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## BonaMUN 2013 has finished

The chances are that you are on your way home while you are reading this. Tired but inspired, you are finally going to see your family again. It has been a wonderful weekend and we want to thank you for that.

We thank all the delegates and student officers for the fruitful debates, we thank all the MUN-Directors for helping the staff when necessary, we thank Bagels & Beans and Huurmij for being our sponsors, we thank the admins for the many things they do for us, we thank the catering for the delicious meals and last but definitely not least, we thank the staff for making these three amazing days happen.

We hope you had a great weekend, we had, and we hope to see you all next year.



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## A Day in The Life Of The Press

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Dear diary,

This morning, I arrived a little late. At least, that was what I thought. When I came into the room, nobody was there. Apparently, Fabian aka Fabbie had overslept, which caused him to miss the staff meeting, nobody cared. Not much time later, Antonio aka Antwinklestar joined us. With 'joined us' I mean 'started changing

everything on Casper's facebook, which Casper had left open when he left the day before, playing Cookie Clicker (do not play it, it will ruin your life) and playing good music.' From that moment on, people continued their Cookie Clicker addiction, which basically meant that every ten seconds, someone yelled 'I REACHED TWO THOUSAND COOKIES PER SECOND' or something like that. But seriously, do not play Cookie Clicker, it will drag you down to the underworld and it will show you the fires of hell. But there are cookies, though, so I guess it is alright.

Anyway, after our sixth cup of coffee, our deputy head of press Dante arrived. He immediately started drawing and writing, but a few minutes later, I caught him playing Cookie Clicker too, but the constant clicking annoyed our Head of Press so much that he finally allowed us to play our music and we sang all the songs at the top of our lungs.

Somewhere in this period of time, Milica, Eline and Vera arrived, too. We started talking about music, we sang, we danced, until the moment someone said something about Nickelback. Do not get me wrong, I like Nickelback's music, but I am not really a fan of them. Apparently, that



was the wrong opinion, the rest of The Press-team said I was not allowed to listen to them at all. Suddenly, the whole press team wanted me out, like the SG wanted me out on Friday, I felt so loved. Convinced that I was not the only one on the conference who liked Nickelback, I went to some committees to ask who listens to them too and it turned out I was definitely not the only one! Three other participants listened to them too!

Two hours after I arrived in the press room in the morning, our lovely press officer Casper decided to come too. At the same time, I reached twenty million cookies per second on Cookie Clicker, which caused some of the other addicts to swear. Like he smelled it, Batman came into the press room. Nobody seemed to care, though, so I interviewed him.

The rest of the day we spent on stalking committees, socializing on Facebook, making jokes about each other and drinking more coffee. Then there was this deadline thing and suddenly everybody was stressed out because we had to write something, but everything went well I guess. We are still alive, so that's the proof.

## Short crazy news stories

### Man gets forehead pierced by pickaxe

The accident happened a month ago in the English town of Leeds when Seldon Mpofu, the man in question, was gardening his yard where he accidentally swung his pickaxe into the air. The object flew towards the laundry line and eventually ended up in the man's forehead. That is what you could call a case of bad luck.

With blood all over his head the man called 911. An ambulance was not needed according to the helpline however it would not be a bad idea for the man to arrive at the hospital within the next hour

Once in the hospital the man got examined. An X-ray and a CT-scan showed the pickaxe has actually ended up quite deep in Mpofu's head. The doctors were just flabbergasted the man has not already met his maker.

"The pickaxe was only a fraction of an inch away from me brains", says Mpofu. "The doctors told me I was the celeb of the hospital."

Daily mail mentions the man occasionally suffers a mild headache but aside from that he has been totally healed.



### Floating raft full of weed



**A 55-year old Mexican floated into San Diego's harbor on a huge raft made of weed.**

According to the NDC the floating coffee shop of the Mexican contained about 30.000 USD worth of marihuana. Some of the packages processed in the raft were found to weight up to 25 kilograms. By now the over fifty year old been held captive on American territory.

It is a bit peculiar though, since he was still floating on the Mexican side of the border when the customs pulled him off of his raft.

## Stop poachers

Last week more than 80 elephants were killed by poachers in the Hwang Park in Zimbabwe. Poaching is a very big issue in our world. People do not respect animals enough. Nowadays everything is about money and that is why people just kill the animals for their fur and then sale it to the highest bidder . Of course, this is all illegal. People started to pay attention to poaching in the 90's when environmental scientists had proposed the concept of poaching as an environmental crime. From that moment on some people started to dedicate their lives to the protection of animals. The animals that are hunted for the most are elephants, tiger and rhinos.

