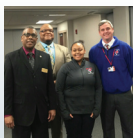




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## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

SIERRA WEAVER - REPORTER

Model United Nations, or Model UN, is an activity in which high school students participate in model committees where they learn about international relationships. Competitions are hosted all over the world, with a large portion of them taking place in the United States. Students of John Adams High School participate in the competition hosted by the University of Chicago, which is known as MUNUC. The MUNUC website defines the competition as a "four-day academic conference that provides high-school students from around the world with the opportunity to meaningfully engage with contemporary world issues, polish public-speaking and communication skills, and become more confident and articulate global citizens." MUNUC had its 30th conference this year, which began on February 1 and ended on February 4.

Model UN at Adams has been run continuously for the last four years by the club's sponsor, Mr. Weaver. He explained why he decided to take over the program by stating, "The person in charge before me left the school, and students still wanted to do it. I volunteered to take over, because they asked me to." Mr. Weaver also explained the importance of Model UN: "It gives them [students participating] an opportunity to see how the real United Nations works, investigate one of the United Nations committees, and the issues that those committees are involved in. [MUNUC also] gives students an opportunity to speak in a public setting."

The president of Model UN this year, Josephine Barber, a senior and four year

participant of the club, explained committee meetings by stating, "Each person, or pair of people, represent a country, and they have to talk about the issues in the perspective of that country." She also clarified, "you're not representing your own views, you are representing the country's views, so you get to learn a lot about the country and interact with a lot of people."

Interacting with others seems to be a large part of the Model UN. When asked what the point of Model UN was the vice president of the club, Amara Ball, a senior and three year participant, stated, "to come together

places, and its interesting to know how certain people come to conclusions for their country." Anna also mentioned how fun the weekend was and that she looks forwards to being in different committees in the future.

There are a variety of committees within MUNUC, which are all focused on different tasks. Each year the topic of a committee changes and they discusses something new. Ben Fecher was part of the European Council. He said, "We focused on the issue of countries that are leaving and entering the European Union, which is pretty significant right now."

Amara Ball and Josephine Barber were part of the Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee, where they discussed "access to women's health care and eventually passed a resolution." Amara explained the actual process of passing a resolution and said, "There were about six working papers [...], then they merged their working papers into draft resolutions, so we were given the draft resolutions, and then we read over them and debated the two, then passed one of them as a resolution."

Mr. Weaver also talked about a potential class he wishes he could teach involving Model UN and topics related to it. He said, "I wish we had a class, where we could

actually teach more about the process, so they could have an opportunity to win some awards." Many students are unaware of the club, and participants of Model UN often go to their first conference with little knowledge on what is actually about to take place. A class could help spark interest in Model UN and possibly inform participants of how to make the most of their committee meetings. However, participants can join, learn, and enjoy their experiences regardless of this. Look into Model UN next year!



and learn how the UN works, how they function, and how to solve world issues." She also stated, "You get to interact with a lot of people from all over the world."

Ben Fecher, a senior and one year participant of Model UN, said, "Model UN is a great way to learn and meet new people." He also discussed how in order to make the best decisions for the country a participant is representing, "you have to work with others and compromise with them."

Anna Guzik, a freshman who participated in the Legal Committee this year, stated, "It was really cool to meet people from other

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# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: INDY BROWN

ALICIA KOSZYK - MANAGING EDITOR

Earlier this year, John Adams Senior Indy Brown was awarded the prestigious Lilly Scholarship for her academic success. Brown was one of the four St. Joseph County students who won this scholarship. Included in the Lilly Scholarship is four years of full-tuition paid for the recipient to attend any public or private four year college in Indiana. When Brown found out that she won the Lilly Scholarship she was shocked.

"I was very surprised to find out that I won the Lilly Scholarship because it is a prestigious award that so many people apply for," said Brown. Brown mentioned that she will remember the day she found out that she won for a long time. "When I found out, my mother recorded it so I could have that memory for a while," she recalled.

As for what college she plans on going to, Brown is still deciding, but her top two choices are the University of Notre Dame or Butler University. She has decided to double major in political science and psychology. Brown explained why she chose to major in that field: "Well I want to go to

Law School and eventually into politics. I'm also majoring in psychology so I can help people in tough situations."

Throughout her four years at Adams, Brown has managed for the football and basketball teams and was the Secretary for the Class of 2018. She is also involved in the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program, JAVA, and Mock Trial. Looking back on her four years at Adams, Brown believes that all of her teachers have made a great impact on her life. "I have to say Mrs. Arney and Mr. Harvey have made quite a big impact considering that I had them both for two years in which I grew immensely through their classes," she explained. As for her favorite moment at Adams, she said, "My top two favorite moments at Adams are managing the football and basketball teams and doing mock trial. [...] Both of these groups have become a family to me."





