

The Daily Delegate

THE LATEST MUN UPDATES

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An Overview of Day 1

ECOSOC

Topics: Transforming the Economics and Governance of Water in the context of the African Crisis, Addressing the challenges of a transition to a green and circular economy in developing countries. On day one even though our committee is filled with newcomers, everyone made an effort to understand the rules of procedure and committee flow. We proceeded to lobby both topics and we were able to complete the first topics resolutions. We are very happy with everyone's effort.

UNDP

Topics: 'Future proofing': enhancing disaster risk reduction and resilience schemes in crisis-affected states, Bridging the gender digital divide to ensure protection of SDGs.

Although we encountered some difficulties in the start, the delegates handled it well with amazing effort and resolved the issues. We finished lobbying on topic 1 with both alliances successfully, both fruitful resolutions we can't wait to debate upon. Delegates were on task, respectful and worked with one another. A very good start to the conference!

COP28

Topics: Keeping global warming to the 1.5 degrees Celsius threshold, Phasing out of all fossil fuels. Yesterday we began with some ice breakers which helped us get to know each other better. Then we did lobbying for our first topic and also had time to start lobbying for the second one, which we will finish today.

COUNCIL OF MARVEL

Topics: Vibranium: Measures to prevent its trafficking, The issue of providing asylum to Skrull refugees. On day one, we entertained a thorough presentation on the rules of procedure, the proper resolution format, as well as other information that will be helpful to the superhero "delegates". After that, we moved into lobbying for the first topic. The House heard the opening statements of all members, and then divided itself into two alliances. Both of them worked diligently to draft two extensive resolutions, covering every aspect of the issue at hand.

Following that, we repeated this process on our second topic. The results were equally fruitful, with the resolutions drafted being of high allegorical importance to the many crises we face today. These resolutions are to be made in their final form in the morning of Day 2.

UNEP

Topics: AI in the service of creating a healthy environment and preventing future disease outbreaks, Reversing forest loss and degradation.

Yesterday morning, we started off with a couple icebreakers, specifically we played soulmates and 2 truths 1 lie. It was great fun getting to know all the delegates. After that, we started the lobbying process for the first topic. After the lobbying, we explained the flow of the debate in more detail, as many delegates are newcomers and we wanted to get them acquainted with the debate process in a more practical way.



SECURITY COUNCIL

Topics: Establishing a global response framework against terrorism and violent extremism, The situation in Libya.

The security council underwent a fruitful lobbying process as well as a successful gossip box procedure leading to a truly bonding day.

UNICEF

Topics: Safeguarding education in emergencies and crises, Ending child poverty.

On Day 1, delegates were introduced to the MUN world. After explaining the basic structure of the Committee, and the Rules of Procedure, we moved on with Lobbying. Even though lobbying took longer than expected, our delegates tried their best to produce good and well thought-out solutions. At the end of the day, session ended with us having received three completed resolutions, each written with the delegate best efforts. I, as the President of UNICEF, speak for both myself and my co-chairs when I say that we are extremely proud of our delegates.

GA1

Topics: Hybrid Warfare: the future of war, Developing a multilateral agreement against the use of explosive weapons in populated areas.

The Disarmament and International Security Committee, as of Day 1 of the 9th ATSMUN Conference, began the first session with ice breakers. Then, there was lobbying for topic 1, which was concluded with two resolutions from two corresponding alliances. Afterwards, there was lobbying for topic 2, which was concluded with 3 resolutions from 3 corresponding alliances. Overall, lobbying was productive.

GA3

Topics: Ethics of AI technologies and its human rights implications, Prevention of enforced disappearances in conflict affected zones.

Yesterday the lobbying session took place. As the day progressed, the delegates formed alliances, discussed their topics, presented their different ideas and perspectives, and almost finished writing their resolutions. The day was very heated (metaphorically and literally), but we got through it.

GA4

Topics: Addressing the issue of green colonialism, Discussing the repercussions of international intervention in cases of state sovereignty violation.

The first day of committee work went really smoothly, with the majority of the delegates being present. After some fun icebreakers, the committee went headfirst into the lobbying procedure of the first topic. All the delegates were cooperating and were supplying creative ideas to their respective alliance. Their innovative ideas did in fact shine through and will be properly debated today. Moreover, the committee as a whole was really respectful and fun to work with. They rarely got loud and whenever we urged them to be a bit more quiet, in order not to cause a disturbance, they happily complied.

GA6

Topics: Application of universal jurisdiction for war crimes in Ukraine, The challenges of ownership and restitution of cultural artifacts.

The Legal Committee is on fire! Things are heating up here. The delegates have concluded with the lobbying procedure on both topics and the debate is officially starting today! Both topics are of much interest and the discourse is expected to be very fruitful.



A Public Defender's Life

An Interview with Robert Stern

-What was your job exactly?

- I was a lawyer and a teacher. I taught mostly
- law in the US, I had a general practice for
- about 10 years and then I had ten years as
- a public defender.



-Can you describe one of your cases as a public defender?

