

CAMP HISTORY DAY DAILY BULLETIN

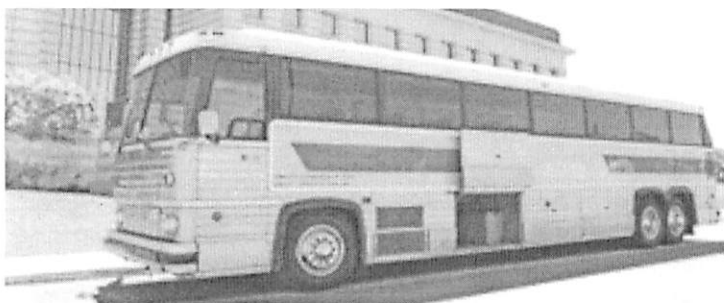
Great Reverse Migration Underway

ST. PAUL, MN - Dozens of Minnesotans are prepared to leave home on Saturday on a journey to America's easternmost shores. These brave settlers are migrating east in search of warmer climes and History Day glory. "It's sort of a Manifest Destiny kind of thing," said Mr. History, the leader of this intrepid bunch. "We're heading east to repopulate the original colonies. I think most of the people have moved to Florida, Arizona or Canada and Congress just passed some kind of urban Homestead Act. We should be able to get our own vacant lot as long as we build a dorm on it and stay for four years."

Although primarily traveling by air, three advance parties of settlers carrying supplies and provisions departed the Land of 10,000 Lakes on Thursday over treacherous land routes. The spearhead of this overland migration was History Day veteran Warren Kaari, followed shortly by a bus full of Christ Household of Faith students, parents and teachers. Also traveling by land were staffers, Molls and Natty.

These advance parties hope to clear land for the Minnesota settlement somewhere in suburban Maryland in time for the arrival of the main party of homesteaders. There this group of Minnesotans will likely face long odds and difficult challenges, including stifling heat and unreliable shower temperatures. But to these settlers, the challenges are worth it.

"I'm really excited about the prospect of a new life out in the 'untamed East,' said traveler Emily Brown. "It's always been my dream to have a cinder-block dorm room to call my own...or to share with a roommate."



The CHOF bus was packed to the gills when it departed on Thursday, June 8.



Warren Kaari spearheads the migration in the Maxi-Van on loan from the CHOF motor pool.

Trip leaders struggle to pack items into available cargo space

As exhibit boxes and props began arriving at the History Center Wednesday, initial confidence in shipping capacity quickly eroded. Despite adding a third overland vehicle to the History Day caravan, trip planners were stymied by the arrival of an eight-foot long box housing props and a backdrop for one South High School group. "Initially the box was too long to fit in the bays of the CHOF bus, the only available space," recalls staffer Chris Taylor. "I thought for sure we'd have to saw it in half to get it into that bus." Fortunately, Dennis "Jigsaw" Bluhm was on hand to solve the spatial puzzle. "I've never seen a pile of props I couldn't fit into that bus," said Jigsaw with a wink.

Minnesota Breaks out Bold New Button Strategy for '06

In their never-ending quest to test the limits of one state's ability to manipulate the economics of the button trade at National History Day, the Minnesota staff unveiled the 2006 lineup of state collectibles. The collection brings back some old, yet enduringly popular, standards like "Camp History Day" and "Spam," but also breaks new ground with the oversized "Cold Enough For Ya?" button. "We've never made a button this big before," explained Mr. History. "I guess I was inspired by the 'GO BIG, OR GO HOME' mantra of Olympic snowboarding."

The most daring designs are the "History Day Girl Squad" and the "National History Dude" buttons. After searching through the button archives under his desk, Mr. History concluded that gender specific buttons have never been seen at the national contest. "We think this is really going to be a winner," he explained. "The only question was whether to restrict the trading supply by gender." It took a high-level staff meeting to reach the decision that Minnesota students would have equal opportunity to trade Girl Squad and Dude buttons. Staffer Theresa noted that the female students were socially well adjusted, "but those boys could use all the help they can get to put their best foot forward with the ladies."



Alumni Corner

By Jessica Nelson ('99, '03, '04)

Top 10 Ways to make Nationals a success

10.) The HD staff will ask you to do some wild and crazy things. Just do them. Resistance is futile and cooperation may earn you a coveted letter position.

9.) What do you mean you don't know what a letter position is? (sigh) It's like this...at the final award ceremony and during the group pictures, certain people get to hold letters spelling out MINNESOTA. Holding a letter means that you'll be easy to find in pictures and your name will go down in History Day lore. It's worth all the sucking-up you'll need to do to get chosen. (Ed. Note: Jessica started out as an "I" then worked her way up to the "E" before being selected as the "M" her senior year.)

8.) You might think that trading buttons sounds kind of lame...but if you don't trade you'll regret it when your roommate has all 50 states AND American Samoa, and all you could get was an Idaho potato.

7.) Sunscreen is essential. It's OK that Minnesotans only look tan when compared the Pillsbury Dough Boy.
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Let the bribing begin...

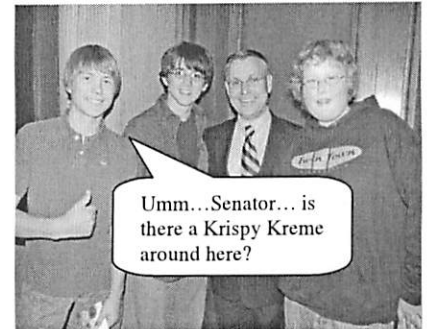
We at the Camp History Day Daily Bulletin are anxious to see what goodies Southwest High School Documentary group of **Erik, Eli, Ben, Erik** and **Beck** will be delivering to staff throughout the coming week. Last year, as History Day rookies, the then Lake Harriet Boys surprised staff with an early bribe delivered the first night in the dorms, a delicious pizza that quelled our late night stomach grumblings. With this year's addition of another partner, **Erik Larson**, the staff has high hopes for more quality bribes.



Theresa gratefully accepts a pizza bribe from the Lake Harriet boys last year.

More on sweets...

Rumor has it that History Day staff is not the only group that has a sweet tooth. Apparently, doughnuts played an integral part in the creation of documentary by **Evan Adams-Hanson, Max Daunheimer** and **Hunter Junis**. When visiting Willmar to meet with participants of the Willmar 8, one interviewee sweetened the deal with fresh doughnuts. Though unsure of the number consumed, we are certain of their result...One inspired documentary.



Y bienvenidos a...

Recently returned from research trip to the Mexican state of Guanajuato, we are very excited to have **Franz "Franzibear" Young** as a crack History Day staffer for Minnesota. When asked to share some of his experiences, Franz said, "The resources available in Mexico are truly remarkable. I cannot begin to describe the primary documents I unearthed... I almost loathe to say it but it would require some major sleuthing to find their equal in Minnesota."



Speaking of primary resources

While spending spring break in San Francisco, **Erik Legried** had History Day on the brain when he visited Alcatraz Island. He and partner **Brennan Lunzer** will be presenting their exhibit entitled "The Indian Occupation of Alcatraz: Taking a Stand for Indian Rights."



After much work, **Stephanie Solomon** and **Gina Wilhelmy** were able to get in touch with Lois Jenson, the woman who took on Eveleth Mines. On top of contacting her via e-mail, they were able to travel north to conduct an interview, which we are sure provided some useful material for their documentary. Their next stop will be Hollywood where they hope to interview Charlize Theron and congratulate her on her awesome iron range accent.



Top Ten Ways to Make Nationals a Success, cont.

- 6.) If you're in a performance or documentary, don't watch anyone going before you – I once saw a student do this and get so nervous she started crying (no joke). But do watch the presentations after yours, so that you can feel appropriately proud/gyped.
- 5.) Yes, the HD staff loves to embarrass you, but they prefer older targets. If you do something stupid, make sure to have a parent or teacher around whom you can blame – with photo evidence.
- 4.) If your props, tapes and exhibits made it from MN to DC, make sure EVERYTHING gets from the dorm to the judging location. Sprinting back across campus is not fun.
- 3.) Because a thumbs-up pose is required in all HD pictures, practice in front of a mirror. Thumbs-up should say "I'm happy to be here" not "Will you take a hitchhiker?"
- 2.) Yes, the dining hall does close when it says it does.
- 1.) Appreciate the Minnesota herd mentality and form smaller herds of your own. There is strength in numbers and it's always fun to look like a dumb tourist with people who will look just as lost as you.

