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SCold Turkey

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Ever since we started committee
you
Been trying to make really really
bad puns
About all of your hopeless
resolutions
Well at least you had some good
intentions
Cause ever since we started
debating you
You've been clueless about the
agendum
South Korea tried to stir things out
of tedium
Too bad he was just too short for
the podium.
I used to have fun during ECOSOC,
When delegates were happy to
participate.
When they didn't just sit there like
rocks,
Back when there was stimulating
debate.
And when someone would raise
their hand,
Their point wouldn't be irrelevant.
They made good resolutions,
And they had motivation.
Like the delegate of the UK who,
who, who
Screams into the mike when he's
an inch away
M. U. N. to him is more than just
play
But his chances for best del. are
fading away.
And even though a reso's in play,
Everyone thinks about the lunch
break
As the Dep. Chair Rya Jetha tries
to moderate
Delegate of China's going to
have to wait.
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They made good resolutions,
Back when the Chair was
Bhuvam.

- Gayatri Meswani & Niyoshi
Parekh



DISECting Resolutions

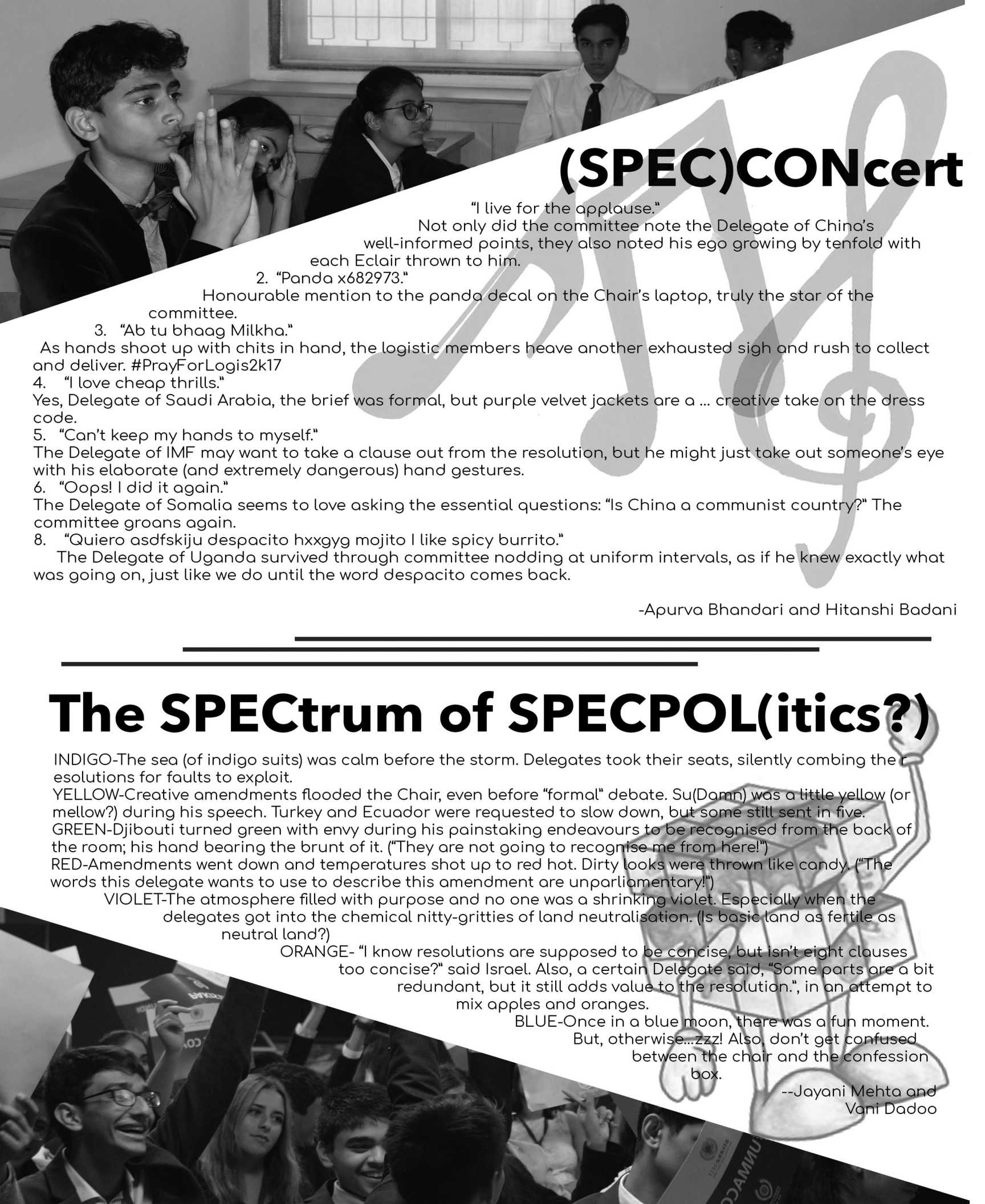
DAIMUN is full of wonderfully cogent
and well thought-out resolutions.

