Meetings 2005-2006
April 28, 2006

Congratulations to the new offices for the 2006/2007 Model United Nations Team. Laura Bate as President, Kristina Getty as Vice President, James Brown as Office Manager, Whitney Lynch as Treasurer, and Katie Williams as Secretary. I know all of you will lead the team to much success next year!

Equal congratulations to the graduating seniors. We will miss you all next year and hope your future will be bright with possibility. Be sure to visit from time to time and share your wisdom.

April 17, 2006

To the 26 Participants of the NMUN Conference:

CONGRATULATIONS! You all have experienced perhaps one of the most grueling and time-consuming weeks of your lives, with the 2006 National Model United Nations conference. It was the goal and mission of the officer's and I, to provide you with the best educational experience you could ever receive with Model UN, and I am confident to say that this week, the experiences you endured will change your lives and the way you think about international relations. So CONGRATULATIONS on not only the hard work you put into preparing for the world's largest UN simulation, but for coming back to CU-Boulder with an HONORABLE MENTION AWARD.

I would like to spend a second on talking about how prestigious and how lucky we are to have won this award. In your Conference Program, it stated that more than 3,400 college and university students from 5 continents would attend this conference. In fact, it was a little under 3,900 students this year. I was told that NMUN welcomed 342 schools at this conference, and on Saturday, to have heard CU-Boulder's name called in the Great Hall of the General Assembly, is something you all should be EXTREMELY PROUD OF! To be in the top 10% is something that hundreds of schools won't be able to say tomorrow morning when they return to classes. But CU-Boulder can proudly tell others that they are HONORABLE and that no one can take away that award from them for the next year. So keep your heads up high and proud, as you all did something that most schools haven't ever accomplished yet ... Become recognized in the General Assembly of the UN!

While 8 seniors won't have the chance to go back to NYC next year, there are 17 potential returning members to next year's team, 17 of those who I consider to be more than HONORABLE! And I am confident and enthusiastic that next year's team will not only amaze the CU and Boulder community, but every school in whatever conference you participate in. Each of you will be in good hands next year and I personally would like to thank you for the patience, the understanding, the hard work, and the dedication you put in last week in NYC and throughout the semester. It was my sincere hope that I could have incorporated some appreciation in how special this club really is. Whatever your goals and adventures may be in years to come, please leave with this one final thought of what Model UN really is about:
"The goal still remains to solve problems through dialogue and not through confrontation."

Best,

Mike

April 4, 2006

The following list is the cell phone numbers of those participants going to NYC. This might be helpful for when you arrive in NYC or during that week, whether it may be a hotel questions, lunch/dinner, transportation, etc.


IMPORTANT: please bring your binder to our meeting on Thursday. For those who haven't collected them yet, I will have them on Thursday. We will be distributing LOTS of documents out and I will inspect your binder to see how they look.

April 3, 2006

Regretfully we had to cancel the trip to Estes Park. We will try to reorganize it for a later date. Until then our thoughts are with Mike this week as he gets ready for defend his thesis and kick but in the Security Council. We hope you all had a good Spring Break and are ready to attack New York this upcoming weekend. Meet with the officers if you have any issues or concerns before our big competition.

March 22, 2006

From the creators of ALGERIA DAY and BLAME CANADA DAY and the executive producers of "Kofi Annan's Assassination," Model UN is proud to present: JEOPARDY DAY!

That's right, this upcoming Thursday, at 6:30pm, we will have Jeopary Day, and one of the officers will be wearing a wig and a fake mustache (gotta love Alex Trebek) and will he hosting Jeopardy! No joking around. The way it works is like this: All of the remaining committees will be presenting Thursday, but in a different format. Come prepared with your 1 minute speech, your agenda for your topics, and an explanation on how to defend your position/research; but
understand that you won't be presenting in the usual way we've done it so far. The purpose of this format is to "PUT YOU ON THE SPOT."