Minnesota History Day Girl Squad Application

The staff is looking for up to six of Minnesota's finest History Day girls to be a part of the first ever Minnesota History Day Girl Squad. If you are interested in applying, please complete and detach the application below and turn it in to one of the female staffers. Interviews will start Saturday night.

Name _____ School _____ Division: Junior / Senior

1. Why would you like to be a member of the Girl Squad?
2. What would be your Girl Squad nickname? _____
3. Who is your favorite Spice Girl or Charlie's Angel? _____
4. What talents or personal attributes would you bring to the Girl Squad?

All applicants will be asked to demonstrate a Girl Squad cheer, secret handshake or other motivational ritual

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When History Calls, Minnesota Answers

A reflection on the traveling with the herd

By Guest Writer Isabella Dawis

COLLEGE PARK, MD-

A teeming mass of crazed fans gathered at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport yesterday to see the delegation of Minnesota History Day ambassadors off to Maryland. Mr. History attempted to calm the wild assembly. "Fear not," he reassured, "we will return with the largest collection of state buttons ever amassed in History Day history!" (This was met with thunderous cheering and much applause) The crowd was particularly awed by the strange camouflage this year's group is sporting. "Those gold shirts are pretty spiffy," said a random civilian. "But those bowling shirts can't be beat. Every good Minnesotan would give their left ear for one of those."

And every good Minnesotan is eagerly following the story of these 50-some young troopers as they set out to conquer Washington D.C. by plane and tour bus. Rule #1 when traveling with the Minnesota herd: Be prepared to do a lot of napping while waiting. Anyone who wakes up at 4:00 AM needs all the sleep they can get. And there's no room for sleepy eyes when peering through the camera lens trying to aim it just so that your fellow gold-shirt looks taller than the Washington Monument. Photographic skills require one's undivided attention.

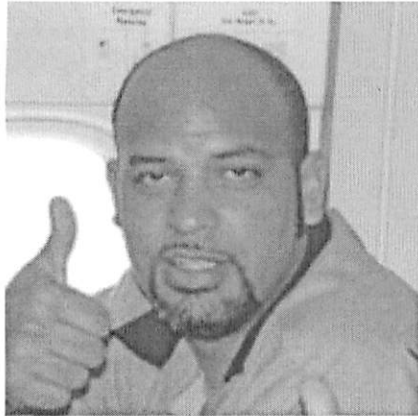
Also requiring one's undivided attention was Hank, our trusty driver/guide. Good old Hank. Who else would have known the exact measurement of Lady Liberty and the weight of the Capitol dome...? But anyway, back to business. And in Hagerstown Hall, business means dorm decorating, and lots of it. We're talking inflatable kiddie-pools and major ice cream sundae bribes here. No? Well, we're working up to it in any case. Staffers, good things are coming your way.



Ramsey Junior High student Linnea Burnham takes a quick nipper-napper to be fresh for the tour.



Rebecca Savelsberg, of Capitol Hill Magnet school leans her massive frame against the Washington Monument.



Mr. 7's Neighborhood

By Mr. 7

Many of this years History Day participants are wondering where exactly the nickname "Mr. 7" came from. Well, in order to avoid explaining it 53 times, I thought I would put it in the bulletin.

I don't like to brag, so it is not often that I talk about my past History Day domination. Mr. 7 came about when Mr. History found out that I was a 7-time National History day winner in the Junior Media Project category. My superior skill at advancing the filmstrip when I heard the beep was really the key to my success.

I think the best year was when I dumped the filmstrip technology and moved to a slide show. My project, *The Black Panther Party: Taking a Stand for Big Hair and Raised Fists* really impressed the judges with my thesis statement: The Black Panthers, the group not the animals, were important and had really cool hair.

Although I never won any medals, or even Honorable Mention here at the national competition, I did get close one year. My documentary, *George Washington: Apples to Muskets*, traces our first president's life from his infamous cherry tree debacle to victory in the Revolutionary War.

So now you all know where the nickname came from. I am kind of a major, major celebrity here at National History Day, so in order to avoid a hero's welcome for me, let's just keep this our little secret.

Staff Tests Potency of NWA "Smart Snacks"

Anyone who has flown on an American airline in recent years knows that the availability of in-flight food has been nearly eliminated. Many people assumed this was a cost-cutting measure, but it appears that carriers like Northwest were really part of a complex nutritional study.

As our Airbus 320 reached cruising altitude, the flight attendants came down the aisle offering a box of "Smart Snacks" for only \$3.00. The staff was intrigued by the marketing of this assortment of delicacies as helping to make the consumer smart.

Could it be that the traditional peanuts and buttery pretzels were "Dumb Snacks?" It seemed that the only way to find out was to set up a controlled study using the conveniently placed IQ test in the NWA magazine – the crossword puzzle on page 119.

Hanneman volunteered to consume the "Smart Snacks" and it didn't take long before the quintuple cocktail of goldfish, oreos, summer sausage, granola and a mint caused noticeable throbbing of his temples.



The "Smart Snacks" proved to be too much for staffer Theresa.

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First Flight

Big Jake, a.k.a. Jake Barthold's life was transformed forever yesterday when he flew on a real live airplane for the first time in his life. He handled it well. Jake seemed very calm during the take-off, and popped gum into his mouth like a real pro. Looking out the window, Jake exclaimed, "Wow!!! It looks like when I used to play with legos. Everything looks like a toy." Jake was very impressed, and even read the SkyMall magazine from cover to cover. When asked if he would ever fly again, Jake responded, "Why not. SkyMall is really good, and I can't get a subscription at home." We are glad Jake overcame his fears and was able to come out to nationals with us. Way to go big fella!!!



Big Jake sweating out a rough landing

Ferguson's disappearing act

Several Southwest High School students could be heard uttering a familiar refrain yesterday afternoon: "Where's Fergie?" It seems the longtime History Day teacher was hard to find yesterday afternoon. Although accusations of going AWOL are nothing new to Ferguson (recall 2003 when his students staged a populist protest demanding that Ferguson take them out touring after hiding from them for several days), several History Day observers noted that this year's disappearance was particularly early in the week. Ferguson was unavailable for comment.



Where is he?

Twinkle-Toes

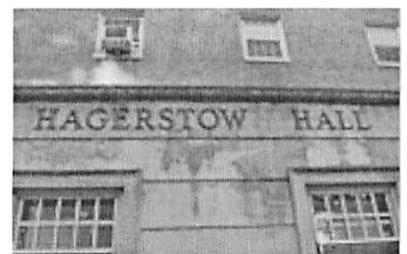
The Minnesota History Day Delegation hit downtown D.C. yesterday and descended on many of the tourist destinations in the city. Their stop at the Jefferson Memorial revealed a hidden talent of one member of our group. As a troupe of dancers and singers performed several numbers, South High student Isaac Zuckerman joined in the dancing. Swirling, convulsing, twitching, and even a rendition of an old favorite, the robot, could be seen in Mr. Zuckerman's impromptu performance. We knew Isaac was a superstar History Day participant, but if American Idol ever switches to dancing, look for Isaac's moves to sweep the nation.



Isaac Zuckerman shows his moves

Missing "N" causes confusion

Delirious from 20 hours on the road, crack History Day staffers Mollie and Natalie became confused when searching for the dorm. With the understanding that the Minnesota troop would be in Hagerstown, they circled for hours, only finding a building called Hagerstow. Perplexed by this, Mollie commented, "It seems strange that there would be a dorm called Hagerstow and Hagerstown, but let's keep looking." After some amateur sleuthing and multiple calls to Jessica, they finally discovered that the "N" had fallen off the sign on the dorm. They are on their way to being detectives in no time.



"I thought there were only 25 letters in the alphabet," said Mollie.

History Day Staff Runs Afoul of Airline Regulations

**By Staff Investigative Reporter
Franz Young**

Bloomington, MN – Minneapolis/St. Paul International was held in great suspense for more than 3 1/2 minutes Saturday morning as mysterious Minnesota History Day staff member Theresa Heath (alias Tree-SUH Abu Al-Heath) was held for questioning while trying to board flight 1700 for Washington National Airport.

