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Greetings to all the delegates, journos, organisers, chairs, and anyone else reading this newspaper.

This is the final issue, and this is the final time you'll have to listen to me waffle on in the editorial. I have a lot of people to thank, but firstly, I want to apologise to Miso and Soul for not printing their article - we just ran out of time and space. I'd also like to apologise to everyone who should have featured in the left-hand column of this page, and who didn't because I forgot to update it every day.

You're all at the Closing Ceremony now, no doubt getting a little teary, a little sad that this session is over. For me, it has flown in, I cannot believe it is over a week ago when I arrived at the Park Hoel for the first time. I will always remember teambuilding on Lopud, the many wonderful moments among the Journo team, even the

Dearest delegates, journos, chairs and organizers,

This is the end. After what was a very emotional chairs dinner last night, I am getting all tearful again writing this, my last editorial of the session.

To the delegates I have to say thank you for being so patient with us. The conditions have not been the easiest and thank you for waiting. I hope we have delivered exactly what you expected from a newspaper.

To all the chairs, thank you for making us part of a unique and very varied team. Thanks to all for support when the paper had not been delivered. Special thanks go to those, and they know why, to Dan Day, Miso, Pio, MAR, Rhona and above all Jack.

To the organizers for being organizers. I know only too well how difficult it can be to organize a session and thank you for your support. To Goran, Ivona, Antonio and Ivan in particular, I thank you. I hope we will all see you at another session sometime soon.

And now to the family that is the pressroom.

stress of trying to get this issue printed before ACMT closes.

Thank you to anyone who's had to put up with me during this week—thanks to the Orgas, to the Journos, to everyone

Lots of Love

Phil

Sorry that we didn't get this one out to you in time, guys, but we really, really, really, tried. There was a problem with the printer, and it just ate about half of the paper.

Sorry, and love you all.

Phil

This session has been a challenge, but it has been equally as rewarding. I am very proud of the twelve great individuals that have together become the journalists. I look back on my own experience as a journo in Athens and Bern with sincere and deep affection. I only hope that you will look back on Dubrovnik and have the same thoughts. The moments that we shared together will forever be very special indeed. You have given me a great deal this week - a sense of giving something back to EYP. I do hope that you all feel that you have given something, but that you have gained a great deal. While it hasn't all been easy, you've shown commitment that I could never question. I will miss you. I care for you all more than you could imagine. I wish you the best of luck in EYP in the future.

Lots of love and if you're ever in Oxford, please pop in.

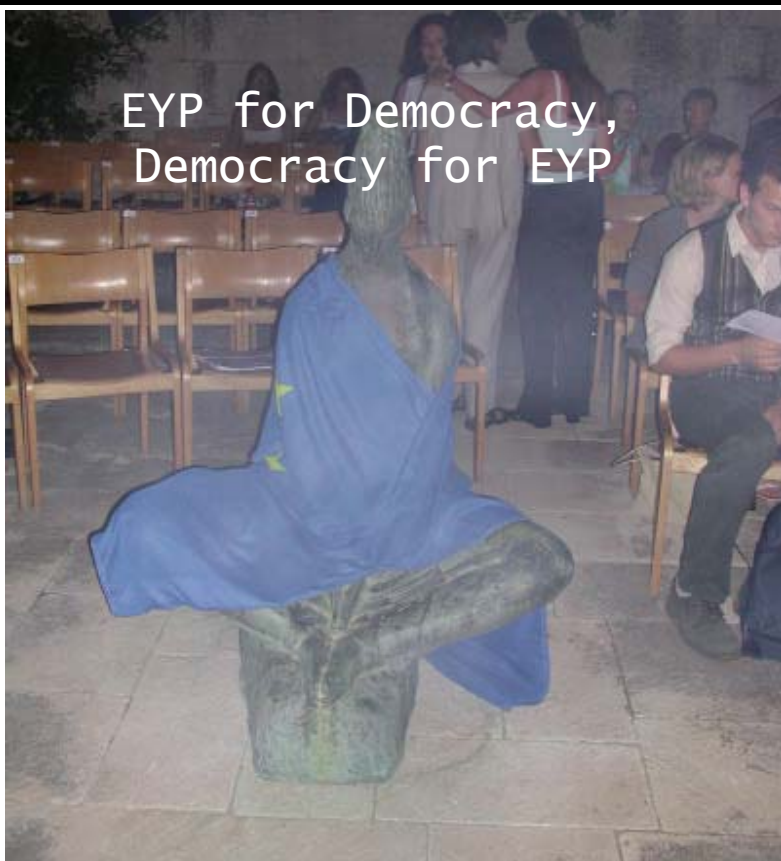
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Spot the Difference



What is democracy? Democracy is one of those words like subsidiarity, post-modern, love (eek), and ironic (if you are Alanis Morissette), that we all use, but are not quite sure what it means. The word sort of feels right in certain places – 'Democracy is nice', 'Florida could do with Democracy', these sort of things, but there is not a set definition of what democracy is. It is, as sociologists would say, a 'conceptual variable' – we all have different concepts. There is a trend to see Democracy as setting up institutions. This is the line of thought that if a country has political parties, elections, and a constitution, then it is a democracy. Not so. Others would look at the set of 'norms' of democracy – such as division of power, equality, liberty – which democratic countries enshrine in their governmental practices.