The jeopardy questions will contain Parliamentary Procedure questions (so look over your background guide to understand your committee's procedures). Those who answer the question correctly, will select a committee that hasn't spoken yet, and he/she or they will present. This might sound confusing right now, but things will be explained in more detail on Thursday. The important thing you must know right now is for those presenting, come prepared as you would be if we weren't having Jeopary day, but understand, you will be put on the spot. It should be a fun meeting, so look forward to Alex Tribeck putting ants in your pants for a lovely evening.

**February 2, 2006**

The agenda for the next meeting is another debate: "Treatment of Detainees." Everyone did a FANTASTIC job at the last debate, and I especially wanted to applaud both the new and returning members, for their research and their participation. In the attachment, you will find the list of what countries people will be representing. If you didn't receive a country, go ahead and pick one that wasn't selected, and come prepared for the next debate. For the debate itself, try to keep the following documents in mind when doing a quick research on this topic: "Report of the International Committee of the Red Cross on Detainees in Iraq", "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights", The Geneva Conventions", The Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment", Initial Report of the United States of America to the U.N. Committee Against Torture", and "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights."

**January 29, 2006**

The Montreal conference was a unique and challenging experience for all our members. Our first trip outside of the country allowed us to see another part of the world and see how other conferences are run. While there were several complaints about the organization of the conference, must of our team agreed that the trip was a beneficial experience. It was an opportunity for everyone to get a tast of committee life before the big game in New York. Glad to see everyone made it back through customs okay.

**January 19, 2006**

News for Montreal delegates below, check the Montreal Page. New team members keep reading.

At our first meeting of the new year, we welcomed new members to the team. For these new people, welcome to the team. We are very excited to have you on the team and look forward to working with you. Positions are open for the New York City conference, and so you will need to work hard to earn yourself a spot. Best of luck to you all, and keep watching the website for more info on our future meetings and debates. New members please sign up for the list serve. To sign up for the list serve send an email to listproc@lists.colorado.edu. Leave the
And that is all there is to it. Remember don't reply to the list serve but to an officer directly as your reply will be sent to the entire group. Thanks.

Montreal delegates, there is travel information you need to know about going to Montreal. Check out the Montreal link on the home page and

December 3, 2005

Congratulations to the New York Delegation! They are:

Michael Aguilar Consuelo Amat Laura Bate Steven Beard Brent Behler Kelly Bendelow David Brennan James Brown Courtney Claghorn Kristina Getty Marise Habib Andrew Han Thomas Hendrick Tim Hudson Jason Krueger Whitney Lynch Emily Martens Laura Parrington Camily Quintero Joanna Schwab Avani Shah Nicholas True Cara Wager Katie Williams

Congratulations to those who made the squad. For those who did not make it, don't dispair. There are still three remaining spots to fill up before the conference. Participate more next semester, visit the officers during office hours, show us you WANT to go, and maybe one of those three can be for you.

As for the members that made the squad, there is a list of committees on the New York page. Come up with a list of three committees you would like to be a part of, and a list of three other people you would like to partner with. Send these lists to Michael.Aguilar@colorado.edu ASAP to get your preferred spot.

Best of luck with finals, and Congratulations again.

December 1, 2005

New meeting time Thursdays at 6:00. Next meeting January 19th, 2006

We will be selling Krispy Kream donuts on Monday the 4th from 7:30 to 10:00. We will meet at the university and sell donuts and coffee to students in between finals. Each box will be $8.00 or individually. E-mail Mike with more information if you can help run the booth, and start asking everyone you know and sell them a box or two.

Montreal flights. Previous deals with Delta have fallen apart. Basically you are on your own about getting a flight to Montreal. We really suggest you get a flight as soon as possible. Check into connections and departures on less traveled days. Remember you must be in Montreal on Jan 27 to make the first secession of committee and stay through Jan 29. One note about the
weather, Montreal in the winter is really really cold. So pack accordingly.

As for the Montreal conference as a whole, check out the Montreal Delegate Page on the home page. Background guides will available in the office in the UMC beginning December 5th. These packets are very helpful for your research and preparation. Position Papers are due: December 23. Between December 23 and January 12, please send a resolution about the topic you think is the least likely to be chosen in your committee. This is for practice and should not be brought to the conference. It is illegal for us to bring prewritten resolutions to conferences so it is important that you not use the resolution in any fashion at the Montreal conference. It is for practice only.