The situation was resolved after wand and bag searches, and almost four minutes of intense questioning about a “clever” button the suspect forgot she was wearing during security screening. This situation, the second of the day, was small and contained, with airport traffic continuing almost immediately.

Earlier, criminally likable Jake Barthold (alias Big Jake) was roughly detained after his watch repeatedly set off the screening machine, and he nearly died of embarrassment.

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Theresa served as the control subject and was only provided with a small glass ginger ale. Both staffers began the crossword at the same time and Hanneman surged to a big lead while Theresa struggled and began to think about flipping to the answers on page 91 in a desperate attempt to keep up.

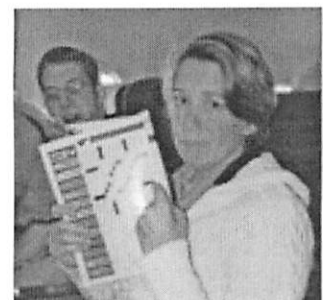
A smirk crept across Hanneman’s face as he crossed the “T” in “HOOT” and completed his puzzle and earned his first academic victory since National History Day 1997. “I think it was the sausage that put me over the top,” explained Hanneman. “If I only knew about the power of MSG in high school, I might have done better in Mock Trial.”

For her part, Theresa vowed revenge. “I don’t care if he eats three boxes of that stuff, I think this was a fluke. I’m bringing a Sudoku book on the way home and we’ll see how genius boy does with that one.”



History Day staffer Theresa Heath is searched vigorously by a Transportation Safety Administration employee

Also running afoul of airport screeners was Mr. History, who couldn’t quite sneak his combination bottle opener and wine steward blade through security. History Day spokeswoman Natalie Jaworski had no comment when asked why several supposedly veteran staffers had trouble with airport screening procedures while none of the parents or students they were supposedly leading were detained.



Ask the Brit



Dear "Brit,"

So what up with this World Cup... is it like the World Series?

-Twins fan

Dear Twins fan,

Before I answer that I'd like to say that I'm chuffed to be back in the colonies for another year. To the east coast where the game of football is appreciated for what it is... a game involving the feet. The main difference between the World Cup and the World Series is that the rest of the world is invited to participate. For those of you who are unaware, there is a worldwide competition going on right now, and you have a national team playing!!!!

Today England won their first match against Paraguay in Frankfurt, Germany 1-nil. We are hoping that Beckham will show his brilliance on the field and lead the team to victory for the first time since Bobby Moore's team led England to a win against Germany in 1966.

So you Yankees, boff up on your footie trivia and get behind your team.

Answers (or questions addressed to the Brit) should be submitted to "Camp History Day Press Room"

- 1) Which group is the USA playing in?
- 2) When is their first match and against whom?

-The Brit

Minnesota History Day Girl Squad Results

Yesterday evening, the female contingent of the crack History Day staff was overwhelmed by the showing of girl squad hopefuls. Impressed by the displays of songs, cheers, pleas and karate take-downs, we have decided to form two Girl Squads to represent Minnesota in 2006.

Varsity Squad Results:

Julianna Kolb
Hilary Geerdes
Georgia Simonson
Iris Fricke
Kelsey Geerdes
Callie Sacarelos
Sarah Parker
Sophia Naylor

Junior Varsity Results:

Abby Anderson
Haley Akermark
Hannah Daniel
Emily Brown
Gina Wilhelmy
Stephanie Solomon
Perihan MacDonald
Linnea Burnham
Kenzi Schuett
Sammi Simonson
Crista Schuett
Isabella Dawis



Tomorrow we will meet to discuss plans to take the National History Day competition by storm. Please come prepared with ideas for additional costume items and finalized nicknames with backstories.

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The Minnesota Girl Squad

A reflective essay

By guest writer Pixie (a.k.a. Callie Sacarelos)

Laughter, feel-good vibes and a strong sense of Girl Power was resonating throughout the 3rd floor lounge as most of the Minnesota female students gathered for the first-ever Minnesota Girl Squad try-outs.

A display of talents and attributes that were thought worthy of the Girl Squad brought about lots of cheering, clapping, and “aie-aie-aie-ing.” Abbey Anderson silenced the room with her powerful rendition of “God’s Fingertips” and Isabella Dawis charmed every one as she sang “The Secret Garden Song.” Julianna Kolb expressed her creativity through a pair of self-decorated sneakers and Sarah Parker personalized her History Day T-shirt by adding fringe. Admiring their great fashion sense, Iris Fricke commented, “If you put those two together, you’d have one swanky outfit.” Each girl also introduced herself with an explanation and history behind their Girl Squad nickname.

The intense camaraderie was obviously filtering out in to the dorm halls and luring the boys from their rooms. After the meeting, as the girls headed back to their side of the dorms, a slew of curious boys had their faces plastered up against the glass windows, trying to get a peak at all the commotion. Earlier on in the evening, an envious Cody Sarbacker and Isaac Zuckerman even tried to sneak into the tryouts, but were shooed away by the female staff. “I just feel so left out,” complained Cody. “Girls always have all the fun.”

Many of the newly inducted members have positive feeling toward this genius idea. “I think the Girl Squad is going to impress the other states,” explained Frosty (a.k.a. Kelsey Geerdes). “Everywhere we go, a certain magnetism of high spirits and peppiness seems to draw people in. We’re just too fun to resist!”



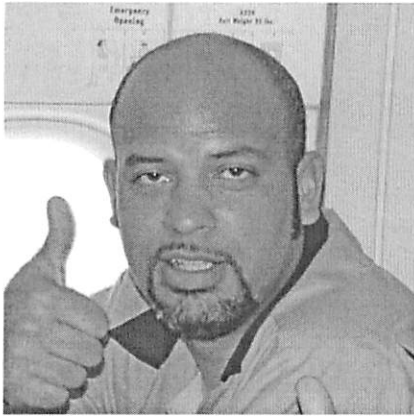
Haley Akermark and Abby Anderson put the finishing touches on their backdrop.

Preparation Continues as Judging Nears

COLLEGE PARK, MD- With just hours to go before competition gets underway, Minnesota junior division contestants scrambled to put the finishing touches on their projects.

One group performance bunch found that scissors were suddenly a scarily scarce item. With no Mr. History in sight, a determined father declared, “I didn’t pack any sharp instruments in my luggage, but that was clearly a mistake! But it matters not—no matter the distance, we will find a pair *tonight*.” No fear little ones, Kwan was there to save the day.

Others were concerned with less handy matters. Linnea Burnham and her mother practiced possible interview questions. Her witty repertoire would blow the socks off the likes of Oprah—Linnea will definitely be ready for the History Day television special that we assume must be in the works. We’re sure all the hard work will pay off—best of luck, juniors!



Mr. 7's Neighborhood By Mr. 7

We are Minnesota, Fear the Gopher

Here we are on the eve of another History Day competition, and we are confident that we will do well. We are Minnesota, you know.

Other states quake at the utterance of the word Minnesota. They see the confidence in the students from the Minnesota delegation, and are almost ready to just pack it up and go home.

The Minnesota buttons are coveted, and students are willing to give high value to get one. Barter, Barter, Barter. Understand the worth of the Minnesota buttons.

While the "nervous nellys" from the other states will be tired tomorrow because they can't sleep tonight due to frazzled nerves, the Minnesota kids will be tired from listening to music, decorating dorm rooms, and making Girl Squad T-shirts.

We talk the talk, because we know we walk the walk. Remember, we are Minnesota and we rule History Day. Let's all get out there and support the Junior competitors tomorrow. Setting up the projects, giving presentations, playing documentaries, bringing home the hardware.
M-I-N-N-E-S-O-T-A

Fear The Gopher!!!!!!

College Park Kinkos Declared Worst Kinkos Ever

Consumer advocates released a report on Sunday announcing that the College Park Kinkos is "without a doubt the worst Kinkos ever." The report argues that "in addition to high prices, they really only have one job to do there, and they can't even do it right. I mean, what does a guy have to do to get a decent copy."

