blood boiling in WHO committee, with passionate accusations toward this preference for conventional methods a trait of “capitalist scumbag countries.”

An interview with the delegate from North Korea revealed they “have realized...choice is confined by the realities of our world, [which] is that governments promote conventional methods and do not subsidize the prices. This is done to keep the corrupt governments of

the West in control of us weaker nations, and reliant on their international aid. This is a form of repression.”

Following that, the delegate from the United States was given a chance to defend its preference for conventional methods in another interview. Their perspective is that despite feeling insulted, they felt no need for retaliation of any form, since it was not an accurate depiction of the capitalist nations. Germany was completely outrageous at the accusations and claimed “had they said more, war would have been the only solution.” Canada was quite similar in their response, expanding on the acknowledgment that although capitalism was not the most popular system in the eyes of the world, it still has its merits as well as its weaknesses; therefore, no hard feelings were credited. Way to be diplomatic, eh?

A UNITED UNICEF PULLS THROUGH

BY KAITLYN GRANT AND JESSICA HUYNH AND DANIEL REN

The UNICEF committee was fairly somber this morning as they discussed the ways to combat child pornography. Initially the committee made little progress, only going past the damaging effects of the topic. However, two working papers were drafted. The first was shut down unceremoniously after North Korea took over the sovereignty of Japan and South Korea bringing Norway to tears. Many countries did not feel that this resolution was in their citizens best interest and did not feel that it could not be implemented in the next decade. As the committee moved on to resolution 1.1, it satisfied the majority of countries. North Korea opposed the bill in anger, in retaliation to the Dias, stating that “since [his] attempts to join North and South Korea were smothered by the Dias, it was in his national interest to not cooperate with the United Nations”. Despite North Korea’s defiance, the bill was passed in the last seconds of HSMUN.

HAMMER AND SICKLE

BY KIM LEWIS

Today in ECOFIN Sierra Leone proposed a cure all for unfair trade on planet earth. This cure all was communism. The representative from Sierra Leone stated that they believed in working with a theoretical form of communism as proposed by George Orwell in the short story “The Lion and the Unicorn: Socialism and the English genius”. The draft suggested that by pooling resources and taking care fo the whole greed and wealth can be divided fairly and poverty can be avoided. Sierra Leone was especially passionate about the issue of greed due to the “civil war caused [...] by the blood diamonds”. The signatories (Spain, Peru, Sierra Leone) acknowledged the need for modified communism and the previous shortcomings of it. When asked Sierra Leone said that in his country it can only get better. Though the clauses in the draft were not particularly unreasonable sounding many delegates doubted the ability of the whole world to change so drastically. It seems the biggest issue this draft must face is theology versus practice and not many delegates are crazy about putting world communism into practice. In theory Sierra Leone’s idea of global communism sounds reasonable and valid. However in practice as has been seen before reality and theory do not always coincide, especially with regards to communism.

UNODC AT IT AGAIN

BY BONA ZHANG

Yesterday's argumentative UNODC committee session ended on a high note...literally. When the group re-congregated after lunch, two draft resolutions were presented: the first by Rwanda, Denmark, and Afghanistan and the second by Peru, Norway, and Venezuela. Unsatisfied by the former's leniency in regards to punishing producers and consumers of drugs, Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Korea, DPK presented a hostile amendment, from which the following is quoted: "Recognizes the need to employ severe immediate punishment on drug producers and consumers that may include, but is not limited to: traditional Japanese honor suicide; Saudi Arabian death by camel; stampeding by pure-bred North Korean horses". Though many countries supported the amendment, draft resolution 1.0 lost to 1.1, and Peru, Norway, and Venezuela celebrated their victory, which was cut short by drugs. It seemed that the cocaine offered to the Dias staff by Afghanistan earlier in the day had been accepted, for a moderated caucus discussing the merits of Kim Jong Il was called for, and passed. After Israel expressed extreme ignorance of the topic, Korea, DPK gave a dramatic retelling of the birth of Kim Jong Il: "...two double rainbows appeared, making it a quadruple rainbow, and tears came to the eyes of western democratic leaders as they subconsciously acknowledged their untimely extinction". The United Kingdom, tiring of Korea, DPK's reverence expressed the belief that Kim Jong Il was "short, totalitarian, and smelly". However, this only triggered the North Korean delegate to begin a comparison between her supreme leader and Yoda from Star Wars, whom she said was almost on the same level of greatness as Kim.