The Model United Nations team traveled to Las Vegas for the PAXMUN conference and came home with two individual awards. Jed Ober won Outstanding Delegate and Laura Bate won Distinguished Delegate. Congratulations to both members. The team as a whole performed well at the Vegas conference and new members were able to gain valuable real life experience writing resolutions and caucusing. At our next meeting we will reserve some time to reflect on the Vegas conference and share some experiences and advice for other new members. Remember that the cuts for New York will be made soon, so it is really important that all of our members attend the next meeting Thursday December 1st at 7:00.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 20 members for making the Montreal squad. And they are:

Michael Aguilar Laura Bate Steven Beard Kelly Bendelow Dave Brennan James Brown Sam Bruder Kristina Getty Marise Habib Andrew Han Thomas Hendrick Tim Hudson Jason Krueger Whitney Lynch Laura Parrington Camilo Quintero Joanna Schwab Nick True Cara Wagner Katie Williams

In the coming week these people need to meet with the officers during office hours do discuss:

1) Confirm that you want to go to Montreal; 2) Preference on what country you want; 3) Preference on what committee you want; 4) Date/Time you will meet with the officers

From our President: "CONGRATULATIONS to those who made the Montreal squad. As stated earlier, this will be one of the best memorable experiences for you all. The city, the conference, the people ... a fantastic opportunity ! The officers and I look forward to working with you all soon, and please remember to email me back with your preferences. Thanks again everyone, and have a wonderful weekend ! God Bless !"

At the last meeting we held our second debate of the year. I was very impressed with the debate and I think that we all had a good time. One important note for you all is to start looking into getting a passport. If you would like to attend the Montreal Conference, I highly suggest that you get a passport as soon as possible. The time it takes to get a passport can be up to two months, so in order to get it on time, you will need to make your application as soon as possible. To receive a passport you need to have a Drivers License, a Birth Certificate given to you by the government (not the one from the hospital) and two like color photographs of the right size. The whole application costs about Eighty dollars, but it is well worth the investment.
Dear team:

Once again, everyone one of you have shown the officers and I that you are all worthy of going to Las Vegas. Everyone has shown excellent enthusiasm and wonderful spirit to our Model UN team. I wish we had the money to take 30 of you, but unfortunately, we can't. But let you reiterate this one more time ... for those who didn't make the squad, please don't give up on Model UN. Keep in mind that in 4 weeks, we have to select another 6-8 people for Montreal. So please keep coming to the meetings and keep participating. You guys are the only reason why I still love doing Model UN, so keep up the good work, and I can assure you, your hard work will be rewarded very soon.

Ok, here's the lucky 15 going to Las Vegas:

Michael Aguilar Laura Bates Steven Beard David Brennan James Brown Tara Cugelman-McMahon Kristina Getty Megan Graves Andrew Han Thomas Hendrick Whitney Jedediah Ober Camilo Quintero Cara Wagner Katie Williams

Congratulations to you all. It was a very difficult process in selecting you, but in the end, we felt that each and everyone of you earned your spot for Las Vegas. Now here's the important part ... CONFIRM that you want to go to Las Vegas by sending me an email ASAP. If I don't hear from you this weekend, I will drop you from the squad, and fill it with the alternates.

Second, on Monday and Tuesday, I need to meet with you, to discuss committees, country assignment, and handouts/deadlines for you to look over. So, once again, please let me know which of the following times works for you, so I can meet with you next week. Email me the time that works, and I will meet you at the UMC, room 342. I will only allow 4 people per time slot, so I might email you back, asking for another time slot. If one of the times doesn't work for you, email me, and I will set something up that works in your schedule.