This report coincides with a Gallup poll released early Sunday morning showing that Americans overwhelmingly disapprove of the customer service received at the College Park Kinkos. 93% of those surveyed said they were either "Very unsatisfied" or "Dumbfounded these guys are still in business."

One customer interviewed by the *Bulletin* said that he had tried "just about every one of these stupid copiers" but couldn't find one to produce a copy "worthy of the recycling bin."

Another customer grumpily complained that when he brought the poor copying quality to the attention of Kinkos employees and asked if they had a copier behind the desk that could make a "half-ways decent" copy, the employee replied, "None that work."

The only seemingly-content customer in the store was a disheveled man in his late-twenties who appeared to be sleeping at one of the data port stations. It was not immediately clear what kind of exorbitant price they charge for napping by the minute.



State Meetings to be Replaced by Podcasts in 2007

COLLEGE PARK, MD-

The staff has discovered that one of the inescapable realities of interacting with modern youth is that they are chronically “plugged in.” Most conversations will begin with a question from the staff, that is followed by the response, “What?” and a move to either pause their iPod or tug out an earphone.

In the interest of staying on the cutting edge of technology and communication, all state meetings at the 2007 national contest will be conducted as podcasts. “This is really the wave of the future,” explained Mr. History. “If this keeps up, we really wouldn’t need to meet with the kids at all. As long as we find a hotel with decent internet access, we could chill out and let the herd download everything they need to know.”

In a related story, the staff is also exploring the use of webcams for dorm room judging. Insurance advisors endorse this idea as a means of reducing injuries as well as the cholesterol and caffeine intake of the staff.



Perihan MacDonald shows off her iPod



Erik Anderson and Erik Larson compare iPods.

Vandalism Strikes Hagerstow Hall

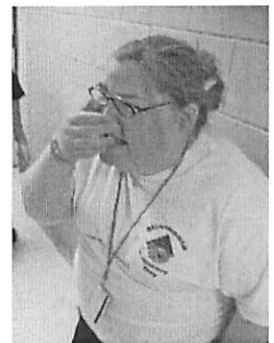
By Staff Investigative Reporter Franz Young

COLLEGE PARK, MD- For the second consecutive year, vandals struck the residence of a Minnesota History Day staffer.

The vandalism, which consisted of massive amounts of duct tape, a white sheet and a water balloon, was discovered late this evening. Although no formal charges have been filed, suspicion quickly fell on Blaine High School student Julianna Kolb. Though there apparently was no forensic evidence to tie Julianna to the caper, the way she hovered at the scene of the crime coupled with her incessant snickering drew increased scrutiny. Also attracting the attention of investigators were weeks worth of threats to the History Day staff of “pranks involving duct tape.”

Investigators were unable to determine if Julianna acted alone, but were also unwilling to rule out her mother, St. Francis teacher Kathy Kolb, as a possible accomplice. Hours after the event, both Kolbs had the same gratified grin on their face and had the same lame alibis for the mother.

The investigation continues. If you have any tips on how the staff can respond, contact Hanneman. Thanks!



Suspicion quickly fell on Julianna.

Junior Division Judging Times

Now get out there and support your fellow Gophers!

Time/Venue	Category	Students
10:45 - Jimenez 1120	Junior Paper	Linnea Burnham
10:00 - Piscataway Stamp Student Union	Junior Paper	Rebecca Savelsberg
10:00 - Jimenez 0118	Jr Ind Doc	Emily Brown
11:00 - Jimenez 0125	Jr Ind Doc	Nathan Yueh
10:20 - Armory 0131	Jr Grp Doc	Hunter Junis Grp
2:40 - Stamp Student Union 2108	Jr Grp Doc	Stephanie Soloman Grp
2:40 - Cole 3109	Jr Ind Perf	Isabella Dawis
11:20 - Art/Sociology 3203	Jr Ind Perf	Kristina Tester
11:20 - Benjamin Banneker-Stamp Student union	Jr Grp Perf	Samantha Simonson Grp
10:20 - Nyrumburu 0130	Jr Grp Perf	Abigail Anderson Grp
2:45 - Ballroom Stamp Student Union	Jr Ind Exhibit	Annalisa Tester
2:30 - Ballroom Stamp Student Union	Jr Ind Exhibit	Perihan MacDonald
2:00 - Ballroom Stamp Student Union	Jr Grp Exhibit	Grant Bemis Grp
1:15 - Ballroom Stamp Student Union	Jr Grp Exhibit	Brennan Lunzer Grp



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Junior Results

The Minnesota History Day delegation congratulated its finalists in the individual and group performance categories on Monday evening, showering praise and high-fives liberally amongst the advancing students.

Sunrise Park junior group performers Abby Anderson and Haley Akermark will present their two-women show on photographer Lewis Hine this evening. "We're hoping that our performance on the horrors of child labor will show the parents of America it's only a matter of time before the muckrakers sweep in and put an end to forced childhood chores," Akermark said.

Both junior individual performers from Minnesota will be wowing audiences tonight at Stamp Student Union. Kristina Tester, Breck School, will again impress audiences with not only her vast knowledge of the Woman Who Plants Peace, but also with her jeweled flip-flops. "They're both functional and fashionable," Tester said. Carondelet Catholic student Isabella Dawis will show her dramatic talents with her portrayal of a Burmese woman on house arrest. "I wanted to show how one woman could make a difference in the world. I mean, U2 even raises money for her! She's got to be amazing!" Dawis said.

The staff congratulates all the advancing performers, as well as all of the junior competitors. We're always impressed with your work. And without you, we'd all be stuck at home in Minnesota with nothing to do.



Junior Runoff Schedule

Three junior division projects will be competing tonight in the runoffs. Get out there and support your fellow Minnesotans! The schedule of presentations is:

- 5:45pm** Abby Anderson, Haley Akermark
Lewis Hine
Hoff Theater, Student Union

- 8:00pm** Isabella Dawis
*Freedom from Fear: Aung San
suu Kvi's Vision for Burma*
Atrium, Student Union

- 8:45pm** Kristina Tester
The Woman Who Plants Peace
Atrium, Student Union



Ask the Brit

Dear Brit,

Why the sad face today?

-Concerned

Dear Concerned,

To be perfectly honest I'm homesick. The drizzle this morning reminded me of home. Having experienced the heat waves of NHD Maryland of past years I wasn't prepared for it to be as cold as brass monkeys this year. I pity those whose turn it was for La Plata this year... when an anorak is more useful than air conditioning? I should have packed my wellies and a broly. Thinking of Old Blighty I headed over to the refectory with high hopes of seeing fish 'n' chips on the menu...any port in a storm. Unfortunately I scored a duck' egg and had to make do with bog standard American fare.

-The Brit

World Cup 2006 update: Group E
USA had their first fixture today against Czech Republic. Unfortunately despite several nice combos in the midfield the Czechs put a bulge in the onion bag within the first 5 minutes. Perhaps if Hahnemann had been in goal instead of at National History Day, Kasey Keller wouldn't have let a further two goals in to lose 3-nil. Maybe the USA can set the Thames on fire and win against Italy in their next match next Saturday... or maybe not.

AWARD WINNING TEACHERS UNNERVED BY LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY

Three teachers in the Minnesota herd have been wrestling with an unusual emotional calm that they are experiencing because they don't have any students to supervise at the event. Arn Kind, Mandy Kraus and Allen Schulte won teacher travel awards this year but have made the trip without any students from their schools. Each of them have found it unnerving to be surrounded by dozens of squirrelly students over whom they have no authority. Allen Schulte was particularly befuddled by his inability to act to prevent the most egregious act of student resistance against the staff. "I saw the kid who duct-taped Hanneman's door," he explained, "but I didn't know what to do. If that was one of my kids I would have had them in a secret CIA prison faster than you could say 'this is going on your permanent record.'"

Mandy Kraus has found judging to be a good substitute for chaperon responsibilities. "Even though I couldn't suspend any of the kids I judged, it was still nice to be in a position of authority." For his part, Arn Kind has begging the staff for some kind of supervisory responsibility over some "rental" students. But once the word got out that Arn is famous for teaching his students Civil War infantry drill, the well of prospective students dried up. At this point Mr. History intervened and offered up Hanneman as a proxy. "I think a little quality time with Arn will do wonders for Hanneman. He could use a little discipline and now that he has toured Gettysburg he will truly appreciate a well executed right wheel." The staff fully expects that the Monday teacher social and the Tuesday workshop will also have a therapeutic effect. "The trick is to get them in a group of teachers with no kids around." assured Mr. History. "Throw in a boring speaker and a bad lunch and everything will be right with the world."

