

CAMP HISTORY DAY DAILY BULLETIN

Staff Blown Away by Heavy Winds and Student Presentations

St. Paul, MN – Students from 24 different Minnesota schools gathered together on Tuesday, May 17 to be honored for their hard work and qualification for the National History Day Competition. Despite hurricane-force winds students arrived safely, though several performance students reported being locked on the balcony while retrieving their precious props. If they assumed State Coordinator Naomi Peuse was there to help them they were sadly mistaken. "I was worried about being blown away so I was relieved to see someone had noticed me," said Katie Kostohris from Cyber Village Academy, "until Naomi started laughing and making faces at me through the window." Luckily Katie's group members noticed her absence and rescued her just in time to perform.



Minnesota HD finalists display a shocking lack of "thumbs up" posing during their group photo at the Hill House. Staff, however, gave students a big THUMBS UP for their presentations and semi-formal attire. Mr. 7 confirmed that no clip-on ties were seen this year.

Students Surprised at Hill House by Unusual Wildlife

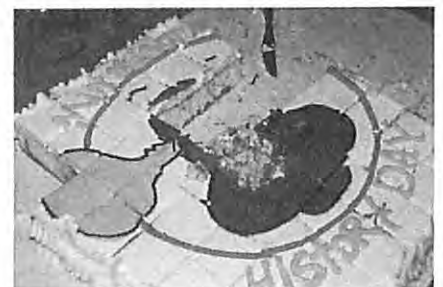


St. Paul, MN – While celebrating their achievements at the James J. Hill House, many Minnesota students reported seeing some rather peculiar wildlife. Despite the urban setting of the historic site, multiple moose sightings have been brought to the attention of authorities. "I don't know how they got inside," exclaimed Emma Erler of Roseville, "but they were certainly dressed for the occasion!" However, students were not allowed to view the traditional staff "antler dance" after the reception. "We already gave them a secret handshake," explained Mr. History, "and they'll get to learn the banana dance soon enough."

Moose Cake Assaulted by Ravenous Youth

A shocking violation of cake etiquette took place at the History Day reception when as-yet-to-be-identified youth attacked the center of the decorative Mooster History cake with fork and fingers. Ignoring the neatly sliced pieces from the outside edges, these cake-nappers went on a rampage

in the region near the right nostril. There is speculation that the culprits needed a chocolate fix, or that they feared the effects of the yellow dye #2 in the antler frosting. Staff will continue to investigate and has warned Chef Duff -- TV's "Ace of Cakes" -- to secure his baked goods as these students will be near Baltimore during the national contest.



Know Your Gophers!

Some pretty terrific Gophers are supplementing the state History Day staff this year! Most of these staffers have served as a History Day mentor or received the Knelman HD Alumni Scholarship, and some are former HD kids themselves!

U of MTAs

Staff veteran Alisha Volante, aka "the Regulator" will once again be making trip to DC with us and is joined by Andy Wilhide, former History Day kid and Nationals competitor.



Andy



Alisha

Emily Sass has been mentoring HD students for three years. Despite being from the Land of Cheese, her loyalties lie firmly in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. Our Knelman Scholar, Tania Roos, has a background as a late-night quality control specialist. Make sure to take advantage of her expertise if you pull an all-nighter with your room decorating!



Emily



Tania

K-Pow!

Mandy Kritzeck and Michelle Kwan round out our Gophers for the year. Both have traveled to College Park in previous years so these two will be able to answer your questions about anything related to dorm food, thumbs up posing, and room decorating.



Mandy



Michelle

HD Scholars March on the State Capitol

Prior to the finalist reception a group of History Day scholars took to the Minnesota State Capitol for an afternoon of tours and meetings with their elected officials. Aside from lobbying hard for a balanced budget and increases in education funding, History Day scholars did manage to share their projects and experiences with their elected officials. Staffer Matt Hill also reported that Hannah Davis of Capitol Hill almost had her thesis statement line-item vetoed by Governor Pawlenty when it was inadvertently added to a spending bill.



St. Paul Open School students meet with State Senator Mee Moua.

The Grapevine

Student Columnists Wanted!

CHDDB student contributors are always appreciated. If you have an interest in being a sports reporter, columnist, illustrator or propagandist let Katie know. Send e-mail to: katherine.craven@mnhs.org

Saint Paul Student Hairstyle Showdown in the Making

Barring any unforeseen pre-nationals shearing, staff reports that Sergio Portesan of Como Park and Demetrius Sass of the St. Paul Open School are the early front-runners in the "who keeps it shaggiest" category for the Minnesota History Day yearbook.

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CHOF Van Departs with Heavy Load of History

St. Paul, MN—Representatives from Christ's Household of Faith (CHOF) School were overwhelmed by the massive pile of History Day exhibits and props ready for loading Wednesday. "Well, this group sure can pack," commented CHOF teacher and master packer, Dennis "Jig Saw" Simonson, after viewing the rows of narrow bicycle boxes. "My only concern now is the weight limits of the roads on our route." The Eisenhower Interstate System, usually so reliable for cross-country travel, may begin to show its age under such demanding weight. The effects could be more severe on the back roads of West Virginia, especially since the trailer now weighs more than a fully-loaded coal truck. Simonson did need to consult the Department of Transportation concerning one piece of History Day freight. The fanciest of the boxes, ominously labeled "Emma Erler," is beautifully constructed from the finest and heaviest trees grown in Minnesota's northern forests. "We spared no expense to secure my props," claimed Erler. "I read through the packing instructions closely and when no weight limit was found, I decided to go for it." History Day staff waved a farewell to CHOF travelers mid-day on Thursday noting their somewhat frightened expressions. No reports yet on how they are managing. When asked to comment, State Co-Coordinator Naomi Peuse said, "I gave them my cell phone number, I'm sure they'll be fine."



CHOF students Kiana Alleman, Anders Strandlund and Shayne Okerstrom make a final inspection of the overloaded trailer.



A view of the nearly impenetrable St. Paul Open School wall shortly before Matt Hill was released.

St. Paul Open Students Set Up Blockade in State History Day Office

Late last Friday night, after countless hours laboring over their Bayard Rustin exhibit, St. Paul Open students, Jennifer Lor, Candice Fuller, D.J. Sass, and Ruby Uribe used their extensive supply of adhesives and cardboard to blockade state staffer, Matt Hill into his office. "He was always ditching us to go to the Capitol," commented Uribe, "So we decided to stage a non-violent protest." It wasn't until the rest of the staff arrived to work on the following Monday, that Hill was finally released. "Some custodians attempted to free me from my cubical, but those kids used so much duct tape that they just moved on to empty Naomi's trash," stated Hill. Equipped with his trusty iPhone, Hill used his time in solitary confinement to finish arranging all the congressional visits and creating iTunes playlists. Upon his release, Hill quickly hopped a plane for Idaho whistling a tune that sounded distinctly like Alice Cooper's "School's Out for Summer." Despite rumors that he is plotting his revenge, sources report that Hill has a soft spot for the antics of St. Paul youth. "What the heck," reflected Hill, "I remember when I was their age, I Taped Mr. History's dorm room, so it's all good!"

Gophers Receive Instructions -- Prepare to Take Flight

Word has it that synchronized travel is to receive "demonstration status" at the upcoming 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Fancying another trip to England's capital city, Minnesota's own travel agent, Jessica Ellison, has requested that all History Day campers study the day's agenda. "My heart gets all a twitter when I see children moving in one fluid motion. Being an Olympic athlete has been a life-long dream and I think this group could do it," stated Ellison. Olympic Committee representatives could be hiding anywhere—the Bulletin recommends that travelers stay sharp!

12:30 PM: Meet your History Day staff at MSP's Lindbergh Terminal—Northwest/Delta Group Travel Desk

Make sure you have your name and address on your luggage.

After checking in with your History Day staff, gather off to the side for further instruction regarding check-in. We will receive our boarding passes and check luggage with gate agents as a group. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR BOARDING PASS!**

ONCE YOU HAVE PASSED THROUGH SECURITY, feel free to grab lunch or a snack with your group, but then move quickly to our gate.

1:30 PM: Meet up at the gate for final instructions and boarding!

Stragglers will be hunted down with bloodhounds...try to avoid the embarrassment.

2:30 PM (CST): Depart from MSP for DCA.

Sometime over Michigan: Say "goodbye" to the Central Standard Time Zone (CST). Set your watch one hour forward.

5:51 PM (EST): Arrive at Reagan National Airport, Washington, DC.

Once the plane lands, **REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT** until all non-NHD passengers have exited the plane.

Shortly after: Gather your carry-on bags and say "buh bye" to the flight attendants as you leave the plane.

We will journey to baggage claim together. Once the group's luggage is collected we will board our buses.

A little while later: Board our buses

You have been assigned to a bus (check the colored dot on the backside of your nametag). Once you have selected your seat, loop your nametag around the headrest.

Parents renting vehicles may travel to Union Station and leave their car there. We will drop you off back at Union Station when the tour concludes.

7:00 PM: Arrive at Union Station and forage for food. Staff highly recommends the Bourbon Chicken.

7:45 PM: Board the buses for our DC Tour!

We will make several stops around town. After each stop, make sure you re-board the same bus (yellow or blue) and sit in the seat marked with your nametag.

Pay close attention on the way to campus, our first state meeting will take place on the bus!

10:00 PM: Arrive in College Park for dorm check-in.

Ali and Ott will have our dorm check-in cards ready for us. Individually you need to collect your card and work with dorm attendants to receive your room key. This will take some time...be patient and **NO WHINING!**—practice meditation while you wait for your name to be called.

Evening: Room judging doesn't take place until Wednesday evening...you don't need to worry about decorating just yet. Explore and rearrange your room, make up your bed, and get some sleep! Tomorrow is another big day!

Minnesota Trade Goods Reputed to be "Best Ever!"

