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CROWNS:

To the delegate dance. We can feel the excitement building!

FROWNS:

To short breaks and long committee sessions.



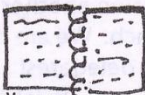
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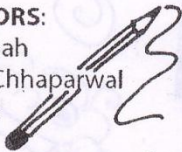
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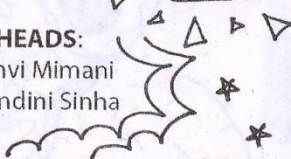
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A BREAK FROM THE HECTIC: THE PUSHKAR GETAWAY

The Pushkar visit was the highlight of the day. It was a fun trip amidst road encounters with camels and scooties and four wheelers and cows and strangers bumping into our dear delegates. We were taken to the Brahma Temple, while most of us decided to stay back in front of an ice-cream shop and sip coke. With no money in Mayoite pockets, we were taken window shopping (although there were no windows, fun).

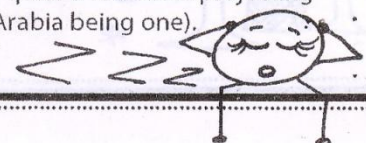
We were then taken to a stunning resort (which was sort of isolated), Pratap Palace, where we dined on sumptuous and ravishing dishes- as most of us were famished- which was followed by an energetic dance party, although the music could not be heard as Mayo College (just to be very clear: the BOYS) went on singing their famous 'MAYO, Mayo' chant. And the moon really couldn't have set a better mood for our extravagant social event, which brought out the best of dancers. Boy, was it a fun getaway from the hectic schedule of MCGSMUN.

-Nikita Achanta and Yashashvini Jodha



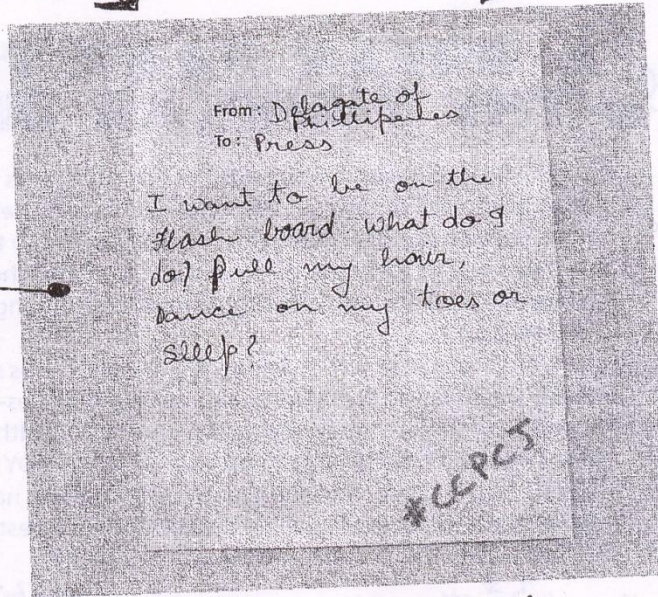
THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The committee this morning kicked off with the Rapporteur calling out for order amongst the delegates, who had been asked to start with their working papers. And so, the session moved on towards another unmoderated caucus for fifteen minutes and further reading of draft resolutions by their respective authors. There were visible sleepy faces around and thanks to the mercy of the chair, a break was promised. However, there were also quite a few faces projecting attention and sincerity (the delegate of Saudi Arabia being one).



Also, we saw our conference staff in a rush to ease out the traffic of chits being passed. (Lots of them regarding the delegate dance this evening. And also a death threat to Canada. Wow.) Committee after tea commenced with a few more drafts and then continued with the general speakers' list, with all those left to speak getting their turn. In all, today was a serious day with a good amount of work done.

-Yashashvini Jodha



THE DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

The day cracked with a number of debates followed by an unmoderated caucus for twenty minutes which was proposed by three delegates consecutively! (Impeccable vigilance, I must say). A total of eleven working papers were set up and even though Algeria did not manage to get any signatories, he decided to go solo. The Delegate of Rwanda seemed cool as a cucumber even though she failed to remember what she wrote in her working paper. (HAHA!)

After an excruciating effort made by the Chair to convince the delegates that they are sitting in Geneva and not blistering Ajmer, the Delegate of Argentina seemed rather amused. To end the session another unmoderated caucus was proposed for half an hour. The committee then broke for lunch. We are delighted with today's sessions and are hoping to see an even better one tomorrow. All the best, delegates!