However, I would look at something closer to all of us – namely,

ourselves. The most important component in any democracy are the people whose commitment to democratic norms, be they politicians or private citizens, guarantee the functioning of the democracy. This has a radical effect on how we look at ourselves, as citizens, and our role in the process of democracy. Democracy is no longer seen as something that is provided for us by the state, in its institutions or process. Rather, it becomes something that is created, nurtured and developed by our own actions. We are democracy.

So, in participating in the EYP, we have all made a commitment to the ideals of democracy (some of us over 7 years ago...) But talking the talk is not good enough, if you can't walk the walk. We have to live out democracy in our everyday lives. This is the kind of commitment we must all make to democratic goals, and norms.

So, that is EYP and democracy – what about democracy for EYP? This is an organisation set up to promote and encourage young people all across this continent, from over 30 countries so far, so take up the mantle of guardians of democracy. But it is not good enough to promote democracy – one must do it in a democratic way.

And so EYP has a democratic system. The governing body of EYP is the International Council, which consists of nine members. Three from the Directors of the Company (under UK law), three representatives of national committees from the 'Board of National Co-ordinators', and, and this is the interesting part, folks, three alumni (Pio Smith, based in Dublin, Ruairi O'Connell, based in London, and Don Shamal Ratnayaka, based in Bonn).

And this is where you come in. EYP has the institutions, and EYP has the norms of democracy. But to be democratic, we need the energy of EYPers. The three of us representing the needs and opinions of the alumni on the IC desperately need your help, support, ideas and opinions in order to represent you properly. To paraphrase one former British Prime Minister, I may not agree with Miso's decision to look like an (exceptionally ugly) girl by wearing hair band, but I will fight to defend his right to do so. The three of us on the International Council have been elected (by past chairs) to serve you all, and to serve EYP.

Are you ready to help us?

Ruairi O'Connell -

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Panic strikes at the Park

Panic spread around the Park Hotel yesterday afternoon. Rumours were rife that there was a gas leak seeping throughout the rooms and corridors. It was the thoughtful Machteld that first alerted everyone to the problem. As she stirred from her slumbers her nostrils were met with what she thought was the smell of gas. Near hysteria set in as she quickly realised the catastrophic consequences of what a gas leak could actually mean. It was time for action! Reception was immediately called, the seconds, the minutes were passing by, time was running out. This was so serious it was felt that the organisers needed to be informed, the whole surrounding area may need to be evacuated. If anyone was to light up a cigarette the whole hotel would explode in one big fire ball, that is the reality of a gas leak so if anyone does ever smell gas they must act fast. Machteld demonstrated responsibility and concern for other guests in the hotel however no one else actually smelt the gas.

The international organisers went to Machteld's room to investigate but left after they felt there was nothing to worry about. Machteld was still convinced though that there was gas in the air, so she decided to sort the problem out herself. Guests needed to be told about the possible threat so she banged on peoples doors in the corridor. An evacuation exercise was clearly in operation as guests filed down the stairs and emergency exits opened. EYPers may have noticed exit doors open in the main hotel building, this was to let the smell out. Fortunately it was a false alarm but gas leaks can be extremely dangerous, my friend's house was completely blown away by the affects of a gas leak. As with everything in life though it is better to be safe than sorry even though the smell was actually a barbeque!

Britney

In the hands of polka dots

While the majority of Polka Dots are pink, did you know that they come in an assorted range of colours? The most common colours are light blue and light yellow. So what exactly is a polka dot then? The word "dot" indicates the polka dot's shape - namely, dot shaped. Dotty shapes are usually round although I believe they can be somewhat oval, depending on the method of creation. It is a well-known fact that it is much easier to make pink polka dots than any others. This is due to the fact that solar energy causes every polka dot - except for the pink ones - to fly around as soon as they are freed from their origin. Dots usually reach speeds close to mach 21, and at these speeds evaporation is unavoidable. The dots burst into flames and are gone in nanoseconds. This is why you almost never see dots of colours other than pink.

Scientists at the NASA centre for space technology and research have begun an initiative to exploit the energy produced by colourful polka dots. They have also announced that they will begin work on low energy polka dots. This group of innovative scientists believe that by changing the shape of a dot into a thousand cornered one they will be able to harness it's energy and thus be able to distribute it risk-free. If this talented group succeed, children will once again be able to have all kinds of polka dots at their birthday parties. Hopefully the scientists will also succeed in exploiting the dot's immense energy. This will not only provide an energy source for the future but also fully eradicate the need for other power sources such as coal or nuclear power.

trouble]uice

Tickets the size of hair strands

Yesterday afternoon I was faced with the disturbing question of where to store the bus ticket I had bought for the Euroconcert. It's minute dimensions (the ticket must be no more than a few nanometers in width) meant that I couldn't put it in any of my pockets, as it was lost in the depths of my trousers' fabric. Then, I tried to place it between my lips, something that entailed the possibility of swallowing the ridiculously undersized ticket. Of course, it is understandable that the travel office does not want to spend huge amounts of money for paper, but I'm sure that it isn't that simple. Then again, I thought that the travel office might be interested in saving the environment and the world's forests. After contemplating for a few minutes it suddenly dawned on me that the issue goes far beyond preserving paper: that it was one of the biggest cons of the century; and the most devious plan to trick powerless EYP consumers revealed itself before my eyes. After looking into the matter further, it became apparent that quite a few of us were forced to return to the office to buy new tickets because we had lost the ones we previously bought. Yes ladies and gentlemen, as you already may be suspecting, by giving out undersized tickets, the office managed to increase its sales by at least 23% according to the latest evidence. After a meticulous body search, the exasperated EYPer is forced to re-purchase the ticket, as he is faced with the possibility of not being let on the bus. And off course, the salesperson in the office is happy to provide a new one... So what, you may ask, is the solution to the monopolist's illicit practices? First of all, EYP should propose the creation of a new European working group to investigate the ideal size of bus tickets. Then, the bus ticket retailer must be taken to the courts and forced to issue a ticket with prescribed dimension.