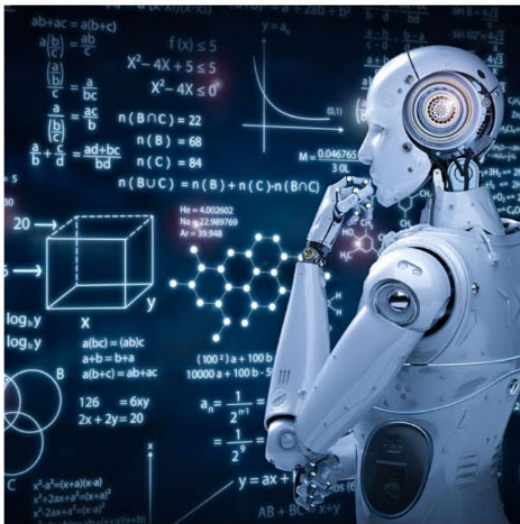
- I did all kinds of criminal defense cases. Some of them were interesting, some less so, some more so, but one stands out, I suppose, for me. There was a fellow that was arrested. He had been a soldier at the Vietnam war, and he was a forward observer, so when he found an enemy and he went back to base and told them where the enemy was. In the mistime he had probably killed several people. When he came back to the US, he couldn't cope with average life as he'd known before he did this. He tried to find ways of coping and one way was to get into his camouflage gear, blacken his face as he was in the war and he robbed banks. He had a gang of guys who also joined him and they robbed banks, a couple of banks in the county that I lived in, and he got arrested. He'd never been in trouble before, and then the duster determined that he had to go to prison for seven years minimum, and I said "No, no, no, something is wrong here". So I had him taking exams in a veterans' hospital. They diagnosed him with PTSD. It was one of the first ever be diagnosed with that from a legal standpoint. I brought a friend from Yale university who was a psychiatrist, to talk about PTSD. I asked the court to give him 1 year in a counting jail, 2 year in a local facility for PTSD and put him on probation after that. The judge was a progressive guy and he did what I asked him to do. So my client, after 3 years, he wrote me a letter and said he was married, he had a little daughter, he had a good job and life was good for him. That's one of the cases I remember.

-How do you feel about cases like that?

- My job is to give the client the best defense I can, nobody lies, you just put all the mitigating factors and the reasons the prosecutors ignore. My job is to provide an adequate defense. To be honest with you, there were some very terrible crimes committed by people I have defended, but I just put the crimes out of my mind and focused on the person, the problems that the person has faced. I had clients who as children their parents would burn cigarette holes on their body and people, other than sociopaths, have reasons to commit crimes. Some of them are good reasons, some of them are not and my job is to present that. So, to be honest it sounds a little callous, it never really bothered me and I never thought about it very much. My job was to represent the client and in an honest way and I did that. Maybe when you have so many cases you get numb. I was the Chief Assistant Public Defender for the County. In nine years we did 38.000 cases, and I oversaw all of them. I didn't do them all myself because I had a staff of people. I had some myself and you get numb to it. There were lovely people that I worked with, very caring, I was a kinda glorified social worker.

Global Warming

There have been multiple instances of Global Warming rising in temperatures resulting in events such as arctic sea ice extent diminishing, global sea level rising, temperature of the lower atmosphere is increasing and many more. Whereas if the temperature were to be decreased, it could potentially avoid the extreme and irreversible climate effects that would occur with a 2 degrees Celsius increase. From my perspective, to keep the global warming maintained to an ideal temperature, I believe that if we recycled more, it could save 2,400 pounds carbon dioxide per year and if we avoided products with a lot of packaging we could save 1,200 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.



AI Technologies

Artificial Intelligence is the intelligence possessed by machines, under which, they can perform various operations. AI technologies are extremely important in many fields. Some medical procedures are already performed with these technologies, and more are yet to be performed. Moreover, fraudulent activities are detected through AI. It is and will be vital in other sectors as well. In a few words, these technologies will improve so drastically in the future, that various human tasks will be replaced by them. However, AI replacing humans means unemployment, passivity, skill loss and lack of creativity. Taking everything into account, I believe that Artificial intelligence is an extremely helpful tool, but we should be careful while using it.

Dealing with child poverty

Ending child poverty is a moral imperative and a critical step towards creating a more equitable society. children leaving in poverty face numerous challenges that hinder their development and future opportunities. It is essential to address the root causes of child poverty, such as lack of access to quality education, healthcare, and basic necessities. This requires implementing comprehensive social policies and prioritise the well-being of children and their families, including targeted financial assistance, affordable housing, and access to healthcare and nutrition programmes.



Additionally, investing in early childhood development and education can break the cycle of poverty and provide children with the tools they need to succeed. By prioritising the eradication of child poverty, we can create a society where every child has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

Word Search



9th ATSMUN

Participations:
650+

Schools Participating:
27

Committees:
12

Today's Gossip



- The guy who represents Argentina ECOSOC could be a great couple with the girl who represents Iceland.
- Captain Marvel looks good in red
- Chair Marid is really nice.
- I literally cannot anymore I have no braincells.
- I'm so in love with so many guys
- Marvel council chairs secretly hate each other.
- The President of ECOSOC is really handsome.
- The chairs in the Marvel committee are very cute.

xoxo Gossip Box

Fashion Awards

MARVEL: Captain Marvel

ECOSOC: Switzerland

UNEP: India

UNICEF: Norway

SECURITY COUNCIL: Japan

ICJ: Judge Harris

UNDP: Israel

COP28: France

SPECPOL: Indonesia

SOCHUM: Australia

DISEC: Philippines

LEGAL: Switzerland