By Mr. History

Minnesota History Day has a reputation for providing students with a strategic advantage in the highly competitive world of History Day button trading. Initial reports from traders at the New York Button Exchange indicate that this is going to be another solid year for our band of button brokers. "I don't think I've seen Minnesota buttons this stunning since the floss pin of 1998," commented Wisconsin coordinator Sarah Clement, "and the 'World Tour' badge puts any of our cow and cheese buttons to shame." Madison Avenue marketers also know that nothing sells more than cute little woodland creatures. The "Squirrel" button has been selected as this year's limited edition trade bait. In addition to demanding premium buttons in return, it is suggested that Minnesota students ask their trading partners to sing the "I Kissed a Squirrel" song before parting with the rodent badge. Parents should also know that the "My Kid Made History" button may be offered to other parents without the expectation of a trade. Federal stimulus funds have created a subsidy for this button and you are encouraged to get them into circulation as quickly as possible.



Through the Grapevine...

Erica Dombro, winner of the 400 in state track and field, was heard to be challenging anyone to a dash down the Washington Mall. No word on whether she's willing to give a head start.

Andrea Jorissen, champion of ground transportation, was unsuccessful in her bid to get the delegation to take Greyhound buses to nationals, despite cunning propaganda, a slick PowerPoint presentation, and bus-themed bribes delivered under the table to staff.

Henry Sanborn feels that a day without "This Land is Your Land" is a day wasted, and has offered to lead a rousing chorus of the song at any time during the day.

"Mr. 7's Neighborhood" Don't Mess With the 7



Today's Topic -- Travel Tips

As I sat and deeply contemplated our trip to D.C. this year, I thought that one of the most helpful things that I could do was to provide our young scholars (and older ones, too) some travel tips. Here we go....

1. Don't miss the flight. In my opinion, this is the most important piece of information I can give you.
2. It is never too early to start bribing staffers. A nice pillow fluff on the flight, a casual "May I carry your bag," or an offered ride on the shoulders during the walking tour can really carry you far (no pun intended).
3. Encourage a friend to fall asleep on the airplane. This allows for some fantastic photo opportunities for the staff.
4. Make sure that what you eat at Union Station looks fresh. As we will be walking a decent amount right after we eat, make sure that you will not need to be carried by parents or friends.
5. Listen to your tour bus drivers. It has been my experience in the past that this could be the most memorable part of your tour (also a little comic relief).
6. Most importantly, compete hard, be proud, and have fun. We are MINNESOTA don't va know!!

"THE TORCH"

A Beacon of Truth for National History Day in Minnesota

Starting off Minnesotar

As some of you may know, from 2001 to 2008 I called myself an Iowan. Despite being raised in Minnesota, I started to wear the word Iowan with a fair amount of pride. They are, after all, a hard-working, honorable people with their own history and heroes. It was the mission of my 2008 national experience to cheer both teams and love them equally. The Iowans scoffed at my Bowling Shirt, but otherwise I think I succeeded. This year, I started the school year off in Minnesota, working with students in the Southwest, starting each week with the secret History Day handshake, and gettin' my groove on with Mooster History when no one was looking. But, despite all my best efforts, some small piece of me is still Iowan. I often wonder if Dr. Norman Borlaug, (*Agricultural Scientist and Father of the Green Revolution*) a Cresco, Iowa native but Golden Gopher by training, struggles with the same problem. I hope you don't mind if I wave at some of my Iowa friends. I promise I will still be wearing my Bowling Shirt with pride...it and I are firmly one.



Can you name these monuments and memorials as you tour D.C.?



History Day Daily Tourist Challenge

Wow your friends, family, and History Day staff with your amazing knowledge. Present correct answers from each Bulletin Daily Trivia segment to the staff. High score at the end of the week wins a prize!

1. Name one misspelled word in the Lincoln Memorial.
2. Name three cities that were once the nation's capital. (There have been 9, come on, you can do it!)

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MN Herd Encounters Travel Snafus, Rises to the Occasion

COLLEGE PARK, MD – The Minnesota delegation once again showed their prodigious skills as herd travelers as they handled with grace two-hour lines, Olympic sprints toward the gate, and a gaggle of misplaced luggage in the trek from the Land of Lakes to the Land of Terrapins. “I was suspicious of sabotage from Northwest Airlines once I heard that our ticketing agent was from Wisconsin,” said Katie Caron. “But I didn’t realize the nefarious lengths they would go to in order to prevent the Minnesotans from arriving in D.C.” Despite the need for several airport cars plowing over hapless travelers in their race to the gate, the entire delegation arrived safely at National Airport, six minutes ahead of schedule. At Union Station, the winged travelers met up with the travelers who had opted for alternate transportation, including ground caravans, slightly more competent airlines, and covered wagon. “We thought we’d go for the truly historical experience,” said Haley Larsen. “We left in our covered wagon, Laura Ingalls-style, three weeks ago. Although I enjoyed sleeping outside, I can’t say that I am ready to eat salt pork again anytime soon.” Full and watered, the herd commenced its night tour, stopping to take a group photo at the White House before



Baffled Minnesota travelers wonder if their luggage will somehow end up in College Park.

moving on to the FDR, Lincoln and Korean War Memorials. Although it was generally agreed that the hotter it is, the better we like it, word was that the cool evening air was a great bonus.



D.J. Sass and Sergio Portesan posed with “Fala” in the FDR memorial during the Saturday night tour.

St. Paul Students find Unexpected Challenger in Shaggy Hair Competition

Washington, D.C. – St. Paul Public School students D.J. Sass and Sergio Portesan have been in an intense duel since State History Day to see who can keep their hair the shaggiest until the end of the national competition. The two competitors have been seen comparing their locks during the plane ride and tour. “Sergio has good length,” explained Sass, “but I got the curls, and that has to count for something.” As both boys tried to impress the staff with their prodigious mops, they found themselves confronted with an unexpected challenger in the FDR memorial. FDR’s beloved Scottish Terrier, “Fala” stunned the lads with the wavy wonderment of his bronze fur. Sergio and D.J. acknowledged the challenge by posing for a group photo, which when viewed closely actually shows a slight glimpse of their eyeballs. “That dog is a regal beast,” commented Portesan, “I gotta get me one of those when I become President.” Sergio also revealed that one of his first orders as chief executive would be to “cut” the White House barber in order to “trim” the national debt. Take the hint boys...

Something for Everybody at Harper's Ferry: Abolitionist Uprising AND Confederate Army Victory!

June 13, 2009 – As staffers Ali Kappes and Dan Ott drove east, there was a dire need to visit a historic site in order to bestow historic blessings on the Herd of Minnesotans at National History Day. It is a History Day “FACT” that without such a blessing before the arrival of the main herd, that water will not quench thirst nor air conditioning cool flesh in the harsh environment of the Chesapeake. With such importance placed on the blessing, the staffers had to choose wisely. In such a “historically rich” environment, there are many options.

After wandering off the Interstate in Maryland following a hearty breakfast of biscuits and gravy, the two travelers stumbled upon the perfect “American classic” site, Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. As most students from the North have learned, John Brown conducted his heroic raid on the Armory at Harper's Ferry in order to start a slave insurrection. Although Brown was defeated, this event helped spark the Civil War. This event is less well known by students from the South. They only know Harper's Ferry as the location of a brilliant “Stonewall” Jackson victory, where the Confederate's captured a significant number of Union



forces. Obviously, there are some disconnects between regional meanings of the location. Needless to say, a controversial historic site is perfect for a History Day blessing. Being from the North, Ott and Ali chose to receive the blessing at John Brown's Fort (a fire house where he made his last stand) as opposed to the other possible location which the Southerners prefer; a Waffle House with a Confederate Flag.

19th Century Farmer Takes 21st Century Road Trip to D.C.



This daguerreotype of Farmer Ott, shows him in front of his well-sown corn field at the Oliver Kelley Farm in Elk River, Minnesota sometime in the late 1860s. Stop by and see him this summer and he might teach you how to make some hay, or at least \$12.69 an hour.

After exhausting all possible candidates for a driving buddy, Ali Kappes sought advice from Mr. History. Cryptically he said, “Look to Minnesota's rich historical roots for answers.” Puzzling this vague response, Kappes used her strong understanding of Minnesota State History to find her solution. “It just seems to me that the roots of the state were in agriculture, because of the vast availability of land with fertile soil. A hardworking farmer seemed to be the best option,” Kappes said. “That and I bet Robber Barons like Washburn, Hill and Pillsbury would make me drive too long with no time for rest...at least until I form a union.”

Naturally, she looked to the father of Minnesota's populist movement, Oliver Hudson Kelley, the founder of the Grange. Time Traveling to 1853 to get his help proved easier than expected, especially since she was given the use with the use of a 1982 DM Delorian from the state motorpool. After a few harrowing detours in the Jurassic period, she returned to 21st century with a hired farm hand who was willing to ride shotgun, Dan Ott.

“Adjusting to the 21st Century was a little bit difficult,” Ott said. “These clothes are awful! I feel a bit scandalous wearing this short blouse and exposing my legs with these small pants,” speaking of his T-shirt and shorts. “This powered, Ox-less cart certainly is frightening,” he said as he stood awestruck in front of the minivan. “However, once I discovered the similarities between driving this machination and driving oxen, it was a snap.” He explained that the steering handle was the same as uttering ‘Haw’ and ‘Gee’ and that the foot lever was the same as beating the oxen with a whip. Key differences of note being that a 3.3-liter V6 engine had replaced Coulter and Toby (the oxen) and that the van moves at 70 miles per hour as opposed to 3. In common, they both lack fuel economy. “Good Luck Minnesotians!”

Travellin' Ted Eibs Update



White Bear Lake teacher, Ted Eibs, who could not make the national contest due to illness is nevertheless making his way around the nation's capital in miniature form. "Travelin' Ted" is being accompanied by fellow teacher Mike Daniel and his student Emily Brown. Photographs of his adventures will be compiled in a scrapbook and presented to him when we get back. Get well Ted!!!!!!!

Through the Grapevine...

-Katie Kostohris, Olympic qualifying speed texter, had to be dragged kicking and screaming away from the dazzling display of cell phone covers at Union Station.