Justice must be upheld!

the amethyst



By a former editor

Yes it is. No matter what you might think, it is my fault. What is? Well, the newspaper. All the mistakes done by the PressRoom Committee is entirely my fault, my mistake, mea culpa, blame me, hate me, kill me. I was the one who told EYP to put the two editors in charge. So all of their mess-ups can be traced back to me, to Jan Krcmar of Vienna, Austria. Ask Roberts for my phone number if you want to get back to me by sending me threatening SMSs.

In fact, it all started out really well. I was a young (shut up!) editor in Bern, and one of my lovely journos was the very same Marcus Pollard, the taller half of the Editor Brothers. But believe me, before Marcus got promoted, he was nothing like what he is today. He first grabbed my attention, when I walked past his hotel room, and heard the smashing of a TV set. I immediately opened the door with my universal key-card which all the editors at every session - oops! Just gave away the big secret of how journos collect gossip... ah, well. Back to Bern. I opened the door and found Marcus jumping around on his bed, wearing a huge, black

leather jacket, wearing a wig of long, black curly hair and playing air guitar. Before he spotted my shocked face in the doorway, he managed to usher a last verse of "Born to be Wild" before he apologised and came down to the PressRoom, swearing worse than an International Organiser who has run out of people to annoy. His articles had to be rid of constant referring to Norwegian Satanic Heavy Metal bands, and we had a terrible time preventing him from playing his CDs on the PressRoom CD player. It took three people, all qualified hotel bodyguards, to hold him back from burning a guitar in the middle of the deadline stress. If at that time, Marcus had recorded a record, all his songs would have been consisting entirely of beeps. The Parental Advisory warning on the cover would have been bigger than the actual album cover image itself. Whatever made him changed so much is a mystery to me. Maybe he did fall for the old trick of replacing the brutal music in his walkman to Schubert. It worked, and that's all we need to know.

Phil, on the other hand, was the complete opposite. Still white behind the ears, Phil first came to me for the first

time in Stockholm, when he needed somebody to tie his shoelaces, and so I helped him. And while I was at it, I helped him blow his nose as well. His articles were filled with baby language, and if he did not get his milk on time, he started crying. One day, when the milkman had not come, and Phil was screaming his lungs out for tens of minutes, my coded Türkü and me had to run across town to find fresh milk for our Phil. In the youth hostel, Phil and me shared a room, and luckily, our roommate David Welsh had experience with people such as Phil. And so, David was in charge of brushing Phil's teeth while I got stuck with the shoelace-job. But soon, Phil found himself a lovely nanny on the journo team, who was willing to share a bed with him. Sadly, it was still the same bed in our room.

And now for the truth.

Marcus can be very nasty if he wants to, and that is good. Phil is partly Egyptian, thus the particularly un-Irish face (lucky boy). Marcus gave everybody a bad conscience by writing brilliant articles, writing them extremely on time and still being able to have fun. Phil did really share a bed with a female journo, and it was really the bed above me. Marcus must have been the first male journo in the history of EYP to volunteer to be in charge of the gossip. Phil's real name is Alois. Marcus' real colour of hair is red. Phil's red t-shirt was white originally. Hiding the thin line between truth and lies is a journalist's goal. Phil and Marcus are both very good at it. Thank you for your attention.

The Llama



Euroconcert

The Euroconcert began in style with President Soper introducing the host for the evening as Danny Laqua. When he realised his error, he promptly introduced the correct hosts for the evening - Miso and Stiof.

Seamus burst onto the scene with some dreadful news from CNN - a comet was heading earthwards and in 2.5 hours we would all be obliterated. To calm the panicking masses Stiof suggested listening to some music and with this introduced Jonathan Brandani (IT) who serenaded us magnificently with Impromptus by Schubert on the piano.

Calm was restored and Miso introduced "the beautiful girl with the beautiful voice" - Niamh Gordon (IE) - who blew us all away with a wonderful rendition of Andrew Lloyd Webbers "Think of Me".

Apostolos Siaperas (GR) was up next with the recorder. Steps 4 Presto Possible was a lively and chirpy piece that impressed us all.

Simona Weber (AU) amazed us all with a wonderful performance of "Baby One More Time". Britney should be watching her back!

The piano and violin were out next with Patrick Brunner (AU) and Kathi Meggeneder (AU) played a joyful and quick moving piece by Beethoven. A delight to listen to.

Miso and Stiof were out next with further news on the progress of the comet. Apparently there was a resolution passed in prehistoric times by the Stone Youth Parliament when faced with a similar crisis. Their methods of dealing with it all involved violence but our wonderful hosts felt that violence was not the solution and proposed to move the world with music

The next act was introduced as "Can't Take my Hands off of You" and from the performance of Seamus Carey (IE) the title wasn't far off! Seamus and Kristine Ekeberg (NOR) gave an entertaining and delightful rendition of, as it is correctly known, "Can't Take my Eyes off of You".

Pamela McGill (UK) stunned us with an amazing performance of "Ave Maria". She really was fantastic and stunned the audience.

A group from Belgium and Germany sang and played the flute and piano. They performed the Disney classic "A Whole New World" and they made a brilliant job of it.