# UPCOMING YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT: MUSIC WITH FRIENDS

CLAIRE STOWE - REPORTER

The friendly conversations die out and the room experiences a brief moment of silence before launching into the menacing opening of Holst's Mars or brightly singing the first chords of Williams' Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. Whatever the repertoire, being a world-premiere or a prominent symphony, the South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestra (SBYSO) will learn it, perform it, enjoy it, and share it with the community, as they have been doing for 50 years. On Sunday, February 25 at 4:00 PM the SBYSO will perform a variety of well-loved pieces here in our own John Adams High School Auditorium. The concert, with a theme of "Music with Friends," will feature two SBYSO student soloists playing Greig's Piano Concerto in A major and Kabalevsky's Cello Concerto no. 1, as well as several other renowned soloists, including Natasha Stojanovska on Gershwin's famous Rhapsody in Blue and IUSB's string quartet in residence the Euclid Quartet with Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. In addition to these, the orchestra will be performing Mars: The Bringer of War by Gustav Holst, a movement in his famous orchestral suite The Planets.

"Originally when I was programming this concert, my idea was for the concert to be 'Greatest Hits' and perform some of the pieces which were real highlights over my seven-year tenure," Dr. Robert Boardman, music director and conductor, said about the music. "But it became clear that the theme of the concert was more an expression of the richness of our musical community, students, faculty, music teachers, and professional soloists."

The 2017-18 season is very important to the orchestra, being the 50th anniversary of the group. "We are featuring four

collaborations on this concert and paying homage to the inception of the SBYSO 50 years ago. The SBYSO was formed as a result of the cooperative efforts of the South Bend Community School Corporation and IUSB. Thus, IUSB's ensemble in residence, the Euclid Quartet, coming with us to John Adams is symbolic, and substantive in our continued acknowledgment of support and cooperation in the community," Boardman commented.

This upcoming concert is not the only noticeable event of the season. Many in the group are greatly looking forward to the May 24th Gala concert, which will be held at the DeBartalo Performing Arts Center and will feature several world-class musicians who got their start in SBYSO. Robert Spano, music director of the Atlanta Symphony, will be conducting the first movement of Dvorak's Cello Concerto, performed by Austin Huntington. Both of these elite musicians are SBYSO alumnus. "We will also perform the gloriously roof-raising finale of Mahler's 'Resurrection' Symphony no. 2 in collaboration with no less than five different choruses. It will be a night to remember!" Boardman says, encompassing the excitement of everyone involved.

Boardman has been working with the SBYSO for seven years, and believes that the orchestra has come along way, both throughout his career and throughout this season. "What is noticeable

is just how big a sound the orchestra can make. We have almost a hundred members now. When I started we only had 53." But SBYSO doesn't only focus on the music, there is fun and friendships involved too, something Boardman has also seen a drastic shift in. "I love the energy and enthusiasm of the orchestra this year," he commented, when asked about the group's progress. "I feel that the orchestra is more social-a lot more people are making friends."

Everyone involved with SBYSO is greatly looking forward to the February 25th concert, and to the excitement the remainder of the season is sure to hold. The joy of making music with friends is evident, and the upcoming concert is sure to be a great event for all in attendance.



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# The True Root of the #MeToo Movement

## OPINION

NORA BATTISTA - REPORTER

Has President Trump inadvertently started a women's movement that could change the way girls are treated in today's world? A lot of people say it was Harvey Weinstein, but was it before that? People could argue that the #MeToo movement, a movement where women and girls are sharing their experiences of sexual assault, was sparked by Trump himself.

It all started when the Access Hollywood tape was released in which Trump can be heard bragging about sexually assaulting women, boasting on how he does not wait for women to give him consent before he kisses and grabs them. After the tape was brought to light, people were outraged. When confronted, Trump defended his actions by normalizing this kind of talk, and even giving it the title "locker-room talk," further explaining how it was not uncommon for men to talk about these kinds of

things. The danger in this is that it conveys the message to women and men alike that sexual assault is something we must all deal with, that sexual assault is something that is always going to be there. Trump also tweeted about the injustices that happen to women in the military. "2,600 unreported sexual assaults in the military - only 238 convictions. What did these geniuses expect when they put men and women together?" This statement further disregarded sexual assault as something that is going to happen no matter what, and that it is assumed men are going to take advantage of women, rather than holding men accountable for their actions.

He also tweeted that Carly Fiorina, a Republican presidential candidate during the primaries, would not become president because of the way she looked. "Look at that face! Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that, the face of our next president? I mean, she's a women, and I'm not supposed to say bad things, but really folks, come on." This conveys that the only thing that truly matters to men like him is how a woman looks, putting her ideals and values and intellectual

strengths to the side. He has made similar comments about Rosie O'Donnell, saying that she was too ugly for television. He has also made controversial comments about dating his own daughter, saying that if the circumstances were different, he possibly would date her. "If Ivanka weren't my daughter, perhaps, I would be dating her. Is that so terrible?" Yes, it is.

When Trump thought the questions that a news reporter, Megyn Kelly, were biased and unfair, he disregarded her work by saying she had "blood coming out of her wherever," implying that women are incapable of true work when it comes to that time of the month.