-Hearing that a spontaneous concert would be held, Kiana Alleman and Sophie Burton admitted to sharing the co-president position of their Regional Jonas Brother fan club. They are currently planning their outfits with an MN History Day theme.

-After a year's hiatus the HD staff would like to welcome Huy and Josh Nguyen back to the dorms. Go Bears!

- History Day is on board with the latest technology...staffer Matt Hill is now Twittering our trip at www.twitter.com/hill0680

Ott and Ali's Guide to License Plates from Across the United States

As staffers Ali Kappes and Dan Ott traveled across half the United States they soon realized that there is not much to do as you cruise the Eisenhower Interstate System. To pass the time they began to realize that some people get very creative with personalizing their plates.

Below are a few examples of what they saw, try and decipher a few of them on your own!

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Sunday Schedule

- 9 AM – 8 PM: Student registration and exhibit setup
- 6:30 PM: Welcome ceremony McKeldin Mall in the center of campus
- 7:30 PM: Arcade night in the dorm!
- 9:30 PM: Mandatory State meeting (so much fun it is impossible to miss!) LaPlata Dorm basement.
- Judging schedule posted in the CHDDB and the dorm

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Alphabet Inequity Potential Cause of Airport Delays

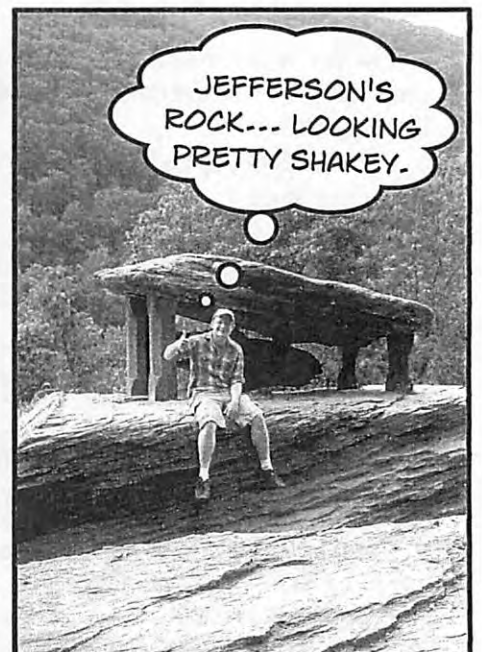
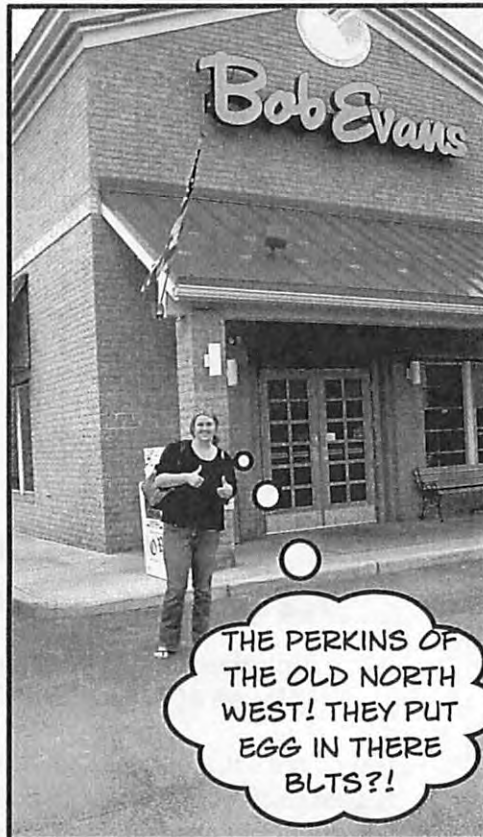
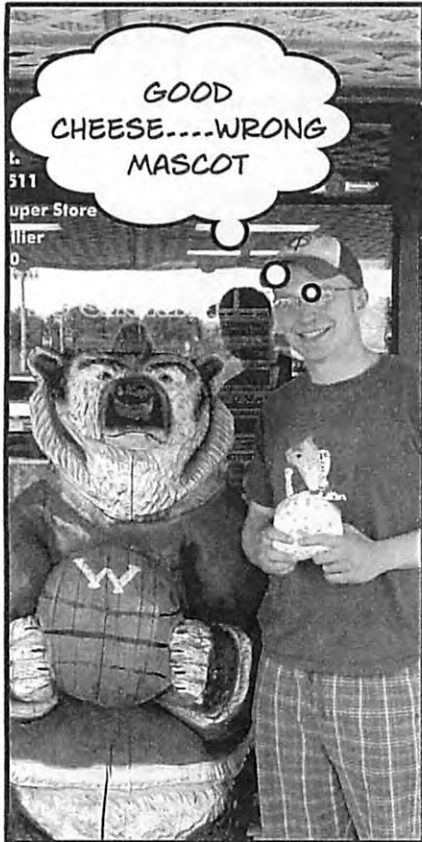


Is it possible that our delay at the airport was not the result of inadequate airport staffing, but was in fact negative karma generated by the traditions of forced alphabetization?

How often have we read the signs "A through M stop right here, N to Z go somewhere else." Prior to marrying myself into the alphabet's middle, I was positioned in the Z's. Prior to becoming the Torch I was affectionately named "Killer Ziller." I graduated ahead of 2 Zimmers and a Zvonovec...Lakeville High School's 376th scholar. Why did I have to spend my childhood waiting? "Line up alphabetically please, I will be calling you up alphabetically, Z's wait until I have helped everyone else first, if you don't mind."

These painful memories went forgotten until I and the other members of our alphabetically-challenged party waited...and waited...and waited. As we ran to the security gate, I could have sworn I heard the desk clerk say "I think we showed those N through Zers. Hopefully they will think twice before showing their names around here again!" *Mwa Ha Ha* How long should we stand for this trying on our patience? Why, how about until we arrived at LaPlata dorm, when the world was made right again and the N through Z crowd was provided with Minnesota History Day's platinum elite check-in privileges! Fortunately, NHD registration has equal opportunity alphabet lines and all will go well (we hope!)

ALI AND DAN CROSSING THE NATION



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MN games hard, makes other states envious

Minnesota students showed that their skills lie in arenas other than history as they Hero'd, Wii'd and Spooled their way through Arcade Night 2009. Alex Westad, attempting Guitar Hero for the first time in his life, admitted that his skills as a concert cellist did wonders to advance his video game skills. "I understood the basic concept of strumming," he said, "but it was the loud rock music that really threw me off. Where is the Chopin track on Cello Hero when you need it?" Carrie Schweyen commented that it was not her lack of nimble reflexes that led her to a second-place finish in spoons, but instead her lack of appropriate caffeine intake. "I usually drink six Mountain Dew's a day to keep my hands from shaking, but today I only managed three and a soy extra-hot latte," she said. Other Arcadian champions, including Wii Olympian Aaron Hathaway and Mario Kart wizard Carl-Lars Engen, feel that the Arcade experience has made their week complete. "I mean, History Day is great and all that," Hathaway said, "but I haven't gamed in three whole days. This made the whole trip worth it!" Such was the success of the arcade



Gophers eye their potential spoon bounty at Arcade Night 2009, minutes before violence ensued.

that other states were found to be pressing their faces against the glass in jealous despair. CHDDB propagandists distinctly heard New Mexicans bemoaning the unhip status of their state and begged to be allowed to play with our toys.

Wily MN button traders barter for rarities, nab exotic pins

Seemingly bolstered by the presence of Guam in LaPlata, Minnesota button traders emerged in full force late Saturday night and into Sunday morning. Skilled haggler Billy Eerdmans procured an unheard-of Shanghai History Day lapel pin in the dining hall, with a clever trade of two Minnesota buttons and a winning smile. "State buttons? Who is into state buttons anymore?" Billy said. "Anybody who is anybody knows that it's all about nabbing the foreign country buttons. I have my eye out for the Department of Defense schools, and if Lichtenstein shows up, I'll be the first to know."

Self-described "used car salesman" Maggie Schmidt tracked down rare 2008 buttons in between bites of dining-hall pancakes. "I thought that professional performance was in my future," she told the CHDDB, "but since I've realized my amazing skills as a clever trader and monopolizer of the button market, I've ... hey, Hawaii! Stop where you are! First chance at rare Minnesota buttons right here, limited time only!"

Serious traders will certainly bring their dazzling array of buttons to the Student Dance this evening for manic trading.



Billy Eerdmans shows off his big score, a Shanghai History Day button. Eerdmans was later mobbed by a slathering throng of Iowa button-traders.

Junior Judging Schedule

Here is the full judging schedule for the junior division students today. Please try to support your fellow Minnesotans as they are being judged. Watch performances! View documentaries! Hover outside exhibit, paper and website rooms! The more Minnesotans at each judge time, the better.

Good luck to all of our juniors!

JGE	11:00	Hutton Phillips, Sophie Burton	"Dr. Jane Hodgson"	Grand Ballroom, SSU
JIP	11:00	Francesca Dawis	"Rigoberta Menchu"	0125 Jimenez
JP	11:15	Ana Schaff	"Eva McDonald Valesh"	1124 Jimenez
JW	11:15	Aaron Hathaway	"Jonathan Letterman"	2120 Jimenez
JGP	11:40	Kiana Alleman, Anders Strandlund, Shayne Okerstrom	"Mayo Legacy"	Hoff Theatre, SSU
JID	11:40	Carl-Lars Engen	"Sigurd Olson"	1115 Cambridge
JGD	1:00	Haley Larsen, Elise Olsen	"Betty Crocker"	0112 Armory
JIE	1:15	Laura Cattaneo	"Jane Addams"	Grand Ballroom, SSU
JW	1:45	Hannah Davis	"Irena Sendler"	0103 Jimenez
JP	2:00	Tasha Holtman	"Jane Addams"	Tubman, SSU
JIP	2:00	Emma Erler	"Anna J. Harrison"	Nanticoke, SSU
JGP	2:40	Katie Kostohris, Kateri Schmidt, Maggie Schmidt	"Frances Densmore"	3109 Cole
JID	2:40	Andrea Jorissen	"Carl Eric Wickman"	1205 Cambridge
JGD	2:40	Daniel Bergerson, Henry Sanborn	"Woody Guthrie"	Pyon Su, SSU
JIE	3:00	Alayna O'Bryan	"Margaret Sanger"	Grand Ballroom, SSU
JGE	3:00	Nicholas Thyr, William Naylor	"Hubert H. Humphrey"	Grand Ballroom, SSU

Monday Schedule

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Junior Judging, various campus buildings

7:00 p.m.: Posting of Junior Finals, SSU monitors (Minnesota delegation will gather near SSU info desk)

7:30 – 10:30 p.m.: Student Dance, Armory

No Meeting Tonight!