-Palak Verma

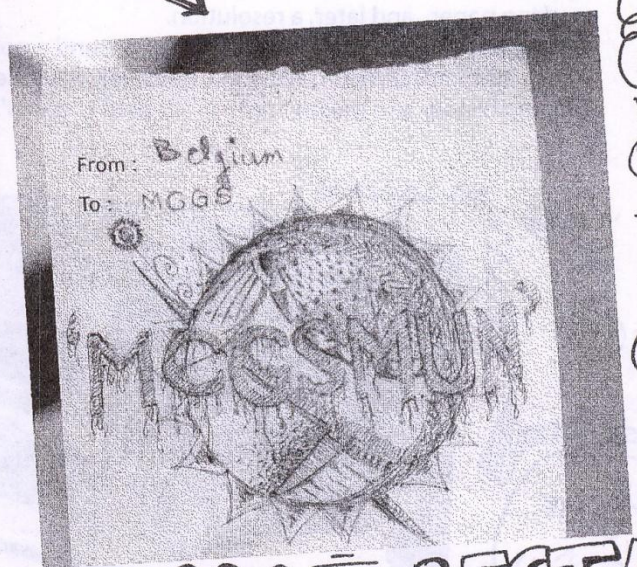


THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The session started with the declaration of the General Speaker's List, followed by a speech by the Delegate of Malaysia, the topic being that of sex trafficking. This was followed by another speech by the Delegate of Botswana. Motions were put forward for an unmoderated caucus, with the topic of 'Forced marriage' put forward by the Delegate of People's Republic of China, time given of 20 minutes. The motion was passed resulting in a number of heated debates. (Our committee is the cause for global warming, ladies and gentlemen!)

The Delegate of Republic of India raised an inquiry regarding the roll call which pretty much annoyed our Rapporteur and our Director, and then he acted as if he was the victim of the situation. Related to your hand movements and gestures, delegate, are your hands itching for the Best Delegate award?

-Nikita Achanta



ARTISTRY AT ITS BEST!

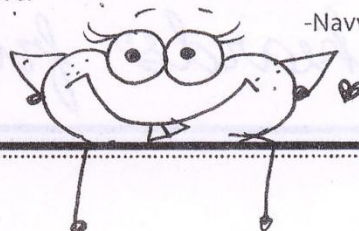
SECURITY COUNCIL

The second day of the Security Council started with the continuation of the previous day's general speakers' list. The motion raised by the delegate of India on the humanitarian crises in the South Kordofan and the Blue Nile region called for a very heated debate. The delegate of the UK stated that the UK has been sending humanitarian aid, and also that the UK is the second largest donor in the UNMISS. The question fired by the delegate of DPRK to the delegate of South Sudan on how South Sudan plans to ensure that the funds are reaching the civilians got a curt reply from the latter, stating that all international funding is handled by the UN.

On the Darfur crises the delegate of Somalia stated that an arms embargo in the Darfur area is a must to curb violence, while the delegate of Egypt reaffirmed its support for a Darfur-based internal dialogue.

All in all, it was quite a progressive session. We look forward to more!

-Navya Singh Charak



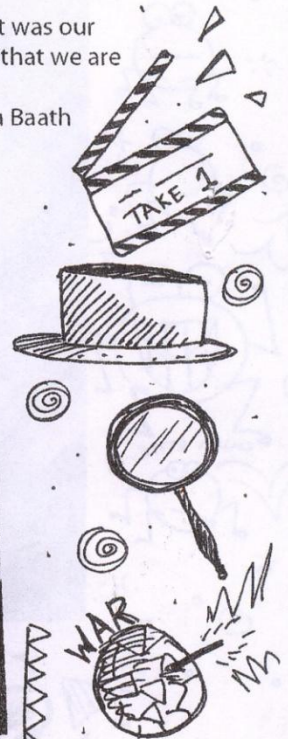
THE THIRD HAGUE CONFERENCE

The beginning of today's session in the Third Hague Conference was downright theatrical. With betrayal (faced by Austria-Hungary from Germany yesterday), double crossing (Germany again), espionage (Serbia) and murder (unknown), the session was, to say the least, entertaining.

As if the histrionics weren't enough, Russia decided to condemn its long time ally Serbia; Serbia tried to shift the blame of the Kaiser's death to Austria-Hungary claiming that it had been framed with the crème de la crème being Germany (once again) seeing no alternative but to wage war on both Serbia and Russia. (Nostalgia anyone?). It is then that Montenegro stepped in and emphasized the purpose of the Conference to prevent war. (Thank you!) The delegate suggested that everyone unite against the non-state organization responsible for the tragic incident instead of pointing fingers after which the committee then took to playing Sherlock. Finally, after many, many (many) un-moderated caucuses, the committee came out with a working paper, and later, a resolution.

Of course, to diffuse the tension, we sent around a poll for the best dressed person. Once again it was our (much admired) Director. We must, however, reiterate (seeing how close we came to war today) that we are shaping history and mustn't repeat our predecessors' folly.

-Galina Baath



THE DOUGLE HOWLS!

The delegate of Saudi Arabia [HRC]: "Would you like to get married?"
Unknown delegate [HRC]: "Don't the delegates thinks?" (Just like the delegates speaks, sir.)
Unknown delegate [HRC]: "I don't know what's going on in the committee. Something called a moderated caucus?"
Angola and Italy [DISEC], fretting over the real thing: "Is it GDP or JDP?"

Overheards from the Committees