We were then surprised by an additional item that never made it onto the programmed - a wonderful duet, La Bas.

Next up was the, wonderful as usual, Euan Fleming. He nearly didn't make it onto the stage as his kilt was stolen by Miso. Luckily for the audience he got over his disappointment and he performed an excellent version of "Eternal Flame" by the Bangles. The sight of Miso dancing in a kilt only added to our enjoyment.

After the interval Engin Kose (TUR) played the baglama and performed a traditional Turkish song, Anatolia. It was lively and entertaining and the audience was enthralled, the majority never having seen a baglama before.

Vida Turkovic (HR) sang Whitney Houston's "All At Once". Vida has a beautiful strong voice and she did full justice to the song.





Stiof attempted to play the piano but she was evicted from the hot seat by Miso who suggested that they leave the stage to Lizzie Fish (UK) who, after accompanying many other performers took to the stage herself. She played "Le Onde" and did she play it well!

The wonderfully charismatic Man on the Moon Danny Laqua was up next with a heartening performance of "Love is in the Air". As always he was fantastic.

Dave Hall (UK) was assisted by Jan on the harmonica. They played Bob Dylans "My Back Days" with vigour and life. It was truly a treat.

Louise McSharry (IE) and Ciara Freeman (IE) performed spectacularly the beautiful song "No Frontier" ably accompanied by Euan on his trusty guitar. He even managed to get a kiss off each of them for his troubles! Lucky him!

The French Delegation performed "Mon Mec a Moi". They managed it without any accompaniment apart from their own clicking and it really was great. Britta Grunig (CH) alongside Danny and Euan gave a wonderful rendition of "Baker Street". We all enjoyed it.

The countries came together to form a mini-choir. They performed "The Longest Time" and it was a delight to listen to!

The chairs song completed a wonderful evening. They performed their own version of "All My Loving". It was great and was enjoyed by all.

The evening was rounded up in usual style by our favourite song "Imagine" which was sung with gusto and feeling. A wonderful end to a wonderful evening!

corrupt and Pinky



Those White Booties

White booties with matching socks appear to be all the rage among Croatian waitresses. Come on, we have all noticed this unique fashion statement in the hotel restaurant. We have been informed they are just 'part of the uniform' but which designer dreamt up this chic creation, could it be Armani or even Versace? These booties may not be the height of fashion in the rest of Europe at the moment but believe me they will be next years must have accessory! They will soon be seen on the catwalks of London, Milan and Paris. These are not any old booties - they must be snow white with matching socks that are the exact same shade of white, otherwise the waitress' career could be over. The booties must be ankle height, shorter or higher and they would be very passé, the toes must be open. They are unfortunately not that practical as Marinka one of the Park hotel waitresses who sports the design was discussing with me in depth. She was upset she said when spillages of soup and juice landed on them, as the booties are apparently very difficult to wash. She pointed out to me one of her past stains caused by tomato soup, how annoying! Bleach is apparently good to get rid of them she recommended, she told me how she longs for the day when white goes out of fashion and black is the season's colour. Aren't trends just so hard to keep up with

Britney

Horoscopes



(Sept 23 - Oct 23)

LIBRA

Celebrity Libra: John Lennon

You Libras are easy going and find it easy to get along with most people you are normally the ones to calm any heated situation in Committee work. Venus moves into Libra on Saturday. What more can I say? The goddess of love in your own sign. So getting working, turn your charm on it will drive the guys crazy and keep you popular. You get really surprised when you find out a cutie has been asking round about you don't stall make your move only one day left! Make sure you dress your best and party on down at the farewell party. Get in touch with your heart and enjoy the peace of mind from knowing that you are loved and love others.

Best Day for Love: Saturday evening



(Oct 24 - Nov 21)

SCORPIO

Celebrity Scorpio: Leonardo di Caprio

This week an old friendship begins to fade but a new friend will prove their loyalty. This weeks supersensitive planet combination will through you into a state of confusion. My advice is to sit down and think things through before acting otherwise you might end up doing something you might regret. This week might not have been a particular good week for you but hang on a little longer by Saturday things will be looking more positive. But things will definitely be steaming on the love front as you shall be extremely impressed by a person certain persistence; you finally see the light and cave to the cutie who's been trying to win a date with you forever. The great thing about this sweetie is that they've proved they aren't afraid of the long distance thing.

Best Day for Love: Saturday evening after the Farewell Party (special meeting)



(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

SAGITTARIUS

Celebrity Sagittarius: Brad Pitt

EYP Sagittarius: Nun on the Run

Although things might not be going your way on the love front just at the moment don't go scratching that person your have a crush on off your list things will improve trust us! You get really surprised when you find out a cutie has been asking round about you don't stall make your move only one day left! At the moment you might not fully be aware of the amount of good friends you have made at the session and shall only realize when in your home country. The friends you Sagittarians have made are friends that shall be there for you whenever you need.

Best Day for Love: Sunday morning around 6 o'clock

What's in a Name?

Ever wonder what your chair is REALLY like?. Well now we have an exclusive- the letters in your chairs name reveal all...

Jack Soper : A Jock Pres.

Euan Fleming: Fine Male Gun

Daniel Day: Deny A Laid

Rhonabyrne: Bare N' Horny

Cedric Sevin: Scenic Drive

Machteld Geuskens: Elegant Muck Sheds

Jean-Marie Franzini: (J) A. Zanier Fireman

Simen Ellingson: Single N' Slim One

Dimitra Panteli: Patient Dim Liar.