Travelin' Ted Eibs Update

Travelin' Ted Eibs received the full History Day experience Sunday with the assistance of his tour guides, Emily Brown and Hannah Daniel. After a whirlwind tour of monuments and museums, Travelin' Ted settled down in the Stamp Student Union registration area for some button trading and schmoozing with students from other states. A man of few words, Travelin' Ted's response to this day of wonderment was, of course, "Go Bears."



Through the Grapevine...

-Hannah Davis wept openly during the opening ceremony speech about Irena Sendler, commenting that if only she were ten years older and from Kansas and in a performance group and could speak Polish, she could have met Sendler, too.

-Deceptively quiet documentarian Jill Bachelder was seen joining a truckers' strike on the mall in D.C. Their pleas for fairer wages inspired Bachelder to commandeer their soapbox for over an hour.

-Dena Coffman, otherwise known as the "tacky police," rescued a black headband from the bathroom floor Sunday night. She offered to give it a home, but conceded that her hair was better when it was free of all constraints. If it's yours, the History Day staff might give it up, in return for appropriate bribes.

-Candice Fuller, whose classical dancing skills are only outstripped by her Positional Mounting Adhesive skills, feels that the "So You Think You Can Dance" competition will not be fair to anyone else because she is far too amazing.

We Think the Air Conditioning Backfired

By Dena "Tacky Police" Coffman, Erica "Flash" Dombro, and Hannah "Random Fact" Powers

A list of things that Hannah, Dena and Erica did to keep warm Saturday night:

1. Tried to cover the air conditioner with a towel. Didn't work. Added another one. Still didn't work.
2. Huddled like penguins.
3. Huddled like camels.
4. Built a bonfire with all the extra towels.
5. Chucked the desks into the fire, too.
6. Attempted to fit three people under the single blanket.
7. Thought about Hawaii. Dena's hula dancing kept everyone awake.
8. Called home to Fed-Ex our hand warmers.
9. Breathed on our hands.
10. 3:00 a.m.: Did jumping jacks.
11. Acknowledged that we should have brought our winter gear.

A morning revelation: One can turn off the air conditioning, or if one is so inclined, adjust the temperature.

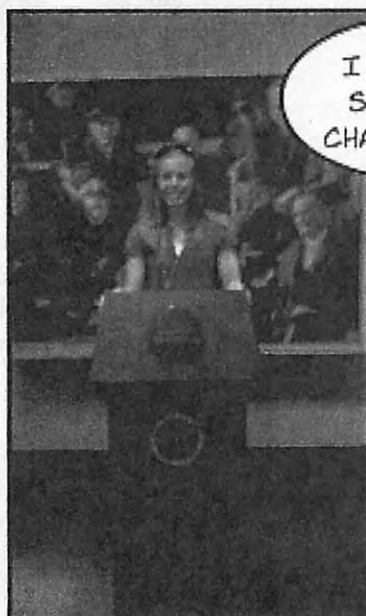
"Mr. 7's Neighborhood"

Don't Mess With The 7

It was a day that I will remember the rest of my life. Sunday, June 14, 2009, when I encountered President Obama while touring the National Museum of American History. Mr.



Obama heard that several members of the highly trained History Day Staff from Minnesota were checking out the museum. He dropped everything he was doing in order to get over to American History to meet the real celebs in town. Slipping out of the White House, giving Secret Service the ditch, Obama made his way to the museum. Patrons stopped and stared as the president sought out the company of staffers. "Hello, my name is Barack," said the president. "Yeah, I know who you are, my name is Mr. 7," was the reply. "Mr. 7, would you pause for a photo with me?" I paused to contemplate how a photo with this man would effect my reputation. Would this wind up on the Internet? What would be the PR ramifications? Quickly, I said, "Yes, Mr. President, you can have your photo taken with me." "What an honor Mr. 7," Obama replied, "I'll never forget this day. Together, we will make history."



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Scholars Persevere, Juniors Officially Rock It!

College Park, MD—Thanks to Mooster high-fives and their unequivocal research, Minnesota's juniors presented in fine style Monday. Despite numerous technological breakdowns documentarians persisted with technical prowess that would shame famed videographer Ken Burns. "When the DVD player exploded I had a feeling it was going to be a tough day," commented Andrea Jorissen. "I was really glad I had taken some equipment survival courses with Mr. History prior to our trip. With a little duct tape, a spare power strip, and a tube sock, I was able to assemble a suitable replacement and still had an extra minute of set-up time to check my hair."

If juniors thought their thirst for results would quench quickly they were sorely mistaken. History Day coach and former participant Iris Fricke offered to start a conga-line to pass the time until, Kiana Alleman, gently reminded her that we are in Banana Country. Picking up the cue Anders Strandlund and Shayne Okerstrom cried in well-rehearsed unison, "Bananas Bunch!" Alleman confessed that the group had been banana-splitting all day. "It really calms the nerves and can take the edge off any stressful day."



Katie Kostohris and Kateri Schmidt feared that the results they so desperately craved would never come.

Five juniors are known to have advanced to the finals round and will present on Tuesday evening (see schedule on page 3). Thumbs-up to you, scholars, and congratulations!

Johnson and Schnettler Storm D.C.

Our late arrivals to the national competition, Max Johnson and Jack Schnettler, certainly rival the most traveled MNHD in spotting government leaders. On the flight from Minneapolis to Washington, D.C. they encountered two of our state's most infamous rivals. While passing through first class, Schnettler's head spun quicker than students looking for second round postings. There in full suit and tie was Minnesota Republican Norm Coleman.

Still in awe, both gentlemen proceeded to general seating and in an amazing twist of fate found a slumped and exhausted Al Franken, Minnesota Democrat. As they took their seats, Johnson couldn't help but hope for a West Side Story-like fight scene to break out mid flight. "The tension was thicker than the afternoon humidity," he commented.

Disappointed and despondent about the lack of Broadway-style battle dancing, Johnson and Schnettler consoled themselves with a tour of the White House. In the distance they noticed a tall, slender figure waving. The use of a long-range lens confirmed



Roommates Max Johnson and Jack Schnettler plot their presidential campaign strategy.

their wildest hopes - President Obama. Arriving at the dorm, Johnson declared, "if we can garner this much attention in one day, we'll own this town by Thursday. Vote Johnson/Schnettler 2028!"

Senior Judging Schedule

Here is the full judging schedule for the senior division students today. Please try to support your fellow Minnesotans as they are being judged. Watch performances! View documentaries! Hover outside exhibit, paper and website rooms! The more Minnesotans at each judge time, the better.

Good luck to all of our seniors!

SP	11:00	Jack Schnettler	"Hubert Humphrey"	1124 Jimenez
SIP	11:00	Alex Westad	"Prof. Graeme Clark"	2123 Jimenez
SGP	11:00	Hanna Cody, Maria McGlinch, Carrie Schweyen, Megan Vandevoorde	"Nellie Bly"	Atrium, SSU
SW	11:00	Sarah Yang	"Xang Vang"	Crossland, SSU
SID	11:20	Sergio Portesan	"Thaddeus Stevens"	T. Marshall, SSU
SGD	11:20	Ben Gibbs, Charlie Shapiro	"Denis Diderot"	0110 Armory
SGE	1:00	Jennifer Lor, Ruby Uribe, DJ Sass, Candice Fuller	"Bayard Rustin"	Grand Ballroom, SSU
SIE	1:15	Katie Caron	"John Snow"	Grand Ballroom, SSU
SID	1:20	Jill Bachelder	"Farrell Dobbs"	1115 Cambridge
SIP	1:20	Max Johnson	"John Scopes"	Nanticoke, SSU
SP	1:45	Emily Brown	"Dr. C. Walton Lillehei"	1117 Jimenez
SW	1:45	Taylor Delaney, Alex Stitt	"Food For Thought"	2125 Jimenez
SGP	2:00	Robin Purman, Madeleine Marrin	"Katharine Graham"	0130 Armory
SGD	2:20	Hannah Powers, Erica Dombro, Dena Coffman	"Sir Edmund Hillary"	0131 Armory
SGE	2:30	Andy Eerdmans, Billy Eerdmans	"George C. Marshall"	Grand Ballroom, SSU
SIE	2:45	Joshua Pfitzer	"James Farmer Jr."	Grand Ballroom, SSU

Tuesday Schedule

10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Senior Judging, various campus buildings

5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.: Junior performance and documentary finals, Stamp Student Union

7:00 p.m. (or so): posting of senior finals (Minnesota delegation will gather near the SSU info desk)

9:00 p.m. (or ASAP): State Meeting (Wed schedule/congressional visits)

Evening: So You Think You Can Dance HD Auditions/yearbook pictures (MN Lounges)

Scheduling Conundrum Attempts to Thwart Team Spirit

Sources report that an automatic scheduling mechanism seeks to impede Minnesota's herd-like movements with an impossible puzzle of conflicting appointments. Apparently the machine had an adverse reaction to Bowling Shirt aqua. Mr. History advises troops to soldier on with the same tenacity and technique they used on D-Day...divide and conquer.

