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## Model U.N.

by Andy Arce

If there was one event which required a lot of time, meticulous attention to details and just plain hard work, it was the sixth annual Model United Nations at Capitol Campus, sponsored by the International Affairs Association. Planning for this undertaking really started in the fall when letters were sent out to many high schools informing them of the time and place. Further letters were then required to straighten out logistical toughs. Much of the early legwork and details was done by Professor Clem Gilpin, Linda Rhodes and Loretta Yeckly, but it became apparent as the date approached, that additional work and details were needed. Working committees were then established to divide the work. But the details were done in time, and it was with a great sense of relief and satisfaction when the new arrivals were greeted on Thursday, February 23, when they came to register. The excitement on the high school students faces was clearly evident during the registration period in the opening session. They were prepared!

For many high schoolers it was the first experience in a college atmosphere. Accommodations had to be found for many of them, and they were subsequently housed with students at Meade Heights which was exciting for the young students. The casual but disciplined atmosphere made an impression on them. One high school student was told by a Penn State student, "We work hard and we play hard."

The first two days of the meeting were divided into three sections: the Political and Security Committee, the Social and Humanitarian Committee, and the Cultural Committee. The

Security Council, which is separate from the three committees and the General Assembly Plenary, met all three days in separate sessions. The three committees met all day and dealt with issues ranging from human rights and international trade to satellite safety. Approximately ten resolutions were chosen from these committees and presented before the full General Assembly on the third day. Here is where the delegates were at the peak of their skills. They made every effort to protect the resolutions which they introduced, or to destroy resolutions which other countries had passed.

In the morning session on Saturday, the last day, Linda Rhodes chaired the General Assembly. Some of the delegates gave brilliant presentations defending their position on an issue, while others proved to be excellent parliamentarians. Many of the delegates stayed up all night preparing their speeches, and on the final session of the Model United Nations they were not to be denied. Some, like Rich Evans of Steelton-Highspire H.S. and Jack Krissinger of Manheim Township H.S. were dazzling.

When the chairmanship was turned over to Al Krebs during the afternoon session the tension had heightened. It was like walking into a lion's den. Al said, "if you're not on your toes, these kids will eat you alive and make fools of you." I knew what he meant, for I was to chair the evening and final session. It was clear that I too was in for a sobering experience. Though the session was scheduled to end at 8 pm, it lasted until 8:30 pm because these students, unlike those of previous years, were more interested in getting their last resolution passed. Some students clearly were prepared to filibuster all night.

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Left to right - Andy Arce, Al Krebs, Prof. Clem Gilpin, Linda Rhodes, and Rich Lewis conducting last minute preparations for Model U.N.

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## ...Again

By Sheila McCaffry

How does one go about ruling a 'young turk' out of order? The answer, of course, is very carefully.

Last Thursday, busloads of the area's brightest high school students arrived at Capitol to participate in the sixth annual Model United Nations, sponsored by the International Affairs Association (IAA).

They came well prepared to represent their respective 'role countries' in discussions of major international issues and concerns.

Formal rules of parliamentary procedure were strictly adhered to during the three days of intense

sessions where various resolutions dealing with topics ranging from satellite safety to human rights in South Africa were debated.

"These students were very well prepared, both in knowledge of their respective role countries and in knowledge of major world issues," commented Clem Gilpin, faculty advisor of IAA.

Rather than detracting from the conference, such knowledge and confidence served to make this Model U.N. one of the most enjoyable and exciting ever to be held at Capitol.

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## VEEP Resigns

by Maureen Doyle

Stephen Nailor resigned from his position as Vice-President of the Student Government Association effective Tuesday, February 28, 1978. His letter of resignation, addressed to Joseph Mahar, President of the SGA, and dated February 24, 1978, was as follows.

Joe:

This letter is to inform you and the Senate that I will be resigning the position of Vice-President of the Student Government Assoc., effective the end of the meeting on Feb. 28, 1978. I feel that if I resign now, another person might be able to provide more continuity. Because I graduate at the end of the term, I will be unable to aid in the transition as someone else might.

I would like to take this chance to say several things to you and to the Senate. I have enjoyed much of the experience of the past year. It has shown a different side of the college experience from what I had seen

before. I am sorry, however, that we didn't get to work on many of the problems which needed attention.

That lack of attention to those problems has been troublesome throughout the year. Perhaps my desire to professionalize the senate was misplaced and perhaps it wasn't. It is my extreme desire in leaving this campus that some of our actions and questions will have created a basis for action next year.

In closing, I'd like to challenge those Senators who will be here next year to do a better job than what we have done this year, and to start early in order to define problems so that solutions might be more expediently arrived at.

Dave Nikoloff was nominated to fill the vacancy and the nomination was approved by the Senate. He resigned from his position as Senior Social Science Senator to accept the post. The vacancy in the Senate will be filled through nomination by the President and approval of 2/3 of the Senate.



Opening speeches at the first meeting of all delegates.

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