The next day, the committee appeared sober enough to get down to business on the issue of human trafficking in regards to

UPDATE FROM THE SC

BY EEMAAN KHAN

The first major shift in power during the conference occurred when the Russian Federation announced their mutual decision to reabsorb Kazakhstan, claiming that unity "was inevitable". The conversation quickly steered to the dire situation of the borders of Rwanda and the DRC where tension escalated over the illegal entrance of Rwandan forces who were "assaulting Congolese terrorists". The DRC even demanded that if "no resolution is passed, we will retaliate" suggesting a possible outbreak of war. The Russians quickly proposed a working paper that would call for the immediate stop and removal of the Rwandan forces from the DRC to reduce the tension, which was expectably rejected. The issue came up as to why only the Rwandans would have to back off and what they would get in compensation. The question also came up of the boundaries of engagement which was met by the sponsors vague response of ill defined borders.

Nigeria made a suggestion to create education programs and job opportunities for the CNDP in a terrorism prevention program and rehabilitation in a binding solution to stop the immediate conflict. This later evolved into another possible bill with Nigeria as the frontman. As the discussion continued it became apparent that the initial bill would be ineffective as flaws were constantly drawn from the technicalities such as the German delegate's questioning the "ability to prevent wastefulness of resources used?" to which India, another primary sponsor, gave a semi vague answer with little to work with. Gabon noticed how this bill "[wont] fix the problem, only Rwanda's backdown..." to which India claimed it was a "temporary fix". This did not sell well and soon the bill was to be revised.

South Africa also backed Gabon's claim and further added that the "CNDP is not a side story (in response to russian comments of their minimal importance) but the root cause? Also

narcotics. After several moderated caucuses, it was established that the three key issues to be addressed in combating the issue was funding for developing countries, border control, and education. Saudi Arabia, however, voiced discontentment when informed that the education was available to everyone, including women, and on the topic of border control, Korea, DPK encouraged the rest of the committee to look to her nation as a "shining beacon of hope". As discussion continued, a new mindset gripped the committee, that everyone should work together on one working paper! What came next was an uproar of cooperative banter and the complete of abandonment of foreign policy as an organized mosh pit formed in the middle of the room. In its midst, Israel requested permission to leave in a point of personal privilege, as it was the Sabbath, and under her breath, Korea, DPK sang the hit High School Musical number "We're All in this Together".

When the dust cleared, Congo, China, and Rwanda were revealed to be the sponsors for the unanimously supported working paper. Dare we ask what could have induced this world-peace-esque development? The remarkable moment of international harmony was shattered by a regaining of sense by Korea, DPK: "These capitalist pigs, under the guise of 'border control', have intentions to take over your country and taint the minds of your children with thoughts of democracy!!". It seems that the committee itself had been under a guise of sanity for the earlier half of the session, but could be not deterred from increasing its notoriety as an outrageous group of intoxicated diplomats who enjoy "your mama" jokes and belting "Don't Stop Believin'" in honor of the Finn Hudson look-alike, Chile. Unsurprising, the draft resolution was passed with overwhelming votes.

what of the A.U.? What of their involvement?" This quickly caught the attention of Nigeria which replied that "the A.U. is not armed or funded enough to counter a conflict at such a large scale." South Africa mentioned how they are also a major contributor to the African Union but were still against the opinion of the Nigerian delegate. Colombia soon caught on and attempted to create a parallel between the warlords and terrorists and Colombian drug traffickers and acknowledged a need for rehabilitation. Eventually, a compromise was never reached and a bill was passed with majority in which Rwanda essentially had to withdraw or face military sanctions, no real mention of the conditions on the DRC. The conflict was an example of the second topic of countering border terrorism but as the Russian diplomat summarized at one point, the arguments were the same as the first conflict and that "this is going in circles".