Through the Grapevine

HD Staff Elevates Three to the Girl Squad

Despite the surprisingly robust group of Minnesota girls who have been selected to be a part of the Minnesota Girl Squad, the Minnesota Staff has exercised its unlimited power to appoint three more deserving girls to the Squad. Breck School sisters Kristina and Annalisa Tester have impressed the Staff with their twinniness and western-suburb style. Also selected to join the Squad is Capitol Hill student Rebecca Savelsberg, who has demonstrated uncommon savvy in the cutthroat world of button trading. "These appointments reflect the Minnesota Girl Squad's ongoing commitment to recruiting the tightest girl squad in the nation," said Girl Squad spokeswoman Natalie Jaworski.

Speaking of the Girl Squad...

While we're on the subject, it should be noted that the Girl Squad phenomenon has officially gone big at National History Day. Several Squad members have supplemented their ranks with the many capable recruits to be found in the ranks of the many younger siblings and daughters who have are a part of the Minnesota delegation. And not only is the Minnesota Girl Squad shaping up to be a one of the great capers in Minnesota History Day history, the Squad is generating significant buzz beyond the Minnesota delegation. CHOF members of the Squad, who are staying at the Quality Inn in College Park, have been signing up members from other state delegations at their hotel. And in an example of evangelism that would put Pat Robertson to shame, staffers Kwan, Dixie and Flabama have organized Girl Squad chapters in many other states.

Herd coming together

The Camp History Day Bulletin staff would like to send a shout out to a number of Minnesota delegates who demonstrated significant Minnesota pride during the first day of competition. Though not competing today, seniors Jennifer Walker and Caitlin Loehr showed their lovely faces at a number of performances and documentaries. Also, we would like to commend Nathan Yueh and Emily Brown for their speedy navigation of the rainy paths of College Park. They risked worms on sidewalks and ruined hair-dos to support the performances of their fellow classmates after presenting. And finally, to Rebecca Savelsberg, for celebrating her newly acquired membership to the Girl Squad by attending the well-executed performance of JV member, Isabella Dawes, we applaud you.

And the partying continues?

Last night, staff were jolted from their stupor by the thumping base of cheesy dance music. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the music was indeed coming from a dorm room inhabited by senior-division males, though names were uncertain. After a quick reconnaissance, the source was traced to an ipod left in a deserted Southwest room. When questioned later by staffer Mollie Igo, the guilty parties complained, "But Molleeee, everyone's sleeeeeeping. And now, you're going to deny us our music? If CHOF were here, we'd be slamming Red Bull and eating gummy treats." It appears the glove has been tossed, Minnesota. Let's see how you respond to this affront on our ability to party.

Senior Division Judging Times

Now get out there and support your fellow Gophers!

Time/Venue	Category	Students
10:00 - Armory 0112	Sr Grp Doc	Erik Anderson Grp
10:00 - Art/Sociology 3203	Sr Ind Perf	Caitlin Loehr
10:00 - Jimenez 2123	Sr Ind Doc	Duane Bluhm
11:15 - Jimenez 1120	Senior Paper	Sarah Parker
11:20 - Juan Jimenez Stamp Student Union	Sr Grp Perf	Kelsey Geerdes Grp
11:40 - Cole 3109	Sr Ind Perf	Desmond Richardson
11:45 -Grand Ballroom Stamp Student Union	Sr Grp Exhibit	Rachel Arneson Grp
1:00 - Armory 0131	Sr Grp Doc	Amelia Nybakke Grp
1:00 - Grand Ballroom Stamp Student Union	Sr Ind Exhibit	Julianna Kolb
1:20 - Atrium Stamp Student Union	Sr Grp Perf	Erika Groos Grp
1:20 - Jimenez 2117	Sr Ind Doc	Sophia Naylor
1:30 - Grand Ballroom Stamp Student Union	Sr Grp Exhibit	Karina Nygaard Grp
1:45 - Jimenez 1122	Senior Paper	Ellen Rice
3:00 - Grand Ballroom Stamp Student Union	Sr Ind Exhibit	Jennifer Walker



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Senior Results

Minnesota staff, parents and teachers were again filled with joy as the senior division finalists were announced Tuesday at Stamp Union. Much exuberant cheering ensued as the run-off postings showed three more advancing entries for the Gopher State.

In an unprecedented double-double-mini, Minnesota's two senior individual performers awed the judges with their spectacular dramatic skills and joined the two junior individual performers in the finals. Caitlin Loehr, Eagan High School student and seven-year History Day vet, will portray Minnesota representative Coya Knutson this morning in the Stamp Atrium. Caitlin's teacher, The Brit, babbled on with pride, but the CHDDB reporter was unable to decipher her Brit-speak enough to print a quote.

The second individual performer, Southwest student Desmond Richardson, will present his performance today on the free-press stand of sleazy reporter Jay M. Near. "I think I really made an impact on my judges," Richardson said. "When you look as dashing as I do in a three-piece suit, people can't help but be impressed."

The History Day finals came very close to being a performance-dominated round, but Southwest documentarian Sophia Naylor took a stand for filmmakers everywhere and advanced in the senior individual documentary category. Her movie on a World War II semi-starvation study will show this morning at Stamp Union. "Based on my research and observations of the poor quality of the University of Maryland dorm food," Naylor said, "I believe that this study could have just as easily been conducted in the campus dining hall. No one would have even been tempted to eat those scrambled eggs."

Once again, Minnesotans have made a tremendous showing in all categories. The staff was spotted shedding tears of pride at all presentations on



Tuesday. Hanneman bawled like a little girl, only able to be comforted by chronic huggers Isaac Zuckerman and Josh Nguyen.

Senior Runoff Schedule

Three senior division projects will be competing this morning in the runoffs. Get out there and support your fellow Minnesotans! The schedule of presentations is:

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| 9:15am | Caitlin Loehr
<i>It's Not Over Yet: The Challenges And Criticism Faced by the Farmwife Congress-Women</i>
Atrium, Student Union |
| 10:00am | Desmond Richardson
<i>Near v. Minnesota: The Bedrock Case in the Stand for Freedom of the Press</i>
Atrium, Student Union |
| 10:30 | Sophia Naylor
<i>The Minnesota Semi-Starvation Study: Taking a Stand for the Hungry</i>
Margaret Brent Room, Stamp Union 2112 |



Ask the Brit

Dear Brit

I know that where you come from rocks, but why do you have to brag about it? We all know it's better than here, so it makes us feel bad that our country is so much worse than yours. Please make us feel better.

Your number one fans

Fat and Grease

Dear Fat and Grease

There is no need to feel miffed about this matter. America is a brilliant place to live. I've grown quite fond of it over the past 11 years. In order to cheer you up I have decided to list the top 10 things about being a Brit living in America...

- 1) Sunshine for more than 2 days in a row
- 2) Air conditioning in cars
- 3) Speaking of cars...cheap petrol
- 4) Fun breakfast cereals
- 5) Big Gulps with more than one ice cube
- 6) Free refills
- 7) Thanksgiving
- 8) "Have a nice day" any time you buy something
- 9) More than 4 channels on tellie
- 10) 3 months off school for summer holidays

-The Brit

Mr. 7's Neighborhood

A wave of relief and relaxation is seemingly washing over many of the Minnesota History day competitors, as their judging times have passed. As Jen Walker emerged from the Grand Ballroom at Stamp Student Union, her mind turned to life's more important things. She asked her mom, "What should we do now mom, eat or nap?" Napping seemed to be the consensus as the two exited the "Union."

Others turned to shaving cream and water balloons to unwind. As The Yellow Dart and I approached Hagerstown Hall, several CHOFsters and Isaac Zuckerman were engaged in the shaving cream war of the century. Sporting a shaving cream Mohawk, Cody Sarbocker was pretty much covered from head to toe. Julianna Kolb was seen with two handfuls of ammunition for the water balloon fight.

