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2/6/91

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3/19/91

A.B. 19 Model United Nations

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE MONIES REQUIRED TO SENT THE U.T. MODEL UNITED NATIONS CHAPTER TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE; NOW THEREFORE,

Be it enacted the by the Student Assembly that:

SECTION I: The Students' Association will provide \$1,213.00 for the national conference fees.

SECTION II: The sum will be taken from the Special Projects Funds.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: all representatives .

FROM: Vice President Tate

A recount was requested and the tape recording was reviewed. The Assembly decision on A.B. 19 has changed. The Model UN bill failed 22 to 12. A two-thirds vote in favor was required and it was not met (you do the math).

Have a nice day 



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Chapter of the University of Texas at Austin

ABSTRACT:

The United Nations, like all organizations, ensures its continuity by involving the younger generation. Such nurturing is the purpose of the Model United Nations (M.U.N.): we study and simulate U.N. procedures while including the campus and the community in our learning experience. Our dedicated group of thirty has already embarked on this year's agenda, for which we are requesting aid to cover our major costs, including sponsoring and publicizing lectures and events, and the M.U.N. conferences we attend in Oklahoma and New York.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of the Model United Nations (MUN) chapter at U.T., founded in 1986, is two-fold: to study the nature and function of the United Nations and to educate the community about the U.N. We accomplish our first purpose by attending regional and national MUN conferences which simulate the U.N. General Assembly, its committees, the U.N. Security Council, etc. The focus of our chapter is academic in nature-- much of our time is spent researching country histories, preparing topics for debate, and honing skills in parliamentary procedure and U.N. procedure. There are thirty members in the MUN chapter of U.T., chosen through application and interview before a review board composed of U.T. professors and student MUN members.

In accordance with the second purpose of our chapter, MUN at U.T. seeks to foster among others interest in the role of the United Nations in the world today. To serve this end MUN sponsors lectures and other forums for discussion and debate about world issues. All members of MUN belong to the United Nations Association, an international organization providing support for the United Nations.

Though we are still a fairly new organization with regard to the M.U.N. chapters at most other large universities in the U.S., we have succeeded in winning honors for individual delegates and delegations as a whole. This demonstrates that our group is dedicated to the hard work involved in conference preparation and is able to come through at the moments of high pressure and intensive debate. We compete against students from Universities such as Harvard, Georgetown, University of California at Berkley, University of Chicago, and Austin College at the conferences, students who are in many cases fully funded by their Universities. We are working towards this goal in order to make our chapter affordable to every U.T. student with a demonstrated interest. With your help both M.U.N. and the U.T. and Austin community will be able to grow together, increasing our contact with universities around the country and increasing our ability to share what we learn with those around us through lectures and presentations.

ACTIVITIES:

Research and Conferences:

The participants of the Model United Nations research a variety of issues which dominate the International spectrum. The accumulated information is vital in preparing for the Southwest Regional and National Conferences which the organization attends annually. This research includes general issues on the structure and activities of the United Nations and current issues of concern to that body. Having established this foundation, the research focuses on economic, political, and cultural issues of specific countries, as well as issues of current concern to that country and the international community..This research culminates in several year-end reports fully developing these topics. At the conferences, members simulate the United Nations in form and function. Resolutions are prepared in committees and worked through caucus, and debate, to final passage in the General Assembly. It is through this process that individuals and delegations gain recognition. The University of Texas delegations work alongside delegates from many other US. and foreign Universities in an effort to give as true a replication of the U.N. as is possible. Through this interaction the U.T. delegates have learned to hone their abilities for communication and cooperation and sharpen their knowledge of international issues while learning from and cooperating with a variety of other students.

Community Awareness:

MUN research, vital for conference preparation, has other important purposes. Model United Nations also utilizes the acquired data and other available sources to enhance community awareness of U.N. related and internationally significant issues. During Peace and Justice week, beginning with World Hunger Day and ending with U.N. Day, M.U.N. organized a display table to promote awareness of the significance of the week and to educate people on the U.N.'s recent focuses and accomplishments. During the week we sponsored a noon discussion featuring Peter Edigar, Co-director of the Nevada Desert Experience, to address the issue of nuclear disarmament which will be discussed as the special focus of a U.N. assembly in January. M.U.N. invited Professor Elizabeth Fernea to give a talk on Wednesday, October 24, 1990, U.N. Day, about the alternatives for a peaceful solution to the current Middle East crisis. This discussion was especially pertinent to the celebration of U.N. Day as it emphasized the U.N. founding ideals of promoting justice and peace. We will sponsor other events, for example a Mock Security Council, to give people an idea of what goes on within the U.N. Assemblies and we hope to bring a speaker from the New York headquarters of the U.N. Association of the U.S.A. to discuss what we, as the American people, can do to increase the effectiveness of the U.N.

EXPENSES:

The 1990-91 expenses for Model United Nations are as follows:

Southwest fees	\$ 570
National fees	\$ 1213
Southwest Transportation	\$ 512
National Transportation	\$ 6900
Southwest Lodging	\$ 1125
National Lodging	\$ 3000
Miscellaneous	\$ 250
 Subtotal	 \$13,570
 Minus MUN Student Dues	 \$ 1,200
 Total funds needed:	 \$12,370
(Per Student Cost:	\$ 619)

Description of Costs:

Southwest Fees: These registration fees are paid to the conference sponsors based on the number of countries being represented.

National Fees: These registration fees are paid to the conference sponsors with a variable fee per person being added to a fixed fee.

Southwest Transportation: This cost is primarily the fuel for a number of private cars to drive to the conference in Oklahoma.

National Transportation: This cost includes the air fare for the delegates to the conference in New York City.

Southwest Lodging: Lodging at the Southwest conference consists of the five-night rental of a number of "cottages" as arranged by the conference sponsors.

National Lodging: Lodging at the National conference consists of the five-night rental of a number of hotel rooms as arranged by the conference sponsors.

Miscellaneous: This includes a wide variety of expenses including costs for publicity and sponsored events, expenses associated with recruitment and public relations, costs of office supplies such as stationery and envelopes, copying, correspondence, etc.

A CALL FOR SUPPORT:

As we begin our fifth and most ambitious year yet we are hopeful and enthusiastic and we need your help. We have the ability and determination to achieve our goals -- we only lack funds. Any support you can give us will be extremely helpful and greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Donors, 1990:

Donor:	Amount
Dean Jeffrey, College of Communications, the University of Texas at Austin.	\$1200
Dean Meacham, College of Liberal Arts, the University of Texas at Austin.	\$1500
Dr. Flowers, Director Plan II Honors Program, University of Texas, Austin.	+/- \$1000
Total	<hr/> \$3700