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# THE CHAIR'S DISCRETION

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## TIME TRAVEL: no longer an idealized dream of the future

by Alex Yarbrough

The Historical Crisis Simulation and the Future Security council have the unique opportunity to delve into international politics of a different era. Delegate Mark Jamias from India said that "the only way to form a platform for a future government is to thoroughly research diplomacy from the past." Despite the clear lack of a frame of reference, delegates excel in their ability to completely embody the perspectives and platforms of both future and historical governments. As crises after crises struck the specialized sessions yesterday, delegates remained confident in their ability to handle the situation while remaining immersed in their given roles. It is clearly evident that delegates arrived prepared and well researched in the transitional trends of the various time periods.



Julian Lawson delivers a passionate speech to the U.S. Senate.  
Photo: Megan Morrow

## A BORDERLINE ISSUE

### *Illegal immigration seizes debate in SOCHUM*

by Tyla Bush and Rose Padilla

The SOCHUM committee remains divided regarding the issue of immigration. Some delegates argue that allocating more immigration rights to illegals would discourage immigrants from entering illegally. In opposition, other delegates argue that under no circumstances should illegal immigrants be granted special privileges and rights.

The delegates from France, Aus-

tralia, and Greece believe that granting these rights to illegal immigrants would be immensely beneficial as long as the immigrants have means to support the economy through their jobs or trade. Some delegations such as North Korea are bound to oppose immigration rights due to pressure from their dictatorship.

While the opposing parties have yet to settle on a compromise, many third-world countries simply sit back and enjoy the debate. The delegation of the small country of Haiti sums up these sentiments best: "Haiti doesn't have anything but rocks so as long as we benefit economically then we're all for it".

But, of course, spoken in French.

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## Prom dress not required

*Delegates raved at last night's dance*

*by Alex Yarbrough*

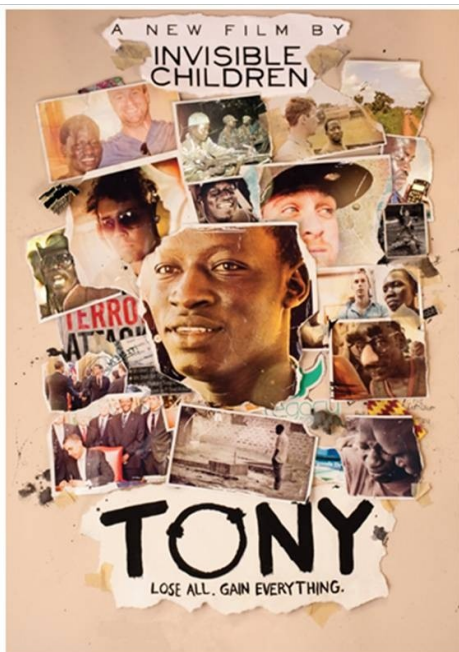
After delegates debated intensely during the day, it was finally time to let loose during last night's gala event. No longer divided along state, party, regional, or scholastic lines, delegates mingled and danced the evening away. While the dance is an incredible opportunity for students to take a break from intense debates, delegates were notably eager for the final day of procedure. The thirty-fourth ODUMUNC will culminate with Saturday's final session. The dais expressed their eagerness to see the final work of the committees and is looking forward to awarding those schools that rose above all expectations.



Norfolk, Virginia (Hampton Roads)

Invisible Children +  
PTPI's HRSC present  
"TONY"  
part of the Congo Tour

March 4 @ 7:00 pm  
Norfolk Collegiate  
Upper School Gym



### SALE!

2010 T-Shirts.....	\$12
Backpack.....	\$10
Padfolios.....	\$15
Bamboo Pens.....	\$7
Lanyards.....	\$3
Bracelets.....	\$3
Embossed Pens.....	\$4
Assorted Candy....	\$1

Get your  
ODUMUNC  
souvenirs before it's  
too late!

The sales table is located  
outside of the  
International  
Ballroom  
(where the  
GA Commit-  
tees are)



## Announcements

- Buy a t-shirt and you get to wear it today instead of your business attire. Get them before they're gone!
- Please wear your name tag when inside the hotel. DO NOT wear the name badge when walking outside.
- Turn off **all electronics** during sessions
- Check out the sales table for other souvenirs!
- Closing Ceremony is when awards are announced....you don't want to miss it!
- Luggage storage is in Clairmont Room.
- The faculty wrap-up is in Riverwalk Room.
- Today's session is a competition between all councils to raise the most money for our chosen charities, IAEA and In Support of Children!!
- Come back and see us again next year! Tell your friends!