Miso Mudric: Dr. Mio Music

Renat Lumpau: Maul A Punter

Stiof Niciomhaird: Hi Oh Stoic And Firm/ Fish Or Manic Idiot

Philip Walsh: Lip Whiplash

Niambil Knievil

Fred Speirs: Spider Refs

Marcus Pollard: Pro. Mud Rascal



(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

CAPRICORN**Celebrity Capricorn: Elvis**

The planets have set a stage for socializing dress up and make sure you have a drink in one hand and a person in the other. Interesting love affairs could start its time to flirt with a stranger before its too late. Mushy romantic whispers in the dark could end up being lots of fun. Be creative wild and crazy! And don't forget that you need to be original to let people appreciate your wide imagination: try to come up with new ideas, show up in new clothes (especially on Saturday evening) and then get out and party!

Best Day for Love: Sunday afternoon after lunch*pinky, mermaidinjeans*

(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

AQUARIUS**Celebrity Aquarius: Bob Marley****EYP Aquarius: The amethyst, Jan Krèmar**

This week and the first days of the following will turn out to be brilliant especially as far as work, study and career are concerned: you'll certainly be brilliant in GA and all the members of your committee will be thankful to you, because you helped them so much defend the resolution. But this is not all: you will also have the possibility to enjoy the romantic part of your life. The only thing you have to do if you want that to happen is not to be shy and to be active: if you wait for somebody to come and talk with you, you'll wait for a long time alone! So be friendly and communicate with other people as much as you can: the results will be unexpectedly brilliant!

Best Day for Love: Sunday evening (even if you are already coming back home, it will be a special moment)

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

PISCES**Celebrity Pisces: Sharon Stone**

Remember one thing: culture is one of the most important things there is, so go on studying and remain as open-minded as you are. But don't forget that having fun is important as well. These days are the last ones of the session, so try not to miss them. Try to slow down a little bit: you've already done a great job! Therefore we strongly advise you go to the farewell party not before having relaxed a little bit after GA: take a shower, eat some chocolate and if you are tired have a short nap. Only then you will be able to appreciate what EYP gives you apart from knowledge: fun, enjoyment but most of all beaucoup de nouveaux amis en plus!

Best Day for Love: Saturday evening before the Farewell Party, just after GA' closing ceremony

The Final Curtain

For once I am lost for words. I have no idea how to express what the session and all of you have meant to me. It has been so special. The location, the people, the fantastic pressroom committee, the organisers, my expert IA2 committee, all have made this session heaven on Earth for me so I must extend my thanks.

To the delegates, I am so pleased to have met and formed friendships with so many of you, especially the sultans of IA2. I hope we have produced a paper that you will look back on in years to come and smile.

To the chairs, many of you I had met at previous sessions, and it was great to see you again and share with you this magical experience. For those of you, whom I met for the first time, I certainly hope it won't be the last. You were a great team and your success can be easily seen in the tears of

your delegates as they reluctantly conclude one of the most moving experiences of their young lives.

Organisers, you have had the most difficult job of us all. Having recently had the experience of this role at the Oxford session, I am fully aware of the stresses you will have faced in the past week and the preceding months. You have been shining examples of what an organiser should be - always calm, helpful and only very occasionally irate. It is extremely difficult for you to draw any pleasure from the session at all. A wise man once said, "The greatest pleasure of all is found in giving to others". I hope therefore that every time you hear the spontaneous laughter of delegates, a Zulu dance in the most public of places or see a pair of EYP lovers catch each other's eyes across the room, you will remember that it wouldn't have happened without you.

I humbly thank each and every one of you.

My final salute goes out to my fellow journalists and editors. We have had more fun this week than I ever imagined was possible. The friendship that we share is truly unique. I have never felt such a sense of team spirit or belonging than that which I have found with you. I'll stop gushing now, but please know that I will always consider you close personal friends. As I come to the end of this article, I feel that old familiar sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach. For those of you reading this at home and experiencing just that feeling, take solace in the knowledge that you are not alone. Write an e-mail to someone you miss or take another look at your photos. If this feeling doesn't subside, I'm afraid the PED is in its advanced stages and there is only one cure... come back!

BenchGirl

Get a room

After the finest Euroconcert that I have ever witnessed, the die-hard party animals headed straight to our new local, Esperanza. It must have been all those beautiful love songs echoing through the sultry night air that created the perfect mood for romance.

Ciara (IRL) and Engin (TUR) found themselves struggling to stand as they bravely attempted a 14-hour lip lock, still managing to purge all sunlight between them and swaying erratically from side to side. It was a sight to behold. So impressive was the spectacle that crowds gathered, forming a circle around them. Undeterred, the two continued. We are currently investigating whether or not they managed to achieve world record status for the most pornstar-esque kiss. Official pressroom cameras were unfortunately not on hand

Bent (Journo) has been taking Norwegian hospitality to the extreme, sharing his bed with no less than eight sexy Scandinavians two nights in a row. We certainly are impressed by his stamina. Never underestimate the power of optimism.

Renat (chair) and Constance (FR - delegate!) were spotted a bit tongue-tied too! Thanks goodness one of the chairs is getting into the spirit of the session. Very disappointing performance from the rest of you! Miso's newly formed vow of celibacy is clearly taking its toll on his hormones, as he has resorted to inventing romances between Stiof (IRE) and fictional delegates, and Dan (Danger) (not Cedric (FR)) and Morgane (FR).

Sorry folks, that's all we've got time for. Shame on those of you who do the dirty on the jourmos and behave scandalously at the farewell party. Rest assured it will be duly noted and used against you at future sessions. "I know what you did last session" articles may become a permanent feature.