However, as unbiased,
objective Press members, we feel the
need to represent the flip side as well--
the pieces of
writing that miss the mark. Even if
receiving feedback on a spectacularly
disastrous resolution
feels like a whack upside the head with
the MUN Salmon of Shame at the time,
these mistakes
are bitter teachers. Here's some
highlights:

- 1) Defying Sharia Law. When you're the
Delegate of Saudi Arabia. Much wow.
- 2) The very well thought-out suggestion
that immigrants must agree to get
accustomed to
their new nations within ten years or risk
deportment.
- 3) Granting the WTO binding authority.
Worrying about violations of state
sovereignty-- not
to mention going against the UN
Charter (Navya, where u @?) -- is so
short-sighted if it
boosts trade...
- 4) Unwittingly including special
operatives in a reso, which precludes the
reso from being
discussed in the first place. (prevention
is better than ...uh...amendments?)
- 5) One delegate in DISEC asked for GPS
trackers to be provided for all women in
Third
World countries(!!!) At least he's
encouraging the use of beneficial
technology...
- 6) A resolution supporting a divider
(courtesy of our favourite notorious
orange nationalist)
is all in all just another brick in the wall.
- 7) Or, take a cue from the SC, where one
unfortunate resolution had every clause
successively deleted.

- Chitvan Bansal and Roshni Rangwani

-Janhavi Kulkarni



(SPEC)CONcert

"I live for the applause."

Not only did the committee note the Delegate of China's well-informed points, they also noted his ego growing by tenfold with each Eclair thrown to him.

2. "Panda x682973."

Honourable mention to the panda decal on the Chair's laptop, truly the star of the committee.

3. "Ab tu bhaag Milkha."

As hands shoot up with chits in hand, the logistic members heave another exhausted sigh and rush to collect and deliver. #PrayForLogis2k17

4. "I love cheap thrills."

Yes, Delegate of Saudi Arabia, the brief was formal, but purple velvet jackets are a ... creative take on the dress code.

5. "Can't keep my hands to myself."

The Delegate of IMF may want to take a clause out from the resolution, but he might just take out someone's eye with his elaborate (and extremely dangerous) hand gestures.

6. "Oops! I did it again."

The Delegate of Somalia seems to love asking the essential questions: "Is China a communist country?" The committee groans again.

8. "Quiero asdfskiju despacito hxxgyg mojito I like spicy burrito."

The Delegate of Uganda survived through committee nodding at uniform intervals, as if he knew exactly what was going on, just like we do until the word despacito comes back.

-Apurva Bhandari and Hitanshi Badani

The SPECtrum of SPECPOL(itics?)

INDIGO-The sea (of indigo suits) was calm before the storm. Delegates took their seats, silently combing the resolutions for faults to exploit.

YELLOW-Creative amendments flooded the Chair, even before "formal" debate. Su(Damn) was a little yellow (or mellow?) during his speech. Turkey and Ecuador were requested to slow down, but some still sent in five.

GREEN-Djibouti turned green with envy during his painstaking endeavours to be recognised from the back of the room; his hand bearing the brunt of it. ("They are not going to recognise me from here!")

RED-Amendments went down and temperatures shot up to red hot. Dirty looks were thrown like candy. ("The words this delegate wants to use to describe this amendment are unparliamentary!")

