

MAGEC Moments

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Motion To Adjourn Passes, and a Decade of MAMUN Hits The History Books

Once again, we reach the end of the marathon and the final gavel falls on MAMUN 2000. Seeing the end in sight, we wipe tears from our eyes and issue pats on the back to as many backs as we can reach.

As you return to the real world (such as it is,) we hope that you can carry the tradition of diplomacy and peace through understanding into the rest of your academic undertakings. However, do remember that it will not be necessary to raise your placard during discussion, your English teacher is Mrs. Magillicutty, not Madam Chairperson, your request for a twenty-minute caucus is not actually debatable to one speaker pro, one speaker con, and when you adjourn class for the day, you may have to come back into session before 9 am. On the other hand, if you want to keep dressing in ties and other such professional wear, you will swiftly become known as Fashion Plate Number One. Style, baby, it's style.

It's true that we just don't want to say goodbye, but some monster truck shindig is taking over the hotel today, and many school districts frown heavily upon us returning students with two-foot wide treadmarks up their backs. Go while you can, friends, and get back with us at the next conference. And bring a few clever friends. It's more fun to argue with friends anyway, doncha think?

In The Final Moments...

"With all due respect, Mr. Chief Justice, if you ask me a loaded question, I'm going to give you a loaded answer."

- *US Agent to the ICJ Autry Pruitt, displaying his diplomatic stress marks after an intense grilling.*

"With all due respect, Mr. Synowiec, if you order a loaded burrito, we're going to give you a loaded burrito."

- *The lady who waited on me at the Crazy Sanchez Taco Palace, after I complained about the number of plastic prizes cooked into my food.*

"One-two-three-four, I don't wanna be a terrorist anymore."

- *Congo Delegate in GA, outlining an intense four-step plan to convert political extremists into nice guys.*

Traverse City Historical Security Councils - May 2000

Yes, MAMUN is over, and it's on to MAGEC's next event, the Traverse City Historical Security Councils, tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in May, the 6th and 7th.

What's the deal on that? Well, for the weekend, we travel back in time to some of the most controversial decisions of the UN Security Council, assume the identities of the countries who actually participated, and we see if we can do any better. Arriving on the eve of conflicts such as the Korean War, the original partition of Palestine, the Yom Kippur War, and others that shaped the way the modern world developed.

You don't need to form a whole delegation to come, just talk to your Advisor about the possibilities of traveling up to Traverse City in the spring. The more people who come, the wider the variety of topics we can debate. Beg your Advisors. PLEEEEEEEZ!

Dear Kofi

Please, keep your questions short, Mr. Annan is ready to get on the bus.

Dear Kofi, Why is Spain always purple on the map?

Couch Boy

Dear Ryan, Why are your socks always orange after 6 pm?

Kofi

On This Day in MAMUN History...

March 18, 1997 - York High School Gets Into Scrap-Metal Scrap With Walled Lake Western. During committee debate over recycling programs to benefit the Third World, Delegates from York take great offense to the suggestion from a Walled Lake Western Delegate that in order to "save two birds with one oven," the nations of the Earth should stop using gasoline, melt down their cars for scrap metal and skip to work everyday. Such colorful and jumbled metaphors are born, such as, "If your children were told to get into a melting car with someone who skipped down I-75 everyday, would you feel safe?" York Delegates go on to accuse Walled Lake Western of "having gas...on their minds." This was the last appearance of WL Western at a MAMUN Conference...Do we have to tell you how the battle ended?

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Outstanding Delegate Awards

Congratulations To All MAMUN Delegates!!!

Regardless of how many awards you won or how many speeches you made, we of the MAMUN Staff would like to extend our hearty congratulations to you all for thinking highly enough of yourself to get involved in Model United Nations. The amount of personal commitment, ambition, and general cleverness displayed during this past week gives old farts like us (you know, people over 18) great faith in the often underestimated American teenager. You folks have set yet another high standard of debate, which next year's MAMUN Delegates will be hard-pressed to top. Thanks for all the hard work, Delegates, we couldn't (and sure wouldn't) do this without beautiful people like you. I'm getting all misty and runny, don't look at me....