Thanks a million for providing the gossip for me to manipulate as I saw fit. I hope you have all enjoyed the column and learned a valuable lesson: NEVER TRUST A JOURNALIST!

BenchGirl



Government. She began by making a brief reference to the history of Croatia, and went on talking about the importance of democracy, parliamentary procedure, also stressing the significance of the topics that will be discussed during Dubrovnik's GA. She ended by wishing everyone a fruitful and successful conclusion to the session.

The second speaker, Doctor Diana Račan, Professor of Political Science and Wife of the Prime Minister of Croatia,

She expressed her satisfaction with the Euroconcert, and seemed very pleased with the fact that it was a perfect occasion to show how diversities can unite. She dedicated her speech to analysing the process of transition to civil society, the difficulties in achieving it and the function of Parliament. She pointed out that the role of the Parliament should be to inform citizens, in order to open the debate so as to clarify and solve the major problems of society. But this is not the only responsibility of the Government: as a matter of fact, she stressed the point for the necessity of promoting freedom of speech. She also made a reference to destruction brought about by

the war, giving Croatia as an example. At the end, she gave the opportunity to the delegates to ask questions and she ended up by drawing our attention to the importance of remaining open-minded and sensitive.

Last but not least was the Dean of the American College, Don Hudspeth, who we would like to thank for providing the journalist team of Dubrovnik with a very comfortable pressroom. He gave a brief outline of the history and function of the American College in Dubrovnik.

Looking back at the title of this article and realising that only a day remains for this wonderful session to end, we can only be filled with sentiments of nostalgia and melancholy, wishing that it could last forever... "those were the days my friend I thought they'd never end we'd sing and dance forever and a day".

nun on the run and mermaidinjeans

A Moving Debate

It was no surprise that the topic of the CEYM committee turned out to be a very interesting and involving debate. The chair, Simen Ellingsen, noticed a lot of the members of other committees enjoying expressing their opinion about the resolution, often congratulating on it.

However, defending the resolution was not that easy for the committee. To allow the other delegates to get the real message of the resolution, the "linguists" had to face different problems.

The debate began as usual by reading the operative clauses by Valeria, they decided to propose a friendly amendment, concerning clause number 12. Unfortunately, they also got an unfriendly one, proposed by the committee on Institutional Affairs I. The amendment was about the question of considering Spanish and not only German as a working language of the EU.

Bairbre-Ann (IRE) decided to go to the podium to attack it, pointing out the problems that the EU will have to face in the next years over enlargement, German will be far more useful than Spanish, especially as far as Eastern countries are concerned: the majority of the people living there find it far easier to speak German rather than Spanish and most of them already speak it. The committee managed to convince the others, judging from the debate about the amendment: for example, a member of the Civil Liberties committee supported their idea, by saying that if we make Spanish an international language because of the number of people who speak it around the world, we should do the same thing for Mandarin.

At the end, the amendment was rejected and the debate went on with Klaudia (UKR) reading the defense speech. It was a grand speech: all the main points that had been analyzed during

committee work (such as the importance of finding a good balance between the need for cultural diversity and effective international communication - as Jacob (SWE), Katharina (AU) and Constance (FR) highlighted during committee work) were explained and summed up in a brilliant way and showed that they have managed to find a useful and effectual solution.

This was not enough however to stop the committees on Legal Affairs and on Environment from going to the podium and attacking the resolution.

But the committee was not put off at all by these speeches and the other points in the open debate, which concerned both the problem of introducing German as one of the official language of the EU.

The result of excellent committee work was evident in the way the members of the committee managed to cope with the attacks (Angelos - CYP - replied to some of them) and the sum up (made by Bairbre-Ann and Lot - BE).

Actually, I must say that I found this discussion pretty touching, as it was poignant to see how everybody was eager to take part in the debate, often expressing approval and support for their resolution. I must admit I am very proud of my committee, also from a personal point of view, as you have always been kind and sweet to me, guys: thank you for the wonderful days I spent with you!

PS: I would like to point out that the expression "Keep it alive!", that I used in my previous committee article, was a brilliant Aengus (IRE) idea.

mermaidinjeans

You were wise you legalised!

I'm sitting here waiting very anxiously of my committees debate to start. The topic on the legalization of cannabis is a very hot topic! Everyone I have spoken to so far is anticipating the start of the debate. My committee is across the room and they all seem calm. I am surprised as they are still participating in the debate that is going on now even though they are up next. Being such a sensitive topic there is a fifty fifty chance of this resolution passing but either way they are all stars in my eyes. I have seen how hard they have worked and how much time and effort they have put in over the week and know that it doesn't matter whether their resolution passes or fails as they have already passed with fling colors. Dan also worked really hard in bringing the committee together and succeeded. The committee is super strong and is ready for anything that comes their way!

The other resolution has just been passed and Mikk (EST) is about to be recognized to go and read the clauses. My committee is now restless for the debate to start. Mikk read the clauses brilliantly and Barbara shall now read the defence speech. She read the speech very well, which past the message across clearly that the way to go is to legalize. Open debate the started with EVERY committee's plaque cards up in the air this was not surprising being what the topic is about. People that were asleep woke up immediately eager to go. The committee did have an attack speech from Torr (NOR) but this did not

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intimidate the committee they efficiently and quickly jotted down notes and handed them to Imre who was to make the first point in open debate.

