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The Team That Made ODUMUNC 38

Welcome! Almost one year ago, the week after ODUMUNC 37, after the club caught up on their sleep and classwork, thoughts quickly turned to next year's conference. It started with discussion of the conference that just ended: what was done well, and what can be done better? A couple months later, the club elected the new officers.

Secretary-General *Sean McGuffin* (photo center) quickly realized that leading the conference was a year-round job. "Basically right after I was elected, I sat down with past SGs and Professor Karp and was given tasks I needed to get done. And I've been working with the staff, Director, and faculty sponsors ever since!" However, Sean certainly hasn't been alone in his work. He also has four Under-Secretaries General (USGs) who work directly with him to make sure the various tasks get done.



As USG of Operations, it has been *Felicia Fisher's* (far left) duty to make sure all the small details of the conference are in order. She will most likely be seen running around the conference helping delegates and staff alike.

Chris Steadman (second to the left), USG of Crisis, has been working diligently with the Crisis staff since the summer in order to create fun and challenging committees for the delegates. He will be manager of his own Powhatan Chiefdom committee.

Petra Szonyegi, USG of Outreach, worked on attracting new schools to our conference. She will also be chairing a SPECPOL and keeping our Facebook/Twitter active during the conference.

Least visible to most delegates but essential to making things happen is *Nick Shinn*, Chief of Staff. He has been hard at work over the past month organizing and training the conference staff to give the best experience possible to everyone involved.

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ODUMUNC Bodies and Chairs

General Assembly Committees

First Committee (Disarmament and International Security): Steve Bunting. This is my fourth year in ODU MUN, and I've loved every minute of it. My interests include philosophy, politics, and, above all, music. I've been participating in ODU-MUNC since high school, and will be chairing a committee for the second time and can't wait for it. International security is a topic everyone is talking about today, and that's exactly what our committee will be confronting.

Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural): Brian Rinaldo. I have been involved in Model United Nations since middle school and still look forward to the new challenges, lessons, and friendships I gain every ODUMUNC! Model UN is in my blood. Otherwise I'm finishing my MA in English Literature. I'm also into philosophy, and Muppets. SOCHUM is an essential committee for some of the most vulnerable in the world, and hopefully we can come up with some great solutions this weekend.

Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization): Petra Szonyegi. I'm an international student double majoring in political science and international studies. I'm a sophomore and have been doing model UN for 4 years, this will be my fourth ODUMUNC. All 4 years were in Fourth Committee, as a delegate or on the dias. I'm from Budapest, Hungary, and lived in Brussels and California, so I speak Hungarian, English and French. I do MUN because I love my fellow MUNsters and meeting people from different cultures. My hopes for the future include traveling a lot and some type of a diplomacy. I am excited to meet my delegates this year and I can't wait to hear their thoughts on Fourth Committee topics.

World Conference on Indigenous People (WCIP): Luke Watson.

Howdy! I am honored to be your chair for the World Conference and hope you all are excited for a great weekend of debate. I'm currently attending grad school at ODU in Economics. Outside of school, I'm interested in politics, movies, collecting records. This is the tenth ODUMUNC conference, including a year as SG. It is great

to be back as a GA chair! World Conference is a unique body, more focused than permanent GA Committees. I look forward to seeing the resolutions we create to confront the issues facing indigenous people worldwide.

Other UN Bodies

Economic and Social Council: Gulshan Chattha. Born in Pakistan raised on the Eastern shore of Virginia; I received my bachelors degree in political science from ODU in 2014. Now I'm going to George Mason University to get my Masters in international studies. ECOSOC is the UN body that usually has the greatest impact on people's lives. How do squabbling states come together to make a difference? We'll find out.

NGO Forum: Michael Chatman. I'm a senior at ODU, studying computer engineering. A few years ago I was trapped into Model UN by the great group of friends, and really enjoyed the experience of attending conferences and serving on the dais. NGO Forum is a the UN's imagination factory, where we collaborate with ECOSOC to get civil society voices heard in international system. Be imaginative, creative, and not always practical!

Human Rights Council: Ivan Vega. Good I'm a senior at ODU's Strome College of Business, double majoring in International Business and Business Analytics. The word business just came up three times; that is not a coincidence, its been a passion of mine since I started here in 2011. Before I attended Alhambra High School in Martinez, California, where I passionately participated in Model UN for 3 years. After high school I joined the US Navy and got stationed in lovely Norfolk, Virginia, and drove a submarine for a few years. My hobbies include video games, and reading the news. I look forward to chairing HRC and seeing delegates navigate the thicket of human rights diplomacy!

Security Council: Davante Parries. This is without question the most important body in the entire UN, focusing on specific problems and responses to war and peace. We have some tough topics to confront over the weekend. My expectation is that we work for consensus, but watch out, the veto powers might get active! As for myself, I've been doing Model UN for many years now, and love helping out the

club whenever I can. My interests include video games and anime. Make sure to visit the ODUMUNC game room on Saturday!

Crisis Simulations

The Cabinet of DPRK: Kimberly Ganczak. I'm a second year Master's student in international studies. I finished my bachelors degrees at ODU in political science and international studies. It was five years ago that I started doing MUN here at ODU. Now I'm president of the ODU MUN Society. A long time ago I sold my soul to MUN and university studies. Not only am I chairing a North Korea crisis simulation, my master's thesis is 'Shaping American Foreign Policy: A Game Theoretic Analysis of the US-North Korea Relationship'.

My sincerest hope for everyone in crisis simulation is to work together to make North Korea the best Korea. Follow the orders of our Supreme Leader diligently and thoughtfully and you may be rewarded. Displease him and your future may not be so bright. Good luck, comrades, and I will see you in chambers soon!