8:15 p.m.: Atrium (SSU)
Francesca Dawis, Individual Performance
Weaving the Guipil: Rigoberta Menchu's Protest for Racial Equality in Guatemala

8:15 p.m.: Margaret Brent Room (SSU)
Carl-Lars Engen, Individual Documentary
More than Words: The Legacy of Sigurd F. Olson

8:30 p.m.: Hoff Theatre (SSU)
Katie Kostohris, Kateri Schmidt, Maggie Schmidt, Group Performance
Frances Densmore the Song Catcher: An Individual Takes Action to Preserve the Native American Legacy

High Pitched Vocals Attempt to Destroy Karaoke Fun

By Andrea Jorissen & Maggie Schmidt

Late Sunday night towards the end of a rambunctious night of games, two anonymous students attempted to murder an innocent karaoke machine. Fellow campers report sighting two boys fumbling anxiously over the machine. "I was sitting playing cards when all of a sudden I heard this sputtering noise. I looked next to me and saw that the karaoke machine once alive with the sound of music was lying there – DEAD," says Andrea Jorissen of White Bear Lake. "Now I won't get to sing Taylor Swift!" Two staffers quickly hurried to the scene of the crime. After performing on-the-spot surgery and plugging back in a cord, they were able to save the machine, and "YMCA" was soon pumping from the speakers – lyrics provided by the audience, of course. Police have not made any arrests as of yet but are currently investigating the crime. If you have any information please contact Chief of the MNHDPD Mooster History at the History Day Headquarters.

Mooster History Impersonator Caught Red-Antlered

Upon entering the Kenneth E. Behring Hall of Mammals at the Natural History Museum (yup, Mr. Behring likes history museums, too) in Washington, D.C. our very own Michelle Kwan happened to come across a stunning revelation. There nestled in between the ruby slippers and a ferocious mountain lion was what Kwan feared might be a Mooster History imposter. She wanted to catch the furry mammal in the act so immediately initiated the secret handshake. Stumped, the antlered fiend had to confess that he was an Antlerous Historicas, a.k.a Fred, Mooster's less mobile cousin. Not wishing to cause further harm to a clearly downtrodden moose, Kwan traded him a button and the two shared a banana dance.

Through the Grapevine...

-Ben Gibbs and Charlie Shapiro kicked off the dance with the Macarena followed by their own rendition of the "YMCA" singing, "MNHD, its got everything for young scholars to enjoy..."

-Caught red-handed with four slices of pie, Sarah Yang claimed to be sharing them with staffers. Later at the dance, when asked about her lethargic attitude she confessed, "I think I had one too many!"

-Ana Schaff used the power of the MNHD Force to battle through her cold and pull off an amazing paper interview. How did she summon the power? "I channeled the heart of my inner gopher and spun around three times."

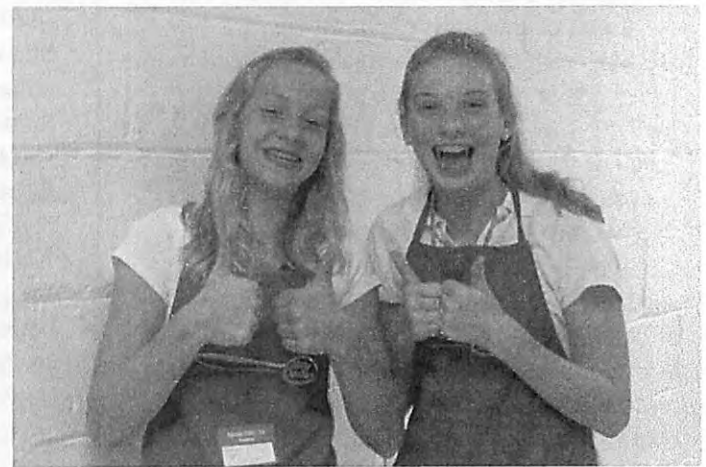
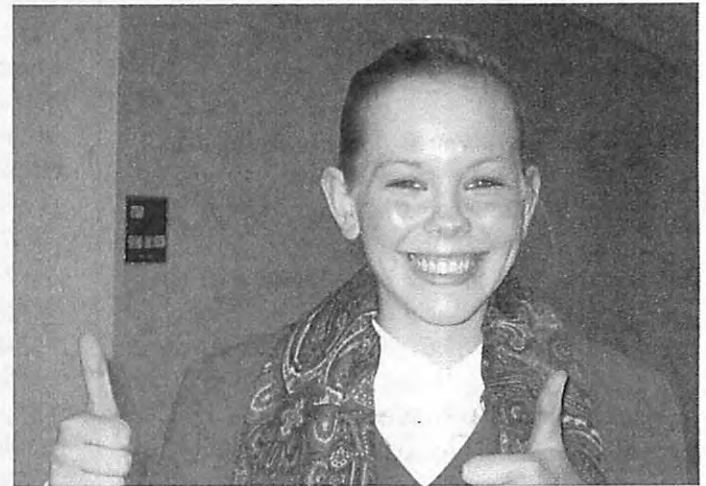
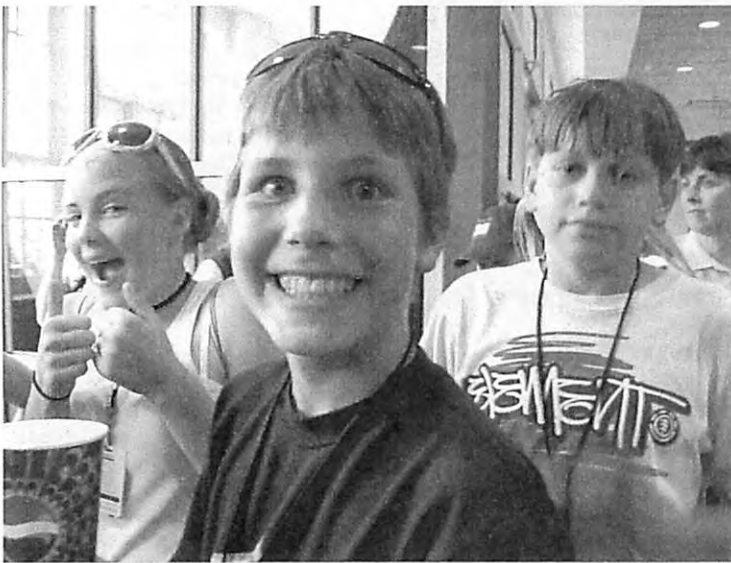
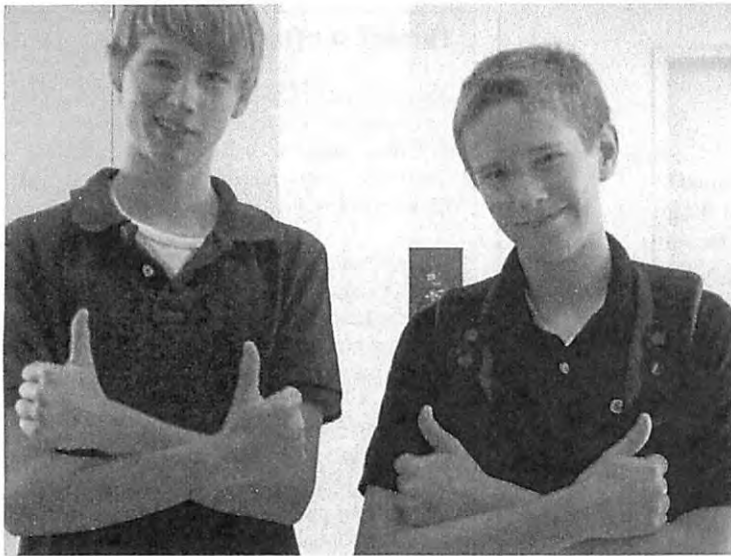
-Alayna O'Bryan decided to begin her own HD Sisterhood of the Traveling Bowling Shirt after stealing one from the infamous staff lounge. Later she was caught by Jessica and forced to wear the Banana Cap on the ride home. Look for her Thursday - she'll be the one in yellow!



Attempting to bring scholars good luck, Kwan and Fred demonstrate the proper technique of antler.

Fred confessed, "I might not be as nimble as Mooster, but I enjoy getting visitors—especially my friends from Minnesota."

He invites us to bring tidings of his favorite roughage and if you know any single female Moose send them to his profile on Moosematch.com. He prefers long walks through the forest and traveling across rivers.



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Minnesota History Day Knows We Can Dance!

9th Floor Lounge, LaPalata Dormitory – A stunning display of technique and creativity was witnessed by “So You think You Can Dance” judges Katie Craven and Maren McMartin. “We haven’t seen dancing like this... ever,” proclaimed Katie. A number of unique, new dances were created including two expert Ninja dancers, John Travolta wannabees, and a Montage of Household Tasks.

“We had a pretty experienced crowd,” Maren noted. Some of the accomplishments included the prestigious “We Awesome,” “Everything,” and the “Arythmic Spasm” awards. “I think my minutes of dance training last night really prepared me for the level of competition here,” shouted Nick Thyr upon being passed on to the next round of judging in London.

As for the students who did not participate, Daniel Bergerson and Henry Sanborn confessed that they feared that the judges wouldn’t fully understand the intricacies of their Woody Guthrie based interpretative Folk Dancing. “We are already planning a Folk-pop fusion for next year,” said Daniel.



Megan VanDeVoorde, Haley Larsen, and Elise Olsen rock the dance in a blur of thumbs and funky moves.

Are The Minnesota History Day Staffers Spies?

By Laura Cattaneo, Maggie Schmidt, Sister Elena, and Anonymous

Have you ever wondered why staffers always have cameras? Why are they always wearing bowling shirts? Do they have something to hide? Early evening on Tuesday after a vigorous day at the Spy Museum, four campers may have discovered the secret: Staffers could be spies. Among the reasons for our suspicions are...

1. First and foremost they always have cameras documenting every moment of our lives.
 2. At the museum we learned that all spies wear disguises. Several of the other states have mistaken them for bowlers.
 3. Self-professed communist staffers then keep us in a herd. Are they watching us?
 4. Spies use many different secret weapons such as pins.
 5. Are the pins they give us bugged?
 6. Why are they always carrying walkie-talkies?
- Or...
7. How do they know the results before we do?

If you have any information please contact Laura Cattaneo at the Minnesota student detective agency!



History Day staffer caught!!