These antics did serve a purpose though. After the participants took their showers and cleaned the shaving cream off, Callie Sacarellos was overheard saying, "Hey, at least we are clean and smooth." Who would of thought a shaving cream fight could actually serve a constructive purpose.

So, Minnesota delegation, however you choose to do it, make sure you take some time to relax and enjoy the last few days of the trip.



Pictures!!



Minnesota History Day Button Review

By Flabama and Dixie

At the end of day three of perhaps the most frenzied button trading Minnesota has ever seen, the results are in. The best and worst have been lined up, the rarities fought over, and the stingy states duly scolded.

Inexplicably, the triplets and Gopher boys catapulted into the NHD spotlight as the University of Minnesota table became the ultimate button trading post. As the other states jealously flocked to Minnesota's growing and varied collection, your humble button merchants pulled Minnesotans aside to gauge the general button state of affairs.

Cody, once again demonstrating the lengths to which he would go to join the Girl Squad, declared, "I just love Michigan! But only the one with the rose—it's just so *gorgeous*."

Duane showed his state pride when he gushed, "Clearly the best button was Minnesota's 'Cold Enough for Ya?'" Sadly, only the people from colder states (Alaska) were the only ones to appreciate the humor. Perhaps dumping a couple of Georgians and Floridians in Bemidji next January 23rd might show them the cold, cold light of truth.

When discussing the worst buttons on the market, the responses varied across the board. Evan was disgusted: "New Hampshire is just so boring. You can't even tell what it is." Beyond a subtle recommendation that Evan take a peek at US postal abbreviations, we completely agree. In general, New England fell flat on its face this year. Not only was New Hampshire mentioned several times, but there were also repeat appearances by Massachusetts and Vermont. This reporter is baffled, but Florida also had its fair share of votes.

Unsurprisingly, American Samoa led the pack of the hardest to find buttons. Hannah sighed despairingly, "I was offering everything—all five Minnesota buttons, a ring, two New Mexicos, Tim's hat, a banana hood, and my parent's car, but there just weren't any Samoan buttons to be found." Coming in second was Alaska—squeals of joy were heard sporadically throughout the day: "Tim, I met an Alaskan!!"

Finally, the stingiest state was, without a doubt, Wisconsin. Despite numerous bubblers and butter buttons being given to other states, Minnesotans just couldn't find anyone from Wisconsin willing to bargain. Perhaps they just couldn't let go of their bitter, bitter loss to the University of Minnesota hockey team this past season. Better luck next year 'Sconnies—but this is a slight Mooster History won't be forgetting anytime soon.

The button trading was fierce, but as always, it seems Minnesota kids are rocking the market. We Gophers, despite being somewhat scared for our lives at certain moments, are proud to be amongst the super savvy elite buttoneers. Oh, and if anyone has an extra Georgia Peach, there's a certain Flabamian who would like to talk.



Kwan drives a hard bargain with Rebecca Savelsberg supervising in the background



Triumph and tragedy of button trading

Cute Kid of the Day: Josh Nguyen



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Security....At the Capitol?

In our post-September 11th world, security at national entities has tightened astronomically. One would think that that would include our nation's capitol as well. As part of the activities for yesterday, Minnesota History Day students went to visit Representatives and Senators from Minnesota. This was the only time this week that buttons have been considered bad.

Franzibear, our lovable U of M grad-staffer, discovered that History Day buttons do, indeed, cause metal detectors to sound and alarm. A frantic unloading of buttons ensued, but that did not correct the problem. Franz was also wearing steel-toed shoes, which caused issues as well.

Franz decided that he was not going to set off the alarm again. He emptied out his pockets, quickly filling the container provided. One of the security guards gave Franz a puzzled look when he started putting coins on the conveyor belt. It was when Franz began to put paper money through the machine that the guard remarked, "Is this guy slow or is he just stupid?"

Franz was seen walking around the Capitol with, believe it or not, no buttons on his bowling shirt. Never fear though. Franzibear was happily reunited with his buttons during our evening meeting. Way to go Franz. We all know this was just a plot to illustrate the hyper-sensitivity of the metal detectors. The U.S. Capitol police appreciate the help.



Senior Final Competition

Today, Minnesota sent three tough competitors to the final round of Senior competition. Two individual performers, and one individual documentary from Minnesota students joined the cream of the crop this morning.

Caitlin Loehr started off the morning for Minnesota with a superb performance about Coya Knutson. When asked, Caitlin felt that her performance went even smoother today than yesterday.

Desmond Richardson then took the stage with an electrifying presentation of his "Near v. Minnesota" and the freedom of the press.

Rounding out the final round for Minnesota was Sophia Naylor, and her documentary about the Semi-Starvation study at the U of M.

Way to go guys. Way to represent for our state. We all support you and wish you good luck!!!



Lewis Hine Syndrome at NHD

Based on their extensive research on Lewis Hine and acute observations of the staff propaganda machine, Haley Akermark, Abby Anderson and Annalisa Tester have blown the whistle on the alleged brutal child labor tactics of the Camp History Day Daily Bulletin. The CHDDB was reminded by Desmond Richardson of the necessity of a free, informative press, no matter its salacious content, and therefore the paper has decided to print this outrageous, if potentially true, story.

The Hine Trifecta's investigative methods exposed the employment of child reporters and button-sorters. These children, paid only in handfuls of Skittles and forced to work while the History Day staff lounges and snacks on Pringles, were found smudged with College Park smog and slaving at all hours of the night. "I never thought that I would have an opportunity to take a stand like Lewis Hine," Anderson said. "Maybe someday, someone will do a History Day project on how we shut down this appalling organization. I hope the girl who plays me is as cute as I am."

When allegations of the CHDDB sweatshop reached the indignant ears of these three muckrakers seventh-graders, forces swept in and relieved the students of their menial tasks. Child laborer Isabella Dawis burst into tears when she saw her rescuers come to take her away from the demands of lazy staff. "I never thought I would ever get out of here," Dawis sobbed. "I feared I would be stuck here doing the staff's bidding until I was forced to become a staffer myself. I saw

Recent reports show that the CHDDB has ceased to use child laborers. The quality, however, of the CHDDB has gone unchanged, raising Tester's suspicions about the furtive staff efforts to retain the talent that has kept the bulletin alive. "I don't see how the newspaper could continue to function so seamlessly without the child labor. We all know the staff aren't that talented," Tester said. "But I will persist. I will not rest until Mr. History is doing some serious jail time."

The CHDDB has no comment on this story. All labor used to assemble the CHDDB is perfectly legal for an illicit sweatshop organization.



History Day Staffer Creates Double-header Camper

Often-oblivious staffer Franz Young has made many mistakes with camper names before, but a recent blunder has created a freak of nature: a monstrous two-headed History Day entrant that rues the day it was born.

Calling Rebecca Savelsberg "Rachel" twice in a row pales into comparison with what scientists have dubbed "El-i-saac," a mixture of the names Issac (Zuckerman) and Eli (Kamen). Young has referred to those two similar-looking students by each other's name so often that they have actually formed a two-headed beast that terrorizes the U of MD campus.

Interrupted from his sandwich for a quote about his abominable creation, Young expressed disbelief and no small amount of ambivalence. "So who did what now?" he asked, before losing interest in the crisis and playing a game of computer chess.

Through the Grapevine

A "Civil" Thank You to The Staff

At the state meeting last night, Sergeant Arn Kind, of the 1st Minnesota Volunteer Regiment, offered his thanks to the History Day staff in a very unique way. Sgt. Kind lined up the parents and, not only whipped them into shape, but also whipped them into a frenzy. At the urging of Sgt. Kind, Private Junis gave a blood-curdling rendition of his "war-face," followed by a war cry from Private Kraus. The good sergeant then turned his attention to the History Day staffers. Drilling them into shape, the staffers tried to keep their movements crisp to avoid the wrath of Sgt. Kind. Although a good-looking guy, none of the staffers wanted to be accused of finding him pretty. At the end of the drill, Sgt. Kind joined the soldiers in giving the staff three cheers and a war-face. Sgt. Kind, your sentiments are well-received by the staff, and we thank you for your appreciation.