These kinds of actions and comments have led to a worldwide movement. Women are coming out and sharing their stories and tragedies they have experienced in their lifetimes dealing with sexual assault. This movement has inspired people to step out of their silence and say something. Women and men were outraged by the things our leader has said about the gender of women as a whole. People have expressed that it is a scary thing to have someone sexist running our country. But people aren't giving up. Trump has

sparked protests, marches, speeches, and so much more. This movement is engraving a better sense of self in young women, and is showing that sexual assault should not be normal. The movement #MeToo is working hard to end the words #MeToo.





## MRS. HERNANDEZ'S PUZZLERS

February 15, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE RULES:** All students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate. We are an equal-opportunity awarder.

1. Finish one or more puzzlers to the best of your abilities. You may **not** use any Internet-abled device to search for the answer. Use your brain instead.
2. Turn in the completed puzzler(s) to IB Mrs. Hernandez's office 2117 (blue folder outside the door) with your name and grade on it (or just name, faculty) within two weeks of publication date.
3. All puzzlers that are completed will be entered into a drawing once a month for a **TEENY TINY PRIZE**. All correct answers will be entered for a drawing once a quarter for an **EVER-SO-SLIGHTLY LARGER PRIZE**.

### SUDOKU

Each puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid containing given clues in various places. The object is to fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear exactly once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

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Source: websudoku.com

### LATERAL THINKING

Answer this lateral thinking puzzler.

Acting on an anonymous phone call, the police raid a house to arrest a suspected murderer. They don't know what he looks like but they know his name is John and that he is inside the house. The police bust in on a carpenter, a lorry driver, a mechanic and a fireman all playing poker. Without hesitation or communication of any kind, they immediately arrest the fireman. How do they know they've got their man?

Source: folj.com

### LOGIC PROBLEM: Lunchtime Birthdays by Shelly Hazard

Four friends met for lunch in the cafeteria yesterday. They hadn't seen each other in quite awhile and were eager to meet and catch up. During the course of their conversation, Diane noted that Henry's birthday was the following Saturday and that would be a great time to meet up again. Inevitably, this led to everyone revealing (some reluctantly) their birthdays, although two remained steadfast in their refusal to divulge their actual age. Determine the full name of each friend (one first name was Diane) and the month and day of each one's birthday.

1. The friend with a last name of Mann didn't have a birthday in May. Henry's last name wasn't Crest.
2. The one born on the 16th of the month, but not July, had a last name of Wyant.
3. The one whose birthday was in January, but not on the 8th of the month, was celebrated by the one whose last name was Crest.
4. The birthday on the 20th was not in April.
5. Thomas, who didn't have a birthday in July or have a last name of Crest, was born on the 14th day of the month.
6. Pamela Rourke's birthday wasn't in April.

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# MOCK TRIAL REGIONALS

SETH KIRKPATRICK - REPORTER

This is my first year as a part of the Mock Trial Program at John Adams, meaning that it was my first time at Mock Trial Regionals. It is here that I discovered what a tense, tiring, competitive, and fun competition Mock Trial is. As an attorney, I directly examined the character of “Lou Slipps,” a blog writer and journalist, and the character “Sergeant Jay Hull,” an analyst for the cybercrimes unit of Indiana. In addition to examining these characters, I was also the closing speaker for the defense side. I was a part of an amazing team, known as “Scape Ghosts,” consisting of Gabe Trevino, Danielle Boling, Paul Mellor, Abby Myers, Basil Thurin, and Filomena Horvath. Out of 23 teams, our team was able to place tenth and are now moving on to the state competition on March 3 in Indianapolis.

This event was held by the Indiana Bar Foundation, who hold all of the state and regional competitions in Indiana. A total of 23 teams throughout Michiana met at Adams High School to compete. To hold as judges, the Indiana Bar Foundation was able to recruit volunteers from around the area, such as college law students, and working lawyers. When judging each team individually, the schools from which each team came from was disclosed, in order to avoid any biased judging. However, the schools who did participate were Adams, Clay, Trinity, and St. Joe. The event started at 8 AM on February 10 and continued until 9 PM that same night. In total, there were three scrimmages, each containing three judges, two scoring and one judging. Each team appeared to have worked countless hours by exhibiting great confidence, arguments, and presentation. Each scrimmage was adrenaline filled and very exciting, while at the same time being intense within each team.

The most anxious part of all was waiting for the announcer to read off the names of the top 11 teams. After every team’s name was read, a large array of cheers and claps occurred. The team then went up on stage to receive their plaque.

Many of the students participating en-

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joyed the competition. Many of them stated that Regionals was “competitive, tense and thrilling.” This year also led to many teams going to state for the first time, leaving many students very excited to be able to scrimmage more with even more competitive teams. The teams that will be going to state are: Third Syndicate (3rd place), Burden of Proof (4th), Gucci Ghosts (7th), Case Closed (8th), Scape Ghosts (10th), and Blind Justice (11th).

Overall, the 2018 Mock Trial Regionals at Adams were a fantastic experience for a multitude of people, and has made many teams excited for the years to come. If you are curious about Mock Trial, or wanting to join, talk to Ms. Elliott. Mock Trial tests your quick thinking and argumentative skills and I definitely recommend it.