Last week elephants were killed in Zimbabwe. It happened in the Hwang Park, the biggest national park in Zimbabwe. It lies just south of the famous Victoria waterfalls. The Poachers used a technique that was so horrific that it was even on the news. Most poachers kill the elephants fast with guns or other weapons. But the poachers in Zimbabwe decided to put cyanide into the drinking water of those elephants. This led to the dead of a lot of elephants. They did not just do this to one water place but to a lot of places where other animals also drink, so probably many other animals also died because of this cyanide. The police investigated the case in the villages nearby. They found 19 tusks, traps and also the cyanide. The Zimbabwe minster of environment Kasukuwere declared war to the poachers. He is tired of all the



Tusks from the killed elephants

poaching in the country.

I totally agree with Kasukuwere. In my opinion poaching is a horrible thing. Animals are vulnerable. They cannot speak for themselves but they can certainly feel pain. It really hurts me to know there are people who kill and mistreat animals on purpose and I believe this should be stopped as soon as possible.

## The future of cars

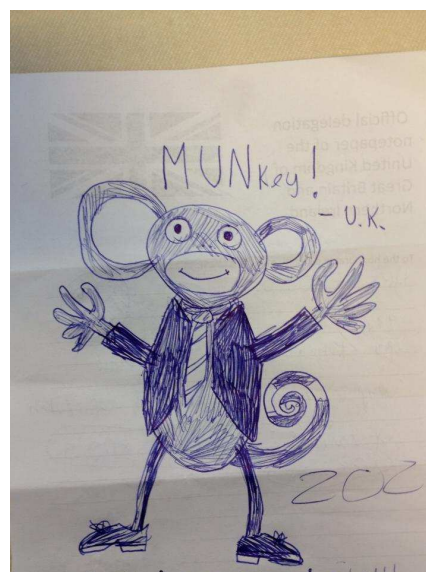
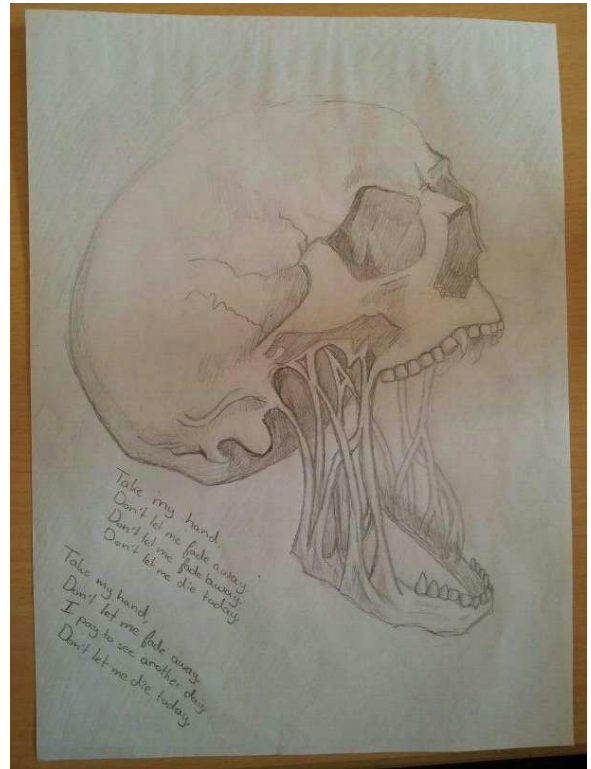
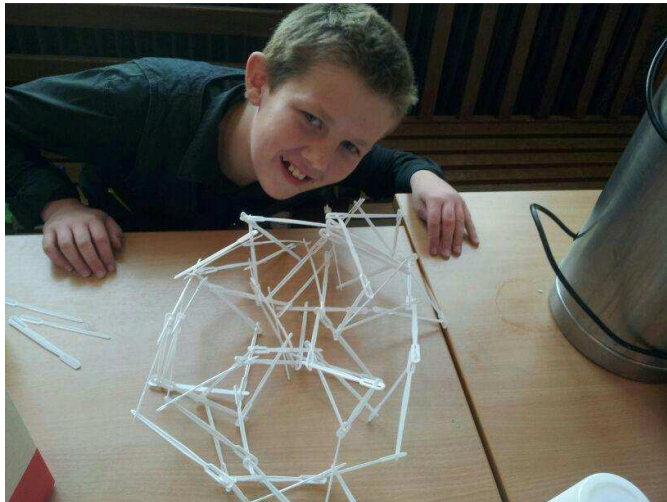
We fuel our cars with petrol for years now, but it is bad for the environment and one day it will run out. We see electric cars as a possible solution, but recharging an electric car takes a lot of time and the batteries run out quite quick. But lately a new option has arrived, cars can be powered by hydrogen too.

Several car manufacturers have started to develop cars driven by hydrogen and this could be a good thing. For example, the only thing that comes out of the exhaust is water. Second, hydrogen is not as rare as petrol, we can produce it ourselves, so we will not easily run out of it. Also, you are able to drive long distances with a hydrogen powered car, which is not the case if your car is driven by electricity.

On the other hand hydrogen can be explosive when it has contact with some certain substances, that means it is dangerous to use it to power a car with it.