VIOLET-The atmosphere filled with purpose and no one was a shrinking violet. Especially when the delegates got into the chemical nitty-gritties of land neutralisation. (Is basic land as fertile as neutral land?)

ORANGE- "I know resolutions are supposed to be concise, but isn't eight clauses too concise?" said Israel. Also, a certain Delegate said, "Some parts are a bit redundant, but it still adds value to the resolution.", in an attempt to mix apples and oranges.

BLUE-Once in a blue moon, there was a fun moment. But, otherwise...zzz! Also, don't get confused between the chair and the confession box.

--Jayani Mehta and Vani Dadoo

A sense of something...
Legal! By
Priyanka
Iyer

Touch:

It was very touching when the Delegate of Amnesty International and Yemen bravely defended their respective resolutions from the attacks of the committee and successfully passed them.

Sight:

Legal's crown jewel was the 'SASS TIARA' adorning the Dep Chair. What's more amusing is the Delegate of Russia raising a Point of Personal Privilege to complain that it's 'distracting'.

Hearing:

You know how lightning splits the sky, then thunder? Well, that's similar to the Delegate of Singapore as he attacked the reso, with the committee's full support.

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Taste:

Though the Chairs were sweet, the delegates were rather salty, especially when the Delegate of Russia accused China's leader of sexual harassment and the UK retorted 'Look who's talking!'

Smell:

'Your amendment is like trying to prove a murderer innocent--you don't do it.' What's that smell? Oh right! The scent of you getting ROASTED!

6th Sense:

The delegates have probably developed an accurate gut feeling of anxiety when the Delegate of Russia rises with the intention of wiping the floor with your amendment or reso.

How to be an ICJ witness:
(and we'll be the judge of that)

1. Be proficient in using formal parliamentary language ('hogwash', 'ooh la la', 'chitter chatter' amongst others)
2. State biologically and physically impossible points: "I was born in 2001- wait, no 1979. My career began in 1972, by the way,"
3. Fake an unnecessarily thick accent to disguise the fact that you don't know anything - your advocacy probably forgot to prepare you anyway.
4. Give absolutely relevant information to the judges: "I love the accused's lavish gold-studded bath."
5. Act as if in deep emotional trauma to avoid difficult questions - extra points if you cry.
6. Sway back and forth while making exorbitant hand gestures to appear smarter
7. Make sure ... to pause ... after every ... two words ...uh ... um ... maybe to ... feign thoughtfulness?
8. Emphasize on patriotism while excessively using the phrase 'diplomatic mission'.
9. Shoot up from your Chair to screech at the advocate. Congratulations if the Deputy President physically separates the two of you.
10. Concluding remarks should include all of the above - and disregard the Chair while you're at it.

Don't worry; it's not as difficult as it looks. You don't even need to know the topic of the case, despite what your study guides say. Trust us.

By Salonee Kumar and Tanisha Jhaveri

High Fever- APQSEA

On the fateful morning, something at AP demanded passion, heat and spirited outbursts for an engaging session. Call it divine intervention, or a particularly amusing DSG, or maybe just a content-hungry Press writer; something was begging for it. However, the start wasn't, by any means, indicative of what the Advisory Panel had yet to offer. If committees were angels sent from heaven, God sure goofed up in the opening; because AP was a dead one.

The nations had gathered on Day 2 of DAIMUN to discuss an increasingly pertinent issue, Kashmir. The matter was torn to shreds, involving all of the delegates' hearts and souls fighting for the rights of the true Kashmiris, or so they constantly expressed. Amidst constant strife and clauses almost forced onto the 'passed' pile by the executive chairs, came the dispute that would irrevocably liven up the fifth floor with a new zeal and fervour.

To facilitate a calm Kashmir that we've never known it to be, India and Pakistan headlined this seemingly no-holds-barred row; their mere willingness to participate in bilateral talks conditional upon formal apologies and economic sanctions. Grievances dating back to a 1947 General Assembly were brought up. Alliances as old as the 1970s were ripped apart, seemingly on account of a 'high fever' (medical or otherwise, we'll let the delegate of China determine). While the Pakistani government was openly accused of funding Taliban forces in Afghanistan, the delegate of China was bluntly labelled a hypocrite. India's government forces were accused of human rights violations, including rape, with no concrete evidence, while Pakistan's delegation experienced quite the stab in the back when they were effectively accused of the same and more by their keen ally, China. All in a matter of one wildly entertaining hour, mind you.