Moose Sighting.....or Mr. 7

Rumor has it that Mr. 7 was wearing some sort of new-fangled moose contraption on his head. When asked why, Mr. 7 answered, "You have noticed I am going bald, right? It is great to feel like I have a full head of hair again." The antlers were great too. Although no Mooster History, Mr. 7 cleans up pretty nice for a fake moose. It is also rumored that Mr. 7 will pay good hard cashola for all copies of any pictures taken with some furry thing on his head.

Dude Lounge Comes to Fruition

Room number 3107 underwent a dramatic transformation last night. Through the efforts of the Lake Harriet boys and the Breck boys, with a little infusion of cash, an ordinary room became a bona fide "Dude Lounge." Serving ice-cold root beers and a nice selection of munchies, the Dude Lounge was the place to be last night. It seemed that the boys had several staffers and students visit to chow down on some of the vittles, and to wash it all down with a frosty bottle of soda-pop. Although only open for less than 24-hours, the Dude Lounge became an instant success. Hey boys, next year, let's put this together a little sooner, eh. Great job!!

Girl Squad Outfitted with Girly Stuff

The large success of the Girl Squad this year at History Day has caused quite a buzz. Girls from all over the country have joined and started Girl Squad affiliates in their states. Now, Minnesota has taken it a step further. In order to separate the wheat from the chaff, the Minnesota Girl Squad received tiara's and 'girly wands.'" When asked, Mollie Igo explained, "The Girl Squad thing for other states is nice and all, but we rock and they don't, so we get the tiaras and wands." Our girls will stand out tomorrow at the "Parade of States." When the Minnesota Girl Squad enters the Cole Fieldhouse tomorrow, they will be the envy of all the other states.

Kwan AWOL

Many in the Minnesota contingent noticed early this morning that a certain Gopher was missing from the morning's festivities. Dixie, Kwan's roommate, revealed the reason over a steaming cup of much-needed Starbucks coffee. "Turns out that last night, around 3am, Kwan was doing a final button review and she realized that her American Samoa button had gone missing. I know it may sound trite, but you just don't understand what this means to her. She had finally, finally won button gold here at NHD. She was the first Minnesotan to complete her collection. To once again come so close, and yet fall short...that kills a person. Figure skating and now this? What would you have done?"

Unnamed Judge: “Room-Judging Bribe Totally Works!”

An illicit, ice-cold 20-ounce bottle of root beer was all it took to seal a judge’s favor in a scandalous bribery deal that will surely shake the foundations of the storied Room Decoration Competition. “Sure, the decorations are cute,” the unnamed judge told our informant, “but this super-fizzy bottle of A&M has totally bought my vote and my heart.”

The students offering the bribe—later found to be Grant Bemis, Eric Chien, Nathan Yueh, Evan Adams Hanson, Max Daunheimer, and Hunter Junis-- decorated the Dude Lounge as a Western Honky-tonk, complete with cactus and Jesse James doll. Upon learning that their ploy worked, they expressed their joy with a raucous “Yee-haw” and shot their imaginary *pistoles* in the air.

“Sure, the judge actually got a little TOO into the bribery,” one suspect related of the judge, who offered to let them use his Johnny Cash songs from his Ipod out of profound appreciation. “But whatever gets us the victory is worth it!” The confidence expressed by the Dude Lounge’s occupants will surely turn to disappointment when they realize how little influence the unnamed judge actually wields in the process.



Quality is in the Eye of the Beholder

By Calle Sacarelos

Upon arriving at the Quality Inn Motel near the Maryland campus, it was easy for us CHOFsters to quickly form an opinion about the quality of our temporary humble abode. Opening the door to our room, we were greeted by a mixed stench of musky body odor and stale cigarette air that remained in our room throughout our entire stay. The cleaning ladies even left a crusty, stinky towel in the bathroom as a thoughtful welcoming gift. And, after the first night, we discovered that the room carpet caused severely itchy feet.

Strangely enough, we were able to overcome our difference of opinion with the motel staff on the true meaning of "quality," and we grew to love our moldy surroundings. After spending five nights there, we realized that the provided commodities weren't so bad after all.

The infestation of cockroaches provided us with many opportunities to get a little more spending money as we placed bets on our daily rounds of cockroach races.

Our room keys rarely worked and we had to get new cards at all hours of the day. But even this inconvenience had a positive outcome. We ended up visiting the front desk so often that we became good pals with the manager, Abdul Alib. Now he wants to buy a HD t-shirt so he can be a part of the Girl Squad. (I think the official membership card was what really sealed the deal).

We were so well acquainted with the motel staff that they even provided 24-hour instant room service. In the wee hours of the morning, after flopping into bed, I was complaining about how hungry I was. My roommates' snoring was evidence that they didn't care, so I rolled over to try and fall asleep. And what do you think greeted my eyes? A crunchy, nicely salted booger that was stuck to my bedsheet. They heard my cry of hunger and responded quickly. Now that's what I call quality room service!!!





Ask the Brit

Dear Brit,

Who's the Brit? Isn't that kind of racist?

-I'm not dead yet

Dear I'm not dead yet,

Well yes I'd have to agree that the Brits are rather fond of races. Ascot is one of our favourites, not so much for the horses, but for the opportunity to wear big hats. If you were more into racing thoroughbreds then maybe the Derby or Grand National would suit your style better. We Brits also race sculls on the Thames every year. The most famous being the Oxford and Cambridge boat race: the equivalent of a Green Bay/Vikings fixture. There's nothing quite like cheering on the undergraduates of the best universities in the world while nursing a hot toddy on the banks of London's famous river. I am not insulted by the term 'Brit.' It's become a term of endearment and makes me feel special and wanted in this foreign land. I'd like to thank all my supporters who have taken on the challenge of perfecting the perfect "Queens English" to join me (especially Natty.) Watch this space for the opportunity to join the founding chapter of the "lBrit Squad," once our Royal Charter has been given the nod of approval.

-The Brit

Minnesota Sends Thanks to Canadian Ambassador for Cool Weather

In a special outdoor meeting held Monday night, the Minnesota History Day delegation voted unanimously in favor of delivering a special state proclamation to the Canadian embassy on Pennsylvania Avenue. The proclamation was drafted to thank our neighbor to the north for the Canadian high pressure (CHP) that was imported into College Park this week. "Prior to NAFTA it was really difficult to get CHP into the United States," commented Mr. History. "It was just a shame to see all that cool air go to waste just because the United States had a protectionist weather policy."

Teacher Mike Daniel was selected to carry the message to the ambassador when the staff learned of his exploits as a goon in Canadian Jr. Hockey. Daniel quickly embraced this assignment. "I'm honored to go down there and represent the state," he explained. "I can still speak a little Canadian and they will really be impressed when I pop out my teeth and tell stories about Moose Jaw."

High temperatures are expected to remain unseasonably cool and all Minnesotans are thankful that we dodged the air conditioning.

Cute Kid of the Day: Josh Nguyen



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Minnesotans Take Top Honors

St. Paul, MN - Minnesota students were honored with a first-place, second-place and Outstanding Women's History prize on Thursday while several other Minnesotans placed in the top fifteen in their categories.

Breck School eighth graders Grant Bemis and Eric Chien were named national champions in the junior group exhibit category for their project titled: *Citizens of Northfield, Minnesota Take a Stand Against the James Younger Gang*.

Sophia Naylor, Minneapolis Southwest High School freshman, took second place in the senior individual documentary category with her film titled: *The Minnesota Semi-Starvation Study*.

Caitlin Loehr, Eagan High School senior and seven-year History Day participant, won the outstanding Women's History award for her senior individual performance on the first female Minnesota Congresswoman, Coya Knutson. She also placed thirteenth in her category.