## Wall of Fame/Shame

### It's not all diplomacy and soft power.

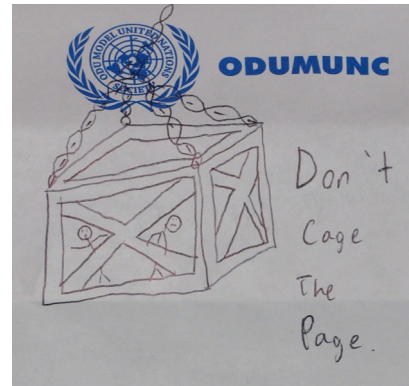
We asked the pages to collect any funny or ridiculous notes you passed in committee.

What did we learn?

Some of you are really good artists. Some of you are really funny.

An overwhelming amount of you can't spell country names.

Here are some of our favorites.



## Spill Off The Coast of Canada!

Tyla Bush

Destructions wreaked havoc just outside the coast of Canada today. The oil spill is already estimated to have reached proportions greater than that of the recent B.P. spill. The delegations of the General Assembly joined together to collaborate on ways to clean up the spill. So far the Russian Federation believes and defends that the best method of handling the situation would be to "stop the flow, stop the spread, and then clean it up." Despite the delegates' lack of scientific background, the various nations worked feverishly through the afternoon to find possible solutions to the crises.

Some of the solutions offered include building a glass dome around the oil spill, using booming materials from various nations, and even using organic materials. There has been talk of building a glass dome around the oil spill. Whatever the consequences, affirmative action must be taken immediately.





# BEHIND THE DAIS:

## *Perspectives from your committee staff*

\***ECOSOC** is proud to announce that Thursday's session culminated in multiple cooperative resolutions. More discussion on disaster prevention to follow in Friday's sessions. Great job delegates!

\***Legal** finished Thursday night's session on the verge of voting procedures. They were ready to close on their first topic and moved throughout the day with incredible speed and precision.

### Red Eye Reporting *Dais updates from Thursday night's session*

such cooperation will enable the committee to resolve the issue of territorial control along the newly formed Persian Sea...

\***Security Council** finished most topics and crises during the first two sessions. However, the final session concluded with a cliffhanger as the students just breeched a new topic in the final minutes.

\***Historical United States Senate** approved California's status as a state and acknowledged that the new state would receive full voting rights. The delegates begin Friday morning's session debating the laws that will govern slavery rights.

\***SOCHUM**'s final session was filled with intense and almost confusing debate. The delegates will continue discussing immigrant rights throughout the second day.

\***Plenary**'s Thursday night ended with the creation of drafts on aid provisions. Debates about just how much aid to send to Pakistan should continue Friday morning.

\* **Future Security Council** finished by happily rescuing Chilean civilians and preventing what should have been an inevitable war. The dais is impressed by their peace-keeping abilities and hopes that

\***DISEC** furiously tackled the issue of cyberterrorism on Thursday night. Though no final conclusions were reached, delegates proudly created six working papers to be expanded upon in the morning.

\*The **NGO Forum's** committee successfully passed two resolutions on Millennium Development Goals and looks to start new projects in the morning. The dais hopes that the issue of recycling can be laid to rest after Thursday night's moderated caucus.

## THE IRON GAVEL

*by the Legal Committee Staff*

The beginning of today's session was good. Everyone was dressed up professionally, which was a pleasant surprise! More countries were speaking up. Of course (high school students being high school students),



### IRON GAVEL CAUSES

#### REVOLT IN IRELAND

#### *Seized notes from the Legal Committee*

**To: Algeria**

**From: Ireland**

"Honestly, he was slamming that \$&^ so much, something chipped off of it. THAT'S A PROBLEM. Heck yeah we'll revolt!"

—Seconds Later—

**To: "Dias"**

**From: Ireland**

"Ireland would like to apologize for its inappropriate conduct, it will not happen again."

there was a bunch of chattering and talking going on and our chair, Mr. Matthew Grizzle banged the gavel once. No one listened. He banged it again. The second banging was so loud that pieces chipped off of the gavel! The chair is all set with another gavel...a replacement is ready!

## A DAY IN THE LIFE...

*...of the crisis staff*

**Alex, casually:** Now they're killing me instead of just beating me.

♦  
**Megan:** They're getting ready to film the blugeonings.

**Brittany** (*as she's about to be filmed, kidnapped, and beaten*):  
"Well, the only thing I'm worried about is them smudging my makeup."

—Five Minutes Later—

**Megan:** Okay, now they're talking about dangling them over the balcony.

♦  
**Ben:** Where's what's-her-name, the one we're going to beat.  
(*Finds Alex, or "what's-her-name," hiding in the corner:*)

Yeah, we're going to kill you now.