If the hour of conflict was anything to base my judgement on, I'd advise an unwavering watch over the committee and the delegates' quirks too.

Because if we aren't looking out for errors in judgement and their far-fetched, dreaded aftermaths, what are we really doing?

- Anuj Khare

W(H)ACKY.

QUESTION: Who, from DAIMUN, would you like to shoot, and why?

"Aaryan Thakkar. Then I'll be Sec. Gen. MWAHAHAHAH" - Self-Proclaimed One True Deputy Secretary General, Anagh Agarwal.

"I don't think I'd want to shoot anyone, because it's not like I have a higher position I can get to. But nerf-gun standards, Anagh Agarwal. He's too boisterous." - Secretary General, Aaryan Thakkar.

"Arjun Shukla, he is a terrible combination of Bihari and Brit." - Chair of SC, Shivali Shah.

"Sparsh Kabra, because he follows me everywhere!" - PRESS delegate (Photography), Krish Bajaj.

"I would shoot Sakshi for not doing s**t!" - PRESS Delegate (writing), Apurva Bhandari.

"The Delegate of Russia. He's just too loud!" - Deputy Chair of Legal, Adarsh Sriram.

"Delegate of Singapore. His first-day resolution had like 10 one-line clauses." - Deputy Chair of Legal, Pranav Gupta.

"Deputy Secretary General Navya Mehta. Why? Oh, there are way too many reasons to pin-point any one!" - Deputy Secretary General, Aryan Singh.

"11th Grade Aryan Shah. He's just too cheeky." - Deputy Chair of ECOSOC, Rya Jetha.

"Why is PRESS so weird this time?" - Every Delegate approached.

-Anuj Khare and Suakshi Soni

MYTHBUSTERS

A tribute to every delegate called nerdy, every Press member called lazy and every admin member that has suffered slavery:

Myth #1: 'That delegate is wearing the shiniest, loudest suit. He screams like a maniac. He's obviously the most experienced'

Fact: Firstly, any delegate in a wedding outfit is more blind than experienced. Plus, the proportionality between volume and intelligence is exclusive to Arnab Goswami. #TheNationDoesNotNeedToKnow

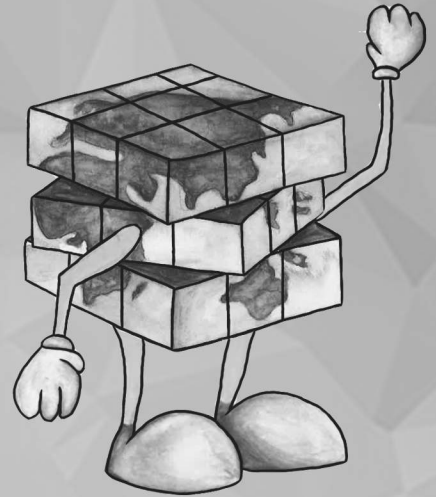
Myth #2: 'Don't PRESS delegates just overdress, take like 30 pictures of themselves and hang around in committees all day?'

Fact: Every time you smile a little when the delegate you hate is being criticized, or read the PRESS issue as if you've been analyzing a comprehensive resolution, remember that it is only because the PRESS spent 12 hours in the art room, writing numerous articles, redesigning every page and shortlisting 6 pictures from 120 (not to mention, keeping up with Ms. Nisha's refined tastes,) so that only the well-deserved roasts are dished out. #AllAccess

Myth #3: 'Logistics basically volunteer to be slaves, right? They can go get me water'

Fact: Dearest delegates, every logistic member you have looked down upon knows exactly which delegates you're hitting on, which friend you are texting, how desperate your failed attempts at introducing amendments are, and how tiny your bladder is. #LogiLivesMatter

- Hitanshi Badani



DAIMALL

This Diwali, if you have a lot of enthusiastic energy to spend, DAIMALL is the perfect place for you. Here, you can spend on comebacks, puns, rhetorical arguments, repetitive points, pretentiousness and if you still have some energy left, we have a limited offer on real debate.