Congressional Visits

Here is the full schedule for today's congressional visits. Listed are the members we will be visiting in the afternoon. Please note the time, staff members, and location of whom you will be visiting for the day.

Staff will leave from the info desk at Stamp Student Union 1.5 hours before the scheduled visit, otherwise meet at the congressional office buildings.

Allow 10-15 minutes for passing through security. Questions? Lost? Call Matt Hill 651-343-3491

Rep. Betty McCollum 1714 Longworth HOB 2:30pm (Meet at Freedom Statue in Capitol Visitor Center)
Tours starting from office at 12:50 or after meeting Mr. History, Katie, Emily

Rep. Collin Peterson 2211 Rayburn HOB 2:00pm Ali

Rep. Erik Paulsen 126 Cannon HOB 1:50pm Naomi, Andy

Rep. Keith Ellison 1122 Longworth HOB 2:00pm Mr.7, Kwan,

Rep. Michelle Bachmann 107 Cannon HOB 2:00pm Matt, Mandy

Rep. Tim Walz 1722 Longworth HOB 3:00pm Jessica, Tania

Senator Klobuchar 302 Hart Senate Office Building 5:00pm (Meet in Hart Atrium) All

Don't forget to give your representative the thumbs up and tell them about your project!

Wednesday Schedule

8:30 a.m.: 12:30 p.m.: Senior performance and documentary finals

Afternoon: Congressional Meetings

7:30 p.m.: State Meeting (Thursday schedule, practice parade antics)

Evening: Parents Meeting/ Dorm Judging/ Load as much as possible in van

History Day Representative Challenge

Wow you're state representative with jaw dropping questions and see if you can stump them.

Here are a few questions you can ask:

1. Give us a play by play of your political day.
2. If you were given one question to ask former President Abraham Lincoln what would you ask?

Senior Run Off Entries Announced

The Minnesota herd had an amazing day of judging, culminating in four of our eight senior project moving on to the final round. Please make sure to show your herd spirit and come view the projects today!

9am: Atrium (SSU)
Alex Westad, Individual
Performance

The Sounds of Silence: The Actions and Legacies of Professor Graeme Clark

11:15am: Hoff Theater (SSU)
Hanna Cody, Maria McGlinch,
Carrie Schweyen, Megan
Vandevoorde, Group Performance
*Where a Woman Shouldn't Be:
Nellie Bly and Lunatic Asylum*



Hannah Powers, Erica Dombro and Dena Coffman celebrate their selection for the national finals with a Highland Park "party hug."

11:15am: Benjamin Banneker (SSU)
Hanna Powers, Erica Dombro, Dena
Coffman, Group Documentary
*Sir Edmund Hillary: Building a
Legacy of Education and
Sustainable Development*

11:30am: Atrium (SSU)
Max Johnson
Speaking for the Truth: John Scopes

Through the Grapevine...

-Hanna Powers was spotted doing an unsanctioned Banana dance in the Armory. This may disqualifier her from being in the official dance on Thursday at the Awards.

-On Monday morning Tasha Holtman encountered the terrifying "Men in Black" in her judge room. Upon seeing the terrifying twosome she fiercely bolted for the door and headed for the elevator.

-Staff reports that Elise Olsen and Haley Larsen plan to attempt to break a world record forming the largest birthday cake made entirely of Betty Crocker mixes. The shape? Our best bet is a moose or a squirrel.

-Plans for next year include a new feature to arcade night. Joshua Pfitzer has begun to develop a plan to legitimize staff members' infamous bowling shirts. Upon seeing the narrow hallways of the LaPlata dorm, Joshua plans to create a legacy for himself by bringing along numerous miniature bowling pins and bowling balls for an all out NHD bowl-a-thon.

-Notice: if you have recently lost a pair of blue underwear with accompanying purple flowers please see the staff before they become a dorm decorating prize.



Cute Kid of the Day

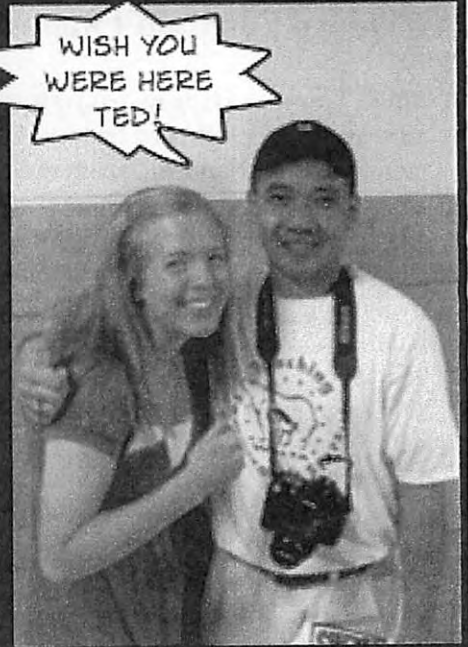
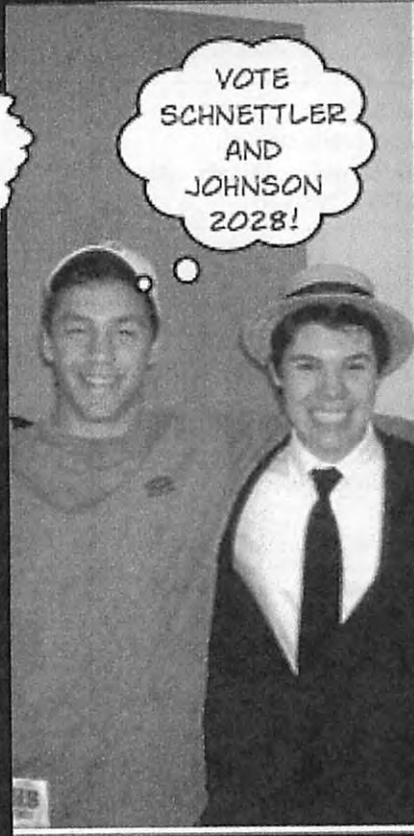
Jayla Ferguson

Top 10 Things You didn't know About Mr. History...

1. While Tim was living in Tokyo working for History Day he embraced the culture and history of a nation by becoming a member of the National Japanese Sumo Wrestling Association... after which he was highly sought after by Augsburg College.
2. His favorite color is magenta.
3. He pays for all his music and his favorite CD's are "Spice World" by the Spice Girls and has recently added to his collection with a number of songs by the Jonas Brothers.
4. Tim enjoys Macaroni and cheese.
5. Tim takes every opportunity he has to strut his stuff in his fleece polar bear pajamas.
6. He doesn't go anywhere without his Barbie bath towel.
7. He secretly wishes he were a member of the "I go out of my way to step on crunchy leaves" Facebook group.
8. He dreams in Russian.
9. His childhood dream was to become Mr. 7.
10. Mooster History is his hero.



Mr. History celebrates his first Sumo victory with a new shoulder tattoo.



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Minnesota Storms the Hill: Obama Interrupts

Minnesota History Day contestants descended on Capitol Hill yesterday afternoon in a flurry of visits to Congressional Representatives and Senator Amy Klobuchar. Government officials were in awe of the knowledge brought forth from the Minnesota delegation and the History Day scholars. Representative Collin Peterson was fortunate enough to finally meet the Eerdmans' family after several unsuccessful meeting attempts. The twins used their button trading experience to help the Congressman develop free trade agricultural policy with third world countries.

Well aware of the presence of the Minnesota NHD'ers after his meeting with Mr. 7 on Sunday, President Obama called Representative Keith Ellison's office during the visit by the almost 30 strong that had squeezed into Ellison's plush office. The president proceeded to chastise the Representative for keeping all of the glory to himself, and not sharing the opportunity to meet real Minnesota History Day students in the flesh. Don't worry Mr. Prez, you can come out to Minnesota on Air Force One anytime you'd like, and Mr. History will line up some students for you to meet.



Laura Cattaneo poses with Senator Amy Klobuchar in the Hart office building. Laura noted how the jacket and pearls of the Senator's outfit complement the marble walls.

History Day Student Keeps Lonely Senator Company

Laura Cattaneo had a chance to meet Senator Amy Klobuchar yesterday at the Hart Senate Office building in Washington, D.C. Cattaneo, realizing her civic duty, kept the lonely senator company while the Minnesota delegation visited. Klobuchar was quoted as saying, "It is nice to have company. I have been all by myself for over 200 days now." Cattaneo responded kindly saying, "We feel your pain Ms. Senator." As the delegation began to leave, the senator latched on to Laura and clung to her for dear life. The capitol security had to remove the Senator from Cattaneo's leg in order for the Minnesotans to return to the campus.

Thursday's Schedule: Awards and Travel

A busy and exciting day will be ahead for the delegation:

7:00-7:45 am: breakfast in cafeteria- The early bird gets the worm – or bagel

8:00 am: State Picture, front stairs of dormitory- be on time and in grey t-shirts

8:10-8:30 am: Team marches to Cole Field House

8:30-11:30 am: National Award Ceremony- bring you cheers!

11:30-12:30 pm: lunch on your own

by 2:45 pm: delegation be checked out and luggage down in dorm lobby

at 3:00 pm: bus picks up ½ group for DCA

at 4:45 pm: bus picks up remaining ½ group for IAD

5:59 pm: fly from DCA to MSP, NWA #1711

7:50 pm: fly from IAD to MSP, NWA #2583

Alum Artist Appears at State Meeting



HD Alum, Jose Curbelo of the class of '94, and Mr. H with the official History Day, 2009 signature poster, created by Jose. It's a tradition unlike any other, so sign for posterity!

The Herd Readies Themselves for Awards



This year's band of letter-carriers has proven to be an inspiration to the rest of the state. They rehearsed the Minnesota rouser chant one last time at the Wednesday night meeting. After five intense days of practice the staff is pretty sure that the letters will stay in the correct order and avoid the "NIMESONTA" disaster of 1992. The first performance at the Parade of States will be the envy of other HD states. GO GOPHERS!