Times:

Monday, 12:10pm Monday, 12:30pm Monday, 2:00pm Monday, 2:20pm Monday, 5:10pm Tuesday, 9:30am Tuesday, 10:00am Tuesday, 10:30am Tuesday, 2:30 pm (at the Koenig Alumni Center) Tuesday, 3:00 pm (at the Koenig Alumni Center) Tuesday, 3:30 pm (at the Koenig Alumni Center)

In conclusion, I would appreciate if I didn't get any threatening emails, or dirty looks on campus, cuz I have feelings :) I was also born in the Bronx, NYC, so you really don't want to mess with me. But in all seriousness, I truly apologize that I couldn't have taken everyone with me to Las Vegas, but many, many of you are 1 or 2 steps from reserving your spot to Montreal. To the 15 of you, CONGRATULATIONS! Let the fun time begin!
September 29th, 2005

At the last meeting, members turned in their position papers and some spoke about their papers. Again us officers were very impressed with the level of work you guys put into your papers and speeches. At the next meeting us officers will announce who is selected to attend the Vegas conference. Best of luck to all of you in the coming week as we make a very hard decision. Remember that there are still three other conferences you can attend this year so don't be discouraged if you are not selected to attend this conference.

Next week we will discuss Parliamentary Procedure at the next meeting. Our meeting place has changed to Hellems 141. I look foreward to seeing you all there.

Dear team:

This is just a quick reminder of what to expect for our next meeting this upcoming Thursday. The main focus of the meeting will be the position papers. Remember that position papers allow you to explain your country's position on an issue and starts to provide ideas on how the committee should address the issue. Writing a position paper this early in the semester for Model UN might seem like daunting task, especially for new members, but remember as time goes by, and with enough research, you'll find writing position papers easy and useful.

Don't forget that position papers are usually one to two pages in length and it should include an introduction followed by a comprehensive breakdown of your country's position on the topics that are being discussed by the committee. Keep in mind that a position paper will not only provide facts but also make proposals for resolutions.

One last comment on position papers ... to have a really effective position paper, you will need to include 1) a brief introduction to your country and its history concerning the topic and the committee; 2) how the issues affects your country; 3) your country's policies with respect to the issue and your country's justification for these policies; 4) quotes from your country's leaders about the issue; 5) statistics to back up your country's position on an issue; 6) actions taken by your government with regard to the issue; 7) conventions and resolutions that your country signed or ratified; 8) UN actions that your country supported or opposed; 9) what your country believes should be done to address the issue; 10) and lastly, what your country would like to accomplish in the committee's resolution.

Don't worry too much about including all of these tips to your position paper, but keep this in mind when you do prepare the real ones for the conferences. Hope that helps some of you in writing these. Also on Thursday, we will be doing some public speaking. And please come to our meeting with questions if you have any, in regards to positio papers, resolutions, or about Las Vegas. Remember that the officers and I have office hours all week long, so if you want to stop by and ask a question, don't be shy. I'm usually there 5-8 hrs a week, playing Pac Man or reading the gossip columns.

That's should do it. Hope everyone is having a great week !
From Joanna about fundraisers:

We’ll be selling magazine subscriptions. The sale lasts three days. Each of you needs to sell 3 subscriptions for us to be maximally successful. The sale will begin Tuesday, October 11th and end Thursday, October 13th. This gives you two weeks to persuade your friends, coworkers, lunch ladies, TAs, aunts, cousins, parents and neighbors to purchase a magazine subscription.

THERE WILL BE A TRAINING MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH!!! It will take about 45 minutes, just enough time to hand out your packets and answer questions. We’ll figure out the exact time at this week’s meeting.

A few facts about the subscriptions:

Each subscription costs $40 and lasts between 2 and 2.5 years. (REALLY good deal.) Renewals count! So figure out which of your friends already subscribes to something and make them easy targets!

That’s it! Three days, three subscriptions, lots of moolah. The more you sell, the cheaper it will be to travel to conferences.

Please note: The officers WILL take into account your hard work for fundraisers in considering who will go to upcoming conferences. If you haven’t gotten a chance to speak, or if you’ve missed some meetings, or you really want to solidify your chances for a spot at Montreal or New York, SHOW US HOW HARD YOU’RE WILLING TO WORK FOR OUR TEAM!

With love and undying affection,

Joanna

Here is a brief update of last leeks meeting. We continued the first debate. Again the officers were very impressed with the attention to detail you provided in your speeches. Already we are a strong team that will do well in the coming year.

