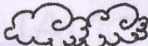



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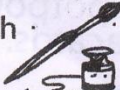

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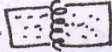
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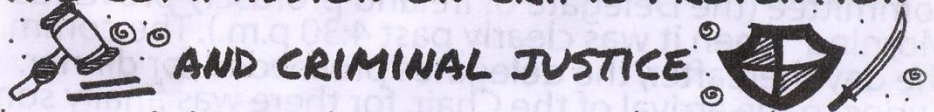
The speech made by the Director-General, Gayatri Rathore, marked the commencement of the opening ceremony yesterday. The chief guest of the ceremony, well-known editor of the Oman Tribune and Indian Express and election analyst Dr. Ajit Kumar Jha, delivered an impressive speech in which he emphasized upon the theme of the conference, "Aspire to Inspire", and upon the importance of the youth of today. He also asked the students to have, as Obama said, the "audacity to hope". The Secretary-General and School Captain, Shivranjani K. Singh, then delivered an equally moving speech as she talked about how the innate humanity of every person remains the same, regardless of the uniform they wear while on the battlefield. The audience was then shown a multimedia presentation put up by the students (congratulations to our IP heads, good work) which, again, stressed on the power of one person and, of course, the conference theme. The Secretary-General then declared the Mayo College Girls' School Model United Nations 2014 open.

So here's hoping you stay inspired, and that this conference helps you do so.

-Smriti Shekhar



**THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**



The commission on crime prevention and criminal justice started off (with the absence of it's chair) and also a casual introduction of each delegate within a time frame of sixty seconds. The committee, as we gathered, is a blend of first timers and fifth timers(more of firsts, though). But, but ,but, there is no lack of ambition around and it can be seen in examples such as the delegate of Serbia who seemed to hold quite an audience before the session even began. Another interesting delegate was the delegate of **South** Korea (he emphasized the importance of South) who chose to introduce himself with a favorite word. The word being "YO", Delegates! (YOLO after all).



With the introduction complete, a few of our "inspiring" delegates (delegate of South Korea being one) began fancying a motion of entertainment. Well, to their happiness, the motion was passed. And then we had delegate of Belgium singing his own mash up of around 25 songs (impressive much?) and our enthusiastic delegate of South Korea dancing on Gangnam Style (which could have also been "Baby Doll" since it won a handsome full committee vote.)
wink.

Day two landed up with some serious work. The Chair's arrival led to discussions on the working of the committee, lectures, formalities, questions and answers and so on. The session after tea started with the general speaker's list. Half an hour through, it merged or rather divided into an un-moderated caucus. (P.S.- the mention of a break sparked quite a lot of nods). Oh! And yet again, we see that the delegate of Serbia had his conclusion similar to his commencement (center stage). Watch out delegates, we're in for a showdown. And so we were, the two divides of the caucus came up with an elucidation of their opposing views. A few speakers later, the session was adjourned. The committee has a lot more on it's plate and will definitely lead to plenty more.

-Yashashvini Jodha

THE DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL



SECURITY COMMITTEE



The first session of the committee commenced with a very brief introduction of the delegates after which the Director announced the rules of procedure which were to be followed. Since the Chair was absent, a motion for a half-hour lobbying session was passed with simple majority.

The agenda was "Challenges to UN Peacekeeping and the Capstone Doctrine." However, the delegates seemed too busy to pay heed to what's going on in committee (the Delegate of Ireland profusely proves us right by saying "Good Morning" when it was clearly past 4:30 p.m.). The committee was adjourned for the day thereafter, the delegates proceeded for dinner.

Kudos to the arrival of the Chair, for there was finally some action in the overly boring committee sessions of DISEC. His witty comments and his expectations of suavity enabled everybody to stay awake. Since the Delegate of China was having issues with the microphone, the Chair assumed it was made in China too! A motion was then passed giving each speaker the privilege to speak for 90 seconds. But the Delegate of Cameroon felt unsure since he asked the Chair if he was going to "cut him off" if he exceeded the time limit (To which the Chair replied, "Of course not Cameroon, our Chair isn't cruel enough to chop off any limb of yours."). The session finally concluded after a potpourri of speeches, arguments, playing temple run and not raising placards. The next session, hopefully, will be more fruitful.