Alex Westad Demands bigger stage

Senior Individual Performance finalist, Alex Westad expressed discontent with the amount of theatrical real estate provided him for his run-off presentation. "What's the deal with the Atrium?" the White Bear thespian snorted, "Those group performers get a stage the size of a football field, but I only get about 40 or 50 feet to set up my tables and easels." In a fit of protest, Westad put his set across the full width of the Atrium and started to place his telephone table in the hallway. History Day staff intervened and locked the door once he was confined to his assigned performance space. Westad continued to complain that, "I am a tall man with a big wingspan – I need room to emote!" Mr. History wrote down the complaint and promised to pass it along to NHD officials, or at least walk about 15 feet before recycling it.



Alex Westad takes a picture with the staff after his final performance. The photographic grouping mirrored the width of his props.

Senior Finalists Rock the Judges

While we know that all of our seniors rock, we would like to give a big shot out to those that performed on Wednesday morning. Alex Westad left the judges wowed. A MN staffer overheard one of the judges saying, "I have perfect hearing, but that was so good I am going to go out and have one of those devices implanted in my ear." Megan Vandevoorde, Carrie Schweyen, Maria McGlinch and Hanna Cody inspired the next generation of women journalists with their performance about Nellie Bly with their lights out performance.

The Highland Park girls, Hanna, Erica and Dena, showed the judges just who Sir Edmund Hillary was and why they should know about his actions. Even Kenneth E. Behring, sponsor of National History Day, and present in the room, was awed by their project. It is a good thing that the interview portion is not part of the second round, as the judges were left speechless.

Speaking of speaking, Max Johnson rocked the atrium with his performance about the John Scopes. Way to go seniors, Minnesota is proud of you!



Erica, Dena and Hannah (above) give the thumbs up after they successfully pushed "play" in the finals. Max Johnson (left) is all smiles after his stellar second-round performance.



Late-Night Elves Provide Peanuty Surprises

Members of the Minnesota History Day staff were surprised to wake up on Tuesday morning and learn that they had been visited by magical candy bar elves during the night. It appears that the elves have developed some kind of point system that recognizes the services provided by the staff, and when you reach a certain level you are rewarded with a Pearson's Salted Nut Roll. Staffer Matt Hill commented that, "This is better than frequent flier miles or my Caribou punch card, I need more nougat in my life." It seems that Mr. History was especially beloved by the elves, as his door was decorated with Nut Rolls formed in the shape of a moose. "This may be the greatest honor of my life," he said, choking back a few tears, "As soon as I emotionally recover, I'm going to eat my door."

Through the Grapevine...

- Envious of the bowling shirt mafia, it has been reported that Francesca Dawis weaved her own bowling shirt guipil.

- William Naylor was spotted doing the Banana Dance over the Star above Washington's unused tomb in the Capitol crypt.

- Hutton Phillips received kudos from the Red Cross after administering aid to her partner Sophie Burton who was stung by a bee on the tongue.

- Robin Purman and Madeline Marrin hurt their craniums during an intense round of Club Cranium. Those Klooodles were tough at 1:30AM...

- Maria McGlinch, was overheard practicing her M chant for the parade of states in the stairwell, worried her voice wouldn't carry.

- Megan VanDeVoorde and Hanna Cody were amazed by Rep. Tim Walz's collection of History Day paraphernalia. Little did they know that he, too, was once an HD teacher.

- Taylor Delaney was happy to see her partner Alex Stitt arrive safely in D.C. after retuning from a trip to Central America focusing on food sustainability.



The Nutty Moose left by the late night elves...

Mr. 7's Dream...

Four score and Mr. Seven years ago, I had been to the History Day mountaintop and I had a dream that I need to share.



Yes, my Minnesota brothers and sisters, I had a dream. My dream was that performances and documentaries, websites, papers, and exhibits, both in the junior category and the senior category, will not be judged by the beauty of the presentation, but the content of the thesis and research.

Yes, I have a dream today.

It is deeply rooted in the National History Day dream. I have a dream that Minnesota will once again rise up this year and show the strength of its primary sources. I have a dream.

I have a dream that judges will ask intelligent questions; their lips dripping with words of encouragement, speaking phrases of enlightenment and bringing forth decisions that are worthy of the projects they have seen. I have a dream.

So tomorrow, we will see if my dream can materialize. Let History Day ring from the white cupola of Stamp Union.

Let History Day ring from the steamy classrooms of Jimenez Hall.

Let History Day ring from the third floor of Cole fieldhouse.

Let History Day ring from the upper-deck of Byrd Stadium.

Let History Day ring from the armory located on the nether regions of the campus.

Let History Day ring from the 8th and 9th floor of La Plata dorm.

And when this happens, when we allow history to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of History Day's children, documentarians and exhibitors, performers and paper writers, juniors and seniors, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old History Day spiritual, "Peel the Banana, Peel the Banana, thank Mooster History, Peel the Banana.

Power to the History Day People!!

Hill Heart Broken Over Congressional Snub

Matt Hill waited two years to arrange a follow-up meeting with Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann, only to have her "no show" at the last minute. Bachmann's staff assured him that he would receive his autographed picture in the mail

Eerdman Family Attempts Button Trade with Celebrity

A family excursion by the Eerdman clan suddenly turned into a brush with greatness in Washington D.C. on Wednesday. As the family left their meeting with Colin Peterson, an idea popped into Cassandra's head. "Let's go see the Ruby Slippers from the Wizard of Oz," she exclaimed. On the way, Margie Eerdman noticed that something was amiss. "Why are all of the streets blocked off," she wondered.

Upon closer inspection, Cassandra realized that a movie was in the process of being filmed. As they peered across the crowded street, Cassandra squealed, "There she is!". The eagle-eyed sibling noticed two faces she had seen before. Reese Witherspoon, along with Paul Rudd, were standing only a short distance away. After a few pictures, the young Eerdmans flashed their button and invited the legally blonde star to trade. Unfortunately, before she could come over to see their goods, it was time to leave. Amazingly enough, as they moved closer towards the museum, along came two black limousines escorted by several SUV's and police vehicles. Could this be another attempt by President Obama to rub shoulders with Minnesota History Day students?

It turned out to be quite a day for the Eerdmans, as they made memories they will never forget...at least until they choreograph another epic dance in the dorm lounge.



Room Decorating: Wild, wacky, and everything in between

Last night's dorm room decoration and judging yielded many intriguing designs. "Students clearly poured their hearts and souls into this process and should consider careers in interior design," said lead judge Naomi through her wax lips. Judges were treated to a night of sports, treasure hunts, fine dining and traveled to many exotic places. The following students were awarded prizes:

Nick Thyr and William Naylor "Best Use of Current Events"

Jack Schnettler and Max Johnson "Greatest Non-edible Prizes"

DJ Sass and Sergio Portesano "Perseverance Award"

Andy Eerdmans and Billy Eerdmans "Most Spider Webby"

Henry Sanborn, Daniel Bergerson, and William Naylor "Best Live Show"

Josh Pfitzer, Alex Westad and Thomas Corvey "Kingpin Lounge"

Shayne Okerstrom and Anders Strandlund "Greatest Use of Kindling, Bug Spray and Cocoa"

Carl-Lars Engen and Aaron Hathaway "Most Swashbuckling Adventure" and "Best Use of a Soundtrack"

Ben Gibbs and Charlie Shapiro "Most Physically Demanding"

Katie Kosthoris and Andrea Jorissen "Best Service" and "Mister Miagi Award"

Madeleine Marrin and Robin Purman "Trippiest," and "Best Hair Tossing"

Cassandra Eerdmans and Margie Eerdmans "Best Bubble Themed Animal Party"

Sarah Yang and Jennifer Lor "Best Use of Footwear"

Laura Cattaneo and Kateri Schmidt "Most Sea-rene"

Maria McGlinch and Carrie Scheweyen "Best Holiday Display"

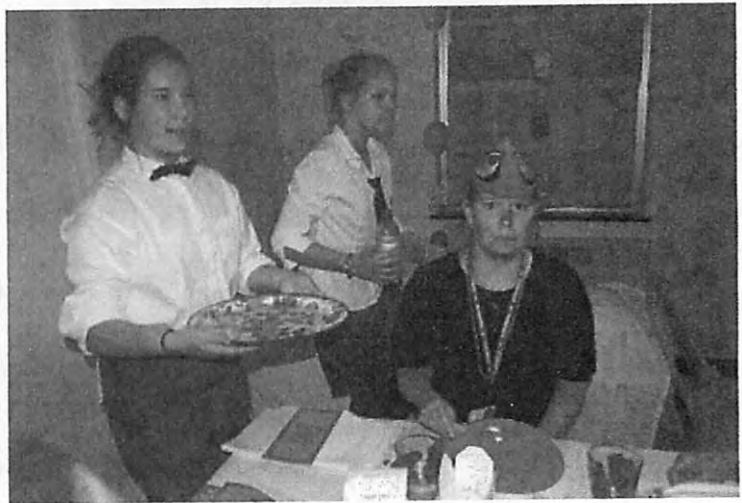
Maggie Schmidt and Kiana Allaman "Most Addicting" and "Honorary Willy Wonka Smithsonian Award"

Emma Erler and Jill Bachelder "Best Color Coordination of Food Products"

Emily Brown and Hannah Daniel "Best Tropical Escape"

Hutton Phillips and Sophie Burton "Best Re-Used Décor"

Hanna Cody and Megan Vandevoorde "And So the Judges Fell in Love With the Room"



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EXTRA!!! MINNESOTANS POUR ONTO MEDALIST STAGE!

COLLEGE PARK, MD – On a rainy day that forced the team picture into the basement, the wet weather turned out to be an omen for the tears of joy that streamed from the Minnesota faithful as student after student ran down to receive a medal or be recognized as a national finalist.

In total, 17 out of 32 Minnesota entries made the national finals and seven of those entries earned first, second or third place medals. See complete results on page two of the Bulletin.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STAFF WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE!



All Minnesota award winners pose for a photo after the award ceremony.

Our national
champions from
Highland Park
High School!