The debate started, it was lively and interesting with everyone bringing up really good points and expressing different opinions. The committee was getting really hyper and impatient wanting to answer all the questions all at once. The debate did not die down not even, for a split second plaque cards were continuously up in the air. Daniel and Tamas also answered points in general debate even though time was limited and they were under stress.

Kerim and Yvonne - both dressed in power suits - went up for the sum up speech. They gave a powerful and intellectual speech, which transferred the message 'get wise legalize' loud and clear! Now all that was left were the votes.

Once everyone had voted, the committee sat anxiously not being able to tell whether it was going to pass or fail, as the counts were SO close. The committee was at the edge of their seats waiting for Rhona to count the votes. The time then came to hear the results not feeling very confident the committee was blow away and so happy to find out their resolution had just passed 66 for -65 against.

All I have left to say is CONGRATULATIONS you deserve it!

Pinky

Success story for Super-Summit Sultans

I'm proud to relate a happy tale of a fabulous committee who came to the session with fervour and a thorough knowledge on their topic, and today that showed as their resolution passed by a landslide majority. The committee for Institutional Affairs II had been given the challenging topic of dealing with "The question of a European Government: the German vision".

Jozsef (HU) confidently read the operative clauses to the gathered assembly, followed closely by an impressive and concise defence speech by Grainne (IRL). So impressive was her delivery that not a single speaker from the floor was willing to attack the resolution. After some gentle coaxing from our persuasive pressie Jack, Dave Hall (FA1) seized the opportunity to deliver his second attack speech of the morning. Needless to say, it only lasted one minute and solely dealt with the lack of precise reference to national referenda in the resolution.

The floor debate was dominated with comments of praise for the committee and their excellent handling of the topic. There were, however, some concerns raised by Gabriel (HR1) and echoed later by Ross (Civil Liberties) over the distinction between national and European governmental issues. Both speakers feared that the dominating force of a powerful European government would compromise the authority of national governments.

These concerns were effortlessly overturned by David (UK) from the proposing committee who assured the assembly that the distinction between these issues would be made at a summit, independently of the European Government.

Amid songs of praise for the committee, Panikos (HR 2) expressed concerns about the creation of a European constitution. He worried that there may be conflicts between individual national and European constitutions. The committee reassured the delegates that a European constitution would be written in tandem with existing national constitution, and stressed its important role in an integrated European Government.

Louise (IRE) and Tor (NO) delivered an inspired summation, in which they thanked the assembly for its support and constructive remarks. They also answered some of the points that had been made in the final part of the debate, and emphatically expressed the merits of the resolution. An unsurprising result ensued: the resolution passed by a huge margin. They voted 95 in favour, 27 against and 17 sleepy abstentions. If you read previous issues, it's the result that I predicted after only a day with the committee. I knew you could do it! Great job!

BenchGirl



Count 5

As everyone sat down for the resolution by the EMI committee, Chris made his final preparations for reading the excellent resolution. Already in advance, my committee are convinced their resolution will pass and I can nothing but agree, it will be the best resolution, without a doubt. Our beloved, sweet and half Greek George Papadakis is also preparing his speech. Chris launched two friendly amendments before reading the superior resolution. Our lovebird chair Dimitra has set up a backbone apparatus to quickly process every incoming question and remark. And as we move on George has begun his speech to defend their resolution, and he is doing a marvellous job. Then as he finished, the board requesting an attack, had to wait for a long while before someone had the guts to question this marvellous piece of work. Moving on, quite a few points of information were swiftly dealt with by Richard. Having their first "I would like to congratulate the committee on their excellent resolution". I'm guessing they will get at least another 10 such congratulations. Currently counting two congratulations, in fact three, the group is recognised and Andreas gets up providing an excellent defence. People have a funny way of making constructive criticism within EYP, especially in the summers perhaps, now counting five "thank you but..." statements I must admit that I am getting frustrated. Opponents should make it a point not to congratulate people only to say that they would not vote for this resolution. After a by far to short debate, not even half as long as the earlier debates, Richard is asked to do his sum up speech. Vibrantly explaining the intention of their resolution, Finishing his speech by asking the entire committee to do the "Botswanaian anthem". Truly stunned by their performance, as expected the resolution passed with a great majority of votes in favour, we move on to Pot.

troubleJuice

How To Pass A Resolution

The lap dance committee of FA1 concluded this weeks work yesterday with passing their resolution in a smooth and elegant manner. Supreme commander Renat's babies were the third committee to be questioned by the General Assembly. At this time the 5 star air-conditioner still functioned as a soothing, cooling and refreshing instrument, so the majority of the Assembly were still able to follow the debate and participate in it with great involvement.

After Rachel's (IE) breath taking performance as a clause reader it was up to David (UK) to introduce the resolution to his fellow EYPers in a positive context. He underlined the importance of a "European arrow, not one of the Americans" using the Yugoslav problem as an example. Mr. Hall stressed that in the committee's point of view, Europe will never reject support from the US when it is forthcoming. He closed his speech brilliantly with naming the RRF as "the arrow of Europe, the arrow of the people of Europe, the arrow of the future of Europe."

For some mysterious reason, someone decided to attack the FA1 resolution. Two speeches were made, the first stressing the possible segregation in NATO when soldiers from NATO member countries might have to take part in international non-NATO operations. The second speaker appeared to kind of like the resolution, because he could only see three actual problems about it: that it wouldn't be rapid, that it wouldn't react, and that it wouldn't be a force.