Keeping with the festive spirit, we also have a special offer of 100% guaranteed Best Delegate FREE with our Sucking Up to the Chairs package (complementary Eclairs included). If you're only here to window shop, we have the perfect Invisibility package that you can put on the tab of your nearest MUNaholic. For maximum benefits, make sure to buy the upgrades: meaningful nods and raising your placard for Points of Personal Privilege only.

Due to DAIMALL's highly competitive atmosphere, you must be wary of pick-pockets. Securely store all your ideas between the seams of your blazer or miniskirt, hidden from the prying eyes of bankrupt shoppers. Also keep hold of your less experienced friend-- you never know when you'll lose them in the crowd.

Enjoy your time at DAIMALL - your one-stop shop for all things fancy, controversial and hilarious!

- Niyoshi Parekh

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FOREST GRUMP



FOREVER ALONE



THE GRAMMAR NERD



ROADRUNNER



LONGEST ATTENTION SPAN



BEST TIE



MOST LIKELY TO MISQUOTE WIKIPEDIA



MOST LUSCIOUS LOCKS

BEST SHOES



BEST BROMANCE



BEST CHAIR



BEST MAKEUP



SASS QUEEN



BEST FOOD CRITIC



MOST LIKELY TO INDUCE SLEEP



PRESS IN



Witty puns are as characteristically Chitvan as "Nutella paratha." Find her with the glowing THIMUN badge on her blazer, Lord of our writers.
Who dis? Who dat?



An unparalleled love for food runs in Mahek's veins. Speaking her mind at all times, she's perhaps our greatest advocate of the "Free PRESS."



This perfectionist is the mastermind behind our artistic publications. Hear Dhawni say "just 20 minutes more" when you ask her about any deadline.



An exceptionally talented writer and witty intellectual, Roshni's mere presence is enlightening. Look out for her perennial smile, and the 'salmon beating'.



While Riva's artistic skills give rise to jaw-dropping sketches and photographs, she may prefer to look towards the football field to seek completion.



Writing Team

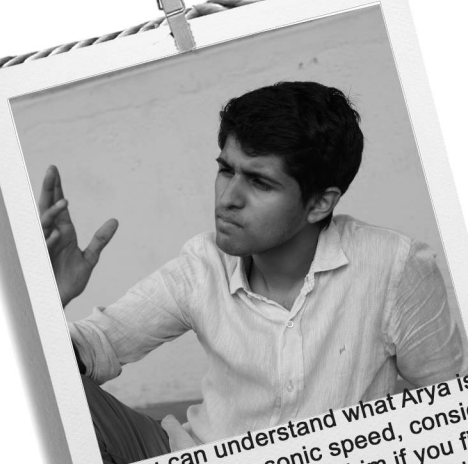


Layout Team

ACTION



From an enthusiastic participant of the PRESS Revolution of DAIMUN '15 to Queen of the PRESS '17, Yashwini, the micromanager (notably Editor-in-Chief at THIMUN) has risen the ranks faster than her inches.



If you can understand what Arya is saying at super-sonic speed, consider yourself gifted. Thank him if you find an unflattering picture of yourself in the PRESS issue.



Trisha can be found freaking out about the tiniest of things or looking for a certain Admin Executive. When not found at her creative desk, catch her dancing bhangda!



Apart from her questionable taste in music, Gayatri slays on the football field and single-handedly manages the DAIS Leadership Series. She's the reason the Press Room is full of laughs and witty humor.



If Mukul is not with the Deputy Chair of SPEC POL, you can find him—uh—waiting for her. However, no one can refute he's got a keen eye for stunning photographs.

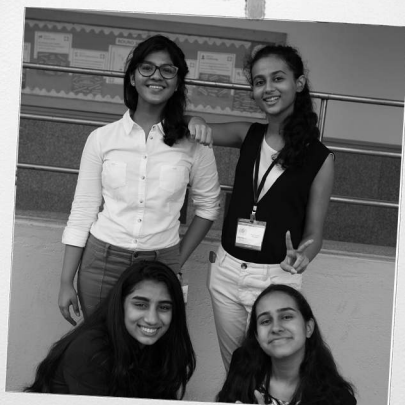


Illustration Team



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THE UNSUNG HEROES OF DAIMUN

In a world filled with
spoilt delegates with their perfect ties and high
heels, seven superheroes arise to bring peace to this
pandemonium.