The Powhatan Chiefdom: 1606: Joseph Espinoza. I'm a sophomore at ODU majoring in International Relations. I am from almost everywhere, having lived overseas most of my life, but I call Stafford, Virginia "home." I have been in MUN for six years and loved (almost) every minute of it. I am currently the ODU MUN College Conference Coordinator. My hope is that everyone in the Powhatan committee will grow as a person, whether it is in height or knowledge. In addition, a successful conference, in my eyes, will be accomplished if the Powhatan chiefdom survives, nay, flourishes throughout the hardships that might occur. My expectation as your chair is that the committee will embark on a spiritual journey from Thursday to Sunday. On our journey, I hope to see everyone involved role-play, cooperation, and thoughtful, decisive action.

The Rise of the Cold War: Connor Clarke. After doing MUN with ODU at east six years (I forget), now I'm teaching high school. I hope you are all ready for an exciting committee on one of the most tense and dangerous periods in modern history. Diplomacy will be difficult, but sometimes necessary.

Powhatan Struggle Confronting the Cold War

Before the invasion of the European colonists, the Powhatan Chiefdom ruled over Eastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. The various tribes were independent but worked together for common goals, and occasionally didn't get along. It was not utopia, nor was it unremitting war.

Once the white colonists from a far-away land began to settle in their land, the Powhatan Chiefdom was forced the ultimate trial of its existence. Would it unite even against the new threat, or separate into fragments and lose their land? Would the Powhatans survive white settlement, economic temptation and disease? This is where this crisis simulation begins.

Each delegate will become a *Werowance* of the individual tribes. Werowances hold difference levels of power within the Chiefdom, depending on size of their tribe, relations with other tribes and Paramount Chief Powhatan.

Each Werowance comes with their own specialties, such as agriculture, fighting strength or diplomacy.

This simulation will feature plenty of twists and turns as participants navigate the early years of English colonization. There may even be a spiritual journey.

World War Three is a serious risk. Nuclear warfare is possible. Germany in shambles, occupied by four powers. Asian countries are divided by civil wars, foreign occupation, division and conflicts. These are only a few of the issues facing the entire world in 1949.

The division between the communist USSR (Soviet Union) and the democratic-capitalist United States threatens to divide the world into two competing sides. In 1946 the USSR began the outright take-over of government in occupied Eastern Europe. In 1949 everything got much more serious when the U.S. and its allies formed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

This crisis committee begins as NATO is first beginning to assess and address the world's problems. Do they confront the Soviet Union head on with military force, or do they take a more diplomatic approach?

As this committee progresses through the proceeding ten years, they will be forced to make the difficult decisions necessary to protect their interests worldwide while avoiding World War III, which is completely against the will of the people and the interests of the states.

As the Soviet Union continues their brazen efforts to bring communism to governments all over the world, is



Supreme Leader and You

Have you ever wanted to be a member of the National Defense Commission of the Democratic Republic of Korea (DPRK, North Korea)? Does getting to work under the brilliant leader Kim Jong Un sound like your kind of job? Are you a loyal and patriotic Korean determined to do the best for all the Korean people, whether they live in the freedom-loving north, or in the American-enslaved South?

Twelve brave delegates thought so, and they are in for quite the simulation this weekend. In the midst of foreign pressure from all sides and continued destitution, the National Defense Commission members are faced with unique challenges and under intense scrutiny. It's not easy to keep the trust of Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un, as even his own family members have learned. Is it true he executed his uncle-in-law, Jang Sung-taek? It's rumored that the Supreme Leader make an appearance in front of the Commission, so ensuring his trust, while solving the great challenges forces on the DPRK by hypocritical and demonic foreign forces is an absolute must.

Members of this body include many essential ministers and leaders of different parts of North Korea's military and foreign policy groups. Some examples include *Pak To-chun*, Secretary for Military Industry, *Hyon Yong-chol*, Minister of the People's Armed Forces, and *Son Young-soo*, Minister of the Foreign Affairs Department. The committee's members must balance between their own sector's interests, such as foreign governments, keeping the military content, keeping the people peaceful, and the happiness of the Supreme Leader.

It's not easy ruling a country facing the strains of possible attack and invasion by the United States and their lackeys in Seoul, but somebody's gotta do it!

ODU Model United Nations Welcomes our new Assistant Director Leon Norman

Old Dominion University Model United Nations (ODUMUN) is a synergistic club with many working parts and busy jobs that work closely together. One of the two major staff jobs is Assistant Director. The Assistant Director is essentially the liaison between Director Professor Aaron Karp and the members of the society, faculty sponsors for the high school conference, other ODU faculty, the mailmen, and the list goes on. Our Assistant Director since 2013, Valerie Sprouse, moved on to work at the US Joint Forces Staff College, also in Norfolk, but you'll see her at ODUMUNC.



Replacing Valerie is Leon Norman. Leon comes to ODUMUN with extensive experience working within the college club dynamic. He led the Virginia State University Student Ambassadors as its president, and was a member of other organization in high school and college, including high school Model UN and College Democrats. He has a B.S. in Psychology from Virginia State University (Class of 2012). His hometown is nearby Chesapeake, where he attended Oscar Smith High School, a perennial at ODUMUNC.

As a former Student Admission Counselor at Virginia State University, Leon was an integral part in recruiting and helping new and potential students. With ODUMUN, Leon said his "favorite part about the job so far is my communication with the students. Being able to answer questions and becoming the liaison between the students and the Director. I enjoy the communication factor."

Joining the club in the middle of our busiest time of the year, Leon is learning on the fly. He brings weirdly useful skills from the Kempsville Center of Behavioral Health, working with and counseling troubled teens. The need to think on his feet and maintain order will serve him well during the tight deadlines and fast pace of ODUMUNC. Look out for Leon!

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versation!

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