So it is good for the environment to power cars with hydrogen, but it is dangerous, that is why I think we should not power our cars with hydrogen until we have found a way where we can power a car with hydrogen without any risks.

### MUN-participants are very creative



## A strange visit to the G20

During our visit to the G20, we expected a very serious debate and in the beginning it was. But after a while, Saudi Arabia made a really weird amendment to the second degree. It was about sex toys, and surprisingly, the delegates actually debated on it like it was a normal amendment. Many of them were very enthusiastic!

The issue was *“International cooperation in order to fight epidemics, with special regards to the question of mutations and immunity to antibiotics.”* The original amendment was *“Proposes to base all currencies on gold reserves of the nation which will improve the economy of LEDS’s.”* The delegation of Saudi Arabia made an amendment to replace ‘gold’ with ‘sex toys’. The chair did not like this idea, although we think it is very creative.

Both the original and the amendment passed with an overwhelming majority, but unfortunately, the chair announced that the amendment to the second degree would not be added to the resolution, due to the lack of seriousness. On the other hand, the original did pass.



## Essays on issues

Nine people were asked to write an essay about an issue in a committee on BonaMUN 2013, each one chose a topic from a different committee. They were given no instruction on how to make this essay, which meant each essay was going to be different. The essays will all be published in The BonaMUN Times this year, but they won't be published all at once which means that you can read new essays in every edition.

Today:

An essay by Antonio Kamerling and Casper Kerkhove, reporters for the BonaMUN Times, on an issue in the ECOSOC and an essay by anonymous on an issue in the G-20.

## Reducing greenhouse gasses

The amount of greenhouse gasses have increased greatly over the past decennia, and our industry is contributing about 40% to it, especially the large economies as the “next eleven” (Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Turkey, South Korea and Vietnam), the Asian tigers (Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan) and the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). As a major part of them often cares more about economy than CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> or NH<sub>2</sub>

emission and some of them just don't have the tools, technology or money as alternatives don't come cheap, it might be hard to reduce the gas emission.

The cause of this problem lies mostly with the industry and traffic. It is one of the biggest problems of the world and it is not something that is easily solved because it is world-wide. Everybody on our planet contributes to the gasses because almost everyone has a car nowadays. In my opinion the greenhouse gasses are a big problem. It affects the whole world and if we want to solve the problem we have to cooperate and that is the biggest problem in the process of reducing greenhouse gasses. The big economies only want to boost the economy. They probably will not pay any attention to environmental issues. There are two approaches to the reducing of greenhouse gasses, we can try to motivate companies to make their production more environmentally-friendly or stimulate the government to promote environmentally-friendly production.

In my opinion the environment is very important because it affects everyone on earth. So I think we should pay more attention to the environment. For starters, you should start with yourself. Do not think that you will not make a difference in the reducing of greenhouse gasses because it will work if everyone starts with him or herself. The more attention there is to environmental issues the better it will be for our future.

### **Brain drain: a worrisome development**

Less economically developed countries are affected heavily by the phenomenon brain drain: highly educated people being drawn to more economically developed countries, primarily because of better job opportunities, higher wages, better life standard, and so on. This is a worrisome development.

Educated people are vital for the process of development in certain countries. The economy of a country with a large number of good scientists and technicians is better than the economy of a country without. Countries affected by brain drain miss out on innovation and do not have proper health care systems. Development is being slowed down by the effects of brain drain.

Of course, brain drain has its positive side: remittances. A foreign laborer sends money back home to take care of his wife and kids, and possibly other members of his community. This boosts the economy of the country of origin enormously, because they increase living standards in society.

Yet highly skilled workers are not only beneficial to a country because they make sure remittances arrive (in the case of a laborer emigrating). Educated workers are also needed for the job itself: it wouldn't help for a (for example) surgeon to emigrate, make lots of money in a foreign country and send it back home as remittance, as they are needed more to perform surgery in their home country.

In conclusion: highly educated people can make money for the society in their country of origin abroad and therefore stimulate the economy. However, brain drain is a threat to the development of that country as highly skilled workers are not there to do jobs lesser educated people cannot. Therefore, brain drain must be stopped.

Could you please pay attention sentence-building? Thanks!

**Games and puzzles**

A sudoku

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A word search

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 building    excitement    noise pollution    theater  
 business    factory    parking lot    university  
 busy people    garbage    road    water pollution  
 cars    jobs    rude people



**The answers to last edition's riddles**

*You use a knife to slice my head and weep beside me when I am dead. What am I?*

An onion.

*I am weightless, but you can see me. Put me in a bucket, and I'll make it lighter. What am I?*

A hole.

*Whoever makes it, tells it not. Whoever takes it, knows it not. Whoever knows it, wants it not. What is it?*

Counterfeit money.

*Thirty white horses on a red hill,  
 First they champ,  
 Then they stamp,  
 Then they stand still.*

Teeth.