Other top finishers include:

Sarah Parker, Southwest High School (fourth place, senior paper, Outstanding State Entry);

Perhan MacDonald, Capitol Hill Magnet School (fourth place, junior individual exhibit, Outstanding State Entry);

Haley Akermark and Abby Anderson, Sunrise Park Middle School (fourth place, junior group performance);

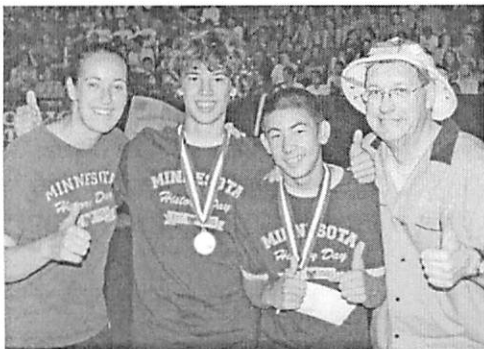
Jennifer Walker, South High School (seventh place, senior individual exhibit);

Ellen Rice, St. Paul Central High School (tenth place, senior paper);

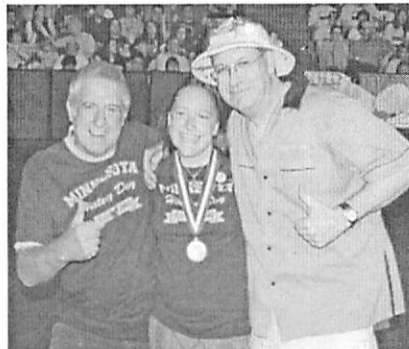
Desmond Richardson, Southwest High School (eleventh place, senior individual performance);

Isabella Dawis, Carondelet Catholic School, Minneapolis (eleventh place, junior individual performance); and,

Kristina Tester, Breck School (thirteenth place, junior individual performance)



National Champions Grant Bemis and Eric Chien with teacher Robin Polson.



Second place winner Sophia Naylor with teacher Bob Ferguson.



Outstanding Women's History prize winner Caitlin Loehr with teacher Emma Ryan.

Students Rewarded for High Achievement in Room Decorating

College Park, MD-

With History Day judging out of the way, Minnesota History Day students were finally able to get down to the serious business of room decorating on Wednesday. "Ever since my sister came to Nationals in 2002, I've been planning this room," said Emily Brown. "For four years I've been going over every detail of the décor, making sketches, stockpiling decorations. This is the highlight of my History Day career!"

While not all room decorators showed Brown's dedication to their craft, the creativity of this year's students was impressive nonetheless. "I just love room decorating," said sisters Annalisa and Kristina Tester in unison. "This room is the culmination of countless hours of hard work." Fellow Breckster Nathan Yueh shares those feelings. "Its just the perfect medium through which to express myself. Those dorm room walls are my canvas, and my collection of Western-themed paraphernalia is my palette."

After carefully examining each room based on a set of strict and objective criteria, the History Day staff then contrived a set of completely random awards and came to their final decisions in a spontaneous and subjective manner. The winners of those awards are below.

Most Patriotic Room



Brennan Lunzer and Eric Legried

Best Flashback



Haley Akermark, Abby Anderson,
Emily Brown and Hannah Daniel

Best Incorporation of Technology



Eli Kamin and
Beck Ringdahl-Mayland

Most Peaceful Room



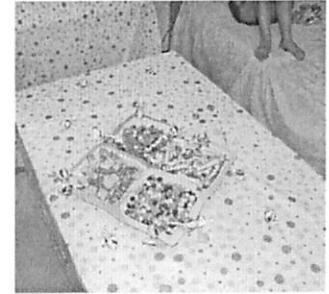
Rebecca Savelsberg and
Isabella Dawis

Best Representation of the History Day Dude



Evan Adams-Hanson, Grant Bemis, Hunter Junis,
Eric Chien, Max Daunheimer and Nathan Yueh

Sweetest Room



Annalisa and Kristina Tester

Staff Study Reveals that Students Share Genetic Traits with Hamsters

College Park, MD-

In addition to their responsibilities supervising the Minnesota delegation to National History Day, several staff members are also working on advanced research projects in biosociology. Project leader, Natalie Jaworski, is an emerging star in the field and she recruited Kwan and Mollie as her lab assistants. The study involves identifying genetic markers shared by hamsters and teenagers that create a behavior pattern known as, "snack, scurry and nest." The third floor lounge served as the controlled environment for the test due to its resemblance to a thrift store aquarium and its proximity to secondary sleep chambers.

"The students are much easier to study than my lab hamsters," noted Natalie, "because they eventually clean their own cages and we save a bundle by not having to buy cedar shavings and sunflower seeds." Research began when Kwan was able to use her "college girl" street cred and celebrity name to lure students into the lounge and initiate socialization behaviors. Mollie then photographed each of the subjects so they could be accurately identified during the course of the experiment. "This is a critical step," she explained, "because after awhile it's hard to tell them apart. At least humpback whales have distinctive fluke patterns, Even with a picture I can't tell the difference between Brennan Lunzer and Erik Larson - I mean those boys are keeping it shaggy."

Initial results of the study are promising. According to Natalie there was above average snack debris in the lounge by Monday and most of the furniture had been arranged into nesting structures by Tuesday. Due to the lack of an exercise wheel, Kwan was dispatched to observe scurrying behaviors at the dance. "I've never seen kids move like that," gasped Kwan. "Those Sunrise Park girls were all over the place, and Isabella and Rebecca must have talked to every kid on the front steps." The study culminated on Wednesday night when the students achieved a level of nest density that hadn't been seen since the PETCO Teddy Bear Hamster jamboree in 1987. "We still have to wait for the DNA analysis," explained Natalie, "but I'm confident that we are going to dispel the theory that the Chimpanzee is our closest animal relative. You should have seen the amount of Swedish fish those kids could pack into their cheeks and God only knows what would have happened if we threw some toilet paper tubes into that lounge."



All Minnesotans Made it Home...Eventually

By Staff Investigative Reporter Franz Young

The tardy arrival of a charter bus derailed Mr. History's carefully laid plans for getting the Minnesota delegation home, creating a close call for some travelers and leaving others stranded in our nation's capitol on Thursday.

The bus, one of two chartered to take the weary Minnesotans home after a long week of banana dancing and girl-squading, arrived 45 minutes late, requiring many travelers to make a frantic dash for their Dulles Airport gate upon arrival. Approximately ten other passengers on a separate flight weren't so lucky, missing their plane and being forced to stay an additional night.

Ellen Rice, one of the stranded travelers, reacted to the news of missing her flight by saying, "YES! An extra day to go visit Julia Child's kitchen at the Smithsonian again! This is the best day ever!" Relief was also evident on the faces of those aboard the Dulles flight who narrowly made their plane. "It was really dicey there for a while," explained veteran staffer Theresa Heath. "But I tell you what, these gophers can line up at the ticket counter in alphabetical order like nobody's business! I'm really proud of these guys."

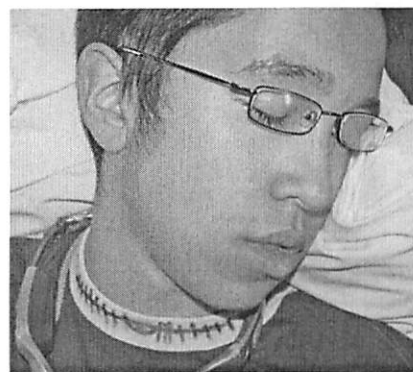
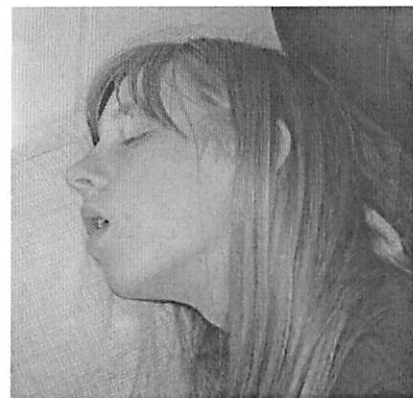
Making the flight wasn't their only challenge, however. The Dulles flight also had to make an emergency stop in Wisconsin to refuel and buy fireworks.

Despite the challenges, however, all Minnesotans eventually returned home. "It was just such a shocking turn of events. I mean, nothing like this has ever happened to us at nationals... Well, except for last year when the buses were late and we **almost** missed our flights," said a perplexed Mr. History. "Well then there was that other time a few years ago when the buses were late and we **did** miss our flights and were stranded in D.C...," recalled staffer Mollie Igo.



Staffer Theresa Heath stays calm and collected despite the Dulles group's frenzied dash to the gate.

Sleeping Kids of The Day



Cute Sleeping Kid of the Day