**Alex:** (From the corner) Aw, man!

♦  
**Connor:** You're being beaten? I'm being waterboarded...which I volunteered for and though was going to be really cool until I realized they were *serious*..

♦  
**Delegate:** That's kind of violent!

**Adam, Secretary-General** (*indignantly*): Terrorists aren't cuddly!

♦  
*Regarding a slave rebellion in the Historical Crisis Stimulation:*

**Delegate:** What are they dying from? Are you sure it's not some kind of illness? Like the Bubonic Plague or something?

**Doug:** (*in a fiery Southern accent*): I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THEY DYING OF! AN ALLERGY TO LEAD BULLETS!

\***Legal** reported that it accomplished the first topic and passed one out of seven resolutions. There were no dress code violations, which is awesome.

\***DISEC** accomplished six working papers about nuclear and chemical weapons. These will soon go to a vote.

\***ECOSOC** passed a resolution to save the chair from terrorists. The crisis was re-

solved. It also re-established a topic on natural disasters. Multiple resolutions are yet to be voted on.

\***NGO** passed a resolution 2.1 on the Review of Disaster Preparedness and International Crisis. In other news, the chair returned after being kidnapped by terrorist group Al Qaeda. The amazing NGO sent a note to the Security Council to ask for help.

\***Security Council** saved ECOSOC and NGO chairs from being killed. It also solved the Venezuelan-US military standoff.

\***Historical United States Senate** passed two bills on the issue of Fugitive Slaves traveling across America. The crisis dealing with the Indians attacking American territories was also discussed.

\***Future Security Council** heard many good and very productive ideas to help progress in solving the China crisis.

\***Plenary** passed two resolutions for the crisis in Pakistan. The topics of the Rwanda case was debated but with a majority vote, the delegation tabled the topic as there was no agreement in any resolutions.

\***SOCHUM** passed two resolutions and is in the process of voting on four more. It also reaffirmed all of the nations' sovereign power to set their own border policy.

## Friday Flash

*Dais updates from Friday afternoon*

## What is Cyberterrorism?

by Alex Yarbrough

Countries agree to put a stop to cyberterrorism. Now, Facebook users can rest easy. Cyberterrorism is the ability to steal a person's personal information from online sources and using the information to harm the person in question. Cyberterrorism can also include the misuse of computers for illegal actions including hacking into bank accounts or publicizing false information. Many of the violators are terrorist cells intent on mass destruction. All of the delegations from DISEC are committed to using any and all resources to rid the global community of cyberterrorism. The delegations have all agreed to punish offenders with jail time.

## Flip-flops in February?

by Alex Yarbrough

Temperatures skyrocketed into the seventies during Friday's sessions. Delegates took full advantage of the warm weather, most taking a walk outside to enjoy the obscure weather. The Hampton Roads area is notorious for unpredictable weather and the delegates seemed thrilled to have the spike in temperature during the day. *Photo: Hillary H/Flickr*



Hopefully the weather lasts long into the weekend so delegates can celebrate their victories outside. As for those heading back up north, we are sorry for your loss.

### QUOTES OF THE DAY

"It's always better to beg forgiveness than ask permission."

-Secretary-General Office Motto



"If that doesn't end up in the paper, we're cutting your funding." -

Luke, Under Secretary-General



"Why did I have to bring my own pillowcase to my own execution?" -

Alex, IPC Staff/Prisoner of War



"I hope we talk about recycle bins again today." @MeganAD92 on

Twitter



"Keep the ties high and the thighs in disguise." -Doug Johnson, Secre-

tary-Treasurer on the dress code



"The delegate from China is not a horse." -Lebanon from FSC



"If you purchase an island, you can make it look like your country!

Imagine a small scale China. Now you don't actually have to go to

China....to go to China!" South Korea from FSC

## Rule #76: No excuses, play like a champion

by Alex Yarbrough

Lunch and dinner breaks? Not for these delegates. Several students can be seen using their lunch breaks to get ahead for their next session. In hours prior, delegates planned new working papers and resolutions but found that the hours in session were just not adequate to complete the work. Delegates traditionally are known to be the among the brightest and most motivated young students in the area, but dedicating lunch breaks clearly exemplifies these delegates' drives to be superior. The dedication is admirable but please remember to take some time to rejuvenate throughout the day.

## A NOTE TO CONFERENCE DELEGATES

...from the ODUMUNC Staff

**YOU WERE AWESOME.**

**And you better be back next year.**

CHEERS,  
ODUMUNC

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