Presenting:

Nick 'SEN' Fury, the coordinator of an event as large as DAIMUN and this
'Sen'sational hero(ine) makes it seem like a piece of cake. Hats off!

Bruce 'BOSE' Banner is our master illustrator, bringing colour and laying out brilliant
ideas for The Daily MUNtra. Like The Hulk, no one would want to see his bad side.

Natasha 'NISHA' Romanova is truly the hardest worker in the Press, staying longer
hours than anyone else. She's on top of everything, knowing what's going on in every
article on every page.

Captain 'CANTEEN' Rogers is known for 'serving' justice along with the delicious food
as a respite from their monotonous day!

Iron man can be seen 'lifting' the delegates and helping them get to their destination
on time. Shashikant uncle and Ramesh uncle (the smiling superheroes) truly come as
a relief to the aching feet of the delegates.

Thor Odinson of As'GUARD', brave and heroic, are 'securing' the safety of the
delegates!

By Suakshi Soni and Jayani Mehta



Rate The Shade

"Are there any Motions on the floor?"

"No, but after I raise my point of information, his self-esteem will be." APQCSEA

"Due to the number of steps proposed and the time lag -this resolution fails. Maybe someday it'll go far - and I hope it stays there." SC

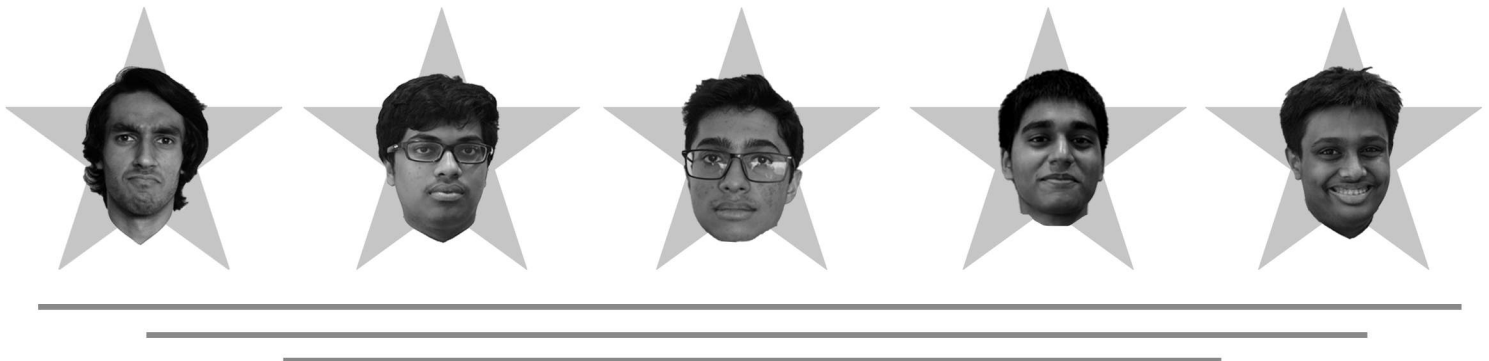
"This resolution is France trying to fit his entire vocabulary into 3 pages." ICJ

"The only thing consistent with his argument was his inconsistency." ICJ

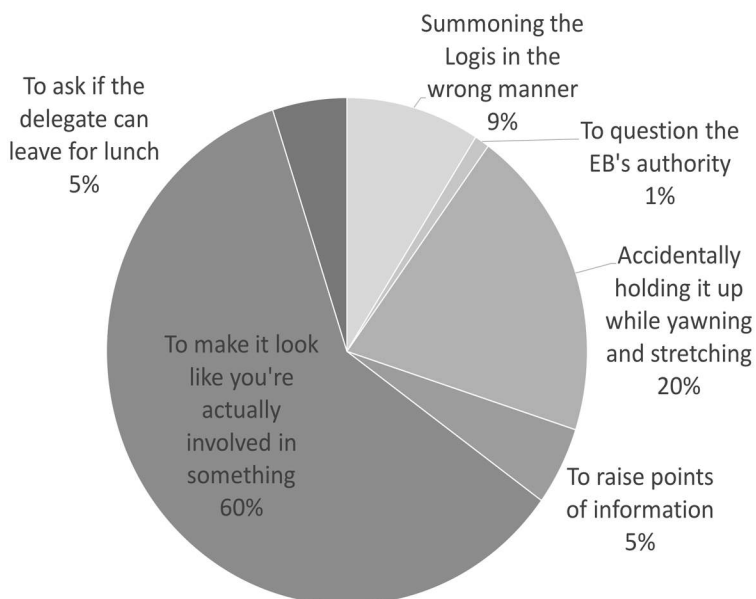
"Can the Delegate repeat his Motion to Amend? I didn't get that because I don't speak bull***t." SPECCON