In spite of challenging questions on issues discussed and not discussed during committee work, Master of Ceremonies Renat's servants weathered the storm excellently. Vasyl (UKR) and Paul (IE) summed up the debate. Vasyl focused on peace and stability on the European continent. Paul stressed the EU as a rapidly developing place, and we ourselves can only take full responsibility of our security. He finished with repeating David's words from the defense speech, and they pretty much stand for what this resolution is all about. The arrow of Europe, the arrow of the people of Europe, the arrow of the future of Europe.

Julius Marx

Those were the days!

Disappointment amongst the Human Rights Committee 1 was universal but heads remained high, as the delegates knew that they did their best to provide the most constructive set of resolutions. I believe that the committee did an amazing job to tackle this diverse and complicated topic of racism, which has been a problem of our society for centuries. It must be noted that it is very hard to find a solution of outlawing right-wing extremist parties without interfering with democracy and changing peoples mentality is sometimes considered an impossibility. I don't think that any other set of individuals could have done better as a result of the difficulty of this topic. Perhaps they should have stuck with Alina's (ROM) multicultural sex theory, which simply states, that sex is the solution to everything and calls upon European nations to establish sex centres for its citizens!

All signs were against the committee from the start as being the very first committee to begin General Assembly, traditionally means that you receive the greatest amount of attack and debate.

HR1 were left open to the hungry early morning appetites of attack, disagreement and debate of the majority of the delegates. (Noting with deep concern that most of them did not have breakfast) So in desperate need to awaken and commence their GA hostilities against the other committees, the delegates unleashed the mainstream of their wrath on the first available prey! The rainy atmosphere at the time may have prolonged the outcome while I do believe that the distracting view of the haunted Lokrum Island also played its part!

I would just like to say that it has been a privilege and an honour being the journo of HR1 and

truthfully say that I couldn't have asked for a better committee. I despise racism and xenophobia, I do respect human rights and I respect all the members of HR1 Dubro 2001. In ending I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in HR1 for being so friendly and everyone who assisted me in making this dream Session a reality! With sentiments of melancholy and sadness, I would just like to say a bid farewell to everyone of EYP Dubro and leaving this Session has left us with broken hearts that I hope in time will mend!

nun on the run

The Ultimate Experience

Every EYP session ends with GA. And what an experience that is! All the committees that were first in deliberate seclusion come together and debate each others' resolutions. This session's GA appears a Rhapsody in Blue, due to the big blue of the conference room all of our little Einsteins work in. The Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs feels right at home in this atmosphere, or so it seems. My little workoholics were present there all first day of GA, minding very carefully what other committees opinions on certain matters were, hardly leaving the room, paying every committee as much attention as they expect to be payed today.

Rhona's committee also led the EYP in the little froggy song, just to help them relax and give them more energy to continue their hard work.

Many hands raised in the air, many words spoken, many opinions debated. As the Committee on Civil Liberties has the honour of being the last at the GA, I cannot report on their performance while defending their own resolution. But I can tell you that they were like fierce lions in attacking other committees' resolutions. The committee asked a bunch of tricky questions. But they also did not forget to express their admiration and support for all the resolutions they thought very highly of. As soon as I finish typing this article, I will rush off to the Excelsior to see my little brainiacs in action!

Koka

Human Rights 2 Storm GA

I knew they could do it, and they did - in style. I felt really proud of my committee as they defended their excellent resolution. Despite some strong opposition to the resolution at first, the committee succeeded in conveying their solutions to the problem of child trafficking in a comprehensive way. The first speaker was Fanny who read out the operative clauses. She read in french which woke everyone up in the early morning! Their defence speaker, Sasha, touched the hearts of many when she read out some horrific statistics regarding the issue. Patrick defended the amendment excellently and it was obvious that the committee all felt very passionate about their resolution. Alice, Harmon and Lieve answered some points excellently which were made during open debate. Simona, Magdalena, Panikos and Linda also contributed to the debate. The summation speech was made by Morgane and Tony. They spoke of the importance of passing this resolution and the benefits of cooperation between the EU and African countries. The Hr2's rendition of heal the world was very appropriate and hopefully one day, you will do just that. I'm delighted to have gotten to know you all in the last week and feel priveleged to have been the journalist for Jack, Euan and and all you guys. Take care and behave yourselves!

Niambil Kinevil

The committee's babe is showed to the rest of the world...

The special day is today, the committee is to present their resolution. The "sexy committee" has been stressing all morning. At lunchtime Jonathan (IT) was so nervous that he couldn't leave his tie alone. To cover his nerves he kept on joking with everybody. Ciara (IE) was very tense because her closing speech was still not ready. Fred and Mandoline (FR) didn't seem nervous at all. In fact, they were very calm. Lene (NO) and Claude (FR) seemed to be preparing counter arguments with a lot of enthusiasm.

Ann (CR) was the first to be recognized to read the resolution. Johanna's brilliant defence speech gave a summary of the current situation in the Third World. With specific reference to dirty water, she emphasised how difficult it is for us to realize how bad the situation is. "As rich and developed countries we have to give all the help we can" she said.

In the attack speech, the biggest criticism was that they didn't give new ideas.

Speakers from the assembly asked questions such as "If patenting is abolished, how would research be funded?" and "What do you think of the most intelligent brains of third world countries leaving to study and work abroad?". Ciara made a wonderful closing speech. She began in French, explaining some benefits of modern technology in medicine. However, she expressed concerns about the fact that diseases which have been eradicated from developed countries are still killing lots of people especially children in the Third World.

I have to congratulate them for the good work they did I'm so proud of your baby. Shouldn't we call him Abuja?

Winnie l'Ourson



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