Next week position papers are due. The topic is poverty. It is important that you follow as best you can the guidelines for formatting position papers. Remember that this upcoming meeting is the last opportunity for you to "show your stuff" to the officers before the Vegas cuts. If you have any issues, please feel free to contact any of us officers by e-mail or stop by the office. Best of luck to everyone and I look foreword to reading your papers.

As requested by our fierce and musically talented Jedediah (former MUN president for those who don't know him), we have moved rooms. We will be meeting next week in HELLEMS 137. The Engineering Building is no longer our home (hurray dude). Also, we will start our meetings at 7pm, although I don't know why, considering we'll be missing the OC now for the next few
For those coming to our third meeting, here's what you can expect. I will be passing out a sign-up sheet for those who are interested in going to Las Vegas in November for our fall conference. This will give the officers and I an idea of who we can start looking at more closely, and give an idea of how many we might be cutting. Secondly, we will go ahead and conclude our debate in the first 40 minutes of our meeting, and then jump into a new topic. For those who missed the meeting or wants a reminder of what the topic is for Thursday's meeting, just shoot me an email.

We will conclude the meeting by intrucing you what position papers and resolutions are. We will spend a bit more time on position papers, but I'll bring in some funny resolutions that I wrote last year while waiting for that dreadful Buff Bus. You will all be receiving a couple handouts to better understand what position papers and resolutions are.

I think that will do. Some good news ... about a week and half ago, the UNA (United Nations Association) held an auction for us, and they were generously kind enough to raise $600 for our budget. I can assure you we will get much more money in the next few weeks for our conferences. So, next Thursday, September 22nd, @ 7pm, we will meet in Hellems 137 for our meeting. Bring your friends, sorority sisters, and anyone else to our meeting. It'll be more fun than last week.

Next week (Thursday, Sept. 15th @ 6:30pm) we'll be having our second meeting. In this meeting, we'll be having our first debate, which will be in the last 30 mins of the meeting. The topic is terrorism, and don't concern yourselves with doing too much research. We just want to have a nice discussion, and this gives me the opportunity to learn everyone's name. Just come to the meeting with a quick understanding on the main arguments for terrorism (how to fight it, what needs to be addressed more clearly, etc.) For those who weren't at the first meeting, and are coming to second meeting and wants a country selection for the debate, email me and I will assign you a country that was not pick yet.

But before the debate, we will vote on what we discussed at our first meeting. The PAXMUN (or the Las Vegas Model UN conference) is November 19th of this year, and we want to hear from you if we should or should not do it. As I said last week, the pro's for doing this is that it gives new members an opportunity to get their feet wet at a small conference and to see how things are run. Some con's are that this conference is quite disorganized as compared to Montreal and NYC, and that it will take money away from our funding for Montreal and NYC (which are quite expensive). But as I said, the officers and I will work hard to make as much money for all of these conferences, so no one will have to take money out of their own pocket. THEREFORE, as soon as the meeting starts, we will all vote if we should do Las Vegas in November as a team.

If the majority says yes, then I strongly recommend that you take this debate serious. I plan on announcing who makes the squad for the las vegas team on October 6th. So that only leaves 3 meetings for everyone to impress the officers and I. We'll be informing you next week how many people we will be taking to Vegas (it will be less than NYC & Montreal).
At the next meeting, we'll be giving out a schedule for the fall semester. This schedule will tell you what to expect each week, and informs you of the dates that we make cuts. I will go into more detail of this schedule at the beginning of our meeting.

I know this is a lot of information and I apologize that this email is getting long, but I can assure you that all of this will make more sense as the weeks go by. I think I'll leave it at that, and if anyone has more questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me. We also have an office in the UMC, room 342, just in case you ever want to stop by and ask us questions or have a nice and quiet place to study. I wish each and everyone of you a great weekend and I hope to see all of you back at our 2nd meeting next Thursdasy.

Cheers !

Captain Mike

Our first meeting of the year will be September 8th at 6:30 in ENG 105. We will hold orientation for new members and talk about the year ahead. There is also a rumor that Camilo will dress up as an ancient Incan, so you won't want to miss that!

Have a good week