"This resolution is like Beyonce - beautiful on the outside but ugly on the inside." SPECPOL

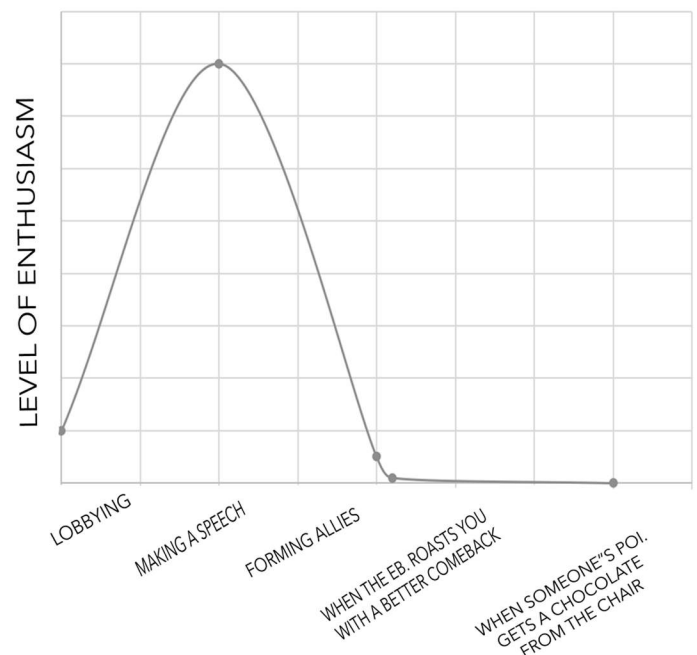
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The Meaning of a Raised Placard



Productivity (read: increasing decibel level) of a delegate - Salonee Kumar



- Sparsh Kabra

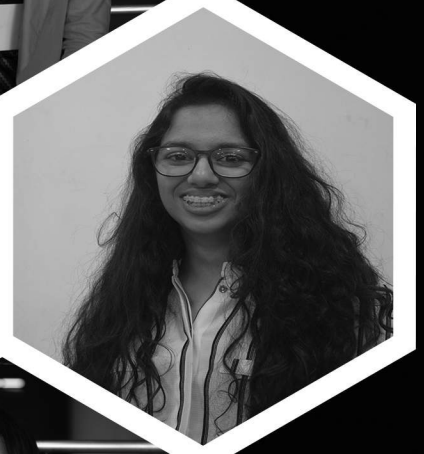
The AdMUNistrative Wonders

At an MUN, all we see are the intense debates, but what makes all of this possible? Here's a peek at what happens behind the scenes.