-Palak Verma



TEMPLE RUN



THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The MCGSMUN'14 kicked off with the first session – the introductory session – on the 16th of April, with HRC's agenda being that of human trafficking, its causes, what can be done to prevent it, who its victims are, and those who are vulnerable. Human trafficking has also been called 'Modern day slavery', which is exactly what our committee revolves around.

With everything in order, the Executive Board was introduced and was followed by discussion of the Rules of Procedure. The Rapporteur remained serious almost throughout the session. (Such a charming smile – should wear it more often.)

The *second session* kicked off with speeches from the Delegates of Russian Republic and Guatemala, followed by a new motion proposed by the Delegate of Uruguay. The Executive Board continued to encourage the 'silent Delegates' to open up. A motion for an unmoderated caucus was passed by *one* vote as soon as it was proposed, taking up the cases of third-world countries involved/suspected to be involved in the inhumane crime of human trafficking. The debates attracted the attention of all those who weren't participating before, with placards shooting up into the air.

Epic Moment of the Day – The Delegates of Cameroon and Burkina Faso imitating the Delegate of Republic of India's hand movements and then laughing over it.

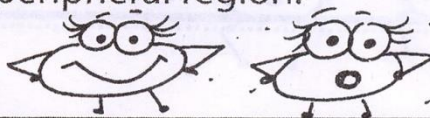
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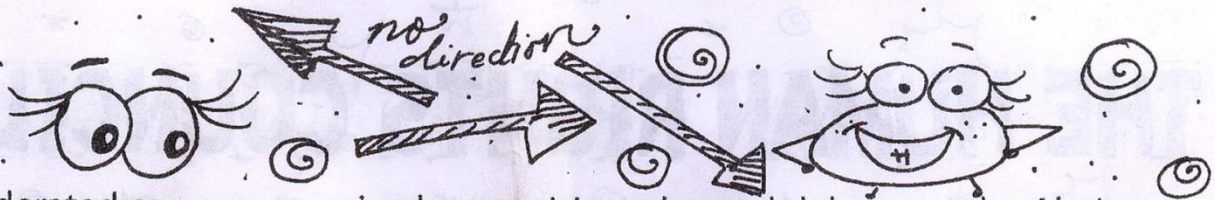


SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council of the MCGSMUN'14 commenced with an introductory session in which the delegates were briefed about the process and the agenda, after which followed friendly discussions about the current affairs of the country.

The second session started off with the general speakers' list, with the agenda being 'Situation in South Sudan'. The delegate of South Sudan opened with an impressive speech stating that "the situation does not represent a single conflict between two factions, but various tensions that prevail- each having its own ethnic and socio-economic roots". On the allegations put against the delegate of South Sudan he states that what is common in these conflicts is the distrust towards the Government of Sudan for the unequal distribution of economic and developmental gains by the centre to the peripheral region.





A moderated caucus was raised, comprising a heated debate on the Abyei region conflict-an area controlled by Sudan, but claimed by South Sudan. The delegate of DPRK on this issue stated that the size of Abyei is crucial to the political dispute, as its residents will be able to vote in a referendum whether to become a part of northern or southern Sudan.

In the end there was an unmoderated caucus which was passed after the failure of six motions in a row to get passed, resulting in the chair telling the delegates to gear up as the committee was moving without any direction. We hope that the committee moves in a more fruitful direction from now on.

-Navvya Charak



THE 'THIRD HAGUE CONFERENCE

Here at the Third Hague Conference we are busy making history (literally). We are sitting in 1914 (ironically, with the air conditioner on) and trying to save the world which is at the brink of war.

After a brief introductory session last evening, our committee immediately began serious negotiation with Austria-Hungary about its ultimatum to Serbia (viewed by many as harsh and unacceptable) as a result of the assassination of their Archduke, Franz Ferdinand by the pro-Slav terrorist group, the Black Hand.

We all must understand that it is this event that ultimately sparked one of the most tragic and inhumane wars in history of mankind and our committee now has the opportunity to recreate the past and save countless lives- something which the previous two Hague conferences failed to do. The question remains that will (hypothetical) history repeat itself and prove our generation to be as selfish as our ancestors or will we prove to be better and wiser? (do you feel the pressure yet?)

So to diffuse the tension (only a little) a vote was taken for the best looking person in committee. Our top picks? Our Rapporteur, our Director and the Delegate of Belgium.

Don't let this distract you from the task at hand though- you all are still responsible for future, so quoting The Hunger Games (which World War 1 basically was), "May the odds be ever in your favor."



POLL OF THE DAY Galina Baath

