

# Students Gather For

## Committees form and

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The Model United Nations this week at PSH proved that today's youth is well informed, well motivated, and interested in the world around them. I attended the Feb. 16 Second Security Session to see who will lead our world (or at least Central Pennsylvania) in the future. The Committee Chairs, Missy Zorbaugh and Dustin Gingrich, helped navigate the debate and kept the discussion running smoothly. The Model United Nations follows the same Rules of Procedure as the real United Nations

and the youthful diplomats were obviously prepared, ready to be devil's advocates and to press the interests of the nations that they

had so carefully studied.

The meeting started at 9 a.m. and the agenda was laid out by 9:25 a.m. First on the list:



Vladimir Vojnovic of Central Dauphin East and Mary Auker of Manheim Central.

Security Council Membership, then Africa's Great Lakes Region, Iraq, United Nations sanctions, border disputes and the Sierra

Leone crisis. After a few motions to speak, the time allotment for the speakers was agreed upon: five minutes per delegate. This was followed by China's motion to allow Resolution 6.1 (sending peacekeepers to Sierra Leone) to be moved to the top of the agenda. This was passed by a majority of the seats but was followed by a long debate about the terms of Resolution 6.1. France attempted to shoot down the act (calling Sierra Leone an insignificant African country), prompting a tart retort from Canada, who pointed out that France was always pushing United Nation's involvement in Cameroon.

Just as in the real United Nations, France was exposed as a hypocrite, and the Model United Nations deliberated endlessly about the most minute details, making the passing of resolutions next to impossible. France finally conceded and Resolution 6.1 passed.

The procedures turned into

a tooth-and-nail struggle for policies that benefit mankind (as well as the delegate's nation), while pushing prestige and power abroad.

At the table, Argentina, Canada, China, France, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mali, Libya, the Netherlands, Tunisia, the Russian Federation, the Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States were all represented. Each delegate showed that they knew not only the history but also the current policy of the nation they represented. Argentina's delegate, Jack Flicker of Central Dauphin, provided the most colorful agenda, and proposed this Working Paper (a working paper has to be approved by a majority before it becomes a resolution).

Here is a sample resolution:

**Committee:**  
Security Council  
**Subject:**  
Allowing Consensual Crimes  
**Proposed by:**  
Argentina



Delegates raise their country placard to be recognized or to vote. Resolutions require a two-thirds majority.