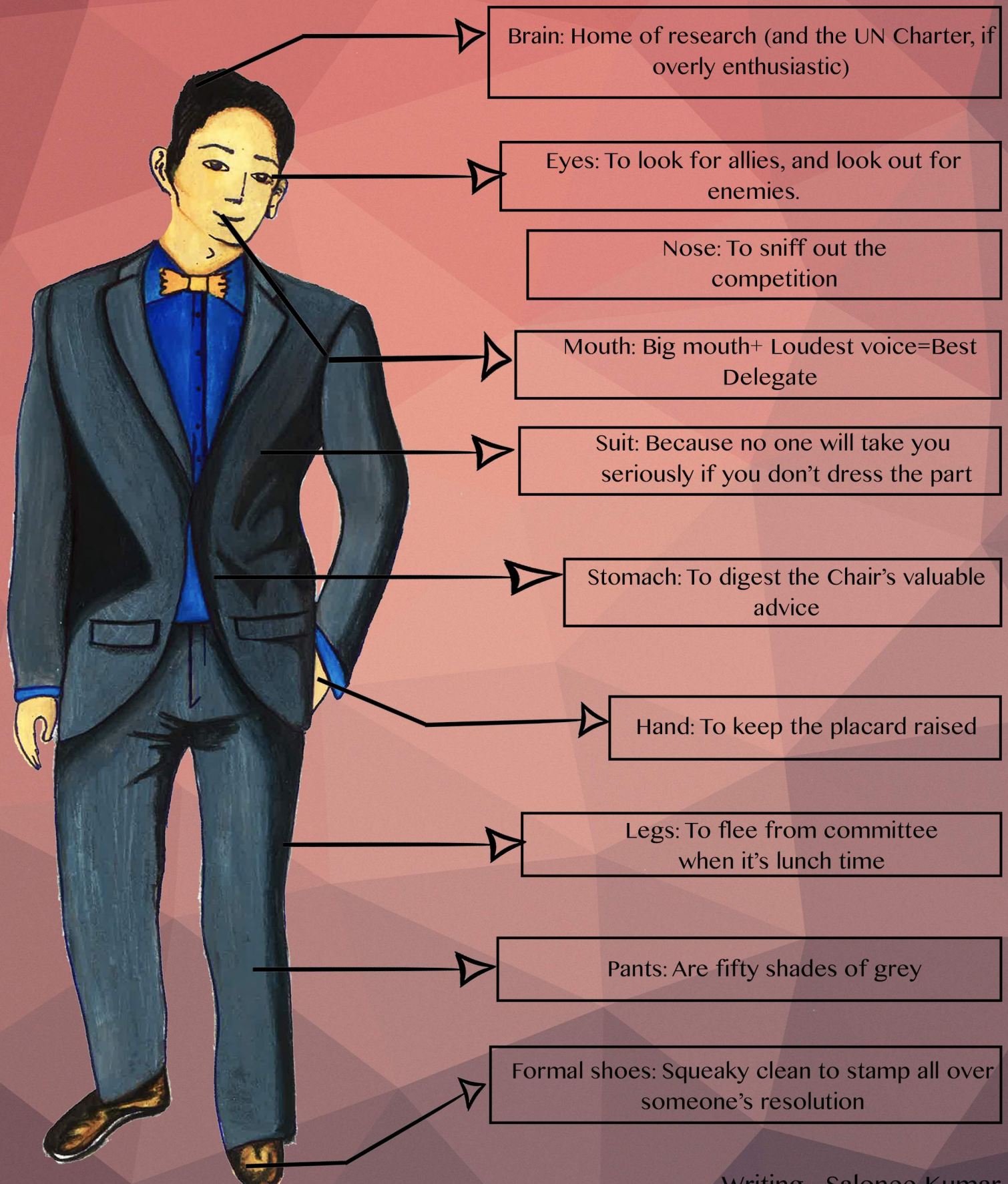
If you think that this conference just spontaneously generates - think again. The DAIMUN Administrative team has been toiling for the past 8 months to get this event in place: from recruiting members, to organising stationery, placards, and everything else you could possibly imagine. Yes, the computer lab is now a cornucopia of MUN supplies. Remember those people handing you your ID-tags and directing you to your committees? The slightly flustered ones with bright pink cheeks (which probably wasn't rouge) and permanent smiles? Yup, those were your admin members. The ones you owe your lives to (Literally, you'd be starving without them). In fact, they pride themselves in having extra lunch coupons left over this year.

You think it's hard to get a resolution passed? Ha! Wrong again. As an admin member you have to convince people's fathers to give you their daughters' numbers, and handle mothers' concerns about their "kidnapped" sons. You have to deal with computers breaking down without breaking down yourself, and you have to cheer yourself up with Bollywood melodies while you deal with the stress induced by the printer's mood swings. Okay, maybe we're exaggerating a little, but they truly are the backbone of this event.

By Priyanka Iyer and Tania Nair



Anatomy of a DAIMUN Delegate



Writing - Salonee Kumar
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