2009 NATIONAL HISTORY DAY – Top Minnesota Finishers

Highland Park Senior High (St. Paul) freshmen Dena Coffman, Erica Dombro and Hannah Powers took first place and the \$5,000 History Channel Award for their senior group documentary, "Sir Edmund Hillary: Building a Legacy of Education and Sustainable Development."

Jack Schnettler, a sophomore at Blake School (Minneapolis), took second place in the senior paper category for, "Man of the Hour: How Hubert Humphrey Broke the Longest Filibuster in History and Passed the Landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Another Blake School sophomore, Max Johnson, took second place for his senior individual performance, "Speaking for the Truth: John Scopes."

St. Louis Park High School student Katie Caron took second place for her senior individual exhibit on John Snow, the father of modern epidemiology.

Cyber Village Academy (St. Paul) students Katie Kostohris, Kateri Schmidt and Maggie Schmidt took third place for their junior group performance, "Frances Densmore, the Song Catcher: An Individual Takes Action to Preserve the Native American Legacy."

Breck Middle School (Minneapolis) eighth-graders Sophie Burton and Hutton Phillips took third for their junior group exhibit, "Individual Reformer: Dr. Jane Hodgson's Battle Against Unjust Abortion Laws."

Emily Brown, sophomore at White Bear Lake North High School, took third place with her senior paper, "King of Hearts: The Actions and Legacy of Minnesota Surgeon Dr. C. Walton Lillehei."

Other top 12 finishers

- Ana Schaff, Twin Cities Academy: junior paper, fourth place. Outstanding Junior Entry Award for Minnesota
- Andrew Eerdmans and William Eerdmans, Fergus Falls Middle School: senior group exhibit – fifth place.
- Hanna Cody, Maria McGlinch, Carrie Schweyen, Megan VanDeVoorde, Century High School: senior group performance, fifth place. Outstanding Senior Entry Award for Minnesota
- Josh Pfitzer, Parkview Academy: senior individual exhibit, fifth place.
- Alayna O'Bryan, Breck School: junior individual exhibit, sixth place.
- Francesca Dawis, Carondelet Catholic School: junior individual performance, seventh place.
- Alex Westad, White Bear Lake North High School: senior individual performance, seventh place.
- Carl-Lars Engen, Lake Harriet Community School: junior individual documentary, eighth place.
- Aaron Hathaway, Capitol Hill Magnet School: junior website, eleventh place.
- Candice Fuller, Jennifer Lor, Demetrius Sass, Ruby Uribe, St. Paul Open School: senior group exhibit, eleventh place.

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DAILY BULLETIN

Minnesotans Pour on Stage as Seven Projects Take Home Medals at National History Day Competition

Gold Medal

Senior Group Documentary: Dena Coffman, Erica Dombro, and Hannah Powers from Highland Park Sr. High. "Sir Edmund Hillary: Building a Legacy of Education and Sustainable Development."



Highland Park freshmen Dena, Hannah and Erica react as they are announced as national champions.

Bronze Medal

Junior Group Performance: Katie Kostohris, Kateri Schmidt and Maggie Schmidt from Cyber Village Academy. "Frances Densmore, the Song Catcher: An Individual Takes Action to Preserve the Native American Legacy."

Junior Group Exhibit: Sophie Burton and Hutton Phillips from Breck School. "Individual Reformer: Dr. Jane Hodgson's Battle Against Unjust Abortion Laws."

Senior Paper: Emily Brown from White Bear Lake North High School. "King of Hearts: The Actions and Legacy of Minnesota Surgeon Dr. C. Walton Lillehei."

Silver Medal

Senior Paper: Jack Schnettler from Blake School. "Man of the Hour: How Hubert Humphrey Broke the Longest Filibuster in History and Passed the Landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Senior Individual Performance: Max Johnson from Blake School. "Speaking for Truth: John Scopes."

Senior Individual Exhibit: Katie Caron from St Louis Park High School. "John Snow: The Father of Modern Epidemiology."



Blake Bears Jack Schnettler and Max Johnson display their second-place bling and wonder how the awards will affect their political careers.



Hutton Phillips and Sophie Burton pose with Mr. History after their third place win.

Wheel of Destiny Spins for Other National Finalists

In addition to our medalists, ten other Minnesota entries made the national finals. Instead of a medal, these students were rewarded with the chance to view the "Wheel of Destiny" as Mr. History slowly turned the pointer to reveal their national placement. Gasps and cheers followed as the Minnesota delegation recognized these fine scholars:

Ana Schaff, Twin Cities Academy: Junior paper, 4th place.
Outstanding Junior Entry Award for Minnesota

Andrew Eerdmans and William Eerdmans, Fergus Falls Middle School: Senior group exhibit – 5th place

Hanna Cody, Maria McGlinch, Carrie Schweyen, Megan VanDeVoorde, Century High School: senior group performance, 5th place. Outstanding Senior Entry Award for Minnesota

Joshua Pfitzer, Parkview Academy: Senior individual exhibit, 5th place

Alayna O'Bryan, Breck Middle School: Junior individual exhibit, 6th place

Francesca Dawis, Carondelet Catholic School: Junior individual performance, 7th place

Alex Westad, White Bear Lake North High School: Junior individual performance, 7th place

Carl-Lars Engen, Lake Harriet Community School: Junior individual documentary, 8th place

Aaron Hathaway, Capitol Hill Magnet School: Junior website, 11th place

Candice Fuller, Jennifer Lor, Demetrius Sass, Ruby Uribe, St. Paul Open School: Senior group exhibit, 11th place



Billy Eerdmans admires Josh Pfitzer's handling of the "Wheel of Destiny" at the award ceremony. The wheel also spun to fifth place for the Fergus Falls twins who haven't stopped giving each other "high fives" since they got home.

Jungle Virus Strikes Down History Day Staff

Atlanta, GA - It has been determined by the Center for Disease Control that History Day staffers from Minnesota are suffering from Dengue Fever. What was first thought to be stomach pains brought on by the outrageous sugar consumption that occurred during dorm room judging is now confirmed as symptoms of the rare tropical virus. Staffers were at a loss as to how they contracted the disease. "We've only been in Maryland," exclaimed Ali Kappes, "I know it's muggy, but it is hardly tropical!" The surgeon general has asked CDC officials to suspend their Swine Flu investigations until the riddle of the Dengue fever outbreak is solved. An emergency team of doctors and scientists has also been sent to College Park, MD to determine the source of the outbreak.

Upon return from the DC area staffers were sorting through pictures of the week when they stumbled across images that shocked them. As she emerged from her feverish stupor, Jessica Ellison was the first to make the connection. "It's all rushing back to me now! I remember everything!" she cried as the telltale photos were viewed. Images depicting Hannah Davis, Tasha Holtman and Becca Krasky in a vine-covered room infested with jungle wildlife and insects opened the eyes of staffers.

The CDC confirms that the insects visible in the pictures are consistent to the ones known to carry the disease. What they are unable to tell us is whether the girls intentionally unleashed the virus on the staff. When questioned by the CDC, Hannah Davis defended the group, saying, "How can they accuse us of such a terrible act?! We are just cute, innocent girls who only wanted to share our love of the tropics with the staff. Our only disappointment is that Mr. History didn't show up to get the special Ebola bribe that we made for him."



Bugs, bribes and a mysterious virus added to the tropical splendor of the "Jungle Room."

Minnesota Travels Home Without Major Luggage Drama

Lindbergh Terminal, Carousel Three: After experiencing the tense moments at the baggage check-in line that clouded our departure to Washington, D.C., the two delegations of Minnesota travelers were a little edgy as they dragged their bags into the terminals at National and Dulles airports. There were already rumors swirling about delayed flights and long lines, but the residual karma from the award ceremony was still strong and both flights managed to depart on time.

Staff reports that the passenger processing at National Airport was accomplished with amazing efficiency. Tony, the lavishly tattooed gate agent reassured Mr. History that “when you fly with Tony, there will be no problems.” The only trouble came when Nicholas Thyr lost his boarding pass TWICE and had to submit to a full body X-ray by the TSA before he was allowed to board the plane.

The Dulles crew did not have Tony to work his magic, but all bags made the flight and were successfully transferred to the connecting flight in Detroit. The most difficult part of the journey came after the jet pulled up to gate C23 at 11:27 p.m. With the speedy tram shut down for the night, the trip to baggage claim required five powered walkways, an escalator and a donkey cart ride to reach carousel two. The dazed Minnesotans had their traveling skills tested one more time when NorDelta pulled the old carousel “bait and switch.” After staring at other people’s bags spin round and round, Marty “eagle eye” Marrin noticed his bag circling carousel three.

With their last ounce of strength the late-night crew claimed their bags, said their farewells to the staff and fellow scholars before they headed out through the automatic doors to this strange place called the “real world.” Some parents tried to ease the transition by renting plastic mattresses, taking lots of “thumbs-up” pictures and organizing family meetings in the basement during the first week home.

“THE TORCH”

A Beacon of Truth for Minnesota History Day

Chalking Up Another One

2009 marked my ninth national contest. Many of my kind-of-still-young-professional peers swap jobs and careers fairly frequently, but I have opted to stick with History Day. The reasons are many, but my number one excuse is the amount that is gained each passing year.



I had no idea, for example, that Sir Edmund Hillary did more than climb Mount Everest. I hadn't thought to link the European Union's current purchasing power to the economic stability provided by George C. Marshall and his extraordinary plan. And each passing year introduces me to at least one unknown leader in the Civil Rights Movement—this year I met five. In what other profession do the children of America teach you such amazing things?

But, this is only the tip of the iceberg. How much richer is my life now that I can perform the Jellyfish Dance? How often do you get to travel to a distant land and eat their native treats by merely knocking on a dorm door? How else would the likes of me see the international museum of chocolate and its leaning tower of peanut butter cups? How many campuses in America start the week as cinder-block prisons and transform into a magical world of wonderment? The value added to my life each summer is a calculation so insurmountable that I just hang on tight and wait for the next one.

And who makes all this possible? You do. Thank you for your research! Thank you for your careful thesis drafting and presenting! Thank you for your dancing, decorating and bribing! And thank you for being the remarkable Minnesota History Day Class of 2009!



